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A checklist of theses and dissertations on Bertrand Russell

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Often representing progress towards future research and publication, theses and dissertations on Russell are important pieces of secondary literature in their own right. Consequently this alphabetical checklist makes available to readers of Russell a form of study frequently overlooked in the search for secondary material. Quite understandably, approximately ninety percent of the 208 items recorded here are in the area of philosophy and reveal a continuing interest on the part of philosophers in Russell's contributions to that field. The first known dissertation on Russell, for example, was written by Shogoro Washio at Harvard in 1911 and examined the new realism developed by Russell and G. E. Moore. Although the emphasis of this kind of literature is chiefly philosophical, nearly two dozen studies have been completed in areas such as education, literature, political science, history of mathematics, religious studies, and history.

The following sources and reference tools have been consulted: theses and dissertations acquired since 1968 for the Bertrand Russell Archives' supporting library ("ra" indicates that the item is in the Russell Archives); Dissertation Abstracts International; Comprehensive Dissertation Index; American Doctoral Dissertations; Index to Theses; Canadian Theses/Thèses canadiennes; Canadiiana; Retrospective Index to Theses of Great Britain and Ireland, 1716–1950, Vol. 1; A Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations Accepted by Indian Universities, 1857–1970; Catalogue de thèses de doctorat soutenues devant les universités françaises; Deutsche bibliographie Nachschulbücher-verzeichnis; Bechtle and Riley's Dissertations in Philosophy Accepted at American Universities, 1861–1975; the annual lists in The Review of Metaphysics; Masters Abstracts; checklists compiled by several North American universities; and Boydston and Poulos's

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Benjamin, Abram Cornelius. "The Logical Atomism of Bertrand Russell". Ph.D. University of Michigan, 1924. [Privately printed at Champaign, Ill., 1927(?), RA.]


Bradford, Dennis Earle. "Russell's Theories of Existence and Their Philosophical Background". Ph.D. University of Iowa, 1977. RA.


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Brown, Peter Kenneth. "Russell's Earliest Metaphysics". M.A. McMaster University, 1972. RA.


Cappio, James John. "Meinong and Reference". Ph.D. Princeton University, 1981. RA. [Russell's theories of reference and his interpretation of Meinong's arguments are critically examined, especially in Chap. 1, 'Russell's Philosophical Development'.]


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Gruender, C. David. “A Study of the Place of Sensation in Knowledge”. Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, 1957. RA. [Russell’s view of sensation is the major focus of the thesis.]


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Their History’. PH.D. University of Pennsylvania, 1914. [Published under the same title (Lancaster, Penn.: Press of the New Era Printing Co., 1915). RA.]


Halbach, Keith Edward. “Bertrand Russell’s Early Philosophy of Language”. PH.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1969. RA.


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—. “An Inquiry into the Factual Basis of Human Knowledge”. PH.D. Princeton University, 1945. RA. [Russell’s epistemology, particularly the views expressed in An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth, is examined.]


Hone, Sarah Noyes. “Russell’s Realism vs Urban’s Idealism”. PH.D. New York University, 1937. RA.


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Khanum, Rashida A. “Russell’s Early Ethics with a Special Reference to G. E. Moore”. M.A. McMaster University, 1982. RA.


Koestenbaum, Peter. “Freedom as the Basis of Truth and Reality in Russell’s Positivism and Science’s Mysticism”. PH.D. Boston University, 1958. RA.

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<td>Madhuri Devi</td>
<td>“Philosophy of Sense-Data in Contemporary Western Philosophy with Special Reference to Moore, Russell and Price”</td>
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<td>Marsh, Robert Charles</td>
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<td>McKeever, Patrick Samuel Ashton</td>
<td>“Acquaintance and Description in the Writings of David Hume and Bertrand Russell”</td>
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<td>McMahon, Martin Brian</td>
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<td>PH.D. University of Wisconsin, 1972. RA.</td>
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<td>Melton, James Vard</td>
<td>“Some Changed Points in Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy”</td>
<td>M.A. Ohio State University, 1930.</td>
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<td>Miller, Arnold James</td>
<td>“Critical Realism and Phenomenalism in Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy”</td>
<td>M.A. Brown University, 1941.</td>
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<td>Miracchi, Silvano</td>
<td>“Russell, Negative Facts and Ontology”</td>
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<td>Morrison, Mabel Margaret</td>
<td>“The Idealistic Theory of Relations”</td>
<td>PH.D. University of Toronto, 1923. [Russell’s criticisms of the idealistic theory are discussed.]</td>
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<td>Morrison, Mary Jane</td>
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<td>Murungi, Robert Wallace</td>
<td>“Bertrand Russell’s Theory of Neutral Monism”</td>
<td>PH.D. Columbia University, 1967. RA.</td>
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<td>Myers, Frank Earle</td>
<td>“British Peace Politics: The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the Committee of 100, 1957–1962”</td>
<td>PH.D. Columbia University, 1965. RA. [Russell’s anti-nuclear activism is examined.]</td>
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<td>Myers, Orvil Floyd</td>
<td>“The Significance of the Mathematical Element in the Philosophy of Bertrand Russell”</td>
<td>PH.D. University of Chicago, 1926.</td>
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<td>“Russell’s Analysis of Mind”</td>
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