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## AREAS OF INTEREST

Anarchist Political Theory (Esp. Max Stirner and anarchist thought), 20th Cent. French Philosophy (Esp. Gilles Deleuze), Phenomenology of Mind, Philosophy of Disability (Esp. issues of Neurodivergence/ADHD). Additional areas of interest: Kant and Post-Kantianism, Psychoanalysis (Freud, Lacan)

Preliminary research plan: I intend to put the ontological insights of Max Stirner's egoism in contact with the thought of Gilles Deleuze and Heideggerian phenomenology in order to explore the ontology of uniqueness.

## EDUCATION

M.A Philosophy, Duquesne University, (expected May 2024)  
B.A Philosophy, University of Texas at Dallas, 2022  
Honors Thesis: "Stirner's Unique: The (W)hole that is Ontology"  
Honors Thesis Advisors: Drs. Katherine Davies and Lawrence Amato

## PUBLICATIONS

"In the Margins of One's Own Life: A New Theory of Masking ADHD," special issue in *New Research in the History of Western Philosophy* (accepted for submission)  
"Laughter as a Critical Tool for Liberation," in *Acta Cogitata* 9 (Fall 2021)

## PRESENTATIONS

"Against Property: Max Stirner and the Problem of Relations," The Association for Philosophy and Literature, June 2024 (event postponed to 2025)  
"In the Margins of One's Own Life: A New Theory of Masking ADHD," Duquesne Graduate Research Symposium, March 2024 (accepted, declined)  
"Politics is Ontology: The Positivity of the Unique," First Annual Max Stirner Symposium, Duquesne University, April 2023  
"Stirner's Unique: The (W)hole that is Ontology," Third Annual University of Texas at Dallas Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 2022  
"Identitarianism in Language: Lacan and Stirner," Greater Philadelphia Philosophical Consortium Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, La Salle University, March 2022  
"The Materialist Psychology of Marx and Nietzsche," Twelfth Annual East Michigan University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, March 2022  
"The Comic Society," Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Siena Heights University, April 2021; Eleventh Annual East Michigan University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, March 2021  
"A New Direction for a Feminist Psychoanalysis: Integrating Phenomenology, Existentialism, and Psychoanalysis," First Annual University of Texas at Dallas Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 2020

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

Gavin R. G. Hambly Scholarship from the University of Texas at Dallas (2021)

## **DUQUESNE M.A. SEMINARS**

Semiotics and Philosophy - Dr. Jay Lampert

Husserl - Dr. Lanei Rodemeyer

Marx & Critical Theory - Dr. James Swindal

Thomas Aquinas: God & Being - Dr. Thérèse Bonin

Spinoza's *Ethics* - Dr. Daniel Selcer

Plato's *Republic* - Dr. Patrick Miller

Epicurean Ethics - Dr. Kelly Arenson

Directed reading on Martin Heidegger - Dr. James Swindal

French for Research 1 - Dr. Richard Agin

French for Research 2 - Dr. Richard Agin

*A Thousand Plateaus* - Dr. Jay Lampert

Topics in Existentialism - Dr. James Swindal

Philosophical Pedagogy seminar - Dr. Kelly Arenson

## **LANGUAGES**

French: Moderate reading proficiency

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Panel Moderator for Graduate Students In Philosophy's Being and Crime conference at Duquesne University (2024)

Founder and Chair of Duquesne University's Disabled Students in Philosophy (DSIP) (2023-2024) Subcommittee of Duquesne University's Graduate Students in Philosophy (GSIP) focused on increasing disability awareness and providing resources for disabled graduate students

Founder and Organizer of the First and Second Annual Max Stirner Symposium at Duquesne University (2023-2024) Duties include securing sponsorships for funding, selecting and inviting presenters, marketing, overseeing and managing a team of two, moderating panels

Organizing Committee Member for Graduate Students In Philosophy's (GSIP) Thinking at the Limits conference at Duquesne University (2023)

Graduate Assistant for Duquesne University's Center for Women's Studies and Gender Studies (2022-2024) Duties include organizing symposia for guest speakers and arranging their honoraria, and providing funding for graduate students' conference expenses

President of the Philosophy Club at the University of Texas at Dallas (2021-2022)

Organizer of the Second and Third Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at the University of Texas at Dallas (2021-2022) Duties include handling all communication with speakers and applicants, advertising CFP, transitioning from an virtual to a hybrid conference modality, managing a team of two, forming and managing the paper review committee

## **REFERENCES**

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