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AOS: Social & Political Philosophy; Continental Philosophy

AOC: Ethics; Philosophy of Religion; Aesthetics; Logic

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Boston College *Passed with Distinction* 2024

Dissertation: “Hermeneutics of the *Polis*: Arendt and Gadamer on the Political World”

Director: John Sallis

M.A. in Philosophy, Boston College 2019

B.A. in Philosophy, History, Wheaton College *Cum Laude* 2013

APPOINTMENTS

Boston College, Philosophy Department, Adjunct Professor 2024-present

Boston University, Philosophy Department, Lecturer 2024-2025

PUBLICATIONS

Articles (Peer-Reviewed):

“Publicity as Hermeneutical Accessibility: An Arendtian Account.” *Hannah Arendt.net: Zeitschrift für politisches Denken*. Under review

“Arendt’s Phenomenology of Political Forgiveness.” *Philosophical Forum*, Vol. 54 (3), 105-119. 2023

“‘No One Was As Great As Abraham’: Exemplarity and the Failure of Hermeneutical Refiguration in *Fear and Trembling*.” *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*, Vol. 28 (1), 3-27. 2023

“Levinas and the Political Problem of Original Peace.” *Continental Philosophy Review*, Vol. 54 (3), 319-330. 2021

Articles (Invited):

“Entanglement as Responsibility: Decolonizing Human Rights in *Choose Your Bearing*.” *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 54 (1), 171-179. 2025

“Continuity and Tension in the Spatial and Temporal Horizons of Liturgy: A Response to Christina M. Gschwandtner.” *Crossing: The INPR Journal*, Vol. 2, 117-121. 2021

Book Reviews:

Review of *The Nicene Option: An Incarnational Phenomenology* by James K. A. Smith *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 4 (1), 95-96. 2021

Review of *Nietzsche Versus Paul* by Abed Azzam 2020
New Nietzsche Studies, Vol. 11 (1/2), 157-158. 2020.

Other Publications:

“Rick Rubin, Kant, and the Tasteful Genius” 2026
Teaching and Learning Video Series, Blog of the APA.
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2026/01/21/rick-rubin-kant-and-the-tasteful-genius/>

“Meaning and the Duplicity of Nature” 2025
Amor Mundi Newsletter, The Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities.
<https://medium.com/quote-of-the-week/meaning-and-the-duplicity-of-nature-a12333e4a187>

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award for Graduate Teaching 2022

Doctoral Fellowship, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy 2020-2022

Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation Grant 2020

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks:

“Broken Promises: Arendt and the Antipolitics of Liberation” 2025
Central Connecticut State University. May 5.

Conference Presentations:

“Common Validities: Authenticity and Alienation in Gadamer’s Social Ontology” 2026
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Meeting. November 19-21.

“Social Ontology and Transcendental Hermeneutics in Gadamer and Arendt” 2025
New England Society for Continental Philosophy Fall Meeting. November 22.

“A Public Without Publicness: Clarifying Arendt’s Divergence from Heidegger” 2023
Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participants Conference. July 8-9.

“The Breakdown of Tradition: Arendt’s Hermeneutics of Judgment and Prejudice” 2022
North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Annual Meeting. September 22-24.

“The Question of World in the Phenomenology of Religious Practice” Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium. February 25-26.	2022
“Faith and Hermeneutical Refiguration in <i>Fear and Trembling</i> ” International Network in Philosophy of Religion Seminar. January 10-14.	2022
“Isolation, Conspiracy, and the Privation of Narrative Meaning” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 20-23.	2021
“Political Forgiveness in Arendt” Clough Center Graduate Workshop. March 9.	2021
“Finding a Place for Paul in Foucault’s Genealogy of Christian Subjectivity” Foucault Circle Annual Meeting. April 5-7.	2019
“Venerable Father Abraham: Horror and Admiration in <i>Fear and Trembling</i> ” “Death, Decay, and Disgust” DePaul University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. January 25-26.	2019
“In Good Faith: Gadamer, Derrida, and the Dialogue with the Other” “Philosophy and Religion” Gonzaga University Graduate Student Conference. April 20- 22.	2018
Conference Organizing & Participation:	
Organizer & Panel Moderator, New England Society for Continental Philosophy (NЕСP) Workshop Fairfield University. April 16.	2026
Panel Moderator, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Annual Meeting Texas A&M University. September 18-20.	2025
Organizer & Chair, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium Boston College. October 20-21.	2023
Organizer & Panel Moderator, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium Fordham University. February 25-26.	2022
Panel Moderator, “God and the Human Person” Graduate Conference Boston College. March 25-26.	2022
Organizer, “Hosting Earth” Guestbook Project Conference Boston College. April 22.	2022
Organizer & Chair, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium Virtual. February 25-27.	2021
Organizer, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium Fordham University. October 12.	2019

Organizer & Co-Chair, “Philosophy and the Ethics of Re-interpretation” Boston College Graduate Student Conference Boston College. April 12-13.	2019
Organizer & Chair, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium Boston College. February 28.	2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston College:

Philosophy of the Person I (PHIL 1070)

Fall 2020; Fall 2021; Fall 2023; Summer 2024; Fall 2024; Fall 2025

Philosophy of the Person II (PHIL 1071)

Spring 2021; Spring 2022; Spring 2024; Summer 2024; Spring 2025; Spring 2026

Person and Social Responsibility I (PHIL/THEO 1088)

Fall 2025

Person and Social Responsibility II (PHIL/THEO 1089)

Spring 2026

Perspectives on Western Culture I (PHIL/THEO 1090)

Fall 2026

Logic (PHIL 2264)

Fall 2023; Spring 2024; Fall 2024; Spring 2025

Boston University:

Philosophy and the Arts (PH 259)

Fall 2024

Symbolic Logic (PH 360/633)

Spring 2025

Northeastern University (As TA):

Introduction to Economic Injustice (PHIL 1160)

Fall 2021; Spring 2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Profession:

Executive Committee, New England Society for Continental Philosophy	2025-present
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Book Review Editor, <i>Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion</i>	2023-present
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Director of Media & Advisory Board Member, Guestbook Project 2020-2026

Judge, 2026 Bioethics Bowl 2026
Northeastern University. April 11.

Director, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium 2019-2023

Peer Referee: Ad hoc

Southern Journal of Philosophy
Journal for Social Philosophy
Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications
Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture
Philosophies
Religions

Service to the Department:

Panelist & Group Leader, “Dissertation & Job Search” Workshop (BC Philosophy Department) 2025
Boston College. October 24.

President, Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Association 2021-2023

Panelist, “Ph.D. Application Panel” (BC Philosophy Department) 2022
Boston College. October 17.

Organizer, Faculty/Ph.D. Student Retreat (BC Philosophy Department) 2021
Bellarmine House. October 23.

Treasurer, Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Association 2020-2021

Service to the University:

Panelist, “Experiences of Boston College Teaching Fellows” (Office of Graduate Student Life) 2022
Boston College. August 26.

Panelist, “New Faculty Orientation Student Panel” (Office of the Provost) 2021
Boston College. August 19.

Panelist, “Experiences of Boston College Teaching Fellows” (Office of Graduate Student Life) 2020
Boston College. August 21.

Panelist, “MCAS Returning Student Panel” (Office of Graduate Student Life) 2019
Boston College. August 22.

Professional Development:

Participant, Collegium Phaenomenologicum (“Cosmology and Cosmopolitanism”) Citta di Castello, Italy. July 10-28.	2023
Participant, International Network in Philosophy of Religion Retreat Cornwall, NY. January 10-14.	2022
Participant, Apprenticeship in College Teaching (ACT) Program, Boston College Center for Teaching Excellence	2021-2022

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)
North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH)
New England Society for Continental Philosophy (NЕСP)
International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR)

REFERENCES

John Sallis *Doctoral Advisor **

Frederick J. Adelman S.J. Professor of Philosophy
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* A posthumous confidential letter of recommendation from Professor John Sallis, written in Fall 2024, is available upon request.