

Wesley De Sena

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EDUCATION

Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2024–present
Doctor of Letters (DLitt), Studies in Religion

Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA 2021–2023
Master of Theological Studies, Philosophy of Religion
Language Examinations: German (High Pass), French (Passed)

Harvard Extension School, Cambridge, MA, 2017–2021
Bachelor of Liberal Arts, Philosophy and Ethics

Harvard Extension School, Cambridge, MA, 2013–2017
Associate of Arts

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophical Theology • Philosophy of Religion • Indian Philosophy and Aesthetics • Rasa Theory
• Gaudiya Vaiṣṇava Theology • German Idealism • Platonic Philosophy • Comparative Religion

SELECT TERM PAPERS

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- Dionysus in India: A Multifaceted Examination Across Past and Present Scholarship
- From Rationalism to Ruin: The Tragic Odyssey of Gustav von Aschenbach in ‘Death in Venice’
- Exploring Zoroastrian Responses to the Problem of Evil: Seven Philosophical Perspectives on Dualism and Monotheism
- Analyzing Socrates’ Four Arguments for the Soul’s Immortality in the Phaedo: Uncovering Informal Fallacies, Clarifying Ambiguities, and Addressing Inconsistencies
- Analyzing Callicles’ Great Speech in the Gorgias: Plato’s Unveiled Insights from Callicles’ Perspective

PRESENTATIONS

“The First PhD in Music: Louis Adolphe Coerne & The Birth of American Music Scholarship.” May 2026

Doctoral Seminar Presentation, Drew University

“When Sound Spoke: Mantras and the 1960s Counterculture.” April 2026

Doctoral Seminar Presentation, Drew University

“Classical Indian Miniatures and Their Narratives.” November 2025

Doctoral Seminar Presentation, Drew University

“HDS Admissions Preview Day.” Chat with Current Students. November 2022

Harvard Divinity School

“Meet and Greet with Current HDS Students.” Webinar Panelist. November 2021

Harvard Divinity School

“Exploring the Master of Theological Studies.” Webinar Panelist. October 2021

Harvard Divinity School

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

DLitt Merit Scholarship, Drew University 2024

Emma Gildersleeve Grant, Harvard Divinity School 2022
Award supporting graduate research in theology and religion
Dean's List Academic Achievement Award, Harvard Extension School 2021
Dean's List Academic Achievement Award, Harvard Extension School 2017
Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society Induction 2017

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Student Admissions Ambassador, Harvard Divinity School, 2021–2023
Represented HDS at prospective student events, webinars, and preview days; advised applicants on the MTS program and philosophy of religion concentration

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, 2021–present
Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, 2017–present

LANGUAGES

Advanced German, French
Intermediate Sanskrit
Elementary Greek, Latin