### Philosophy Department Faculty

**Full Time**
- Siobhan Nash-Marshall
- Paul Kucharski

**Adjuncts**
- Andrew Garnett
- Traci Phillipson

### Philosophy Club Officers

**2017-2018**
- Amanda Westin-da Rocha, President
- Etta Griffiths, Vice President
- Walter Argueta, Treasurer
- Caleb Crocker, Project Organizer

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### Events & Activities

The 2017-2018 academic year began with a visit from Professor Marco Liviero, who held a small lecture on Shakespeare’s sonnets and their meanings. He would return later in the year to give a second lecture on the topic of power in Shakespeare’s plays, primarily in Richard III and King Lear.

The department welcomed one of its own this year, as well, giving Professor Siobhan Nash-Marshall time and a place for a private launch of her newest book regarding the Armenian Genocide and its denial.

Manhattanville held its annual High School Ethics Bowl in February of 2018, as well as a smaller internal one in April for our own students and a handful of guests.

### Lectures

- Professor Marco Liviero from Eton gave a presentation about Shakespeare’s works, namely his sonnets.
Shakespeare Lecture

The Manhattanville Philosophy Department began the 2017-2018 academic year with a lecture and discussion conducted by Professor Marco Liviero of Eton College, who gave an enlightening close reading of Shakespeare’s Sonnets. Students and faculty listened keenly to Professor’s Liviero’s analysis of the timeless pieces. His lecture highlighted many of the themes of death, love, sexuality, fear, femininity, masculinity, and happiness found in Shakespeare’s works. He demonstrated how these are grounded not only in the momentous moments of our lives, but in the simple moments as well. This led to the conclusion that life is not made up of periods of incredible joy, but is instead a constant fluctuation of emotions and ideas that define our existence. This was Professor Liviero’s second lecture at Manhattanville and we hope he will return again for another wonderful lecture.

-Walter Argueta

2017-2018 Philosophy Club Treasurer

Sins of the Fathers Launch

On December 1st, Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall welcomed a crowd of a hundred guests consisting of students, alumni, faculty, family, and friends, for the private launch of her new book *The Sins of the Fathers: Turkish Denialism and the Armenian Genocide*. The event was held in the Reid Castle at Manhattanville College, where Dr. Nash-Marshall holds the title of Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy. Among friends attending the event were the Reverend Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian, an Armenian Apostolic Bishop, and Dr. Paul Kucharski, a professor in the Manhattanville philosophy department and ethicist, both of whom came as guest speakers.

Following remarks of high praise from Reverend Fr. Tanielian and Dr. Kucharski, Dr. Nash-Marshall was welcomed to speak of her work regarding the Armenian Genocide. Dr. Nash-Marshall chose to discuss her motivations for writing the book, specifically mentioning two current problems she intended the book to address. The book is concerned with the injustice of the Armenian Genocide and the denialism that continues its intentions. Through the grievous intellectual mistakes of the perpetrators, Dr. Nash-Marshall also demonstrates a much deeper problem which remains prevalent in Western society today—the dismissal of reality’s relation to truth. Dr. Nash-Marshall mentions the prevalence of this mistake in academia: the tendency of today’s teachers to force beliefs without evidence, rather than present facts and assist students in developing conclusions by their own reasoning. Dr. Nash-Marshall pointed to the students, faculty, and friends in the audience devoted to truth as her hope for the future.

A reception was held where 50 special first edition copies were distributed and signed by Dr. Nash-Marshall.

-Stephanie Havens

2016-2017 Philosophy Club Vice President

Manhattanville Regional Ethics Bowl 2018

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On Saturday, February 3rd, the Manhattanville Philosophy Department hosted the 3rd annual Westchester Regional Competition of the National High School Ethics Bowl. Twelve teams from area high schools competed against each other for the coveted advancement to the national competition.

The competition was judged by a dedicated group of Manhattanville students, graduates, and professors, all with some background in philosophy. The Bowl consisted of three preliminary rounds, followed by two semi-final rounds which were comprised of four teams, and finally the much-anticipated final round. The final round saw fierce competition between teams from Fairfield Preparatory School and Thornton Donovan High School, with the Fairfield team eventually emerging victorious.

Unlike traditional debates, the Ethics Bowl requires a team to not simply take a pro or con side on an issue, but rather to think deeply about the proposed hypothetical scenario and create a logically valid and solid argument stating their position on what would be the right way to respond to the scenario. The team will also have to respond to questions from judges. These questions can serve many purposes, including asking them to clarify their argument, and changing the scenario to further gauge the teams’ understanding of the situation and solution.

Some of the topics touched upon by the hypothetical cases presented to the teams included: self-driving cars, the culling of overpopulated animals, loyalty to a nation, and post-mortem sperm extraction.

The Manhattanville Philosophy Club and Department hosted a second Ethics Bowl on April 14th. This Bowl was different than the Regional competition in that it was “in-house”: the competitors were current and former Manhattanville Philosophy students, along with some friends. Three teams, named “Fables,” “Average Joes,” and “Ostrich Tail Feathers,” took turns competing, with the judging panel and moderator comprised of the team not competing in that particular round. The Bowl lasted for three rounds, with the team who gathered the most points from the judges becoming a winner.

-Etta Griffiths

2017-2018 Philosophy Club Vice President

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