

Jesse Smoot

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EDUCATION

B.A. Duquesne University, Philosophy, 2021-2023

Philosophy Honors Program Thesis:

In Search of Lost Futures: Prolegomena, directed by Dr. Jay Lampert

M.A. Concordia University, Philosophy, 2024-Ongoing

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

19th and 20th-century Continental Philosophy, Phenomenology (particularly Heidegger), Philosophy of Time, and Christian Existentialism (particularly Kierkegaard and Lev Shestov).

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST

20th-century Theology (particularly Marion, J. J. Altizer, Karl Rahner, and John D. Caputo), 20th-century Philosophy of Technology and Cybernetics (particularly Serres and Bernard Stiegler), Environmental Philosophy, Psychoanalysis, American Poetry, and Hermeneutics.

PRESENTATIONS

“A History of the Oedipus Complex Through Desire as Conceptualized by Freud, Lacan, Deleuze, and Guattari” Graceland University Scholars Showcase, 2020.

“The Grand Inquisitor was Right, I Do Just Want Bread: An Analysis of Possibility in Shestov and Heidegger” Upper Midwest Regional Honors Conference, 2021.

“To Suffer Freedom: An Analysis of Possibility in Shestov and Heidegger” University of Texas at Dallas Undergraduate Conference, 2021.

“Making Ghosts of Us All: Lingered Lost Futures in Baudrillard's *After the Orgy*” Undergraduate Philosophy Society at Duquesne Symposium, 2023.

“Destruction and Devastation: The Punctuality of Climate Catastrophe” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, 2026.

THESIS

“In Search of Lost Futures: Prolegomena” *Duquesne University Undergraduate Honors Thesis*, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

“The Making of the Impossible in Kierkegaard’s Movement of Resignation” *Phenomena: Duquesne Undergraduate Philosophy Society*, Vol. 1, 2023.

PHILOSOPHY COURSEWORK

**Indicates a graduate course taken at a cross-listed undergraduate level*

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Lacan, Dr. Tom Eyers*

Heidegger’s *Being and Time*, Dr. Lanei Rodemeyer*

Husserl, Dr. Lanei Rodemeyer*

Semiotics, Dr. Jay Lampert*

Matter and Materiality, Dr. Daniel Selcer*

Late-Heidegger and the *Contributions to Philosophy*, Dr. James Swindal

Marxism and Critical Theory, Dr. James Swindal **

Freud, Dr. David Devonis*

Heidegger Deconstruction & Marx, Dr. Matthias Fritsch **

Mind, Time and Nature, David Morris **

Leibniz, Nabeel Hamid **

Christian Faith in a Postmodern Context, André Gagné **

Radical Democracy, Dr. Matthias Fritsch **

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

TRIO Tutor

at Graceland University: 2019-2021

Writing Center Tutor

at Graceland University: 2019-2021

Duquesne University: 2021-2023

President of the Undergraduate Philosophy Society

at Duquesne University: 2022-2023.

In this organization, I was able to organize and lead discussion of a variety of philosophical topics and the works of various thinkers. Additionally I assisted in the development of the ongoing *Duquesne Undergraduate Philosophy Journal*.

Teaching Assistant

at Graceland University: 2020-2021

World Philosophy

Philosophy of Death and Dying

Duquesne University: 2022-2023

What is Truth?
Concordia University: 2024-Ongoing
Philosophy of Religion
Critical Thinking

REFERENCES

Prof. Jay Lampert	Philosophy, Duquesne University, lampertj@duq.edu
Prof. James Swindal	Philosophy, Duquesne University, swindalj@duq.edu
Prof. Lanei Rodemeyer	Philosophy, Duquesne University, rodemeyer@duq.edu