

**Martha McMahon**, Ph.D. (McMaster), Sociology. Qualitative methods; feminist theory; ecological feminism; women organic farmers.

**Stephen Ross**, Ph.D. (Queen's) English. Modern British literature; critical theory, especially Marxism, psychoanalysis, feminism and deconstruction.

**Karena Shaw**, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins) Environmental Studies. Contemporary political theory; environmental, feminist and indigenous politics; the changing character of local, global and marginal political action.

**Lincoln Shlensky**, Ph.D. (UC Berkeley) English. Postcolonialism, especially in Caribbean Literature; Cultural Studies; Postmodernism; Jewish Studies, especially Holocaust Literature.

**Nicole Shukin**, Ph.D. (Alberta) English. Canadian literature and cultural studies. Theories of biopower in relation to non-human nature, particularly semiotic and material currencies of animal life in industrial and post-industrial cultures of capitalism. Co-representations of "race" and "species" in colonial discourses and new discourses of imperialism.

**James Tully**, Ph.D. (Cambridge). Political philosophy; history of political philosophy; Canadian political theory; constitutional theory.

**Peyman Vahabzadeh**, Ph.D. (SFU). Classic and Contemporary Sociological and Political Theory, Social Movements, Identity Politics, Exile Studies, Justice, Sociology of Arts and Literature, Iranian Studies.

**Elizabeth Vibert**, D.Phil (Oxford) History. Modern history; colonial identities; colonial gender and race relations; colonial travel literatures.

**R.B.J (Rob) Walker**, Ph.D. (Queen's) Political Science. Sovereignty and subjectivity; theories of modernity; exceptionalism; ideology and culture; international political theory; concepts of space and time in political thought.

"The CSPT community at UVic is fantastic: dynamic, creative, and dedicated, intellectually curious, politically engaged. As a graduate from the program, I feel grateful that I had the chance to be exposed to the range of ideas and passions that marked those affiliated with CSPT. Interdisciplinarity became more than a trendy word: CSPT brings together students and scholars from a variety of disciplines, who would not otherwise converse. A community of questioners is formed and mutual support develops. The experience continues, and no doubt will continue, to shape my work, and me."

Stephanie  
Clare,  
MA

"CSPT opens the intellectual world up to new kinds of connections -- ideas, people and resources beyond disciplinary barriers. The program is remarkably comprehensive: both a history of thought and a lucid approach to understanding the contemporary world. Yet it allows the flexibility and creative room for deep and focused explorations on your own terms. To me, the CSPT community feels like a privileged space like no other; a space that is continually changing with the intensity of the minds involved."

Bjorn  
Ekeberg,  
Ph.D.  
candidate



## Graduate Concentration in Cultural, Social, and Political Thought

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### Participating Faculty:

**Michael Asch**, Ph.D. (Columbia) Anthropology. Anthropological theory; Western conceptualizations of indigenous peoples; political relations between Indigenous peoples and Canada; the influence of anthropological theory on Canadian jurisprudence; relational ontology in Indigenous and Western political thought. Website

**Gregory Blue**, Ph.D. (Cantab), History. World history; intellectual/cultural history; Sino-Western relations; comparative colonialism and decolonisation; North-South relations; history of science.

**Luke Carson**, Ph.D. (UCLA), English. Aesthetic theory; pragmatism; theories of action and practice.

**William K. Carroll**, Ph.D. (York), Sociology. Political economy; social movement theory; Marxist theory.

**Evelyn Cobby**, Ph.D. (UBC), English. Theories of literature, culture, and ideology; modernism and postmodernism; aesthetics and politics.

**Aaron Devor**, Ph.D. (Washington), Sociology. Gender; human sexuality.

**Sean Hier**, Ph.D. (McMaster) Sociology. Surveillance; moral regulation and moral panic; risk sociology; race and racism; media; intellectual exclusion.

**Arthur Kroker**, Ph.D. (McMaster) Political Science. Technology; culture and theory; contemporary French and German political theory; Canadian political and social thought; ethics and biotechnology.

**Monika Langer**, Ph.D. (Toronto), Philosophy. Contemporary European philosophy; environmental and feminist philosophy; philosophy in literature.

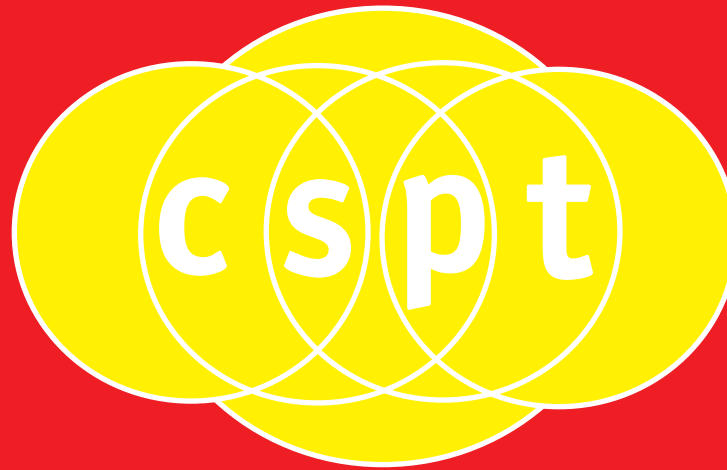
**Warren Magnusson**, D.Phil. (Oxford), Political Science. The political theory of the urban, the local, and the global; sovereignty and governmentality; social movements and critical practice; political ontology.

### Samples of Student Research

- Practices of Resistance in Zapatista Politics
- Putting Patients First: Harry Benjamin and the Development of Transgender Medicine in the Twentieth Century
- Inclusion and Consent in Deliberative Democracy
- The Politics of Social Movement Education: The Educational Program of the Anti-Globalization Movement
- Mediated Knowledge and Possibilities for Political Participation
- Investigating Gender and Development Discourse: An Examination of the International Development Research Centre's Practices
- "Eaten for a Word": The Intersection of Food and Revolution in Russia

The Interdisciplinary Concentration in **Cultural, Social and Political Thought** (CSPT) gives the brightest students in the Humanities and Social Sciences the opportunity to grapple with the big thinkers and big issues of our time, in a context that puts aside disciplinary boundaries, encourages intellectual exploration and critique, and ultimately puts everyone's dogmas at issue. The concentration is available to MA candidates in **English, History, Political Science, and Sociology**. It is also available at the Doctoral level to Ph.D. candidates in Political Science, Sociology, and English.

CSPT is vibrant and active, with an energetic and talented faculty and bright and successful students. We invite applications from students with broad backgrounds in cultural, social, and political theory, excellent grades, and a passion for interdisciplinary study.



### Sample Courses (taught in the last five years)

- The Global City
- Feminist Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality
- Diaspora: The Travel of Subjects/ The Travel of Theory
  - The Global and the Political
  - Modernity and Its Limits
- Varieties of Freedom and Critique
  - Ontologies of the Political
  - Ecological Feminisms
  - The Aesthetics of Democracy
  - Modernity/Postmodernity
- Deconstructing Politics in the Late 20th Century
- Prosthetic Futures: Theorizing the Cyber and Exploring Biotech Culture
  - Nihilism, Power and Ideology in 21st Century Political Thought
  - After Foucault
- CSPT in the Age of Second Modernity
  - Bodies and Power
- Anthropological Theory and "The Origins of Society"
  - Aesthetic Autonomy and Experience
  - Ideology and Power
  - Marx After Post-Modernism

### Student Publications

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| <p><i>Books:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUNY Press</li> <li>• McGill-Queen's UP</li> <li>• Editions Québec Amérique</li> <li>• Ohio State UP</li> <li>• UBC Press</li> <li>• University of Southampton Press</li> </ul> <p><i>Articles:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globe</li> <li>• European Journal Of International Relations</li> <li>• Comparative Political Studies</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian Journal of Political Science</li> <li>• Philosophy and Social Criticism</li> <li>• Political Science Quarterly</li> <li>• Ethics and International Affairs</li> <li>• Canadian Bulletin of Medical History</li> <li>• International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism</li> <li>• Journal of Southeast Asian Studies</li> </ul> |
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### Faculty Strengths

- internationally-recognized faculty who are current or future leaders in their fields
- actively publishing research results
- highly successful in grants competitions
- innovative and progressive
- in-tune with current academic movements, their historical contexts, and their contemporary significance
- dedicated to cultivating a unique and outstanding graduate program

### Funding

University Fellowships available to outstanding students. Fellowships, TA, and RA funds available to all students

### Awards and Prizes

Above average success rate in SSHRC / CGS competitions; Rhodes Scholarship

### Conferences

CSPT students regularly host conferences at UVic, and have presented research at a variety of international conferences

### Student Accomplishments

students who have completed the MA in CSPT have gone on to

*Ph.D. programs::*  
 Yale  
 Cambridge  
 Johns Hopkins  
 Santa Cruz  
 Queen's  
 Exeter  
 SUNY Buffalo  
 Minnesota  
 U of Toronto

*Jobs:*  
 University of Western Ontario  
 McMaster University  
 University of Victoria  
 Government of British Columbia