Who Studies Philosophy?

Academia
Sheila Bair, president of Washington College and former FDIC chair
Noam Chomsky, professor, activist, author, and public intellectual
Alice Domurat Dreger, professor, activist, and author
Rev. John I. Jenkins, President, University of Notre Dame

Activism
Stokely Carmichael / Kwame Ture, civil rights leader
Angela Davis, social activist
Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader
Aung San Suu Kyi, 2002 Nobel Peace Prize winner

Business
Herbert Allison Jr., former Fannie Mae CEO
Stewart Butterfield, co-founder of Flickr
Patrick Byrne, founder of Overstock.com
Robert Greenhill, investment banker
Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn
Damon Horowitz, entrepreneur and in-house philosopher at Google
Carl Icahn, investor and former CEO of TWA Airlines
Gerald Levin, former CEO of Time Warner, Inc.
John Mackey, co-founder and co-CEO of Whole Foods Market
Lachlan Murdoch, media magnate and son of Rupert Murdoch
Max Palevsky, co-founder of Intel and venture capitalist
Larry Sanger, co-founder of Wikipedia
George Soros, investor and philanthropist
Peter Thiel, founder of PayPal

News and Journalism
Barbara Amiel, Lady Black of Crossharbour, journalist and writer
John Chancellor, journalist
Chris Hayes, journalist, political commentator, and MSNBC host
Tamara Keith, journalist and NPR White House correspondent
Kathryn Jean Lopez, journalist and political commentator
Stone Phillips, broadcaster
George F. Will, journalist, author, and political commentator
Juan Williams, journalist

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Government and Politics
William "Bro" Adams, NEH Chairman and former university president
William Bennett, former Secretary of Education and best-selling author
Stephen Breyer, Supreme Court Justice
Patrick Buchanan, politician
Carly Fiorina, presidential candidate and former CEO of Hewlett-Packard
Rudolf Giuliani, former New York City mayor and presidential candidate
Raisa Gorbachev, former first lady of the Soviet Union
Swanee Hunt, former US Ambassador to Austria
Thomas Jefferson, third U.S. President
Robert MacNamara, former Secretary of Defense and World Bank head
Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada
Elizabeth Anne Reid, former UN program director
David Souter, Supreme Court Justice
Fred Thompson, former senator and presidential candidate (and actor)
Karen Lerohl Wilson, lawyer and public policy expert

Writing
Pearl Buck, writer and Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winner
Mary Higgins Clark, novelist
Susanna Clarke, Hugo Award-winning author
Umberto Eco, author (*The Name of the Rose*)
T. S. Eliot, Nobel Prize-winning essayist, playwright, and poet
Ken Follett, author (*Eye of the Needle*)
Michael Frayn, playwright (*Copenhagen*) and novelist
Rebecca Newberger Goldstein, novelist and MacArthur Fellow
Sam Harris, author (*The End of Faith*) and co-founder of Project Reason
Christopher Hitchens, author
Charles R. Johnson, author (*Middle Passage*)
Yann Martel, author (*Life of Pi*)
Iris Murdoch, author (*Under the Net*)
Ayn Rand, author (*The Fountainhead, Atlas Shrugged*)
Susan Sontag, writer and MacArthur Fellow
Studs Terkel, oral historian and writer
David Foster Wallace, author (*Infinite Jest*)
Elie Wiesel, author (*Night*)

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Arts and Entertainment

Wes Anderson, filmmaker
Ethan Coen, filmmaker (of the Coen Brothers)
Stephen Colbert, comedian and TV host
Arthur Danto, art critic and philosopher
Lana Del Rey, singer-songwriter
Dessa, rapper, singer, and poet
Harrison Ford, actor
Richard Gere, actor
Ricky Gervais, comedian and creator of *The Office*
Philip Glass, composer
Zola Jesus, musician
Duncan Jones, director, producer, screenwriter
Stacy London, stylist and host of *What Not To Wear*
Terrence Malick, film director and screenwriter
Steve Martin, comedian, actor, and musician
Deepa Mehta, director and screenwriter
Steve Reich, composer
Buffy Sainte-Marie, singer-songwriter
Susan Sarandon, actor
Willard Scott, actor
Gene Siskel, film critic
Elliott Smith, singer-songwriter, musician
Kim Thayil, musician (Soundgarden)
Alex Trebek, host of *Jeopardy!*
Christy Turlington, model

Religion

Rabbi Michael Lerner, political activist and editor of *Tikkun*
Pope John Paul II

Sports

Arian Foster, American football player (Houston Texans)
Phil Jackson, NBA coach
Bruce Lee, martial artist
Michael McCaskey, president/chairman of the Chicago Bears

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