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EDUCATION

- 2025 Ph.D. in Philosophy, DePaul University, Chicago.
Dissertation: *The Abyss of Justice: Nietzsche's Psychology and the Problem of the Ideal Life*
Defended with Distinction on October 10, 2025
Committee: Sean D. Kirkland (co-advisor), Elizabeth Millán Brusslan (co-advisor), William McNeill, Daniel Conway (TAMU)
- 2014 M.A., University of Essex, Colchester, UK
Master of Arts in Continental Philosophy, Awarded with Distinction
Thesis: On the relation of *eros* and *logos* in Plato (advisor: David N. McNeill)
- 2013 B.A., University of Essex, Colchester, UK
Philosophy, Awarded with Honours Class I

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Specialization: 19th Century German Philosophy (esp. Hegel and Nietzsche), Ancient Greek Philosophy (esp. Plato and Aristotle), Moral Psychology
- Competence: Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, History of Political Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, 20th Century Continental Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

- “Tyranny, Freedom, and Moral Creativity in Nietzsche’s ‘Middle Period’,” *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 56, no. 2 (Autumn 2025): 216–237. (doi: 10.5325/jnietstud.56.2.0216)
- “Discovering Archetypes: Goethe and the Poetry of Natural History,” *Studii de Istorie a Filosofiei Universale*, vol. 32 (2024): 81–93. (doi: 10.59277/SIFU.2024.06)

Under Contract:

- “Tragedy and the Task of the Human,” Chapter contribution to *Nietzsche’s Redemption of Nature*. Edited by Michael J. McNeal. London: Palgrave Macmillan (spring 2026).

PRESENTATIONS

1. December 19, 2025: “Il Cepuscolo degli Spiriti Liberi,” Seminario Permanente Nietzscheano 2025, Università di Pisa, Italy.
2. November 21, 2025: “Plato’s Critique of Technocracy in the *Statesman*,” Ancient Philosophy Society Graduate Panel 2025, online event.
3. September 5, 2025: “Nihilism and the Twilight of the Free Spirits,” 30th International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
4. March 28, 2025: “Deliberating about the Value of Valuable Organizations: An Aristotelian Missing Piece of the Stakeholder Theory of Governance,” 34th Annual APPE International Conference, online presentation.
5. March 15, 2025: “Arendt and Sebald: The Displaced Narrative of Trauma,” 18th Annual Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, Loyola University Chicago.
6. February 6, 2025: “Free Spirits and the Consummation of Western Pessimism,” Freiburg Nietzsche Colloquium, Freiburg Universität.
7. November 11, 2024: “Discovering Archetypes: Goethe and the Poetry of Natural History,” International Conference: Goethe and the Philosophy of His Time, Constantin Rădulescu-Motru Institute of Philosophy and Psychology, Romanian Academy, online conference.
8. November 8, 2024: “Tyranny, Freedom, and Moral Creativity in Nietzsche’s ‘Middle Period’,” 5th International Conference of the North American Nietzsche Society, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.
9. August 3, 2024: “On the Incidentals in Aristotle’s *De Anima*,” XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy.
10. July 26, 2024: “Moral Psychology as Natural Philosophy,” 29th International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, University of Verona, Verona, Italy.
11. October 20, 2023: “Nietzsche’s Post-Romantic Turn,” Frings Colloquium, DePaul University, Chicago.
12. June 21, 2014: “The Temporality of Forgiveness: a Hegelian Reply to Heidegger,” 17th Essex Graduate Conference, University of Essex, Colchester, UK.

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

- Co-organizer of the Ancient Philosophy Society Graduate Panel (forthcoming, fall 2026).
- Commentator for Guy Elgar’s “Nietzsche and Murdoch on Love and Justice,” at the Annual Workshop of the Chicago-Area Consortium on German Philosophy (March 14, 2025).
- Moderator of the 30th Annual DePaul University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference: *Foucault and the Frankfurt School* (September 20–21, 2024).
- Participant to the DePaul Liberal Arts School Graduate Students Symposium, with the presentation “What is Philosophy?” (April 20, 2024).
- Moderator of the 29th Annual DePaul University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference: *Philosophy and the Age of the Anthropocene* (September 29–30, 2023).

Co-organizer of the 17th Essex Graduate Conference: *Pleasure and Pain* (June 20–21, 2014).
Organizer of a lecture series in German Romanticism: *Be Romantic* (presentors: Peter Dews, Beatrice Han-Pile, David N. McNeill), University of Essex (spring 2013).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, DePaul University, Chicago, 2019–2026:

Spring 2026	Ethical Theories
Winter 2025	Existential Themes (Camus, Sartre, de Beauvoir, Fanon Heidegger)
Fall 2024, W 2025	Love, Hatred, and Resentment: <i>Nihilism and Transcendence</i> (de Beauvoir, Plato, Audre Lorde, bell hooks) (3 sections)
Winter 2024	Introduction to Philosophy: <i>On the Psyche</i> (Plato's <i>Republic</i> , Descartes, Aristotle's <i>De Anima</i> , <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Freud, Adorno, Kristeva) (2 sections)
Fall 2023	Business Ethics: <i>Business Models and Ethical Problems</i> (Bentham, Singer, Kant, Bowie, Aristotle, Solomon, Marx, Morris) (2 sections)
Winter 2020, S 2021	Love, Hatred, and Resentment: <i>What is Love?</i> (Plato's <i>Symposium</i> , <i>Phaedrus</i> , Rousseau, Nietzsche) (3 <u>online</u> sections)
Fall 2019	Multiculturalism: <i>The Genealogy of the Multicultural State</i> (Hobbes, Locke, Weber, Kymlicka, Taylor) (2 sections)
Spring 2019	Introduction to Philosophy: <i>Socratic Themes</i> (Plato's <i>Apology</i> , <i>Meno</i> , <i>Euthyphro</i> , Sextus Empiricus, Leibniz, Wittgenstein) (2 sections)

Teaching Assistant, DePaul University, 2016–2018:

Winter 2018	Philosophical Inquiry (instructor: Michael Naas)
Fall 2017	Business Ethics (instructor: Güçsal Pusar)
Spring 2017	Business Ethics (instructor: Karolin Mirzakhan)
Fall 2016	Critical Thinking (instructor: Güçsal Pusar)

Pedagogical Training and Certificates, DePaul University, Chicago:

2025	Teaching and Learning with Generative AI Program Certificate .
2025	Teaching and Learning Certificate Program (TLCP) Foundation Certificate , Center for Teaching and Learning, DePaul University.
2024	Graduate Teaching Certificate in Business Ethics.
2024	Workshop “Liberate Your Syllabus: How to Create an Anti-Racist Classroom” by Dr. Stephanie Jones, Grinnell College.
2018	Graduate Teaching Practicum, Department of Philosophy.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Graduate Student Prize of the international conference of the North American Nietzsche Society, 2024.

Graduate Research Funding Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, DePaul University, summer 2024.

DePaul University Department of Philosophy Richardson Scholarship, spent on a research period in Munich, Germany, Spring–Fall 2018.

University of Essex SPAH (School of Philosophy and Art History) Scholarship, for pursuing the Master of Arts in Continental Philosophy, 2013–2014.

The Enlightenment Prize for best essay, 2010–2011, University of Essex.

RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Ph.D., DePaul University:

PHL 700 Plato's *Statesman* (Univeristy of Chicago: Gabriel Richardson Lear; DePaul University: Sean D. Kirkland)

PHL 400 Plato's *Philebus* and Derrida's *Double Session* (Michael Naas)

PHL 415 Aristotle's *Physics* (Sean D. Kirkland)

PHL 410 Aristotle's *De Anima* (William McNeill)

PHL 511 Kant's *Critique of Practical Reason* (Avery Goldman)

PHL 500 German Romantic Conceptions of Nature (Elizabeth Millán)

PHL 601 Aesthetics in the German Romantics and Schopenhauer (Elizabeth Millán)

PHL 516 Hegel: *Philosophy of Right* (Kevin Thompson)

PHL 590 Bergson: Authenticity, Morality, Religion (Frédéric Seyler)

PHL 565 Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception* (Frédéric Seyler)

PHL 700 Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations* (Univeristy of Chicago: Jason Bridges; DePaul University: Peter H. Steeves)

PHL 500 Philosophy of Science (Peter H. Steeves)

PHL 522 Latin American Social Political Philosophy (Elizabeth Millán)

PHL 661 Topics in Feminist Theory (Fanny Söderbäck)

GRK 497 Classical Greek: Intermediate I; II; and III (Kirk Shellko)

FCH 497 French for Reading (Elizabeth Rottemberg; Jessica Martino)

M.A., University of Essex:

PY 500 Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Peter Dews)

PY 933 Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (David N. McNeill)

PY 950 Merleau-Ponty's *The Visible and the Invisible* (Fiona Hughes)

PY 947 Foucault (Beatrice Han-Pile)

PY 938 Philosophy and Psychoanalysis (Peter Dews)

AR 957 The Hero, the Genious and the Divine: Concepts of Creation from the Renaissance to the 19th Century (Lisa Wade, Caspar Pearson)

PY 981 Thesis: On the relation of *Eros* and *Logos* in Plato (advisor: David N. McNeill)

LANGUAGES

Italian (native)

English (fluency)

German (good: Goethe-Zertifikat B2, May 2015; DePaul University Language Requirement Exam, 2020)

Ancient Greek (working knowledge: DePaul University Language Requirement Exam, 2017)

French (working knowledge: DePaul University Language Requirement Exam, 2024)

RESEARCH NETWORKS

Member of the [Friedrich Nietzsche Society](#)

Member of the [North American Nietzsche Society](#)

Member of the [Ancient Philosophy Society](#)

REFERENCES

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