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AMA Announcement: Monday 11/14 12PM ET - Stephen Puryear (North Carolina State) on history of philosophy, metaphysics and ethics

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As [previously announced](#), [/r/philosophy](#) is hosting an AMA series this fall semester which kicked off with AMAs by [Caspar Hare](#) (MIT), [Kevin Scharp](#), [Kenneth Ehrenberg](#), [Geoff Pynn](#) and the [Wi-Phi: Wireless Philosophy team](#).

Check out our [series announcement post](#) to see all the upcoming AMAs this semester.

We continue our series this upcoming Monday with an AMA by Stephen Puryear (NCSU). Hear it from him:

Stephen Puryear

I am an assistant professor of philosophy and affiliate of the Classical Studies program at NC State. Before arriving in Raleigh in 2008, I earned my Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh (2006) and spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University.

My research interests include early modern philosophy and the German philosophical tradition, especially Leibniz, Kant, and Schopenhauer, as well as historical and contemporary work in metaphysics, ethics, and political philosophy. Much of my published work concerns the philosophy of Leibniz, but I have also written about Berkeley's idealism, Schopenhauer's moral philosophy, Frege's philosophy of language, and the metaphysics of space and time. My main project at present is a book on Leibniz. Besides that, I continue to think about various topics in Schopenhauer's philosophy, especially his ethics; in moral and political philosophy (obligation, consent, rights, normative theories, animal ethics, etc.); and in metaphysics (infinity, continuity, space, time, etc.).

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Some published papers:

["Schopenhauer on the Rights of Animals"](#)

["Finitism and the Beginning of the Universe"](#)

["Finitism, Divisibility, and the Beginning of the Universe: Replies to Loke and Dumsday"](#)

["Leibniz on the Metaphysics of Color"](#)

["Frege on Vagueness and Ordinary Language"](#)

["Monadic Interaction"](#)

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Professor Puryear will join us Monday for a couple hours of live Q&A on their research interests on Monday at noon. Please feel free to post questions for him here. He will look at this thread before they start and begin with some questions from here while the initial questions in the new thread come in.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Puryear to our community!

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