Compass Workshop
Princeton University

Overview
Princeton's 2017 Compass workshop took place at Princeton University from February 10th through the 12th. The workshop featured a discussion session on the first night on presenting and facilitating seminars and six paper sessions over the course of the two remaining days. The paper sessions were led by undergraduate students, on papers in a variety of sub-disciplines within philosophy. The readings that were selected for discussion this year are listed below. In addition to discussion sessions, the workshop featured two advice sessions with female faculty mentors on the following topics: “Thinking about Graduate School?” and “How to Get the Most Out of Your Academic Experience”.

2017 Readings
Sally Haslanger: “What Are We Talking About? The Politics and Semantics of Social Kinds”
Sarah McGrath: “Causation by Omission”
Elisabeth Camp: “Metaphor and That Certain ‘Je Ne Sais Quoi’”
Susan Wolf: “Moral Saints”
Christine Korsgaard: “Skepticism About Practical Reason”
Elizabeth Barnes: The Minority Body, Ch. 4

2017 Undergraduate Participants
Anugya Sood (NYU)
C Mandler (Bard College)
Christina Weinbaum (CUNY - Brooklyn)
Emma Farrell (Brandeis University)
Fani Ntavelou-Baum (Wellesley College)
Isis Davis-Marks (Yale University)
Jazlyn Cartaya (NYU)
Jocelyn Wang (Yale University)
Kate Yuan (NYU)
Khin Oo Khin (Kalamazoo College)
Lauren Spencer (CUNY - Hunter)
Rebecca Kosten (Wellesley College)
Ruby Shao (Princeton University)
Sam August (Rutgers University)
Taylor Tate (St. John's University)
Zoey Payne (U Mass Amherst)

2017 Faculty Mentors
Sarah McGrath | www.princeton.edu/~smcgrath/
Elizabeth Harman | www.princeton.edu/~eharman/
Jessica Moss | http://philosophy.fas.nyu.edu/object/jessicamoss
Grace Helton | http://www.gracehelton.net
Kathryn Tabb | http://www.kathryntabb.com
Susan Brison | http://philosophy.dartmouth.edu/people/susan-j-brison
2017 Graduate Student Mentors
Alisabeth Ayars (Princeton)
Aarthy Vaidyanathan (Princeton)
Claudia Dumitru (Princeton)
Claudia Yau (Princeton) – workshop organizer
Domenica Romagni (Princeton)

Participant comments
"I found the experience to be comforting, yet, motivating at the same time."
"Amazing community of passionate learners, really knowledgable panelists and organizers. Quality of group discussions was incredible."
"The workshop was extremely informative and a wonderful opportunity to meet other women and genderqueer individuals doing philosophy!"
"Very well done and organized. Learnt a lot from my fellow students and the amazing mentors."
"I had a good time. The environment was comfortable, the people were intelligible and intellectual."
"A really amazing experience... I met a bunch of fantastic people, engaged in some really profound discussions, and learned a lot about navigating the discipline."
"I appreciated the informally and formally offered advice from graduate students and faculty. Their frank discussions of their struggles, outlooks, and other personal experiences helped humanize the prospect of pursuing a career in philosophy, making it seem not only feasible but also even more exciting than I had before realized. The six paper discussions were extremely fun and enlightening, giving us a feel for graduate school as well as a chance to get to know one another better as aspiring philosophers. I found the length, content, and schedule of the conference optimal."
"I honestly cannot even express how amazing the opportunity was. I am so grateful to have attended the workshop and met such kind, and intelligent people."
"I found it very beneficial and a great experience! Thank you for your support and inspiration!"
"I thought the workshop was excellent."
"It was amazing! Both Claudia's were amazing! I learned so much! Thanks for everything! If I had to make any improvements, I would say that safe spaces within the workshop should be clearly defined."
"It was a wonderful experience. I'm really liked meeting other people of minority status in philosophy. I also think presenting on a paper was a good experience for me."
"I really enjoyed the workshop! It was wonderful to meet so many other people who are excited about philosophy. In talking to them, I developed a wider perspective of philosophy which has helped me to begin taking some more concrete steps toward applying for graduate school."
"It was great. I really appreciate the massive effort that the organizers put in."
"This workshop was honestly such a fulfilling and wonderful experience. I met so many amazing and talented people and the environment was respectful and refreshing."