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EDUCATION

Boston College Ph.D. in Philosophy	Chestnut Hill, MA Expected 2025
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: Phenomenology, Psychoanalysis, Feminist Philosophy, 20th Cent. Continental Philosophy
AOC: Symbolic Logic, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Guest Academic Affiliate The Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute	Newton, MA 2024–2025
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PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books

<i>God, Desire, and Being: Selected Essays of William J. Richardson</i>	Forthcoming 2026
Manuscript under review at Fordham University Press	

PRESENTATIONS

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Psychology & the Other Conference “Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of Child: Psychoanalytic Influences”	Chestnut Hill, MA September 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 “ <i>La Double Vie de Véronique</i> 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 <i>Wesen</i> of Being: Phenomenological Method in Hedwig Conrad-Martius”	Boston, MA April 2022
PhilosophHERS Workshop Series “Christine de Pizan: Teaching Early Feminist Texts”	Chestnut Hill, MA 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	Boston College

Qualifying Paper Exam 2023

Institute of Liberal Arts Minor Grant (\$2,000) Boston College
For ‘Embodiment from Then to Now’ Conference 2023

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award Boston College
2022

Departmental Distinction Boston College
First Year Comprehensive Exam 2021

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First Year Comprehensive Exam 2021

Academic Gold Medal The King’s University
Awarded to second year student who received the highest GPA 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record Boston College
Practical Logic (online course) 2024, 2025
Sophomores and above, 11 students (Summer 2024), TBD (Summer 2025)

Instructor of Record Boston College
Logic 2023, 2024
Sophomores and above, 28 students (Fall 2023), 30 students (Spring 2024)

Instructor of Record Boston College
Philosophy of the Person II: Modern/Contemporary Philosophy 2022, 2023
Introductory course, 33 students (Spring 2022), 35 students (Spring 2023)

Instructor of Record Boston College
Philosophy of the Person I: Ancient/Medieval Philosophy 2021, 2022
Introductory course, 32 students (Fall 2021), 32 students (Fall 2022)

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

Guest Lectures
Camus (graduate seminar), Lacan and Desire (senior undergraduate seminar), 2023, 2024
Lacan and Dreams (graduate seminar) Philosophy and Love (freshman course)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Richard Kearney Boston College

Fall 2020–Spring 2021

Research Assistant to Neal DeRoo

The King's University
2018–2020**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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

Stony Brook, NY

Founder, Co-Director, Organizer

2023

BC Philosophy Graduate Student Conference

Chestnut Hill, MA

Embodiment from Then to Now: Perspectives on Sex and Gender

Co-Director, Organizer

2023

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

PhilosophHERS 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 Alvia*, *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 Advisor**

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

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant

Department of Romance Languages

Boston College
2023–2025

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

REFERENCES

Richard Kearney (dissertation supervisor)
Charles Seelig Professor of Philosophy
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Albert J. Fitzgibbons Professor and Chair of Philosophy
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