

# Kyle J. Barbour

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## SUMMARY

### Areas of Specialisation:

Metaphysics

Epistemology

The British Reception of German Idealism (from Coleridge to Bradley & Bosanquet)

Continental Philosophy (esp. Phenomenology, Hermeneutics, & Pragmatism)

### Areas of Competence:

Ethics

Hist. of Early Modern Phil.

Phil. of Religion (esp. Christian Platonism & Religion/Science Dialogue)

Phil. of Science (esp. Phil. Of Nature/Environment)

Phil. of Law

Phil. of Logic

## LANGUAGES

English: Native Speaker

French: Reading, Writing, Translation

German: Basic Reading, Translation with a Dictionary

## EDUCATION

2019-Present Ph.D. in Philosophy

University of Guelph, Canada

Dissertation: *From Dialectic to Regress: F.H. Bradley's Reformation of the Hegelian System*

Supervisor: Dr. John Hacker-Wright

Committee: Drs. John Russon & Sean J. McGrath

### Précis:

Through reappraising F.H. Bradley's debt to Hegel, this dissertation offers a novel account of Bradley's thought which emphasizes its epistemological, phenomenological, and metaphysical structure, thereby clarifying the overall argument that Bradley makes in favour of his variation of absolute idealism and bolstering the strength of his development of orthodox Hegelianism. Yet, by reading Bradley's work through this Hegelian lens, a dilemma appears: 1) because his philosophy is rooted within fundamentally Hegelian principles, we cannot

separate Bradley's work from Hegel's; 2) Bradley does diverge from Hegel's system in ways which mean that his thought is not merely identical with that of Hegel. Against both heads of this dilemma, I conclude that because of the simultaneously affirmative and critical stance that he takes towards Hegel's system, Bradley must be understood as a Neo-Hegelian philosopher. This dissertation concludes that through emphasizing logical rigour, phenomenological examination of the qualitative aspect of immediate experience, and by rendering explicit the conclusions necessitated by Hegel's principles which are merely implicit within Hegel's own writings, F.H. Bradley's philosophy offers an improved version of Hegel's system.

- 2019 M.A. in Philosophy  
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada  
Thesis: *The Experience of the Absolute: A Defence of F.H. Bradley's Philosophy of Experience Against William James' Criticisms*  
Supervisor: Dr. Sean J. McGrath  
Readers: Drs. Suma Rajiva & Shannon Hoff
- 2018 B.A. (Double Major) in Philosophy and English Literature  
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada
- 2017 B.Sc. in Biology  
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming "The Hegelian Heritage of Bradley's Degrees of Truth and Reality" in *Idealistic Studies*, iss. 53, vol. 3, (2023).  
Manuscript word count: 6540.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Under Review

Under Review "F.H. Bradley's Feeling as Hegelian Phenomenology"  
Submitted to *Hegel Bulletin*. Manuscript word count: 9948.

Under Review "Hegel's Transcendent Absolute"  
Submitted to *Heythrop Journal*. Manuscript word count: 7438.

### Journal Articles in Progress

"Marion's Paradox: On the Unknowability of Saturated Phenomena"  
To be submitted to *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, (Work in Progress).  
Manuscript word count: 5124

"A Revelation that Cannot Reveal: A Hegelian Critique of Jean-Luc Marion's Phenomenology"

To be submitted to the *Journal For Continental Philosophy of Religion*, (Work in Progress).

Manuscript word count: 5736.

“Knowledge and the Question of Immediacy: Re-examining the F.H. Bradley/William James Dialogue”

To be submitted to *Idealistic Studies*, (Work in Progress).

Manuscript word count: 14,457.

“Does Nature Appear? A Case Study in Heidegger and the Limits of Phenomenology”

To be submitted to *Symposium: Canadian Journal for Continental Philosophy*, (Work in Progress).

Manuscript word count: 8007.

“The Constitutive Role of Judgment in F.H. Bradley’s Hegelian Phenomenology & Metaphysics”

To be submitted to the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, (Work in Progress).

Manuscript word count: 14,269.

### Conference Presentations

\* indicates peer-reviewed

- 2024        \*“The Dialectical Gift of Forgiveness: Guilt as Ontological Modulation of Personhood” at *2024 Great Lakes Philosophy Conference: Blame and Forgiveness*, Siena Heights University, Online.
- 2023        \*“Personhood & the Ontology of Artificial Intelligence: An Application of Gödel’s Incompleteness Theorems and Hegelian Phenomenology” at *Radical Impossibilities: Theology, Religion, AI*, Queen’s College, Faculty of Theology, Newfoundland.
- 2023        \*“A Revelation that Cannot Reveal: A Hegelian Critique of Jean-Luc Marion’s Phenomenology of Revelation” at *Phenomenology and Revelation*, Fordham University, New York.
- 2023        \*“Does Nature Appear? On the Possibility of a Heideggerian Phenomenology of Nature” at the *4th MUN Philosophy Graduate Conference: Nature, Body, and Feminism*, Memorial University, Newfoundland.
- 2022        \*“The Limits Imposed by Relation: God & the Absolute in F.H. Bradley, Gregory of Nyssa, and Meister Eckhart” at *God and the Unconditional*, Villanova University, Pennsylvania (presented online).

- 2020 “Synthesising Hegel and Schleiermacher’s Accounts of the Dependence of Consciousness and its Significance for the Phenomenology of Religion” at *2020 Atlantic Region Philosophers Association Conference*, held online due to COVID-19.
- 2020 \* “The Ethical Imperative of Animal Hermeneutics” at *Critical Reflections: A Conference on the Environment and Nature*, Windsor, Ontario (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 \* “Constructing the Sublime: Kant and the Experience of the Sublime in Architecture” at the 2020 meeting of the *Canadian Society for Aesthetics*, London, Ontario (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 \* “Whitehead, Bradley, and the Lingering Threat of Subject-Predicate Logic” at the *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division 2020 Meeting: Society for the Study of Process Philosophy Session*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2018 “F.H. Bradley’s Critique of the Thing-in-Itself” at the *Philosophy Graduate Seminar Conference*, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Newfoundland.

### **Guest Lectures & Presentations**

- 2021 Presentation to the Memorial University Heidegger Reading Group on *Being and Time* Sections 74-77.
- 2021 Presentation to the University of Guelph Philosophy Department Graduate Seminar on submitting to and presenting at academic conferences.
- 2018 Lecture on Dr. John Russon’s *Human Experience* for Philosophy 1002 class taught by Dr. Shannon Hoff.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Primary Instructor**

- 2022 Philosophy 2120: *Ethics*  
Responsible for developing the syllabus, lectures, and assignments for the course as well as grading all assignments for 40 students.

### **Teaching Assistantship**

- 2023 Philosophy 2030: Death  
Instructor: Sanja Dejanovic, **Trent University**
- 2023 Philosophy 3040: Philosophy of Law

Instructor: Peter Eardley, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for grading assignments for about 75 students, responding to student inquiries, and meeting with students as required.

- 2023 Philosophy 2120: *Ethics*  
Instructor: Dr. Sujaya Dhanvantari, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for grading about 60 final exams.
- 2023 Philosophy 2100: *Critical Thinking*  
Instructor: Dr. Mark McCullagh, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for grading assignments for about 90 students and responding to student inquiries.
- 2022 Philosophy 3040: Philosophy of Law  
Instructor: Peter Eardley, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for grading assignments for about 75 students (150 midterms), responding to student inquiries, and meeting with students as required.
- 2021 Philosophy 2100: *Critical Thinking*  
Instructor: Dr. Yussif Yakubu, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for grading assignments for about 90 students and responding to student inquiries.
- 2021 Philosophy 2150: *Philosophy of Law*  
Instructor: Dr. Byron Stoyles, **Trent University**  
Responsible for grading assignments for about 50 students.
- 2021 Philosophy 3230: *Theories of Justice*  
Instructor: Dr. John Hacker-Wright, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for grading all assignments for about 45 students, responding to student inquiries, and taking part in classroom discussions.
- 2020 Philosophy 3040: *Philosophy of Law*  
Instructor: Dr. Peter Eardley, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for grading assignments for 50 students, responding to student inquiries, meeting with students, and monitoring the online discussion forum.
- 2020 Philosophy 2070: *Philosophy of the Environment*  
Instructor: Dr. John Ferguson, **University of Guelph**  
Responsible for teaching seminars to 40 students, holding regular office hours, building weekly lesson plans, scheduling presentations, and grading evaluations. Due to COVID-19, I was also responsible for teaching weekly online seminars and I organised and led an online review session covering all course material.
- 2019 Philosophy 1000: *Classic Thinkers*  
Instructor: Dr. John Russon, **University of Guelph**

Responsible for teaching seminars to 40 students, holding regular office hours, building weekly lesson plans, grading evaluations, and hosting a final review.

- 2019      Philosophy 1011: *Critical Reading and Writing in Ethics*  
Instructor: Dr. Aaron O'Brien, **Memorial University of Newfoundland**  
Assisted in grading exams and assignments.
- 2018      Philosophy 1002: *Intro to Philosophy*  
Instructor: Dr. Shannon Hoff, **Memorial University of Newfoundland**  
Assisted in grading exams and assignments.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2019-2023      University of Guelph Graduate Tuition Scholarship (approx. \$32,000)
- 2019-2023      University of Guelph Graduate Scholarship (approx. \$28,000)
- 2023      University of Guelph College of Arts Graduate Travel, Research, and Creation Fund for "A Revelation that Cannot Reveal: A Hegelian Critique of Jean-Luc Marion's Saturated Phenomena" (approx. \$700)
- 2022      University of Guelph College of Arts Graduate Travel, Research, and Creation Fund for "The Limits Imposed by Relation: The Problem of God and the Absolute in F.H. Bradley" (Declined due to presenting online)
- 2019      University of Guelph Philosophy Department Graduate Travel Fund for "Whitehead, Bradley, and the Lingering Threat of Subject-Predicate Logic" (approx. \$300)
- 2019      University of Guelph College of Arts Graduate Travel, Research, and Creation Fund for "Whitehead, Bradley, and the Lingering Threat of Subject-Predicate Logic" (approx. \$800)
- 2019      University of Guelph Philosophy Scholarship (Declined due to receiving larger scholarship)
- 2018      MUN School of Graduate Studies Fellowship (approx. \$8000).

## **SERVICE**

### **Editorial Work**

- 2021      Special Edition English Language Editor for the topical edition of *Open Philosophy*, "Philosophy and Sonic Research: Thinking with Sounds and Rhythms"
- 2020- 2022      Language Editor for De Gruyter's *Open Philosophy*

## **Other Activity**

- 2021-Present Member of the Memorial University Heidegger Reading Group
- 2019- Present Administrator of the Atlantic Region Philosophers Association Facebook page
- 2019- 2020 Executive Assistant of the University of Guelph Philosophy Graduate Student Association
- 2019 Volunteer at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy*: “Feminism and Food” at the University of Guelph

## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

### **Memorial University of Newfoundland**

- Phil 6013 *Contemporary Philosophy*  
Art & Phenomenology in Derrida, Merleau-Ponty, Dewey
- Phil 6014 *Metaphysics*  
Proclus’ *Elements of Theology*
- Phil 6102 *Current Issues*  
Heidegger’s *Being and Time*
- Phil 6044 *Special Topics*  
Kant’s *Critique of Judgment*
- Phil 6045 *Special Topics*  
Political Theology and Environmental Ethics

### **University of Guelph**

- Phil 6230 *Ethics*  
Aristotle and Marx
- Phil 6930 *Theories of Justice*  
Rawls, Nussbaum, Sen
- Phil 6900 *Reading Course*  
Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*
- Phil 6940 *Selected Topics II*  
Political Philosophy of Habermas, Hegel, and Kant
- Phil 6340 *Modern Philosophy*  
Science and Religion in Early Modernity

Phil 6900      *Reading Course*  
Moral Psychology and Ethics in Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae* Prima Secundae

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. John Hacker-Wright  
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Dr. Sean McGrath  
Institution: Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Relationship: MA Supervisor & PhD Committee Member  
Email: [sjoseph.mcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:sjoseph.mcgrath@gmail.com)

Dr. Peter Eardley  
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