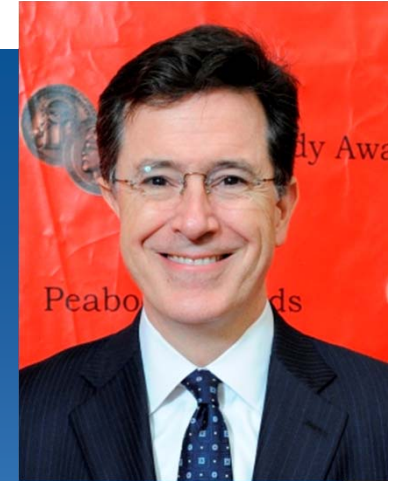




Stephen Breyer  
Supreme Court Judge  
*Philosophy Major*



Stephen Colbert  
Comedian  
*Philosophy Major*

# What is Philosophy Good For? or: What to tell your Parents if You Want to Major or Minor in Philosophy!

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Mary Higgins Clark  
Novelist  
*Philosophy Major*



George Soros  
Investor  
*Philosophy Major*

# Philosophy is “Marketable”

## Skills Desired by Many Employers and Careers

- \* Learning new knowledge and skills
- \* Analyzing Ideas and Arguments
- \* Writing clearly and effectively
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# Careers for Philosophy Majors

Juan Williams  
Journalist  
*Philosophy Major*

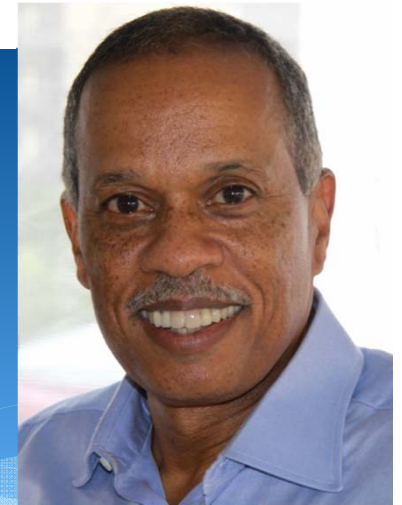


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- \* Most employers care about degree, not major...
- \* Law (law schools love phil majors)
- \* Business (sales, management, advertising, etc.)
- \* Non-profits and community service
- \* Government and education
- \* Communication (writing, editing, journalism, computer programming, etc.)
- \* Sciences (with double major)
- \* Prep for Graduate School (for any of the above)

Midcareer salaries of people with BA degree :  
Philosophy is above average (\$75,000), and  
\$10,000 higher than those with business admin  
or psychology major

Carly Fiorina  
Former CEO of GE  
*Philosophy Major*



# Philosophy Majors: Best Test Scores!

- \* LSAT (for law)
  - \* Better scores than all other humanities majors (and all others except math and physics)
  - \* Take symbolic logic
- \* GRE (for graduate school in sciences or humanities)
  - \* Better *verbal* scores than any major
  - \* Better *writing* scores than any major
  - \* Better *quantitative* scores than any humanities major
- \* GMAT (for business schools)
  - \* Better than any other humanities major



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# And don't forget...



- \* College is not just about helping you get a better job
- \* It's also about helping you lead a better life, making you a well-rounded and educated person
- \* Philosophical questions are interesting, often fun, and always important:
  - \* How should I lead my life?
  - \* What is a just society?
  - \* What (and whom) should I believe?
  - \* When are we morally responsible?



Do Steve Martin (Comedian/actor), Susan Sontag (Writer/activist), Arian Foster (NFL player), and Wes Anderson (Filmmaker) live better lives because they were philosophy majors?

# Philosophy at Georgia State has a lot to offer you



- \* All upper-level courses taught by the Department's 20 Professors and Lecturers, experts in their areas of research
  - \* One of top Masters programs in the world
- \* Small classes (typically 15-35) geared towards discussion and learning to think and write well
- \* Philosophy Major & Phil Major with Pre-law (10 courses);  
Philosophy Minor & Ethics Minor (5 courses)
- \* Interdisciplinary—an ideal combination with other majors or minors
- \* An active undergraduate club, *The Philosophers' Guild*

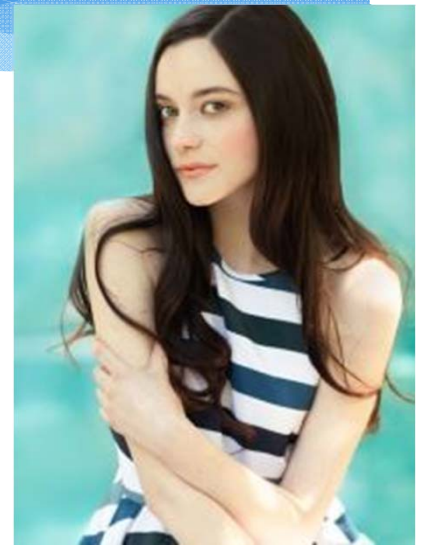
# What to do next?

- \* Take Philosophy 3000: Introductory Seminar in Philosophy next semester!
- \* Or take another 3000-level philosophy course (e.g., Origins of Western Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Existentialism, Marriage & Family, Moral Problems, Business Ethics)
- \* Talk with your philosophy teacher, meet with a philosophy advisor
- \* Check out [www.gsu.edu/philosophy](http://www.gsu.edu/philosophy)
  - \* Including the “Why Philosophy?” page and ...

# ... Philosophy Majors in their Own Words

- \* “Philosophy taught me how to think and react in the real world. It taught me to analyze situations and arguments logically and creatively, and how to take a position on a situation and support it.”

-Madison Olson (BA in Philosophy 2013)



- \* “My finance major helped get my resume on people's desks, but in interviews people wanted to talk more about my philosophy degree. I have yet to meet an employer who doesn't value logic, creativity, and critical thinking, so I would strongly urge anyone studying Philosophy to enter the job market ready to display these assets to potential employers.”

- Jeremy Dollar (BA in Philosophy 2011, now at McKesson Consulting Firm)







Major in a Minute video:

- \* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsvyBJtFOdg>
- \* <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwphi/12991.html>
- \* <https://sites.google.com/site/whystudyphilosophy/>