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Profile:

I am a Philosophy PhD graduate researcher who successfully submitted and defended a thesis investigating the discourses concerning the human, its limits and their (possible) surpassing in the West from a historical perspective using Foucault's archaeological method, with a specific emphasis on Transhumanism and Posthumanism. I am also passionate about sharing the insights derived from my research and have a keen interest in the pedagogical aspect of teaching more generally. The background I have delivering tutorials and lectures for the departments of philosophy at Maynooth University and Dublin City University, as well as a postgraduate teaching assistant and research mentor has helped me develop this sensibility for imparting knowledge and fostering the development of reflective and critical skills.

Education:

Ph.D in Philosophy <i>Maynooth University, Ireland</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i>	2021–2026
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Thesis title: 'From the Human to the Posthuman: A Foucauldian Archaeological Investigation of the Discourses Regarding the Human and its Surpassing from Greco-Roman Antiquity to Transhumanism and Posthumanism'

Thesis supervisors: Prof. Michael Dunne (previously Prof. Philipp Roseman), internal, and Prof. Orazio Irrera (Université Paris 8), external

Thesis defence jury: Prof. Roisín Higgins (Maynooth University, Department of History), chairperson, Dr Cyril McDonnell (Maynooth University, Department of Philosophy), internal examiner and Prof. Monika Michałowska (Medical University of Łódź), external examiner

Taught Master in Philosophy (first-class honours) <i>Maynooth University, Ireland</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i>	2018–2019
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Thesis title: ‘The Invention of Man: An Assessment of Foucault’s analysis of the Human Sciences in *The Order of Things*’

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Philipp Rosemann

Bachelor in Sociology

2014–2017

Université Lumière Lyon II, France

UFR Anthropologie, Sociologie et Science politique

Baccalauréat (French equivalent of the Leaving Certificate)

June 2014

Lycée Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle, Lyon, France

Employment History:

F&E (Facilities and Events) team member

September 2025–present

September 2025–present

Maynooth University Library, Ireland

Academic Writing and Skills Tutor

September 2024–present

Maynooth University, Ireland,

Academic Skills Development

Student Records & Registration temporary staff

September 2022 and 2025

Maynooth University, Ireland

Examinations invigilator, reader and scribe

January–May 2025

Maynooth University, Ireland

Occasional tutor and lecturer,

2021–2025

Maynooth University, Ireland

Department of Philosophy

-Delivering tutorials for four different undergraduate modules:

‘Introduction to Philosophy’ (PH155/156), ‘Introduction to Ethics’ (PH154/157), ‘From Modernism to Postmodernism’ (PH355) and ‘Philosophy of Religion in the Modern Age’ (PH354).

-Overseeing the entirety of the third-year student module ‘From Modernism to Postmodernism’ (including the reading and teaching material, lectures, tutorials and assignments) during the second semester of the academic year 2022–2023

-Managing the teaching and assessment load through the online platform ‘Moodle’ and the MS Office suit

Key contributor in the co-creation process of the MU GenAI Working Guidelines for students as part of a SATLE (Strategic Alignment of Teaching and Learning Enhancement) funded initiative

August 2024

Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland

Occasional tutor

2022–2023

Dublin City University, Ireland

Department of Philosophy

-Delivering online tutorials and grading assessments for the year-long undergraduate module ‘Philosophy and Religion’ (PH310)

French tutor for primary and secondary school students <i>Maynooth, Ireland</i>	2021–2024
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Online content reviewer for the French market <i>Majorel (client company of Google)</i> <i>Dublin, Ireland</i>	2019–2020
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Additional activities and information:

Awards, Fundings and Grants

MUSE (Maynooth University Student Experience) Platinum award	May 2025
John and Pat Hume doctoral scholarship, Maynooth University	2021–2025
Taught Masters scholarship, Maynooth University	2018–2019

Talks and Events

‘Transhumanism, Posthumanism and the question of the subject: a Foucauldian perspective’, talk delivered at the Michel Foucault’s 100 th Anniversary International Conference, Lisbon, Portugal	June 2026
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‘After Man: a Foucauldian Analysis of Transhumanism and Posthumanism’, talk delivered at the 23 rd annual meeting of the Foucault Circle, Stockholm, Sweden	June 2025
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‘From the ‘end of man’ to the ‘posthuman’: a Foucauldian assessment of (classical) Transhumanism and Posthumanism as contemporary projects of overcoming of the human’, talk delivered at the 1 st ‘Posthuman studies conference’, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania	June 2025
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‘Foucault and the archaeology of Transhumanism’, talk delivered at the XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Università la Sapienza, Rome, Italy	August 2024
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‘After the end of man: a Foucauldian analysis of Transhumanism and Posthumanism as contemporary discourses on the surpassing of the human’, paper presented at the ‘Echoes of Foucault: 40 years after’ conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands	June 2024
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Foucault and the archaeology of Transhumanism’, talk delivered at the 2023 International Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Galway, Ireland	December 2023
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Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy Research event, Research Week 2023, Maynooth University, Ireland (member of the organising committee, and chair of the ‘Relevance of the Humanities’ today session)	May 2023
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‘Is Man a thing of the past?’, talk delivered at the ‘3-Minute Thesis Competition’ (3MT) organised by the Graduate Studies Office, Maynooth University, Ireland October 2022

‘From Kant to Transhumanism: Human nature in (post)modernity’, talk delivered at the 2022 Percy French Festival, Castlecoote, Co. Roscommon, Ireland July 2022

‘L’Homme est-il une chose du passé ? De la nature humaine dans la pensée postmoderne’, talk presented at the ‘Ma Thèse en 180 secondes’ competition organised by The French Embassy in Dublin at University College Dublin, Ireland June 2022

‘Foucault and the Invention of Man’, talk delivered simultaneously at the annual Irish Philosophical Society online seminar series, and the Maynooth Philosophy Department’s Invited Speakers Series February 2022

Publications, peer reviewing and translation works

‘From the “End of Man” to the “Posthuman”: A Foucauldian Assessment of (Classic) Transhumanism and (Critical) Posthumanism as Contemporary Projects of Overcoming the Human’, chapter published in *Philosophies of Transhumanism: Foundational, Original, Classic, and Euro-Transhumanism*, ed. by Aura-Elena Schussler, *Posthuman studies* Vol. 2 (Budapest, Trivent Publishing, 2026), pp. 175–190 September 2026

Peer reviewer for the academic review “Ethika+” (Center for Applied Ethics Studies of the university of Chile) July 2025

‘All you need to know about Transhumanism - and how it might transform our existence’, article published in RTÉ Brainstorm, <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2025/0707/1522281-transhumanism-science-fiction-technology-bryan-johnson/> July 2025

‘From the ‘Death of God’ to the ‘End of Man’: The Trajectory of the Modern Conception of the Human (and its Overcoming), from Kant through Nietzsche and Foucault, to Transhumanism and Posthumanism’, *Maynooth Philosophy Supplement*, Vol. 1 ‘Nietzsche and his Legacy’, pp. 32–54, <https://philarchive.org/archive/GRANAH-2> January 2025

Translation from French to English of the paper ‘Singularity of Gertrude of Helfta’s ‘Memorial’’, presented by Marc Ozilou at the 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University (11-13 May 2023), Kalamazoo, MI, USA 2023

Translation from French to English of the paper ‘The Birth of *Confessions of the Flesh*’, presented by Philippe Chevallier at the Maynooth Philosophy seminar series of 2020-2021, and subsequently published under the title ‘The Birth of *Confessions of the Flesh*: A Journey through the Archives’, *Maynooth Philosophical Papers*, Vol. 11 (2022), pp. 55-73, doi:10.5840/mpp202222416 2021

Volunteer Positions

Member of the editorial board of the *Maynooth Philosophy Supplement* 2024-2026
Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland

Summer Programme for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) Postgraduate mentor June-August 2024
Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland

Postgraduate academic representative for the Department of Philosophy 2022-2024
Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland

Member of committee of the Philosophy Society 2023–2024
Maynooth University, Ireland

Member of committee of the Postgraduate Workers Organization (PWO), Maynooth Branch 2023–2024
Maynooth University, Ireland

Member of committee of the Language Society 2018–2019
Maynooth University, Ireland

Languages, certifications and other skills

Professional Certificate in Teaching and Learning for Tutors and Demonstrators, Maynooth University, Ireland 2022

Fluent speaker of French (native speaker) and English (C1 level), some knowledge of German and Italian (A2 to B1 level)

Good command of software of the Microsoft suit, including Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, Outlook, etc.

Referees contact details:

- Prof. Philipp Rosemann, former Head of Department of Philosophy at Maynooth University and Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies, Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, USA. Email: philipp.rosemann@uky.edu
- Prof. Orazio Irrera, Maître de Conférences at Université Paris 8 - Département de Philosophie. Email: orazio.irrera02@univ-paris8.fr
- Dr Cyril McDonnell, Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Maynooth University, Ireland. Email: cyril.mcdonnell@mu.ie
- Dr Eva Burke, Academic Support Officer, Centre for Teaching and Learning, Maynooth University, Ireland. Email: eva.burke@mu.ie
- Prof. Michael Dunne, Head of Department of Philosophy, Maynooth University, Ireland. Email: michael.dunne@mu.ie
- Dr David O'Brien, Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Maynooth University, Ireland. Email: dave.obrien@mu.ie