

Subject: **Paid, On-Campus Summer Fellowship Opportunities. Apply by Weds, 4/10.**

The Program for Research on Religion & Urban Civil Society (PRRUCS) is seeking public-spirited Penn students to place in paid, full-time 8 week summer fellowships on the following projects:

- Religion in American Public Life
- Anscombe Papers Project
- Philosophy of Finance Initiative
- Magi Project in Science, Philosophy, and Theology
- Research Project on History of the Book in the Early Modern World

The PRRUCS-Perry Fellows will participate in a vigorous intellectual community over the summer, develop familiarity with the nuts and bolts of an academic non-profit organization, and take responsibility for a special project (described below). This fellowship is ideal for students who are enthusiastic about the world of ideas and who may be interested in pursuing graduate studies for a career in higher education or in pursuing alternative academic or writing careers outside of the university. The projects further described below open up additional experiences and career trajectories as well.

Interested Penn undergraduate students, including graduating seniors, should send to Wendy Jensen (wendyjen@sas.upenn.edu) a resume and a cover letter specifying the Fellowship in which you are interested. In the letter, describe how the Fellowship will help you explore a particular career path and/or develop a specific skill.

All applications are due by Wednesday, April 10th by 5:00 PM. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTIONS:

Research Project on Religion and American Public Life – 2 Fellows

Working with Dr. Daniel Cheely, (PRRUCS-Perry Fellows will conduct literature reviews and assess survey data related to public opinion on religion in American life. The Fellows will work together to organize and summarize their compiled data. In addition, the Fellows will help write content and organize material for the PRRUCS website. This fellowship would be helpful to those considering a career in journalism, public policy, or higher education.

Anscombe Papers Project – 1 Fellow

G.E.M. (Elizabeth) Anscombe was, arguably, the most significant female philosopher of the 20th century, and by some accounts, the most influential female philosopher on record in any era. Her work transformed the field of moral philosophy and “virtue ethics” but also extended to the philosophy of language, religion, and other fields. Her archive consists of over six hundred catalogued items (including unpublished manuscripts in various stages of revision, philosophical offprints with substantial marginalia, personal correspondence with major philosophical figures, and journals) in twenty-one archival boxes. It is a treasure trove of information for scholars seeking to deepen their understanding of Anscombe’s work. Working with Dr. Daniel Cheely and Dr. Matthew O’Brien, the PRRUCS-Perry Fellow may work on three projects. First, the fellow may conduct research upon this archive, especially relating to the time that Anscombe spent at the University of Pennsylvania. Second, the Fellow will also assist with the process of collecting and displaying oral histories of members of the University of Pennsylvania community who remember Anscombe’s time as a Penn visiting scholar. In this capacity, the fellow may help develop the web presence for the Anscombe Papers Project, as well as for the Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society more broadly. Third, the fellow may assist with the development and organization of the Philosophy by Postcard Campaign (PPC). Inspired by an 80+ postcard exchange between Anscombe and one of her junior colleagues, which is contained in the archive, the PPC will develop local workshops to help students correspond with philosophers on foundational questions. This fellowship is ideal for students considering a career in the academy, especially philosophy, history, theology, gender studies, library science and academic publishing, or journalism.

Philosophy of Finance Initiative – 1 Fellow

The Program on the Philosophy of Finance brings together scholars and practitioners to address fundamental questions raised by the practice of finance. The fellow will work with Dr. Buchmann on a multi-pronged inquiry into the nature of debt and the ethics of lending. In addition to helping to explore perspectives on debt from ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary continental philosophy, the fellow will also participate in a collaborative project with lenders who are seeking to develop an ethical framework for their industry. The fellow will also have the opportunity to develop her or his own research project in line with the broader research agenda. This project is ideal for someone interested in a career in business or academia or in the intersection of these two worlds.

Magi Project in Science, Philosophy, and Theology – 1 Fellow

The Magi Project is a project of the Collegium Institute funded by the John Templeton Foundation that is devoted to fostering a respectful conversation among scientists, humanists, and religious communities about reality and the cosmos. The PRRUCS-Perry Fellow will work with Dr. Cheely and Dr. Buchmann to develop and manage the week-long summer seminar that gathers a cohort of graduate students from the United States and abroad on the subject, “Space, Time, and Eternity: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry into the Universe.” It will take place June 17-21. The Fellow will serve as a strategy consultant after the seminar, gather and compile survey data, assess effectiveness, and recommend strategies for disseminating results. The fellow may

also conduct research for the development of a new interdisciplinary semester-length course on the Universe: Historical Perspectives from Physics, Philosophy, and Religious Belief. This fellowship project is ideal for someone considering a career in the sciences, humanities, foundations and philanthropies, non-profit leadership, or consulting.

History of the Book in the Early Modern World – 1 Fellow

Working with Dr. Cheely, a historian of Renaissance and Reformation Europe, this PRRUCS-Perry Fellow will conduct academic research on the publication history and cultural uses of printed Catholic Bibles in the Reformation era. The Fellow will gain familiarity working with salient research tools and strategies, both digital and analog, gather and organize information in an accessible format with multifaceted functionality, and assist Dr. Cheely with the development of a concrete research project related to the inter-religious use of devotional books. Some knowledge of one or more Romance languages – esp. Latin, Spanish, French or Italian – would be desirable, though not necessary. The fellow would also have the opportunity to assist with a week-long seminar (June 17-21) for faculty and graduate students across the humanities who investigate how the early modern world continues to influence the conditions of life today. This fellowship project is ideal for someone considering graduate school in the humanities – especially in the fields of history, philosophy, art history, theology, literature, bibliography, and the digital humanities – or in library science, or in consulting.