

Lydia W. Barry

Curriculum vitae
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Area of Specialization: Ancient Philosophy (especially Plato, rhetoric, and the philosophy of ancient literature)

Areas of Competence: History of Philosophy (especially Ethics and Political Philosophy), Feminist Philosophies, Continental Philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

August 2023 – present, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Gannon University, Erie, PA
August 2025 – present, Program Director

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy 2023

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Dissertation: *A Lacuna in the Self: Foresight & Forgetting in Plato's Protagoras*

Committee: Marina McCoy (director), Robert Bartlett, Drew Hyland, Gregory Fried

M.A. in Philosophy (interim) 2019

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
with distinction

B.A. in Liberal Arts 2015

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2025 “Flesh by Now Old Age: Sapphic Hymns to Mortal Beauty,” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 30, 1: 91–109. <https://doi.org/10.5840/epoche2025731271>
Special Issue: Ancient Philosophy Society; invited submission.
- 2024 “Finding the Means: Socrates in Dialogue with Simonides,” *Review of Metaphysics*, vol. 78, 1: 3–29. <https://doi.org/10.1353/rvm.2024.a936569>
Winner of the 2023 *Review of Metaphysics* Dissertation Essay Contest.
- 2024 “Ἀπορία in Action: Human Nature in Protagoras' Great Myth,” *Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 44, 1: 33–58. <https://doi.org/10.5840/ancientphil20244413>
- 2021 “The Common Origins of Philosophical and Political Power in Plato's *Gorgias*,” in *Plato Journal: The Journal of the International Plato Society*, vol. 21: 7–19.
https://doi.org/10.14195/2183-4105_21_1 (published under the name Lydia Winn)

Book Chapters

- 2026 “Commentary on O’Brien,” in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 41. Accepted for Publication. Forthcoming Fall 2026.
- 2026 “Longing and Ἀπορία: Seeking Platonic Self-Knowledge,” in *The Play of Philosophy: Thinking with Drew Hyland*, eds. Lydia W. Barry and S. Montgomery Ewegen. *Studies in Contemporary Phenomenology*, vol. 29, pp. 20–34. Leiden: Brill. ISBN: 978-90-04-75128-6. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004751293_004

Edited Volumes

- 2026 *The Play of Philosophy: Thinking with Drew Hyland*, eds. Lydia W. Barry and S. Montgomery Ewegen, *Studies in Contemporary Phenomenology*, vol. 29. Leiden: Brill. ISBN: 978-90-04-75128-6. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004751293_004

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY & PEDAGOGY

- 2025 “Sarah Silverman’s *I Love You, America* and ‘World-Traveling’” American Philosophical Association Teaching and Learning Video Series. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2025/10/15/sarah-silvermans-i-love-you-america-and-world-traveling/>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. *Twin Rivalry: Philosophy and Sophistry in Plato’s Protagoras* (book proposal complete, manuscript in preparation for submission to Cambridge University Press)
2. “Is the Greatest Evil One or Many? Plato on Human Ruin” *The Past and Future of Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Anthem Publishing (invited contribution, article in preparation)

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- 2026–2027 Scholarly Release Award, competitive faculty research release (3 credits), Gannon University
- 2025–2026 Scholarly Release Award, competitive faculty research release (3 credits), Gannon University
- 2025 Barker Institute Global Engagement Award, competitive faculty grant for participation in Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Gannon University
- 2024 *Review of Metaphysics* Dissertation Essay Contest for dissertations defended in 2023
- 2022–2023 Dissertation Fellowship, Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College
- 2022 Dean of Summer Session Teaching Fellowship, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College
- 2022 Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College
- 2022 Departmental Distinction (Philosophy Doctoral Comprehensive Exam), Boston College
- 2021 Departmental Distinction (Dissertation Prospectus Defense), Boston College
- 2020 Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College
- 2020 Endowed Martin Family Fellowship for service to the university and local community, Boston College
- 2020 Ernest Fortin Memorial Grant for summer language study and translation project, Boston College

- 2018 Departmental Distinction (Philosophy Preliminary Qualification Exam), Boston College
- 2017–2022 Presidential Fellowship, Boston College

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

**juried paper *juried abstract

Invited Talks

- 2026 “Our Epimethean Condition: Reading Plato’s *Protagoras*.” Text Seminar at Utah Valley University, Orem, UT, April 7.
- 2026 “Developing the Negative: Thinking with Michelangelo Antonioni & Drew Hyland.” Film Screening & Panel. Trinity College, Hartford, CT, March 23.
- 2022 “Seeking the Aporetic Soul of Philosophy,” Drew Hyland Archive Launch, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, October 28.

Papers Presented

- 2025 “‘Flesh by Now Old Age’: Sapphic Hymns to Mortal Beauty.” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, April 24–26.**
- 2025 “‘Flesh by Now Old Age’: Sapphic Hymns to Mortal Beauty.” History of Philosophy Society Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, UT, March 28–29.**
- 2023 “Freedom’s Emergence: Anxiety & Self-Knowledge in Kant.” *Collegium Phaenomenologicum* Participants’ Conference. Città di Castello, Italy, July 10–28.
- 2023 “Forgetting & Foresight: The Twin Nature of Humankind in Plato’s *Protagoras*,” History of Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, TN, April 28–29.**
- 2022 “A *Lacuna* in the Self,” in “Graduate Student Dissertation Panel,” zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society, April 28.
- 2022 “Action’s Poetic Nature: Reading Hannah Arendt’s *Human Condition* in Light of Aristotle’s *Poetics*,” Hannah Arendt Circle Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 16–18.*
- 2021 “Philosophy, Misanthropy, and Misology: Socrates’ Recourse to *Logoi* as *Pharmakon* for Soul-Blindness,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, held remotely.*
- 2021 “Double-Blindness of the Soul: On the ‘Mixed Nature’ of the Ascent to the Good,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, held remotely, June 10–12.**
- 2021 “Forgetfulness and the Dissolving Self in Plato’s *Protagoras*,” History of Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, held remotely, May 1–2.**
- 2019 “Common Origins: Philosophical and Political Power in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Newport News, VA, November 16–17.*

Commentaries

- 2025 Comment on Carl S. O’Brien’s “The Range and Interrelation of the Platonic Forms,” Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Boston, MA, October 2.
- 2024 Comment on Joel Bock’s “Aristotle on *Schole* as the End of Politics,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada, April 4–6.
- 2022 Comment on Erica Holberg’s “Aristotle on the Goodness of Anger,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, University Park, PA, April 7–9.
- 2021 Comment on “Plato and Aristotle on the *Polis* and *Xenia*,” zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society, held remotely.

2019 Comment on Pieta Päälysaho's "Metamorphoses of Shamed Bodies: Reading Euripides' *Helen* with Giorgio Agamben," Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT, April 25–28.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GANNON UNIVERSITY, Assistant Professor

Ancient Philosophy, intermediate core
2 sections of 30 students (Fall 2026, Fall 2024)

Ancient Philosophy: Plato's *Republic*, advanced independent study
1 student (Fall 2024)

Feminist Philosophies, intermediate core
1 section of 30 students (Fall 2025)
**contributes to Gannon's Gender Studies Minor*

Women in Philosophy, intermediate core
2 sections of 30 students (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
**contributes to Gannon's Gender Studies Minor*

Honors Women in Philosophy, honors seminar
1 section of 5 students (Spring 2025)
**contributes to Gannon's Gender Studies Minor*

Honors Philosophy of Ethical Responsibility, honors seminar
1 section of 10 students (Spring 2026)

Philosophy and the Good Life, introductory core
18 sections of ~30 students (Fall 2023–present)

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY-DUBAI, Visiting Lecturer

Foundations of Moral Philosophy, introductory elective
4 sections of 30 students (Spring 2023)

BOSTON COLLEGE, Teaching Fellow

Philosophy of the Person I: Ancient & Medieval, introductory core
1 section of 30 students (Summer 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018)

Philosophy of the Person II: Modern & Contemporary, introductory core
1 section of 30 students (Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Leadership Positions

2025– History of Philosophy Society, Executive Committee Member

Conference Service

- 2026 Moderator, HOPS panel and one single-paper session, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Chicago, IL, November 19–21. (upcoming)
- 2026 Moderator, Panel on “Epicureanism,” The Buried Library: Herculaneum Papyri Conference, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT. April 7–10.
- 2025 Moderator, Panel on “Socratic Love and Labor,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, held remotely, October.
- 2025 Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Leader of one-week text seminar on Hesiod, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Plato for graduate students in continental philosophy. Topic: Greek Antiquity Now? *Genos, Bios, Nekros*. Città di Castello, Italy, July 7–11.
- 2024 Moderator, Panel on Claudia Baracchi’s *Friendship: the Future of an Ancient Gift*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester, NY, September.
- 2023 Moderator & Organizing Committee Member, “Graduate Student Panel,” zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society, September.
- 2018 Assistant to the Conference Organizer and Moderator for Jason Yonover’s “Hegel and the Right to Have Done Wrong: Tragedy and the World-Historical Individual,” Hegel Society for America annual meeting, Chestnut Hill, MA, October.

Editorial Service

- 2026 Referee for SUNY Press
- 2025 Referee for *Southwest Philosophy Review*
- 2024–25 Referee for *Religions*
- 2024 Referee for *Epoché: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy*
- 2023 Referee for Rowman & Littlefield: Lexington Books
- 2018–21 Editorial Assistant for the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy Proceedings
- 2017–18 Editorial Assistant for “Faith,” Philpapers.org

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Gannon University

Leadership Positions:

- 2025– Philosophy Program Director
- 2025 Philosophy & Theology Search Committee Chair, Department of Philosophy & Theology

Committee Service:

- 2026– Program Director Representative, College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences Academic Affairs Committee
- 2024–25 College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences Speaker Series Planning Committee
- 2024 Theology Search Committee Member, Department of Philosophy & Theology
- 2023–25 Philosophy Program Steering Committee, Department of Philosophy & Theology

Other University Service:

- 2026 Co-Organizer, “Does Political Freedom Limit Freedom of Mind,” Abraham (Brom) Anderson, Annual Illig Memorial Lecture, January 29.
- 2025– Peer Classroom Observer
- 2024– Marketing Liaison & Social Media Manager, Department of Philosophy & Theology
- 2025 Faculty Judge, Full-Tuition Scholarship Contest, Admissions Office, February
- 2025 Co-Organizer, “Assets for the Poor,” Jim Bailey, Annual Illig Memorial Lecture, January 30.
- 2024 Co-Organizer, Women’s EmPOWERment Event, March 15.
- 2024 Faculty Judge, Full-Tuition Scholarship Contest, Admissions Office
- 2024 Co-Presenter, “Gadfly Bytes: Technology & AI in the Classroom,” Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Expo, January.

Boston College

- Est. 2019 Co-Founder, “History of PhilosophHERS Series,” (co-organizer 2019–2022)
PhilosophHERS is an annual series of workshops and presentations dedicated to celebrating the contribution women have made to the history of philosophy.
Sessions co-organized: Hypatia and Other Neoplatonists, Theresa of Avila, Christine de Pizan, Gloria Anzaldua, Emilie du Châtelet, Edith Stein
- 2021 Invited Panelist, “Selecting Your Dissertation Topic,” Philosophy PhD Student-Faculty Retreat
- 2021 Invited Panelist, “PhD in Philosophy Application Seminar for MA Students”
- 2017–22 Philosophy Graduate Student Association Representative
President, 2019–2021
Secretary, 2017–2019
- 2020 Organizer, Greek Reading Workshop on Plato’s *Protagoras*
- 2020 Supervising Coordinator, Prospective Philosophy PhD Student Visit Weekend
- 2019 Organizer, Philosophy PhD Student-Faculty Retreat
- 2018 Invited Panelist, “Applying to Graduate School in Philosophy for MA Students”
- 2018 Graduate Student Orientation Guide, Office of Graduate Student Affairs
- 2018 Coordinator, Prospective Philosophy PhD Student Visit Weekend

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITIES

- Mental Health Challenges in College Students Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, 2026
- Blackboard Ultra: Gradebook & Assessments Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, 2024
- Transitioning to Blackboard Ultra Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, 2024
- American Association of University Women Salary Negotiation Workshop Leader Training, 2024
- Blackboard Basics Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, 2023
- Collegium Phaenomenologicum* participant, Città di Castello, Italy, 2023
Collegium Topic: Cosmology & Cosmopolitanism
Director: Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M
- Apprenticeship in College Teaching, Boston College Center for Teaching Excellence, 2018–2023
- Professionalization Seminar, Boston College Philosophy Department 2018–2023
- Writing & Publishing Seminar, Boston College Philosophy Department, 2017–2023

Adaptable Blended Instruction Workshop Series, Boston College Center for Teaching Excellence,
2020

Formally trained in teaching technologies including Canvas LMS, Google Suite, Perusall, Poll Everywhere, and Zoom

Research & Scholarship Integrity Program, Boston College, 2017– 2019

Teaching Seminar (6 credit hours), Boston College Philosophy Department, 2017–2019

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (full research command)

Latin (reading competency)

German (reading competency)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Ancient Philosophy Society

History of Philosophy Society

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

REFERENCES

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