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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Social and Political Philosophy; Contemporary Continental Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCY: Aesthetics; Philosophy of Religion; Logic

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy Boston College 2024

Dissertation: “Hermeneutics of the *Polis*: Arendt and Gadamer on the Political World”
Committee: John Sallis (advisor); Richard Kearney; Elisa Magri; James Risser

M.A. in Philosophy Boston College 2019

B.A. in Philosophy, History Wheaton College 2013

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

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

“‘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

“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

PUBLICATIONS (INVITED)

“Entanglement as Responsibility: Decolonizing Human Rights in *Choose Your Bearing*” 2025
Millennium: Journal of International Studies. 2025.

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

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *The Nicene Option: An Incarnational Phenomenology* by James K. A. Smith 2021
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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston College (Instructor)

PHIL 2264: Logic

Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

PHIL / THEO 1088: Person and Social Responsibility I

Fall 2025

PHIL / THEO 1089: Person and Social Responsibility II

Spring 2026

PHIL 1070: Philosophy of the Person I

Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

PHIL 1071: Philosophy of the Person II

Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Boston University (Instructor)

PH 360 / 633: Symbolic Logic

Spring 2025

PH 259: Philosophy and the Arts

Fall 2024

Northeastern University (Teaching Assistant)

PHIL 1160: Introduction to Economic Justice

Fall 2021; Spring 2022

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

(*) indicates invited talk

“Social Ontology and Transcendental Hermeneutics in Gadamer and Arendt” Presented at New England Society for Continental Philosophy (NESCP) Fall Meeting	2025
“Broken Promises: Arendt and the Antipolitics of Liberation” * Presented at CCSU Philosophy "Theorizing Liberation" Series	2025
“A Public Without Publicness: Clarifying Arendt’s Divergence from Heidegger” Presented at Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participants Conference	2023
“The Breakdown of Tradition: Arendt’s Hermeneutics of Judgment and Prejudice” Presented at the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH) Annual Meeting	2022

“The Question of World in the Phenomenology of Religious Practice” Presented at Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (NEPRC)	2022
“Faith and Hermeneutical Refiguration in <i>Fear and Trembling</i> ” Presented at International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR) Seminar	2022
“Isolation, Conspiracy, and the Privation of Narrative Meaning” Presented at American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting	2021
“Political Forgiveness in Arendt” Presented at Clough Center Graduate Workshop	2021
“Finding a Place for Paul in Foucault’s Genealogy of Christian Subjectivity” Presented at Foucault Circle Annual Meeting	2019
“Venerable Father Abraham: Horror and Admiration in <i>Fear and Trembling</i> ” Presented at DePaul Philosophy Graduate Conference	2019
“In Good Faith: Gadamer, Derrida, and the Dialogue with the Other” Presented at Gonzaga University Graduate Student Conference	2018

SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT

Service to the Profession:

Journal referee, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*; *Philosophies*; *Religions*

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

Organizing Committee, New England Society for Continental Philosophy (NESCP) 2025 - present

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

Founder/Organizer, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (NEPRC) 2019 - 2024

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

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.

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 2021 - 2022
for Teaching Excellence (CTE)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Continental and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)
North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH)
International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR)
New England Society for Continental Philosophy (NESCP)

REFERENCES

John Sallis *Doctoral Advisor* *

Frederick J. Adelman S.J. Professor of Philosophy
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James Risser

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Richard Kearney

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* A posthumous confidential letter of recommendation from Professor John Sallis, written in Fall 2024, is available upon request.