

Steve Hernandez

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AOS: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Philosophy of AI
AOC: Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Art

Education

In progress **CUNY Graduate Center**
PhD, philosophy
Dissertation: *Conversation Styles*
Committee: Daniel Harris (chair), Elisabeth Camp, Andy Egan, Kristin Andrews, Muhammad Ali Khalidi

2020 **Rutgers, New Brunswick**
BA, philosophy, *summa cum laude*
Honors Thesis: Meaning and Value in Good-Bad Art (highest honors)

Publications

[“Nonliteral Speech as Committing to the Bit,”](#) *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming)

In Progress

“AI, Autism, and Conversational Alignment” (under review)
“Conversation Styles” (under review)
“Accept This Paper” (w/ Andy Egan)
“Art Should Be Fun”

Fellowships and Awards

2025-2026 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship, \$52,000
2025 CUNY Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Summer Fellowship \$4,000
2024 City College Humanities & Arts Teaching Award, \$1,500
2024 AAPT Seminar on Teaching and Learning Travel Grant \$300
2023, 2025 CUNY Doctoral Student Research Grant, \$1,771
2022-2026 CUNY Conference Travel Grant, \$1200
2020 Rutgers Jacob Cooper Logic Prize, \$400

Talks

“Autism and Conversation Styles”
- April 2026, UConn Graduate Philosophy Conference
- February 2026, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
- January 2026, APA Eastern Work in Progress Workshop
- May 2025, Rutgers/Columbia/CUNY Non-Paradigmatic Pragmatics Workshop

“Nonliteral Speech as Committing to the Bit”

- November 2025, Uppsala Foundations of Common Ground Workshop
- April 2025, West Chester Graduate Philosophy Conference

“Bad Stuff Can be Fun; Art Should be Too”

- November 2024, McMaster Graduate Conference
- April 2023, City College of New York Pizza Forum (invited)

“Rational Communication and Hoping for the Impossible”

- November 2023, SUNY Binghamton Graduate Conference
- April 2023, USC-UCLA Graduate Conference
- February 2023, Mark Shapiro Graduate Conference (could not attend)

Teaching

(All as lead instructor at City College of New York)

- 2022-25 Intro to Philosophy ([syllabus](#))
- 2023 Philosophy & Science Fiction ([syllabus](#))
- 2024 Environmental Ethics ([syllabus](#))
- 2024 Philosophy of Language ([syllabus](#))
- 2025 Logical Reasoning ([syllabus](#))

Service

- 2025-2027 CUNY Philosophy Student Steering Committee, alternate member
- 2023-24 Corrupt the Youth NYC director (2024), assistant director (2023)
Volunteer organization teaching philosophy to inner city high schoolers
Oversaw lesson planning, organized orientations and volunteers
- 2023 - 2025 NYC Mind & Language Reading Group co-organizer
- 2022-24 CUNY philosophy colloquium committee member
- 2022-24 CUNY philosophy elections committee member
- 2022 Feminism in Crisis? Philosophical Interventions conference organizer

References

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