

# NICHOLAS DUNN

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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2022 – present Klemens von Klemperer Postdoctoral Fellow (Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities) & Visiting Assistant Professor (Department of Philosophy, Department of Politics, & Bard Prison Initiative) / Bard College
- 2021 – 2022 Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy / McGill University
- 2020 – 2022 Academic Programs Officer, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies / McGill University

## EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Philosophy / McGill University  
Dissertation: “What is Orientation in Judgment?: an essay on Kant’s theory of *Urteilkraft*”  
 Committee: Emily Carson, George di Giovanni, Keren Gorodeisky, William Clare Roberts, G. Anthony Bruno, Daniel Weinstock, Christopher Howard
- 2015 M.A., Philosophy / Simon Fraser University
- 2011 B.A., Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) / King’s College

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Kant; Ethics; Political Philosophy; Early Modern Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Environmental Ethics; Feminist Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming* “Preparing the Particular: Kant on Imagination and Judgment,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*
- 2024 “Kant on Judgment and Feeling.” *Kant-Studien* 115(1): 46-70. [10.1515/kant-2024-2004](https://doi.org/10.1515/kant-2024-2004).
- 2023 “Reflections of Reason: Kant on Practical Judgement.” *Kantian Review*: 1-22. [10.1017/S1369415423000328](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415423000328).
- 2021 “Subsuming ‘Determining’ under ‘Reflecting’: Kant’s Power of Judgment, Reconsidered,” *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, 1-27. [10.1080/0020174X.2021.1986291](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2021.1986291).
- 2020 “Kant and the Demands of Normativity: Response to Harbin,” in *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 59:4 (December): 613-619. [10.1017/s001221732000030x](https://doi.org/10.1017/s001221732000030x).
- 2020 “Plurality and the Potential for Agreement: Arendt, Kant, and the ‘Way of Thinking’ of the World Citizen,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, volume 27, issue 2: 244-257. [10.1111/1467-8675.12449](https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8675.12449).
- 2015 “A Lawful Freedom: Kant’s Practical Refutation of Noumenal Chance,” *Kant Studies Online*: 149-177. <https://kantstudiesonline.net>

## VOLUME CHAPTERS

- 2024 “Kant on Moral Feeling and Practical Judgment.” In *Rethinking Kant: Volume 7*, ed. Edgar Valdez (Cambridge Scholars Publishing): 72-96.

## EDITED VOLUMES

*Forthcoming* Hannah Arendt's *Lectures on Kant's Political Philosophy* [volume editor] (under contract with De Gruyter). Part of 'Works of Philosophy and Their Reception' series.

## BOOK REVIEWS

2020 Review of Courtney D. Fugate (ed.), *Kant's Lectures on Metaphysics: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge University Press, 2019. In *Kantian Review* 25:1 (March 2020): 153-158.

2018 Review of Lara Denis and Oliver Sensen (eds.), *Kant's Lectures on Ethics: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge University Press. In *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 57:4 (December 2018): 940-942.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

## PAPERS

*Under Review* "Preparing the Particular: Arendt on Imagination and Judgment"

*Under Review* "Act-Types and Act-Tokens: or, the Distinction between Practical Reason and Practical Judgment"

*Draft* Paper on clinical judgment / philosophy of medicine [co-authored]

*Draft* Paper on indigenous knowledge, epistemic injustice, and climate change

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2023 Walter de Gruyter Foundation (10,000 Euro): Project funding for workshop on Arendt's Kant Lectures

2021 Raymond Klibansky Prize in Philosophy (\$2200 CAD): Best doctoral thesis in the history of philosophy

2020 Graduate Certificate in Teaching Philosophy (McGill University)

2020 Graduate Student Essay Prize (Department of Philosophy, McGill University)

2019 Marcus Herz Prize, *Shortlisted* (\$200 USD) / Best graduate student essay, North American Kant Society (Midwest Study Group)

2018 Mobility Award (\$3,400 CAD): The Hannah Arendt Archives, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

2017 Reverend Domenico Roberto Gualtieri Prize (\$2,000 CAD): for academic excellence and service to the university community

2015-2020 Doctoral Fellowship, Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique (GRIPP) (\$7,000 CAD per year)

2015-2020 Doctoral Fellowship, Research Group on Constitutional Studies (RGCS)

## PRESENTATIONS (\* = REFEREED; \*\*INVITED)

2024\* "Hidden Art, Special Talent: Kant on Imagination and Judgment"

2024\* University of Valencia, 'Kant, then and now: on the tricentenary of his birth,' October

2024\* University of Bonn, 'Kant's Project of Enlightenment: 14<sup>th</sup> International Kant Congress,' September

2024\* Canadian Philosophical Association annual meeting, June

2022\* Loyola University, North American Kant Society (Midwest Study Group), October

2022\*\* Bard College, The Philosophy Salon, November

2024\*\* TBD, University of St. Andrews, 'Kant Reading Party: Kant and Arendt,' August

2024 "On Types and Tokens: Practical Reason and Practical Judgment in Kant"

2024 The Romanian Academy, 'Kant 300,' April

2023\*\* Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, 'Kant and the Norms of Action: A Reevaluation of the Synthetic A Priori,' July

- 2023 "Preparing the Particular: Arendt on Imagination and Judgment"  
Bard College Berlin, 'Judgment, Imagination, and Politics: Arendt in Berlin,' July
- 2023\*\* "Judging Eichmann: Reflections on Arendt's Kant,"  
The University at Buffalo, 'Eichmann in Jerusalem at Sixty' Panel,  
54<sup>th</sup> Northeast Modern Languages Association (NeMLA), March
- 2022\* 'What, for Kant, is a Practical Judgment?: Reason, Reflection, Feeling'  
V-NAKS Panel: Kant on Practical Judgment, September
- 2022\*\* "Reflections of Reason: Kant on Practical Judgment"  
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Philosophy, February
- 2022\* UNC Wilmington, North American Kant Society (Southern Study Group), April
- 2022\* Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, On Kant's Legacy, June
- 2021\* "Subsuming 'Determining' Under 'Reflecting': Kant's Power of Judgment, Reconsidered"  
American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division Meeting), April
- 2019\* DePaul University, North American Kant Society (Midwest Study Group), October
- 2019\* University of Bristol, UK Kant Society, August
- 2019\* "From Kantian Pluralism to Arendtian Plurality: Thinking and Judging as a World Citizen"  
Wuhan University, Wuhan Kant Conference, June
- 2019\* The University of British Columbia, Canadian Philosophical Association, June
- 2018\* Paderborn University, Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists,  
Hannah Arendt: Challenges of Plurality, December
- 2018 GRIPP fellows workshop, McGill University, November
- 2018\* "Kant on Intuitive Priority and the Givenness of Intuition"  
Université du Québec à Montréal, Canadian Philosophical Association, June
- 2017\* "Imaginative Necessity: Kant and Arendt on Cognition and Judgment"  
University of Regina, Western Canadian Philosophical Association, October
- 2017\* The Carl von Ossietzky University, Arendt and Critical Theory Today, July
- 2016\* "'The God Does Not Lie': Faith and Reason in Socratic Epistemology"  
McMaster University, Canadian Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, October
- 2015\* "A Lawful Freedom: Kant's Practical Refutation of Noumenal Chance"  
Keele University, UK Kant Society Annual Conference, September
- COMMENTARIES (SELECTED)
- 2024\*\* Jens Timmermann, *Kant's Will at the Crossroads: An Essay on the Failings of Practical Rationality* (OUP 2022), Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy, KU Leuven, February
- 2020 Christian List, "Group Agency and Artificial Intelligence"  
GRIPP Research Workshop, January
- 2019 Eric Shoemaker, "The Democratic Character of Sortition"  
Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, June
- 2018 Thomas Land, "The Importance of Faculty Psychology for Kant"  
Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, June

- 2017 Samantha Wesch, "Drinking Dutifully: Consumption of Alcohol and Duties to Self in Kant's Ethics," Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Regina, October
- 2015 Anna Wilks, "The Possibility of Intrinsic Teleology in Kant: From Blumenbach to Varela" Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Ottawa, May

## TEACHING

### BARD COLLEGE

#### SOLE INSTRUCTOR

- 2024 PHIL 207 Philosophy of Love (Spring) – Bard Prison Initiative [BPI]
- 2023 GS 512 Environmental Global Justice (Fall) – NYC campus (M.A. in Global Studies program)
- PHIL 256 Environmental Ethics (Fall) – Annandale campus
- WRIT 101 Language and Thinking [L&T] (Summer) – Annandale campus
- PHIL 156 Perceiving, Imagining, Feeling (Spring) – Annandale campus
- PHIL 247 Perceiving, Imagining, Feeling (Spring) – Bard Prison Initiative [BPI]
- 2022 POLI 284 Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy (Fall) – Annandale campus

### MCGILL UNIVERSITY

#### SOLE INSTRUCTOR (\* = ONLINE)

- 2021 PHIL 499 Kant on Imagination: Tutorial (Fall-Winter)
- 2021 \*PHIL 497 Kant on Practical Judgment: Topics in the History of Philosophy (Summer)
- 2021 \*ENVR 203 Knowledge, Ethics, and Environment (Winter)
- 2020 \*POLI 366 Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy: Topics in Political Theory (Summer)
- 2018 PHIL 237 Contemporary Moral Issues: Environmental Ethics (Summer)

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2020 PHIL 334: Ethical Theory (C. Howard, Winter)
- 2019 PHIL 200: Introduction to Philosophy (E. Carson, Fall)
- 2019 PHIL 237: Contemporary Moral Issues (N. Hamm, Summer)
- 2019 PHIL 237: Contemporary Moral Issues (M. Orlandi, Winter)
- 2018 PHIL 343: Biomedical Ethics (I. Hirose, Fall)
- 2018 PHIL 343: Ethical Theory (S. Stroud, Winter)
- 2017 PHIL 237: Contemporary Moral Issues (K. Voigt, Winter)
- 2016 PHIL 200: Introduction to Philosophy (O. Magal, Fall)
- 2015 PHIL 210: Introduction to Deductive Logic (M. Hallett, Fall)

#### GUEST LECTURES

- 2023 'Between Feeling and Reason: Disagreement in Aesthetics and Politics,' BPI (Spring)
- 2023 'The Beautiful and the Sublime,' in Eco-Cinema (Fall)
- 2019 'Space, Time, and Freedom,' in Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Fall)
- 2019 'What is Freedom?: Hannah Arendt's Political Existentialism,' in Existentialism (Summer)
- 2019 'Young's Politics of Difference,' in Contemporary Moral Issues (Summer)
- 2019 'Biocentrism: Taylor's Respect for Nature,' in Environmental Philosophy (Summer)
- 2019 'Should We Trust Official Theories?' in Contemporary Moral Issues (Winter)
- 2018 'Reflective Judgment in the *Critique of Pure Reason*,' in 18th Century Philosophy (Fall)

### SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2015 PHIL 120W: Introduction to Moral Philosophy (D. Heide, Spring)
- 2014 PHIL 100W: Knowledge and Reality (J. McIntosh, Fall)

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 2014 PHIL 144: Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (H. Andersen, Spring)  
 2013 PHIL 100W: Knowledge and Reality (L. Shapiro, Fall)  
 2013 PHIL 120W: Introduction to Moral Philosophy (D. Heide, Spring)  
 2012 PHIL 100W: Knowledge and Reality (J. McIntosh, Fall)

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### *CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANIZING*

- 2024 Carol Gilligan, *In A Human Voice* [book talk], Bard College, March  
 2024 'Between Power and Authority: Arendt on Constitutionalism and the Courts,' Bard College, March  
 2023 'Judgment, Imagination, and Politics: Arendt in Berlin,' Bard College Berlin, July  
 2023 'The Reception of Arendt's Kant Lectures,' Bard College, June  
 2023 'Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy: On the Desirability of Speaking with Others,' Bard College, March

#### *RESEARCH ASSISTANT*

- 2017 Angela Campbell, Provost's Task Force on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education  
 2016 William Clare Roberts, *Marx's Inferno: The Political Theory of Capital* (Princeton UP)  
 2015 Emily Carson, Sensibility and Understanding in Kant's Critical Philosophy  
 2013 Lisa Shapiro, Emotions and Sense Perception in Early Modern Philosophy

#### *SUMMER SCHOOLS*

- 2020 4th Immanuel Kant Baltic International Summer School, August  
 2016 Spinoza and German Idealism, University of Toronto, May

### **GRADUATE COURSEWORK (SELECTED)**

#### *HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY*

Sensibility and Understanding in Kant's Theoretical Philosophy (E. Carson); Kant's *Critique of the Power of Judgment* (E. Carson); Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (E. Carson); Empiricist Critiques of Kant: Hume and Reid (D. Heide); 19th Century Philosophy (G. Di Giovanni); Theories of Perception in Descartes and Malebranche (L. Shapiro); Leibniz and Locke (P. Hanson); Spinoza's Early Writings (H. Sharp)

#### *ETHICS / SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY*

Feminist Metaphysics: Sex and Gender (N. Stoljar); Feminist Theory and Methods (H. Sharp); Autonomy: Historical and Contemporary Accounts (M. Deslauriers & N. Stoljar); Desire and Agency (O. Ware); Freedom and Morality: Kantian and Neo-Kantian Approaches (E. Tiffany); Political Theory (A. Laywine)

#### *PEDAGOGY*

Teaching Philosophy (I. Gold); Teaching Reflection & Practice (I. Gold)

### **SERVICE**

#### *PROFESSIONAL*

- 2023-present Section Editor, PhilPapers: '[Hannah Arendt](#)'  
 2023-present Coordinator, [De Gruyter Arendt Lecture in Political Thinking](#)  
 2018-present Refereeing: [publishers] Edinburgh University Press; Bloomsbury/ [journals] *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*; *Constellations: an International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*; *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*; *Estetika: The European Journal of Aesthetics*;

*Kantian Review; Southern Journal of Philosophy; Res Philosophica; Revue Ithaque;  
HannahArendt.net*

**SUPERVISION**

Undergraduate Theses/Projects

2021-2022 Matthew Gery (McGill), 'The Fundamental Freedom of Kant's Power of Imagination'

**DEPARTMENTAL**

2018-2020 Program Developer and Coordinator, Graduate Option in Teaching Philosophy

**UNIVERSITY**

2023-2024 Accreditation Assistant, Open Society University Network (OSUN)

2019-2020 Board of Directors (elected), *Yan P. Lin Centre for the Study of Freedom and Global Orders in the Ancient and Modern World*

2016-2019 Senator (elected), *McGill University*  
Representative (elected), Board of Governors' Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR), on the issue of fossil fuel divestment (2018-2019); Steering Committee (2016-2018); Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Charter of Students' Rights (2017); Academic Policy Committee (2016-2017); Nominating Committee (2016-2017)

2016-2017 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (elected), *Post Graduate Students' Society of McGill University (PGSS)*

**LANGUAGES**

English (mother tongue)

German (reading knowledge)

French (intermediate)

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association (APA)

North American Kant Society (NAKS)

Canadian Philosophical Association/L'Association Canadienne de Philosophie (CPA/ACP)

**REFERENCES**

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*Professor of Philosophy*  
*Auburn University*  
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*Charles E. Merriam Distinguished Service Professor*  
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Emily Carson  
*Associate Professor of Philosophy*  
*McGill University*  
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