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EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario (London, Ontario)

Ph.D. (Philosophy), 2021-Present

Expected October 2025

Thesis Title: *The Force-Based Character of Perceptions of Bodies and Leibniz's Problem of Monadic Aggregation*

Supervisor: Dr. Corey W. Dyck

90% Cumulative GPA in Coursework

Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario)

M.A. (Philosophy), 2020-2021

Thesis: *Infinity in Leibniz's Metaphysics: Substantial Unity and Possibility*

Supervisor: Dr. Jon Miller

3.95 Cumulative GPA in Coursework

Lakehead University (Thunder Bay, Ontario)

H.B.A. (Philosophy), 2016-2020

87% Cumulative GPA

AFFILIATIONS

Rotman Institute of Philosophy (University of Western Ontario)

Resident Member, 2023-2025

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization

17th/18th Century Philosophy, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, History of Western Philosophy

Areas of Concentration

Early Analytic Philosophy, Social & Political Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“Questioning Quine’s Assertion that Mass Terms like ‘Water’ Ill-Fit the Singular/General Dichotomy,” *Filosofia* 67 (2022): 1-21.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

“Forced Perceptions: Leibniz’s Problem of Aggregation,” *Canadian Philosophical Association 2024 Congress*, McGill University, virtual (June 19, 2024).

“Forced Perceptions: Leibniz’s Problem of Aggregation,” *23rd Annual Pitt-CMU Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA (March 12, 2024).

“The Leibnizian Problem of Monadic Aggregation,” *Western Canada Philosophical Association 59th Annual Meeting and Canadian Society for Environmental Philosophy*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC (October 21, 2023).

“Leibniz’s Mereology and the Nature of Body: 2 Kinds of ‘Part’,” *19th Annual Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy Joint Meeting with the Quebec Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Dalhousie University, Halifax NS (July 8 2022).

“Leibniz’s Mereology: What Can a Monad be Understood as if it is not a ‘Part’ of Body?” *Leibniz on Numbers, Mathematics and Physics (Part I)*, McMaster University, virtual (June 17, 2022).

“Bradford’s CCC: The Unexamined Life [with Art] is not Worth Living,” *29th Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, University of Waterloo, virtual (March 3, 2022).

“Bradford’s CCC: The Unexamined Life [with Art] is not Worth Living,” *Western Canada Philosophical Association 57th Annual Meeting and Salish Sea Aesthetics Workshop*, University of Victoria, Victoria BC (November 13, 2021).

Workshop Participation

The Center for Canon Expansion and Change (CCEC), workshop participant (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis MN, June 1-7, 2025). Expanding the early modern philosophy canon by crafting inclusive syllabi and developing pedagogical techniques involving diversity, equity and inclusivity.

Conferences Organized

Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics and Physics, co-organized with LMP conference committee (University of Western Ontario, London, ON, June 14-15, 2024). Roles: reviewer, submission upkeep, reviewer/speaker management.

Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics and Physics, co-organized with LMP conference committee (University of Western Ontario, London, ON, June 11-12, 2022). Roles: submission upkeep, reviewer/speaker management, chairing sessions.

TEACHING AND GRADING EXPERIENCE

Co-Teaching, *PHIL-2202 Early Modern Philosophy*. University of Western Ontario, co-instructor: Dr. Benjamin Hill (Jan 2025-Apr 2025). Grading exams; teaching lectures.

Teaching Assistant, *PHIL-2082 Philosophy of Food*. University of Western Ontario, instructor: Dr. Benjamin Hill (Sept 2024-Dec 2024). Grading essays and exams; teaching weekly tutorials.

Teaching Assistant, *PHIL-1020 Introduction to Philosophy*. University of Western Ontario, instructor: Dr. Dennis Klimchuk (Sept 2023-April 2024). Grading essays and exams – approx. 100 and 50 graded, respectively; teaching weekly tutorials.

Teaching Assistant, *PHIL-1020 Introduction to Philosophy*. University of Western Ontario, instructor: Dr. Dennis Klimchuk (Sept 2022-April 2023). Grading essays and exams – approx. 120 and 60 graded, respectively; teaching weekly tutorials.

Grading Assistant, *PHIL-1111, Intro to Philosophy: Modern Developments*. Lakehead University, instructor: Dr. Todd Dufresne (Winter 2022). Grading exams – approx. 70 graded.

Grading Assistant, *PHIL-1571 Contemporary Moral Issues*. Lakehead University, instructor: Dr. Ryan Tonkens (Winter 2022). Grading essays – approx. 40 graded.

Teaching Assistant, *PHIL-111 What Is Philosophy?* Queen's University, instructor: Dr. Sergio Sismondo (Sept 2020-April 2021). Grading essays – approx. 500 graded; teaching weekly tutorials.

Grading Assistant, *PHIL-1111, Intro to Philosophy: Modern Developments*. Lakehead University, instructor: Dr. Todd Dufresne (Winter 2020). Grading exams – approx. 100 graded.

Grading Assistant, *PHIL-1118, Philosophy of the Occult & Paranormal*. Lakehead University, instructor: Dr. Ryan McInerney (Winter 2019). Grading essays – approx. 80 graded.

Music Teacher, *Coran's Music Education Centre* (Sept 2017-Present). Instruments taught: guitar, bass, voice, music theory. 1300+ lessons taught to 40+ students.

RESEARCH FUNDING AND HONOURS

External Grants

OGS: Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000.00, Sept 2023-Aug 2024)

Title of Project: *Leibniz's Mereology as a Thread Through the Labyrinth of the Continuum*

OGS: Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000.00, Sept 2022-Aug 2023)

Title of Project: *Leibniz's Infinitesimal as Bridging his Metaphysics and Mathematics*

Pre-Doctoral Scholarships

WGRS: Western Graduate Research Scholarship (\$8,000.00, Sept 2021-Aug 2022)
Awarded for high academic achievement upon entering Doctoral studies [University of Western Ontario]

QGS: Queen's Graduate Award (\$8,000.00, Sept 2020-Aug 2021)
Awarded for high academic achievement upon entering Graduate studies [Queen's University]

Awards and Distinctions

2024-25 Conference & Research Travel Award (\$684.58) [University of Western Ontario]
Awarded for CCEC in Minneapolis, MN

2023-24 Conference & Research Travel Award (\$211.16) [University of Western Ontario]
Awarded for Presentation at *PITT CMU* in Pittsburgh, PA

2023-24 Conference & Research Travel Award (\$750.00) [University of Western Ontario]
Awarded for Presentation at *WCPA 59* in Vancouver, BC

2022-23 Conference & Research Travel Award (\$600.00) [University of Western Ontario]
Awarded for Presentation at *ACSEMP 19* in Halifax, NS

2021-22 Conference & Research Travel Award (\$600.00) [University of Western Ontario]
Awarded for Presentation at *WCPA 57* in Victoria, BC

Dean's Scholar Award (Spring 2020) [Lakehead University]
Awarded by Faculty for graduating student with highest GPA in respective program

President's List (2020) [Lakehead University]
Awarded by University for students with cumulative GPA above 90%

Doan, Penelhum, and White Award in Philosophy (\$250.00, December 2019)
Awarded to distinguish graduating philosophy undergraduate student [Lakehead University]

Dean's List (2017-2020) [Lakehead University]
Awarded by University for students with cumulative GPA above 80%

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (External Profession Wide)

Editorial Positions

Assistant Editor, *Locke Studies* periodical (Sept 2021-Sept 2022). Editors: Benjamin Hill [Sept 2021-April 2022]; Peter Anstey and Antonia LoLordo [April-Sept 2022]. Roles: submission management, copyediting to CMoS17.

Research Positions

Assistant Researcher, Lakehead University Philosophy Department (2019-2023). Supervisor: Dr. Todd Dufresne. Research contributions and copyediting for Dufresne's 2026 book on climate change and philosophy, *The Future Belongs to Those Who Fight: Climate Revolution for Beginners*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Internal University)

Service to the Faculty

Undergraduate Representative, *Senate Academic Committee – Quality Assurance* [Lakehead University] (Sept 2019-May 2020). Attending bi-monthly meetings for the introduction of new academic programs.

Service to the Department

Social and Wellness Committee, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association* [University of Western Ontario] (Sept 2024-Aug 2025). Event organization, planning and coordination.

Society of Graduate Students Representative, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association* [University of Western Ontario] (Oct 2021-Sept 2025). Attend monthly SOGS Council and report to PGSA.

Secretary, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association* [University of Western Ontario] (Sept 2021-Aug 2022). Record minutes at PGSA Council meetings.

Society of Graduate and Professional Students Representative, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association* [Queen's University] (Sept 2020-August 2021). Attend monthly SGPS Council and report to PGSA.