

# LAURA SANTER (she/her)

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## EDUCATION

Boston College  
Masters in Philosophy  
Advisor: Gary Gurtler, S.J.

Boston, MA  
Expected May 2023

Saint Anselm College  
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Minor in Latin  
Advisors: Joseph Spoerl and Kevin Staley  
Summa Cum Laude (GPA. 3.98/4.0)

Manchester, NH  
May 2021

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- ❖ Sexual Ethics
- ❖ Independent Study: *Women in Philosophy*
- ❖ Formal Logic
- ❖ Indian Philosophy
- ❖ Ancient Philosophy
- ❖ Contemporary Philosophy
- ❖ Metaphysics
- ❖ Medieval Great Books
- ❖ Philosophy of Science
- ❖ Philosophy of God
- ❖ Independent Study: Medieval Latin: *Science and Natural Philosophy*
- ❖ Platonic Dialogues
- ❖ How to Save the World: Ethics of Climate Change
- ❖ Philosophy and the Pedagogy of Service
- ❖ Philosophy of Existence (Spring 2022)
- ❖ Hermeneutics of Hospitality (Spring 2022)

## LANGUAGES

- ❖ English  
Native Speaker
- ❖ Latin  
Advanced proficiency, six semesters at St. Anselm College
- ❖ Ancient Greek  
Basic reading proficiency, two semesters at Dan Slușanschi School for Classical and Oriental Languages
- ❖ Spanish  
Basic conversational proficiency

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| Chancellor's Award for Highest GPA  | Class of 2021 |
| Joseph B. MacDonald Award (for the Philosophy student with the highest GPA) | Class of 2021 |
| Saint Anselm Academic Scholarship   | 2018-2021     |
| Albert H. Gordon Summer Research Fellowship                                 | 2020          |
- Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH
- ❖ Produced a paper titled "The Effect of Government Structure on Individual Liberty," which researched the relationship between individual liberties and government structure by identifying the potential weaknesses of decentralization and the often-overlooked advantages of centralization.
  - ❖ Created and conducted surveys which asked self-identified libertarians to explain their relevant political views. Survey results were incorporated into final research paper.

- ❖ Presented research to faculty members from multiple disciplines at a colloquium hosted by the Philosophy Department at Saint Anselm College.
- ❖ Research featured on *Free Talk Live* radio broadcast (Episode: June 28, 2020).

## PRESENTATIONS

### Saint Anselm Conference

Manchester, NH

#### Conference Presenter

April 2021

- ❖ Produced a paper titled “Faith and Reason: Better Together in Anselm’s Arguments for God” for the 2021 Saint Anselm Conference at Saint Anselm College. The paper evaluated the relationship between faith and logic in multiple arguments for the existence of God in Anselm’s *Proslogion* and *Monologion*.
- ❖ Presented research paper to members of faculty, students, and monastic community.

### Saint Vincent College: The Examined Life: An Undergraduate Conference in the Liberal Arts

#### Accepted Conference Presenter

Latrobe, PA 2020

- ❖ Produced a paper titled “A Christian Ethical Perspective on the Suffering of Non-Human Animals,” which was accepted for presentation at Saint Vincent College. The paper identified and criticized the ways in which traditional Christian ethics have excluded non-human animals from proper moral consideration.
- ❖ The conference was cancelled due to concerns about the coronavirus pandemic.

### Saint Anselm College Humanities Institute: “Come Friday” Philosophy Forum

Manchester, NH

#### Invited Speaker

November 2018

- ❖ Selected by a faculty member to research and present on the topic “Does it matter if God exists?”
- ❖ Led group discussion among approx. 35 individuals including faculty and student peers from multiple departments.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Embedded Graduate Assistant for PHIL/THEO1089.10 “Person and Social Responsibility I&II” AY2021-22

- ❖ The PULSE program is a unique service learning course at Boston College which combines the study of philosophy and theology with a 10hr per week service commitment for undergraduate students. Embedded Graduate Assistants function similar to TA’s; roles include leading a weekly discussion section, holding office hours, and providing feedback on assignments.

Apprenticeship in College Teaching

2021-present

Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

#### Secretary

Masters Student Council

Academic Year 2021-22

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### Graduate Assistant

Provost’s Office

Academic Year 2021-22

## OTHER SERVICE

#### Volunteer

Haley House Soup Kitchen, Boston, MA

September 2021-present

#### Volunteer Judge

National High School Ethics Bowl, Manchester, NH

December 2020-present

#### Volunteer

Assorted Animal Rights Campaigns, Boston, MA

May 2019-present

#### Ballot Clerk

2020 General Election, Nashua, NH

November 2020

#### Volunteer Tutor

English for New Americans, Manchester, NH

September 2017- May 2018