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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Boston College, Ph.D. in Philosophy, in progress (expected May 2021)

Boston College, M.A. in Philosophy, May 2018

University of Rochester, B.A. in Philosophy, May 2016

University of Rochester, B.A. in History, May 2016

Academic Appointments:

Research Assistant, Boston College, Fall 2016-Summer 2019

Teaching Fellow, Boston College, Fall 2017-Spring 2020

Research Areas of Interest:

AOS: Early Phenomenology (esp. Personalism), Ethics

AOC: History of Ethics, Thomistic Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

Languages:

English (Native Language)

German (Reading with Dictionary)

Spanish (Reading with Dictionary)

Dissertation Title:

Freedom as Self-Donation: A Hildebrandian Account of the Cooperative Structure of Personal Freedom. Boston College. 2021.

Publications:

Articles:

“Toward a Thicker Notion of the Self: Sartre and Von Hildebrand on Individuality, Personhood, and Freedom.” *Quaestiones Disputatae* 92, (2019): 65-88.

“Toward the Name of the Other: A Hildebrandian Approach to Levinasian Alterity.”
Forthcoming in *Quaestiones Disputatae* 10 (2020).

Book Chapters:

“The Role of Reverence in the Phenomenological Method of Dietrich von Hildebrand.”
Forthcoming in *Ethics and Empathy*. Edited by Susi Ferrarello and Magnus Englander.
Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Awards:

Passed with Distinction, Boston College Doctoral Comprehensives, Apr-May 2020
Passed with Distinction, Boston College Master's Comprehensives, May 2017
Dean's List, University of Rochester, 8 consecutive semesters, Fall 2012-Spring 2016
Phi Beta Kappa. Inducted Spring 2016.

Grants and Fellowships:

Presidential Fellowship, Boston College, Fall 2016-Spring 2020
University Fellowship, Boston College, Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Presentations:

"Toward a Thicker Notion of the Self: Sartre and Von Hildebrand on Individuality, Personhood, and Freedom." Personalism and Its Relation to the Christian Intellectual Tradition. Franciscan University of Steubenville. Steubenville, OH. May 2018.

"Toward the Name of the Other: A Personalist Approach to Levinasian Alterity." Hildebrand Summer Residency. Franciscan University of Steubenville. Steubenville, OH. July 2019.

"Tolerating the Religion of *Others*: A Person Based Approach to Religious Toleration for Religious Exclusivism and Inclusivism" Northeastern Philosophy of Religion Colloquium. Fordham University, NY. October 2019.

"Freedom as Fiat: The Cooperative Structure of the Will." Hildebrand Virtual Summer Residency. Franciscan University of Steubenville. Steubenville, OH. July 2020.

Courses Taught (Sole Instructor):

Philosophy of the Person I: Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Boston College, Fall 2017-19

Philosophy of the Person II: Introduction to Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, Boston College, Spring 2018-20

(I have taught the course Philosophy of the Person, a two semester 30 student introductory seminar on the history of philosophy for three consecutive years, with an emphasis on the history of ethics and philosophical anthropology. Authors taught include: Plato, Aristotle, Kongzi (Confucius), Laozi, Mengzi (Mencius), Zhuangzi, Augustine, Ibn Tufayl, Aquinas, Descartes, Hobbes, Locke, Mill, Kant, Marx, Nietzsche, Sartre, Stein, Wojtyla, Dietrich von Hildebrand, Buber, and Levinas. I am responsible for designing the syllabi, all assignments given to students, and all student assessments).

Professional Development:

Professional Development Seminar, Boston College Philosophy Department, Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Writing and Publishing Seminar, Boston College Philosophy Department, Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Teaching Seminar (6 credit hours), Boston College Philosophy Department, Fall 2016-Spring 2018

Job Search Prep, Boston College Philosophy Department, Summer 2020-Spring 2021

Coursework:***Phenomenology:***

PHIL557601: Existentialism, Peter Kreeft. (Fall 2016)

PHIL560001: Intro to Phenomenology, Andrea Staiti (Spring 2017)

PHIL554901: Selected Readings in Phenomenology, Dermot Moran (Fall 2018)

PHIL774201: Narrative & Interpretation, Richard Kearney (Fall 2018)

PHIL770501: Levinas & Derrida, Jeffery Bloechl (Fall 2018)

PHIL780101: Phenomenology of Husserl and Heidegger, Dermot Moran (Spring 2019)

Thomistic Philosophy:

PHIL887101: Aquinas: *Summa Theologiae*, Peter Kreeft (Fall 2016)

PHIL883001: Nature in Thomas Aquinas, Eileen Sweeney (Fall 2017)

PHIL774501: MacIntyre and Lonergan, Patrick Byrne (Spring 2018)

Philosophy of Religion:

PHIL661501: Religion and Religious Commitment, Daniel McKaughan. (Spring 2018)

PHIL720001: Philosophy and Mysticism, Jeffery Bloechl (Spring 2019)

History of Philosophy:

PHIL584601: Plato's *Republic*, Deborah DeChiara-Quenzer (Fall 2016)

PHIL552901: Metaphysics, Gary Gurtler (Spring 2017)

PHIL771601: Kant's First Critique, Marius Stan (Spring 2017)

PHIL559301: Philosophy of Science, Patrick Byrne (Fall 2017)

PHIL621001: Democracy, Economy and Inequality, Patrick Byrne (Spring 2019)

Language:

GERM106101: Intensive Reading/German (Summer 2018)

Goethe Institute, German Summer Intensive, A1.1 (Summer 2019)

Goethe Institute, German Fall Extensive, A1.2 (Fall 2019)

GERM105101: Intermediate German II (Spring 2020)

Audited Classes: (Classical Chinese Philosophy):

PHIL446801: Asian Philosophy, David Johnson. Informally audited (Fall 2017)

THEO/PHIL538901: Buddhist Ethics Ancient and Modern, John Makransky. Informally Audited (Spring 2020)

THEO/PHIL400301: Confucianism, David Mozina. Informally Audited (Spring 2020)

Job Experience (including Academic Appointments):

Technical Assistant Level II, University of Rochester Medical Center, Spring 2013-Spring 2016

Description: Part time undergraduate student position. Work involved data review and input for large volume multi-center clinical trials, auditing electronic databases, assembling biospecimen collection kits, mail pick up and sorting, copying, filing, correspondence, other research related tasks as needed such as reviewing approaching large multi-center clinical trials for potential data collection problems. Used Microsoft Access.

Data Control Clerk Level II, University of Rochester Medical Center, Summer 2016, Summer 2017

Description: Time as reported position after graduation (full time over Summer 2016 and Summer 2017). Work involved data review and input for large volume multi-center clinical trials, auditing electronic databases, and reviewing approaching large multi-center clinical trials for potential data collection problems. Used Microsoft Access.

Research Assistant, Boston College Philosophy Department, Fall 2016-Summer 2017

Description: Basic clerical work, photo-copying articles, book chapters, or class materials for professors; retrieval of library materials; reviewing, editing, and proofreading articles under review for publication or conferences. Assistantship is standard part of Philosophy PhD program for first year students at Boston College.

Teaching Fellow, Boston College Philosophy Department, Fall 2017-Spring 2020

Description: Teaching a section of a core undergraduate class Philosophy of the Person I (Fall) and II (Spring). Work involves preparing class materials, syllabus, and class discussions/lectures; conducting office hours; and preparing, proctoring and grading paper assignments and tests. Use CANVAS to create and manage a course page. Fellowship involves two years in the Teaching Seminar program in the first and second year of PhD study, and is a standard part of the Philosophy PhD program for second, third, and fourth year students at Boston College.

Graduate Technical Consultant, Boston College ITS, Summer 2018-Spring 2020.

Description: Assist IT Technical Consultants to provide software technical support for faculty and staff in a particular area. Job involves explaining technical issues to non-technical users; supporting software such as: MSOffice for Windows, Google Drive and Gmail; and assisting faculty and staff with email, printer, mobile and network connectivity. Job also includes assisting the Technology Consultants with support documentation and other administrative duties.

Professional Memberships:

American Catholic Philosophical Association
North American Early Phenomenology Circle

References:

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Patrick Byrne
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Josef Seifert
Professor of Philosophy,
Director of the Dietrich von Hildebrand Institute of Philosophy
and Realist Phenomenology Research at the Gustav Siewerth Academy,
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