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# Philosophy Podcasts

## Handout Key (Categories)

Format: Discussion, Interview, Explanation, Programmatic

Favorite Episodes: Favorite episodes named

Online Presence: Significant, Decent, or Minimal, plus web-links

Other information: Memberships, items for sale (swag), possibility of donating

### The Partially Examined Life

“The Partially Examined Life is a philosophy podcast by some guys who were at one point set on doing philosophy for a living but then thought better of it. Each episode, we pick a text and chat about it with some balance between insight and flippancy. You don’t have to know any philosophy, or even to have read the text we’re talking about to (mostly) follow and (hopefully) enjoy the discussion.”

**Format.** Discussion. Some interviews.

**Favorite Episodes.** Any of the Nietzsche episodes. Episode 157: Richard Rorty on Politics for the Left. Episode 117: A reading of Sophocles’s “Antigone” with actress Lucy Lawless and Producer Paul Provenza.

**Online Presence.** [partiallyexaminedlife.com](http://partiallyexaminedlife.com). Significant presence. [Facebook.com/partiallyexaminedlife](https://www.facebook.com/partiallyexaminedlife), [Twitter @PartiallyExLife](https://twitter.com/PartiallyExLife), Youtube, Spotify, soundcoud and more.

**Other information.** Has an online community with additional writers, blogs, a side-project called “Nakedly Examined Music,” and “Not School” where people can gather online and further discuss philosophy. Some benefits are free and others are subscription based. Membership gets you access to all of the above, bonus content, ad-free episodes, and previous episodes. Cost is currently \$5/month or \$50/year.

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## Very Bad Wizards

“Very Bad Wizards is a podcast featuring a philosopher (Tamler Sommers) and a psychologist (David Pizarro), who share a love for ethics, pop culture, and cognitive science, and who have a marked inability to distinguish sacred from profane. Each podcast includes discussions of moral philosophy, recent work on moral psychology and neuroscience, and the overlap between the two.”

**Format.** Discussion. Some interviews.

**Favorite Episodes.** Episode 59: Tumors All the Way Down or any of the Sam Harris interviews because they argue a lot. Episode 97: Dogmatic Slumber - taking down Neil DeGrasse Tyson’s “Rationalia” and other dogmatic biases. Episode 112: Gettier Goggles - defanging the importance of Gettier cases.

**Online Presence.** [verybadwizards.fireside.fm](http://verybadwizards.fireside.fm). Significant and active online presence. [Facebook.com/VeryBadWizards](https://www.facebook.com/VeryBadWizards), [Twitter @verybadwizards](https://twitter.com/verybadwizards), Instagram, Reddit, and more.

**Other information.** Sells t-shirts, wall calendars and various other swag. Has a donation page via Paypal and a Patreon page. Amazon affiliate link purchases.

## Entitled Opinions with Robert Harrison

Host Robert Harrison interviews guests on literature, culture, and philosophy on his radio show for Stanford University. He’s highly educated and often pulls from his extensive knowledge to pepper in literary quotes and concepts. “In an era that favors the tweet, Harrison refuses to dumb it down: This show offers the narcotic of intelligent conversation. There's plenty of room at the table, and everyone is welcome, but be warned: the bread of angels is not your ordinary snack. It may set your head spinning and give you a high.”

**Format.** Interview.

**Online Presence.** [entitledopinions.stanford.edu](http://entitledopinions.stanford.edu). As minimal as possible.

**Favorite Episodes.** Interview with Richard Rorty on Philosophy. November 22, 2005. Rebecca Pekron on Arthur Rimbaud. June 8, 2016. Robert Harrison on Dante and Prufrock. Tuesday, June 19, 2007.

## Philosophize This!

“Beginner friendly if listened to in order! For anyone interested in an educational podcast about philosophy where you don't need to be a graduate-level philosopher to understand it. In chronological order, the thinkers and ideas that forged the world we live in are broken down and explained.”

**Format.** Host Stephen West gives short and simple explanations of philosophers and philosophical concepts.

**Favorite Episodes.** Episode 100. Heidegger pt. 1 - Phenomenology and Daesin.

**Online Presence.** Philosophizethis.org. Significant online presence. Facebook.com/Philosophizethisshow, Twitter@iamstephenwest, Youtube, Spotify, Soundcloud and probably more.

**Other information.** Has blog and merchandise. Has a Patreon page and an Amazon affiliate link.

## Philosophy Bites

Hosts Nigel Warburton and David Edmonds interview philosophers on philosophical concepts and problems. Short, usually 15 minute, edited interviews. Gives simple explanations.

**Format.** Interview.

**Favorite Episode.** June 23, 2013 Daniel Dennett on the Chinese Room.

**Online Presence.** Philosophybites.com. Limited presence. Facebook Facebook.com/philosophybites/, Twitter @philosophybites, Youtube, and more.

**Other information.** Has books, donations through Paypal, and an Amazon affiliate link.

## Think Again - A Big Think Podcast

**Description.** Host Jason Gots interviews actors, philosophers, scientists and other notable persons of interest. Part of a website called “Big Think” which contains articles, videos, news, educational videos and cultural commentary. Bills itself as a knowledge forum.

**Format.** Interview.

**Favorite Episodes.** Interview with Jennifer Doudna. Ethical discussion with biochemist and co-inventor of CRISPR-Cas9 Gene Editing. July 8, 2017.

**Online Presence.** [bigthink.com/articles?blog=think-again-podcast](http://bigthink.com/articles?blog=think-again-podcast). Decent presence through magazine. [Facebook.com/bigthinkdotcom](https://www.facebook.com/bigthinkdotcom), [Twitter @bigthinkagain](https://twitter.com/bigthinkagain), and others.

## Philosophy for Our Times

A panel discussion on philosophical concepts in question and answer form. Part of the Institute of Art and Ideas. “It is our vision that philosophy and big ideas are not a pleasant reflective addition to our everyday lives but an essential determinant of who and where we are and of what is possible. At the IAI we are committed to finding new and better ways to make sense of the world so that we can navigate a brighter future in an increasingly dangerous world.”

**Format.** Panel interview.

**Favorite Episodes.** Episode 38. Beyond Experience. We think we know what is real and what is not. Yet strangely we can't even agree what reality is made of - everyday things, particles and energy, or language and thought. Is reality essentially incomprehensible because it is beyond us? Or do we just need time and patience to uncover the truth? CERN physicist Tara Shears, author of Closure and post-postmodern metaphysician Hilary Lawson, and theologian Alison Milbank question reality beyond experience.

**Online Presence.** [iai.tv/iai-podcast](http://iai.tv/iai-podcast). Decent presence but UK. Facebook, Twitter, and others.

## The Philosopher's Zone

One of several podcasts through ABC Radio National. "The simplest questions often have the most complex answers. The Philosopher's Zone is your guide through the strange thickets of logic, metaphysics and ethics." Host Joe Gelonesi interviews philosophical thinkers and intersperses their presentations and lectures.

**Format.** Interview.

**Favorite Episode.** June 11, 2017. Carlo Rovelli and his Quantum Problem. A discussion on how philosophical thinking should contribute to some of the discoveries and conceptual plateaus in quantum thinking.

**Online Presence.** [abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone](http://abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone).

## In Our Time: Philosophy

One of several podcasts through BBC Radio. Host Melvyn Bragg hosts a panel discussion with current philosophers on philosophical thinkers and concepts. "From Altruism to Wittgenstein, philosophers, theories and key themes." Very educational.

**Format.** Panel interview.

**Favorite Episode.** November 10, 2011. The Continental-Analytic Split with Stephen Mulhall, Beatrice Han-Pile, and Johann-Glock. March 20, 2014. Bishop Berkeley with Peter Millican, Tom Stoneham, Michela Massimi. January 3, 2008 with David Walker, Christina Howells, and Peter Dunwoodie.

**Online Presence.** [bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr](http://bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr). Twitter @BBCInOurTime  
[Facebook.com/In-Our-Time-BBC-Radio-4](https://www.facebook.com/In-Our-Time-BBC-Radio-4).

## Hi-Phi Nation

Hi-Phi Nation is a sound and story-driven show about philosophy, weaving philosophy with narrative storytelling, investigative journalism, and sound design.

**Format.** Programmatic.

**Favorite Episodes.** Series 1, Episode 8: The Ashes of Truth. An interesting look into a strange tie between two giants of the 20th century. Errol Morris influential documentary filmmakers of the 20th century and Thomas Kuhn, one of the most cited modern philosophers.

**Online Presence.** Hiphination.org. Significant and active online presence. Facebook.com/HiPhiNation, Twitter @HiPhiNation, Reddit and more.

**Other information.** Has a donation page via Paypal and a Patreon page. Amazon affiliate link purchases. Has videos and blog as well. Also holds a two-day podcast workshop.

## Philosophy Bakes Bread

Philosophy Bakes Bread is a radio show and podcast that showcases the importance of philosophy for everyday life and for leadership. The saying goes that "philosophy bakes no bread." We disagree and co-hosts Dr. Eric Thomas Weber and Dr. Anthony Cashio invite engaging philosophers as guests for interviews about various ideas and conflicts that matter to people in real life, beyond the academy.

**Format.** Interview.

**Favorite Episodes.** Ep12 – That’s a Wicked Problem You’ve Got There. An interview with Dr. Danielle Lake of Grand Valley State University on “wicked problems” -- problems that are contradictory, incomplete, and have moving parts. Episode 58. J. J. Sylvia about “Post-Humanism and the Media.”

**Online Presence.** Significant online presence. Part of SOPHIA (Society of Philosophers in America). Philosophersinamerica.com/philosophybakesbread facebook.com/philosophersinamerica, Twitter @SOPHIAchirp

**Other information.** Lots of information and ways of organizing public philosophy and networking via SOPHIA. T-shirts, mugs, and swag available.