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EDUCATION

Boston College
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation title: *Infancy: From Part-Object to World*
Chair: Richard Kearney

Chestnut Hill, MA
Expected March 2026

Boston College
M.A. in Philosophy

Chestnut Hill, MA
2022

The King's University
B.A. in Philosophy with Distinction

Edmonton, AB
2020

RESEARCH AREAS

AOS: 20th and 21st Century Continental Philosophy, Psychoanalysis, Feminist Philosophy
AOC: History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Symbolic Logic

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Guest Academic Associate
The Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

Newton, MA
2024–2026

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books:

God, Desire, and Being: Selected Essays of William J. Richardson Forthcoming 2027
Fordham University Press, Perspectives in Continental Philosophy series, with peer reviewed editor's introduction

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

"The Death Drive" Forthcoming 2027
In *The Palgrave Handbook on the Philosophy of Death*, edited by Christopher Moreman, Tommaso Soriani, and Emanuele Tullio.

Under Review:

"On Adolescent Women and Their Bodies in Cases of Anorexia Nervosa"

Manuscripts in Preparation:

“Embodiment and Carnality in Child Analysis”

“Infantile Affectivity and Aggression”

“Adolescence within *The Ethics of Ambiguity* and *The Second Sex*”

PRESENTATIONS

*=*Invited*

Psychology & the Other Conference

“Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of Child: Psychoanalytic Influences”

Chestnut Hill, MA

September 2025

LACK v (proposal accepted, cancelled due to illness)

“Revisiting Sexuality and Psychoanalysis: Lacan and André Green Today”

Columbus, OH

March 2025

***“Philosophy and/of the Child” A Panel Discussion with Claire Katz, Jeffrey Bloechl, and Anna Boessenkool**

“Child Analysis”

Chestnut Hill, MA

February 2025

***BPSI Clinical Nights** (presented to child psychoanalysis faculty and candidates)

“The Philosophy of Infancy and Childhood in Dialogue with Psychoanalysis”

Newton, MA

January 2025

Sixth Annual Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium

“*La Double Vie de Véronique* and the Event”

Fordham University

October 2024

Psychology & the Other Conference

“On Adolescent Women and Their Bodies in Cases of Anorexia Nervosa”

Chestnut Hill, MA

October 2023

SBU and BC Joint Conference on Phenomenology and Value

“The Body and Value”

Stony Brook, NY

September 2023

PhilosophHERS Workshop Series

“Melanie Klein”

Chestnut Hill, MA

April 2023

***The Boston Phenomenological Circle Symposium**

Respondent to Lauren Guilmette's “Something in the Atmosphere:
Theorizing Transpersonal Structures of Feeling”

Boston, MA

April 2023

***ACU & BC Joint Conference on New Research in Philosophy and Theology**

“Reading Women Mystics: Situating Sex in Christian Thought”

Rome, IT

October 2022

***The Boston Phenomenological Circle Symposium**

Respondent to Crina Gschwandter's “Distinguishing the *Wesen* of
Being: Phenomenological Method in Hedwig Conrad-Martius”

Boston, MA

April 2022

PhilosophHERS Workshop Series

Chestnut Hill, MA

“Christine de Pizan: Teaching Early Feminist Texts”

February 2022

Institute for Christian Studies Undergraduate Workshop

“Expression and the Interpretive Horizons: The Phenomenological Encounter with the Other”

Toronto, ON
May 2019

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

**The Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
Dissertation Fellowship (\$37,500)**

Boston College
2025–2026

Travel Grant for Venice International School (€ 1200)

For Graduate Seminar on Critical Phenomenology: Theory and Applications

VIU
2025

Institute of Liberal Arts Minor Grant (\$1,000)

For “Pedagogy and Development” Conference

Boston College
2025

Departmental Distinction

Doctoral Comprehensive Exams

Boston College
2024

Departmental Distinction

Qualifying Paper Exam: “On Adolescent Women and Their Bodies in Cases of Anorexia Nervosa: A Psychoanalytic Account”

Boston College

2023

Institute of Liberal Arts Minor Grant (\$2,000)

For “Embodiment from Then to Now” Conference

Boston College
2023

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award

Boston College
2022

Departmental Distinction

First Year Comprehensive Exam

Boston College
2021

Academic Gold Medal

Awarded to second year student who received the highest GPA

The King’s University
2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, with Ava Bry Penman
Psychoanalysis in and Through Children’s Literature
Open to the public and BPSI members, six sessions

Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
2026

Instructor of Record

Practical Logic (online course)

Sophomores and above, 11 students (Summer 2024), 7 students (Summer 2025)

Boston College
2024, 2025

Instructor of Record*Logic*

Sophomores and above, 28 students (Fall 2023), 30 students (Spring 2024)

Boston College
2023, 2024**Instructor of Record***Philosophy of the Person II: Modern/Contemporary Philosophy*

Introductory course, 33 students (Spring 2022), 35 students (Spring 2023)

Boston College
2022, 2023**Instructor of Record***Philosophy of the Person I: Ancient/Medieval Philosophy*

Introductory course, 32 students (Fall 2021), 32 students (Fall 2022)

Boston College
2021, 2022**Teaching and Research Assistant to Jean-Luc Marion***The Fundamental Concepts in Phenomenology: New Reflections* (Graduate course)*Phenomenology as Preparation for Theology* (Graduate course)Boston College
2023
2024**Guest Lectures**

Camus (graduate seminar), Lacan and Desire (senior undergraduate seminar),

Lacan and Dreams (graduate seminar) Philosophy and Love (freshman course)

2023, 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Richard KearneyBoston College
2020–2021**Research Assistant to Neal DeRoo**The King's University
2018–2020**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

Seventh Annual Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium

Proposal Review Committee

2025

Second Annual SBU and BC Joint Phenomenology and Value Conference Chestnut Hill, MA

Theme: Pedagogy and Child Development

Founder, Co-Director, Organizer

2024

First Annual SBU and BC Joint Phenomenology and Value Conference

Founder, Co-Director, Organizer

Stony Brook, NY
2023**BC Philosophy Graduate Student Conference**

Embodiment from Then to Now: Perspectives on Sex and Gender

Co-Director, Organizer

Chestnut Hill, MA
2023

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

PhilosophERS Workshop

Chestnut Hill, MA

Presentations include *The Great Women in Early Modern Philosophy*, *Marguerite Porete*, *Mary Shelly*, *Iris Murdoch*, *Dora Marsden and Emma Goldman*, *Teresa of Álvia*, *Émilie du Châtelet*

Director and Organizer

2023–2024

Graduate Student Association

Boston College

President

2023–2024

Representative

2022–2023

Activities included: Mock doctoral students comprehensive oral exams (2023, 2024), Prospective doctoral students' weekend (2023), Graduate student orientation (2023)

Graduate Student Assistant Coach

Boston College

Ethics Bowl Team

2020–2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Venice International University Graduate Seminar: Critical Phenomenology Theory and Applications

VIU
2025

Summer Online Course Design

Woods College of Advancing Studies
and Center for Digital Innovation in Learning
2024

Philosophy Department Writing Seminar

Boston College
2021–2024

Philosophy Department Teaching Seminar

Boston College
2020–2023

MEDIA COVERAGE

APA Member Interview

American Philosophical Association

Online
2025

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Reading Group Leader, *The Interpretation of Dreams* The Catherine Project

Online
Fall 2025

Graduate Assistant

Department of Romance Languages

Boston College
2023–2026

Museum Volunteer
Freud Museum London

London, UK
Summer 2023

Digital Humanities Intern
Boston College Libraries

Boston College
Summer 2022

Library Assistant
Educational Resource Library

Boston College
Fall 2020–Spring 2021

LANGUAGES

French, Intermediate Reading/Writing/Speaking
German, Research Proficiency

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy

REFERENCES

Richard Kearney, PhD (dissertation supervisor)
Charles Seelig Professor of Philosophy
Boston College, MA
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Licensed Psychologist
Child and Adult Psychoanalyst
Lecturer in Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, Part-time, Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School
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