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**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:** Continental Philosophy

**AREAS OF COMPETANCY:** Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Literature; Social and Political Philosophy

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Philosophy** Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 2024  
Dissertation: “Hermeneutics of the *Mitwelt*: The Concept of the Political World in Arendt and Gadamer” (**Defense scheduled for March 15, 2024**)

**M.A. in Philosophy** Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 2019

**B.A. in Philosophy, History** Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

“No One Was As Great As Abraham’: Exemplarity and the Failure of Hermeneutical Refiguration in *Fear and Trembling*” 2023  
*Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*, Vol. 28 (1), 3-27. 2023.  
DOI: 10.1515/kierke-2023-0002

“Arendt’s Phenomenology of Political Forgiveness” 2023  
*Philosophical Forum*, Vol. 54 (3), 105-119. 2023.  
DOI: 10.1111/phil.12336

“Continuity and Tension in the Spatial and Temporal Horizons of Liturgy: A Response to Christina M. Gschwandtner” 2021  
*Crossing: The INPR Journal*, Vol. 2, 117-121. 2021.  
DOI: 10.21428/8766eb43.0523e094

“Levinas and the Political Problem of Original Peace” 2021  
*Continental Philosophy Review*, Vol. 54 (3), 319-330. 2021.  
DOI: 10.1007/s11007-021-09536-x

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *The Nicene Option: An Incarnational Phenomenology* by James K. A. Smith 2022  
*Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 4 (1), 95-96. 2022.  
DOI: 10.1163/25889613-bja10020

Review of *Nietzsche Versus Paul* by Abed Azzam 2020  
*New Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 11 (1/2), 157-158. 2020.  
DOI: 10.5840/newnietzsche2019/2020111/216

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“A Public Without Publicness: Clarifying Arendt’s Divergence from Heidegger” 2023  
Presented at Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participants Conference  
Città di Castello, Italy

<p>“The Breakdown of Tradition: Arendt’s Hermeneutics of Judgment and Prejudice” Presented at the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH), University of Dallas, Dallas, TX</p>	2022
<p>“The Question of World in the Phenomenology of Religious Practice” Presented at Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (NEPRC) , Fordham University, New York, NY</p>	2022
<p>“Faith and Hermeneutical Refiguration in Fear and Trembling” Presented at International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR) Seminar , Cornwall, NY</p>	2022
<p>“Isolation, Conspiracy, and the Privation of Narrative Meaning” Presented at American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX</p>	2021
<p>“Political Forgiveness in Arendt” Presented at Clough Center Graduate Workshop, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA</p>	2021
<p>“Finding a Place for Paul in Foucault’s Genealogy of Christian Subjectivity” Presented at Foucault Circle Annual Meeting, Stonehill College, Easton, MA</p>	2019
<p>“Venerable Father Abraham: Horror and Admiration in <i>Fear and Trembling</i>” Presented at DePaul Philosophy Graduate Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, IL</p>	2019
<p>“In Good Faith: Gadamer, Derrida, and the Dialogue with the Other” Presented at Gonzaga University Graduate Student Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA</p>	2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Boston College

Philosophy of the Person I (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023)  
Instructor of Record

Philosophy of the Person II (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024)  
Instructor of Record

Logic (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)  
Instructor of Record

### Northeastern University

Introduction to Economic Justice (Fall 2021; Spring 2022)  
Teaching Assistant

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award for Graduate Teaching	2022
Doctoral Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy	2020 - 2022
Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation Grant	2020

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT

### Service to the Profession:

Book Review Editor, *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion* 2023 - present  
Editors-in-Chief: John Panteleimon Manoussakis, Brian Becker, Matthew Clemente

Director of Media, Guestbook Project 2020 - present  
Co-directors: Richard Kearney, Sheila Gallagher

Founder/Organizer, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (NEPRC) 2019 - present

### Service to the University:

President, Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Organization (GSA) 2021 - 2023

Assistant Organizer, Guestbook Project Conference (“Hosting Earth”) 2022.  
Boston College. April 22-23, 2022.

Treasurer, Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Organization (GSA) 2020 - 2021

Panelist, “Experiences of Boston College Teaching Fellows” 2022  
Boston College Graduate Student Teaching Conference, August 26, 2022.

Panelist, “Boston College New Faculty Orientation Student Panel” 2021  
Office of the Vice Provost for Faculties, Boston College. August 19, 2021.

Organizer, Boston College Graduate Philosophy Conference (“Philosophy and the Ethics  
of Re-interpretation”) 2019  
Boston College, April 12-13.

### Professional Development:

Participant, Collegium Phaenomenologicum (“Cosmology and Cosmopolitanism”) 2023  
Citta di Castello, Italy. July 10-28, 2023.

Participant, International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR) Retreat 2022  
Cornwall, NY. January 10-14, 2022.

Participant, Apprenticeship in College Teaching (ACT) Program, Boston College Center  
for Teaching Excellence (CTE) 2021 - 2022

## MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Continental and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)  
American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH)  
International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR)  
Søren Kierkegaard Society

## LANGUAGES

English: Native language  
German: Research proficiency (reading)  
Latin: Research proficiency (reading)

## REFERENCES

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