

# Daniel Mehus

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## EDUCATION

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Université du Luxembourg  
M.A. coursework in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy  
Guillaume Dupaix International Master's Scholar  
Sep 2024 – Dec 2024  
Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg

Vanderbilt University  
**B.S. in Cognitive Studies and Philosophy (Highest Honors in Philosophy)**  
Thesis: *Approaching Issues of Homelessness through Heidegger's Notion of Dwelling*  
Committee: Kelly Oliver, PhD (advisor), Matthew Congdon, PhD (second reader)  
Aug 2016 – May 2019  
Nashville, TN

Haverford College  
John P. Chesick Scholar's Program for First-Generation/Low-Income Students  
Jun 2015 – May 2016  
Haverford, PA

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Primary: Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy; Continental Philosophy (19th-21st century)

Secondary: Secondary Education and Critical Pedagogy; Psychology and Cognition

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Oasis Center  
**College Connection Mentor**  
Aug 2020 – Aug 2024; Jan 2025 – present (returned after study period)  
Nashville, TN

Recreational Equipment, Inc.  
**Customer Service, Sales, and Equipment Specialist**  
Oct 2019 – Jul 2020  
Nashville, TN

Vanderbilt University Museum of Art (formerly VU Fine Arts Gallery)  
**Gallery Attendant**  
Apr 2018 – Aug 2019  
Nashville, TN

Vanderbilt University Outdoor Recreation Center  
**Trip Leader and Equipment Specialist**  
Oct 2016 – May 2019  
Nashville, TN

Haverford College  
**Library Assistant – Quaker and Special Collections**  
Oct 2015 – May 2016  
Haverford, PA

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Nashville Adult Literacy Council  
**ELL Instructor, Volunteer**  
Oct 2025 – present  
Nashville, TN

Oasis Center  
**American College Test (ACT) Preparation Instructor**  
Aug 2023 – Aug 2024; Jan 2025 – present  
Nashville, TN

Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA)  
**Teaching Assistant – Nashville Scholars Academy**

Summer 2015; Summer 2016  
Nashville, TN

## CERTIFICATIONS

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Coursera & Vanderbilt University (2025)

- Agentic AI and AI Agents: A Primer for Leaders
- Generative AI Deep Research: Strategic AI Edge for Leaders
- Generative AI for Kids, Parents, and Teachers
- Innovative Teaching with ChatGPT
- Prompt Engineering for ChatGPT

National Council for Mental Wellbeing  
Mental Health First Aid (through 2027)

Tennessee Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services  
Opioid Overdose Response / Naloxone Administration Training (through 2025)

## SERVICE

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Oasis Center Jun 2022 – Aug 2024; Jan 2025 – present  
**Emergency Youth Shelter – Residential Counselor, PRN** Nashville, TN

Martha O'Bryan Center Aug 2019 – Oct 2019  
**High School Education Specialist – AmeriCorps Volunteer** Nashville, TN

Vanderbilt University Office of Active Citizenship and Service Spring 2017; Fall 2018  
**Service Learning Fellow – *Refugee Resettlement Program* and *Cultivating Roots Program*** Nashville, TN

Haverford College Fall 2015; Spring 2016  
**Volunteer – Street Outreach Program** Nashville, TN

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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Lisa Guenther, PhD  
Professor, Queen's National Scholar in Political Philosophy and Critical Prison Studies  
Queen's University  
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Charles E. Scott, PhD  
Distinguished Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, Research Professor of Philosophy

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## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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