

Curriculum Vitae

Thomas Byrne

Lab Head. [Laboratory for Phenomenological Research](#)
Research Assistant Professor, University of Illinois
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Specialization: Phenomenology. Qualitative Research.

Education

- 2018 Ph.D. KU Leuven. Under Ullrich Melle.
2011 Research Masters. KU Leuven. Under Ullrich Melle.
2009 Masters. KU Leuven. Under Rudolf Bernet.
2008 Bachelors. Wheaton College.

Professional Appointments

- 2023+ Research Assistant Professor. University of Illinois.
2021-2022 Associate Professor (Tenured). Sun Yat-Sen University.
2019-2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow. University of Macau.
2018-2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellow. KU Leuven.

Publications

Edited Volumes

- 2023 [The Right to Resist: Philosophies of Dissent](#). Co-Editor with Mario Wenning.
2019 [Roman Ingarden's Philosophy Reconsidered](#). Special Issue of *Horizon*. Co-Editor with Witold Plotka.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (Not Special Issue, Not Invited)

- 2026 (32) [Recognition in STEM Doctoral Education: A Phenomenology of Student Complaints, Institutional Response, and Lived Conditions](#). *Teaching in Higher Education*. In press.
2026 (31) [The Medical Gaze Reframed: A Phenomenological Investigation of Patient Visibility in Oncology](#). *Health*.
2026 (30) [Max van Manen's Husserl: Phenomenological Grounding and Rhetorical Authority](#). *Forum: Qualitative Social Research*. In press.
2026 (29) [The Phenomenological Reduction in Qualitative Research and Phenomenology: Bytautas and Husserl](#). *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*.

- 2026 (28) [The Risks of Phenomenology in Qualitative Research: Methods and Concepts.](#) *Qualitative Inquiry*.
- 2026 (26) [Clark Moustakas' Counterfeit Husserl.](#) *The Qualitative Report*.
- 2025 (27) [The Lived Experience of Mortality in Cancer Care: A Phenomenologically Grounded Qualitative Study of Being-Towards-Death.](#) *Qualitative Health Research*.
- 2025 (25) [An Introduction to Phenomenology in Qualitative Education Research: A Critical Reading of 'Understanding Things from Within'.](#) *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*.
- 2025 (24) [The Struggle for Identity in Doctoral Supervision: A Phenomenologically Grounded Qualitative Study of Power and Conflict.](#) *Studies in Higher Education*.
- 2025 (23) [Husserl's Analogical Axiological Reason: A Phenomenology of Wish Fulfillment.](#) *European Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2025 (22) [Husserl's Phenomenology of Wishing.](#) *Human Studies*.
- 2025 (21) [Phenomenology is Explanatory: Science and Metaphysics.](#) *European Journal of Philosophy*. With Heath Williams.
- 2024 (20) [The Phenomenology of ChatGPT: A Semiotics.](#) *Journal of Consciousness Studies*.
- 2024 (19) [The Dawn of the Phenomenology of Feelings.](#) *Philosophy Today*.
- 2023 (18) [Husserl's Other Phenomenology of Feelings: Approval, Value, and Correctness.](#) *Husserl Studies*.
- 2023 (17) [The Origin of the Phenomenology of Instincts.](#) *Husserl Studies*.
- 2022 (16) [Husserl's Theory of Scientific Explanation.](#) *Husserl Studies*. With Heath Williams.
- 2022 (15) [Husserl's Semiotics of Gestures.](#) *Studia Phaenomenologica*.
- 2022 (14) [The Origin of the Phenomenology of Attention.](#) *Research in Phenomenology*.
- 2022 (13) [The Origin of the Phenomenology of Feelings.](#) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*.
- 2022 (12) [Husserl on Impersonal Propositions.](#) *Problemos*.
- 2022 (11) [The Meaning of Being: Husserl on Existential Propositions as Predicative Propositions.](#) *Axiomathes*.
- 2021 (10) [Husserl's Theory of Signitive and Empty Intentions in Logical Investigations and its Revisions: Meaning Intentions and Perceptions.](#) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*.
- 2021 (9) [Smashing Husserl's Dark Mirror: Rectifying the Inconsistent Theory of Impossible Meanings and Signitive Substance from the Logical Investigations.](#) *Axiomathes*.
- 2020 (8) [A "Principally Unacceptable" Theory: Husserl's Rejection and Revisions of his Philosophy of Meaning Intentions from the Logical Investigations.](#) *Studia Phaenomenologica*.

- 2020 (7) [Ingarden's Husserl: The 1915 Review of the Second Edition of the Logical Investigations.](#) *Horizon*.
- 2020 (6) [Husserl's 1901 and 1913 Philosophies of Perceptual Occlusion: Signitive, Empty, and Dark Intentions.](#) *Husserl Studies*.
- 2019 (5) [Husserl's Early Genealogy of the Number System.](#) *Meta*.
- 2018 (4) [The Evolution of Husserl's Semiotics: The Logical Investigations and its Revisions.](#) *Bulletin d'Analyse Phenomenologique*.
- 2018 (3) [Husserl's Early Semiotics and Number Signs: Philosophy of Arithmetic through the Lens of "On the Logic of Signs \(Semiotic\)".](#) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*.
- 2017 (2) [Surrogates and Empty Intentions: Husserl's On the Logic of Signs as the Blueprint for the First Logical Investigation.](#) *Husserl Studies*.
- Translated as (German): Die Entwicklung Husserls Semiotik: Zur die Logik der Zeichen als Entwurf für die erste logische Untersuchung. In: *Schriften zu Husserls Phänomenologie*. Ed. Diler Ezgi Tarhan. Transnational Press: Istanbul. 2023
- Translated as (Turkish): Husserl'in Göstergibiliminin Gelişimi: İlk Mantıksal Araştırmannın Taslağı Olarak Göstergeler Mantığına Doğru. In: *Fenomenolojisi Üzerine Yazılar*. Ed. Diler Erzgi Tahran. Transational Press: Istanbul 2023.
- 2017 (1) [The Dawn of Pure Logical Grammar: Husserl's Study of Inauthentic Judgments from "On the Logic of Signs" as the Germ of the Fourth Logical Investigation.](#) *Studia Phaenomenologica*.

Book Chapters

- 2026 A Phenomenological Account of the Alignment Problem with AI. Accepted.
- 2022 [On Dissent against Public Interventions: A Phenomenological Perspective during the Covid-19 Pandemic.](#) With Tarun Kattuma.

Reviews

- 2025 [Witold, Plotka. The Philosophy of Leopold Blaustein.](#) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*. With Fanny Smithing.
- 2020 [Drummond, John and Höffe, Otfried \(Eds.\). Husserl: German Perspectives.](#) *Husserl Studies*.

Other

- 2022 Introduction. In: *The Right to Resist: Philosophies of Dissent*. With Mario Wenning.
- 2019 Introduction. Special Issue of *Horizon*. With Witold Plotka.

Speaking Engagements

Invited Talks

- 2026 An Introduction to Phenomenology for Nurses. University of Illinois Chicago. Chicago, IL, USA. February 6.
- 2025 Counting Civilization: Husserl's History of Humanity through Numbers. Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL, USA. October 24.
- 2025 What is Phenomenology? Chinese University of Hong Kong in Shenzhen. Online. September 22.
- 2025 The Phenomenology of ChatGPT. California Phenomenology Group. Online. March 7.
- 2025 Introduction to Phenomenological Qualitative Research. University of Illinois Chicago. Chicago, IL, USA. January 15.
- 2024 Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings. Husserl workshop. Loyola University Chicago. Chicago IL, USA. Nov 16.
- 2023 What is Phenomenology?. Wheaton College. Wheaton, Illinois. May 11.
- 2023 Husserl: The Origin of the Phenomenology of Feeling. Emotion, What is it or what could it be? Freie Universitat Brussels.
- 2021 How to Lose the Public's Trust: A Phenomenological Analysis of Quarantine Policy during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Moral Roots of Quarantine: East and West. University of Macau, China. Dec 16–17.
- 2021 Home-world and Alien-World. Philosophy of Borders. Society of Fellows in Liberal Arts. Shenzhen, China. Nov. 14.
- 2021 Emotions and Feelings: A Novel Phenomenological Approach. Phenomenology of Emotions Symposium. Zhejiang University. Hangzhou, China. March 15.
- 2020 It: Husserl on Impersonal Expressions". Time, Object, Consciousness in Phenomenology. Pearl River Delta Phenomenology Consortium. Hong Kong via Zoom. September 12.
- 2020 Husserl and the World of Communication: Intersubjectivity as the Condition of Possibility of Language Use. 25th China Phenomenology Annual Conference. Capital University. Beijing, China via Zoom. October. 16–18.
- 2020 What is 'It?': Husserl on Impersonal and Existential Propositions. Murdoch Philosophy Seminars. Murdoch University. Murdoch, Western Australia via Zoom. Sept 24.
- 2020 Can Wishes be Fulfilled? Husserl's Evolving Answer". Human, Person, and Love Lecture Series. Sun Yat-Sen University. Zhuhai, China. Jan 10.
- 2019 Categorical Intuition: A New Way Forward. Catholic Theological College. Melbourne, Australia. Dec 6.
- 2019 The Expression of Meaning in Husserl's Logical Investigations and its Revisions. Annual Forum of Philosophy of Greater China. Beijing, China. December 2–4.
- 2019 Towards a Phenomenological Theory of Feelings and Emotions. Middle Eastern Technical University. Ankara, Turkey March 11.

- 2019 Rethinking Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings and Emotions. University of Budapest. Budapest, Hungary. March 4.
- 2019 Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings Reconsidered. Cardiff University. Cardiff, UK. February 7.
- 2018 Husserl's Phenomenology of Emotions: A New Way Forward. Perspectives on Contemporary Phenomenology Lecture Series. Cardinal Wysznyski University. Warsaw, Poland. March 8.
- 2017 Husserl's Revisions to his Semiotics. Sêmainô Research Group. University of Lille. Lille, France. October 9.

Conference Presentations

- 2026 When the Future Wounds the Present: A Phenomenology of Wishing. SPEP. Chicago, IL, USA. November 19-21.
- 2026 The Intuition of Value: Husserl's Phenomenology of Wishing and Satisfaction. North American Society for Early Phenomenology. Montreal, Canada. November 8.
- 2025 Confronting Mortality: A Phenomenological Study of Mental Health in Advanced-Stage Cancer Patients. Phenomenologies of Mental Health. Lehigh University. Bethlehem, PA, USA. September 19.
- 2025 Husserl on Impersonal Propositions. Husserl Circle. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Athens, Greece. June 23-26.
- 2024 Home-World and Alien-World. Society for Interdisciplinary Phenomenology. Duquesne University. Pittsburg PA, USA. May 20–23.
- 2024 Husserl and Rosmini Commentary. Husserl Circle. Omaha NB, USA. May 21.
- 2022 Husserl's Semiotics Reconsidered: Passivity, Intersubjectivity, and Temporality. Husserl Circle. Catholic University. Washington D.C., USA. June 15–18.
- 2022 Home-World and Alien-World: A Phenomenology of Cultural Borders. Critical Borders: Theories, Experiences, and Narratives of Cultural Mobility. Southern University of Science and Technology. Shenzhen, China. March 10–12.
- 2022 Confronting Conspiracy Theories in the Age of Covid-19. International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories. Pitzer College. Claremont, California. February 3–5.
- 2021 How to Lose the Public's Trust: A Phenomenological Analysis of Quarantine Policy during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Moral Roots of Quarantine: East and West. University of Macau. Macau, China. December 16–17.
- 2021 Ingarden's Husserl. Roman Ingarden in Our Times. Jagiellonian University. Krakow, Poland. July 17–18.
- 2021 Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings Reconsidered. Open Commons of Phenomenology Conference. Thyson, Switzerland. Postponed due to Covid 19.

- 2019 Husserl and Brentano on the Truth of Emotions. Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Continental Philosophy. University of Melbourne. Melbourne, Australia. December 4–6.
- 2019 A Defense of the Semantic Given: Husserl’s Theory of Categorial Intuition Reconsidered. Demystifying the Given. Chinese University of Political Science and Law. Beijing, China. October 18–20.
- 2019 A Prolegomenon to Husserl’s Theory of Feelings and Emotions”. University of Macau. September 25.
- 2019 The Fulfillment of Emotional Intentions: An Exploration of Husserl’s 1909 Manuscript, ‘Is a Wish Fulfilled in Joy?’. Husserl Circle. University of Lisbon. Lisbon, Portugal. May 13–16.
- 2018 Husserl’s Theory of the Truth of Feelings. Traditions and Perspectives of the Phenomenological Movement in Central and Eastern Europe: Phenomenology of Emotions. University of Kaunas. Kaunas, Lithuania. October 17–19.
- 2017 Doxic Intentionality in Logical Investigations and Ideas I. KU Leuven. October 24.
- 2017 Knowledge of Emotions from a Phenomenological Perspective”. European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions. University of Madrid. Madrid, Spain. September 9–13.
- 2017 The Feeling of Beauty: The Role of the Body in Aesthetic Experience”. Traditions and Perspectives of the Phenomenological Movement in Central and Eastern Europe: Phenomenology and Aesthetics. University of Riga. Riga, Latvia. June 20–23.
- 2016 Husserl’s Sixth Logical Investigation and Aristotle: The Truth of Non-Objectifying Acts. Aristotle and Phenomenology: Departures and Returns. KU Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. December 21–23.
- 2016 Feelings ain’t True: Phenomenology and Axiology beyond Husserl. Society for Phenomenological Philosophy: Phenomenology of Space. KU Leuven. Brussels, Belgium. November 18–19.
- 2016 The Truthfulness of Bodily-Feelings. Or the Irrelevance of Neuroscience and Psychology. European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions. University of Athens. Athens, Greece. August 2–4.
- 2016 The Ubiquity of Values. Phenomenology of Emotions. Systematic and Historical Symposium. North American Society for early Phenomenology. NYU. New York, USA. May 3–5.
- 2015 Husserl’s Aristotelianism in the Logical Investigations. The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy. NYU. New York, USA. December 9–11.
- 2015 An anachronistic Conclusion?: Intersubjectivity in Husserl’s Logical Investigations. The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Emory University. Atlanta, USA. August 14–17.

- 2015 Husserl's Hinweistendenz: Expression and Truth". The Husserl Circle. University of Helsinki. Helsinki, Finland. June 14–16.
- 2015 Objectifying and Non-Objectifying Acts" KU Leuven. June 2.
- 2015 Knowledge of Emotional Experience from a Phenomenological Perspective: Meaning and Intimation. The European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions. Edinburgh University. Edinburgh, Scotland. April 26–28.
- 2014 Husserl's Sixth Logical Investigation: Categorical Intuition. KU Leuven. April 2.
- 2014 Sincere and Objective Truth in the Sixth Logical Investigation". The Husserl Circle. Dartmouth. Hanover, USA. May 3–5.

Teaching Experience

University of Illinois

- 2025 Undergraduate. Honors Independent Study. (2X).
- 2025 Undergraduate. Independent Study. (6X).
- 2025 Graduate. Phenomenology. **Excellence in Teaching Award.**
- 2024 Undergraduate. Honors Independent Study.
- 2024 Undergraduate. Independent Study. (5X)
- 2024 Graduate. Existentialism. **Excellence in Teaching Award.**
- 2024 Graduate. Phenomenology. **Excellence in Teaching Award.**
- 2023 Graduate. Existentialism.

Sun Yat-sen University

- 2022 Graduate. Readings in Phenomenology.
- 2022 Graduate. Topics in European Philosophy: Psychoanalysis

University of Macau

- 2019-20 Undergraduate. Philosophy of Film (2X)
- KU Leuven
- 2018-19 Undergraduate. Phenomenology.
- 2019 Undergraduate. Ancient Philosophy
- 2018 Graduate. Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy
- 2018 Undergraduate. Phenomenology.
- 2017 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar.
- 2016 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar.
- 2015 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar
- 2013 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar

2014 Graduate. Contemporary Continental Philosophy: Advanced Course
2014 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar
2014 Undergraduate. Ethics
2014 Undergraduate. Introduction to Ethics
2014 Undergraduate. Philosophical Anthropology
2013 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar

Supervision of Theses

24 Bachelor's Theses

5 Master's Theses

Reviewer for

Husserl Studies; Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology; Qualitative Inquiry; Phenomena; Studia Phaenomenologica; Problemos; Discipline Filosofiche; Qeios; Epoche; Bloomsbury books; Axiomathes; Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences; Mortality; Qualitative Inquiry; Medical Humanities; Journal of Consciousness Studies; International Journal of Qualitative Methods.

Languages

English Native.

German Excellent.