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**EDUCATION**

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**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**

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**AOS:** Phenomenology, Psychoanalysis, Feminist Philosophy, 20<sup>th</sup> Cent. Continental Philosophy

**AOC:** Symbolic Logic, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

**VISITING APPOINTMENTS**

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**Guest Academic Associate**  
The Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

Newton, MA  
2024–

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Edited Books**

*God, Desire, and Being: Selected Essays of William J. Richardson*  
Manuscript under review at Fordham University Press

Forthcoming 2026

**PRESENTATIONS**

*\*=Invited*

**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

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| <b>Sixth Annual Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium</b><br>“ <i>La Double Vie de Véronique</i> and the Event”   | Fordham University<br>October 2024 |
| <b>Psychology &amp; the Other Conference</b><br>“On Adolescent Women and Their Bodies in Cases of Anorexia Nervosa”   | Chestnut Hill, MA<br>October 2023  |
| <b>SBU and BC Joint Conference on Phenomenology and Value</b><br>“The Body and Value”   | Stony Brook, NY<br>September 2023  |
| <b>PhilosophHERS Workshop Series</b><br>“Melanie Klein”   | Chestnut Hill, MA<br>April 2023    |
| <b>*The Boston Phenomenological Circle Symposium</b><br>Respondent to Lauren Guilmette’s “Something in the Atmosphere:<br>Theorizing Transpersonal Structures of Feeling”                 | Boston, MA<br>April 2023           |
| <b>*ACU &amp; BC Joint Conference on New Research in Philosophy and Theology</b><br>“Reading Women Mystics: Situating Sex in Christian Thought”   | Rome, IT<br>October 2022           |
| <b>*The Boston Phenomenological Circle Symposium</b><br>Respondent to Crina Gschwandter’s “Distinguishing the <i>Wesen</i> of<br>Being: Phenomenological Method in Hedwig Conrad-Martius” | Boston, MA<br>April 2022           |
| <b>PhilosophHERS Workshop Series</b><br>“Christine de Pizan: Teaching Early Feminist Texts”   | Chestnut Hill, MA<br>February 2022 |
| <b>Institute for Christian Studies Undergraduate Workshop</b><br>“Expression and the Interpretive Horizons: The Phenomenological Encounter<br>with the Other”                             | Toronto, ON<br>May 2019            |

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

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| <b>The Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences</b><br><b>Dissertation Fellowship (\$37,500)</b>                   | Boston College<br>2025–2026 |
| <b>Travel Grant for Venice International School (€ 1200)</b><br>For Graduate Seminar on Critical Phenomenology: Theory and Applications | VIU<br>2025                 |
| <b>Institute of Liberal Arts Minor Grant (\$1,000)</b><br>For ‘Pedagogy and Development’ Conference                                     | Boston College<br>2025      |
| <b>Departmental Distinction</b><br>Doctoral Comprehensive Exams   | Boston College<br>2024      |
| <b>Departmental Distinction</b>   | Boston College              |

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

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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**

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**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 Advisor**

Boston College

Ethics Bowl Team

2020–2021

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Venice International University Graduate Seminar:**

VIU

**Critical Phenomenology Theory and Applications**

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**

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**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**

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

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Philosophical Association  
Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

**REFERENCES**

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Richard Kearney, PhD (dissertation supervisor)  
Charles Seelig Professor of Philosophy  
Boston College, MA  
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Jeffrey Bloechl, PhD  
Albert J. Fitzgibbons Professor and Chair of Philosophy  
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Anthony Bram, PhD, ABAP, FABP  
Licensed Psychologist  
Child and Adult Psychoanalyst  
Lecturer in Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, Part-time, Cambridge Health  
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