Haverford Philosophy Department 2017–18
The faculty, with teaching and research interests:

**Joel Yurdin (Chair):** Ancient philosophy, philosophical psychology, epistemology, philosophy of perception.

**Danielle Macbeth:** Metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, logic, philosophy of mathematics.

**Ashok Gangadean:** Logic and language; global ontology; Hindu, Buddhist, and Zen thought in a global context. *NB: Courses in global philosophy do not count towards the major or minor in philosophy.*

**Jerry Miller:** Ethics, post-structuralism, philosophy of race.

**Benjamin Berger:** 19th century continental philosophy, philosophy of nature and environmental thought, metaphysics.

**Brooks Sommerville:** Ancient philosophy, Early Modern philosophy, moral psychology, philosophy of death.

**Jill Stauffer (Affiliated):** Political philosophy, human rights and international justice, philosophy of law.

**Advice to First-Year Students**
Philosophy is unique in focusing on the overview of human experience, and cultivates critical skills and reflective habits of thought that interrogate fundamental precepts of reason and value. Our entry-level courses, all at the 100-level, introduce students to key figures and texts in philosophy and provide them analytical and interpretive tools for understanding all facets of intellectual history and the discourse of the liberal arts. They also help students to develop the skills peculiar to a philosophical perspective. All introductory courses provide a historical perspective on the evolution of philosophy, thereby providing students a broad orientation and background in the philosophical contributions to our intellectual heritage.

The philosophy department offers a range of one-semester introductory, 100-level courses, some (odd-numbered) in ethics, some (even-numbered) in metaphysics and epistemology, all of which are open to, and to some extent geared toward, first-year students. One course at this level is a prerequisite for all upper-level courses in philosophy (except Phil 260), and students may take only two 100-level courses—one even-numbered and one odd-numbered—for College credit. Eight entry-level courses are offered for AY 2017–2018.

**Introductory Philosophy Courses Taught in the Fall:**
- Philosophy 102: Rational Animals (Sommerville) Unlimited enrollment.
- Philosophy 106: Consciousness and the Problem of Embodiment (Berger) Unlimited.
- Philosophy 110: Mind and World (Macbeth) Unlimited.
- Philosophy 111: The Wicked and the Worthy (Miller) Unlimited.
- Philosophy 118: Life & Death (Sommerville) Unlimited.

**Introductory Philosophy Courses Taught in the Spring:**
- Philosophy 102: Rational Animals (Sommerville) Unlimited.
- Philosophy 106: Consciousness and the Problem of Embodiment (Berger)
- Philosophy 107: Happiness, Virtue, and the Good Life (Yurdin)