

Nanopublication – How Program Prestige and Background Shape Job Satisfaction for Philosophy PhDs

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This is a data-journalism report on APDA survey statistics about philosophy PhD career outcomes – program prestige, socioeconomic background, employment type, and job satisfaction – analyzed through regression and chi-square tests; it contains no idea, artifact, emitter, or receiver of the kind the ideamorphism framework's vocabulary (transliteration, diffraction, codex, ricochet) is built to describe.

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This study reveals a structural case of the dilution crisis applied to intellectual labor. The mechanism: prestige (a form of algorithmic recognition) becomes the primary overture through which philosophy PhDs receive and

transmit their work. Higher socioeconomic status → prestigious PhD program → preference for academic employment → actual academic employment. This is not a natural flow; it is a codex that has crystallized into institutional practice. The dilution occurs because the system rewards *recognition* (prestige, placement, status) over *diffraction* (novel thinking, productive misalignment, intellectual risk). A PhD trained in a prestigious program has been shaped by an overture that privileges conformity to disciplinary norms—the very opposite of engineering diffraction. The study's data suggests that the academy has become a recognition engine: maximum emission of PhDs, minimum diffraction of genuinely novel philosophical thought. The irony is structural: the institution that should cultivate overtures for radical thinking has become a machine for replicating prestige.

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