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Education:

- Ph.D., Philosophy – Boston College (2021)
Dissertation Title: *The Place of Trust in Plato's Republic*
Director: John Sallis
Readers: Marina McCoy, Gary Gurtler, S.J., Drew Hyland (Trinity College)
- M.A., Philosophy – Boston College (2015)
- B.A., Philosophy and Political Science – Providence College (2011)

Research:

- Areas of Specialization: Ancient Philosophy, Ethics, Political Philosophy
- Areas of Competence: History of Philosophy, Late Modern Philosophy

Publications:

Journal Articles:

- “Fire and Flesh: The Role of Analogy in Aristotle's *De Anima*.”
Kronos: Philosophical Journal. Vol. VII, 2018, pp.158-164.

Book Chapters:

- “Blinded by Desire: Self-Deception and the Possibility of the True Lie in Plato's *Republic*.” In *misReading Plato*. M. Clemente, B. Cocchiara, and W. Hendel eds. (New York: Routledge), 2022.
- “Man Made God: Becoming Wholly Human.” In *misReading Nietzsche*. M. Clemente and B. Cocchiara eds. (Eugene: Pickwick Publications), 2018.

Book:

- *Somatic Desire: Recovering Corporeality in Contemporary Thought*. Sarah Horton, Richard Kearney, Stephen Mendelsohn, and Christine Rojcewicz eds. (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), 2019.

Interview:

- “In Search of the Natural Beginning: A Conversation with John Sallis.”
Interview conducted by Stephen Mendelsohn. In *misReading Plato*. M. Clemente, B. Cocchiara, and W. Hendel eds. (New York: Routledge), 2022.

Review Articles:

- “The Breach.” Review of: Iyer, Arun. *Towards an Epistemology of Ruptures*. (New York: Bloomsbury), 2014. *Research in Phenomenology*, Vol. 45, Issue 2, 2015.

Presentations:

- “Blinded by Desire: Self-Deception and the Possibility of the True Lie in Plato’s *Republic*.” Ancient Philosophy Society (DePaul University, 2021)
- “Microscopic Sight, Telescopic Vision: Sensation and Knowledge in Plato’s *Theaetetus* and *Timaeus*.” Ancient Philosophy Society (Trinity College, 2019)
- “Fire and Flesh: The Role of Analogy in Aristotle’s *De Anima*.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum (Cita di Castello, Italy, 2018)
- “Heidegger on Poetry.” Boston College Symposium on Contemporary Philosophy (Boston College, 2018)
- “Nietzsche on Man Made God.” Boston College Symposium on Contemporary Philosophy (Boston College, 2017)
- “Material Objects and the Sense of Self in Aristotle’s *De Anima*.” Annual Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy (The University of Chicago, 2017)
- “The Veiled Origin of the Platonic Dialogues.” Annual NNEPA Meeting, (UMass Dartmouth, 2014)
- “Bad Faith as a Social Contract.” New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Providence College, 2011)

Awards and Fellowships

- Apprenticeship in College Teaching Certificate – Boston College (2021)
- Dissertation Fellowship – Boston College (2019-2020)
- Endowed Martin Family Fellowship – Boston College (2018-2019)
- Teaching Fellowship – Boston College, Philosophy Dept. (2016-2018)
- Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award – Boston College (2017, 2018)

Teaching Experience

- Philosophy of the Person II – Boston College
(Spring: 2017, 2018, 2021(online), 2022, 2023, 2024; Fall: 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Philosophy of the Person I – Boston College
(Fall: 2016, 2017, 2020 (online), 2021, 2022, 2023; Spring: 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Existentialism – Boston University – TA (Course Taught by Paul Katsafanas, Fall: 2020)
- Graduate Teaching Seminar – Boston College (2015-2016, 2016-2017)

Professional Experience

- Research Assistant – Boston College, Philosophy Dept. (2015-2016)
- Graduate Assistant – Boston College, Undergraduate Dean’s Office (2014-2017)
- Teaching Assistant – Boston College, Psychology Dept. (2014)
- Sales and Quotations Coordinator – Metso Automation (now Valmet), Shrewsbury, MA
(January, 2012-August, 2013)
- Bench Food-Services Manager – Price Chopper, Putnam, CT and Worcester, MA
(July, 2011-December, 2011)
- Research Assistant – Providence College, Political Science Dept. (2009-2010)

Service

- Learning Objective and Assignment Review for the Philosophy of the Person Core Courses (Boston College, 2022)
- President – Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Association (2016-2018)
- Co-organizer – Annual Fall Contemporary Philosophy Workshop entitled “Desire and the Body: An Interdisciplinary Approach” (Boston College, 2016)
- Representative – Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Association (2015-2016, 2018-2019)
- Representative – MA Council – Boston College Philosophy Department (2013-2015)

Research Languages

- Ancient Greek – Intermediate
- German – Intermediate

References

- John Sallis – Frederick J. Adelman S.J. Professor of Philosophy, Boston College.
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- Marina McCoy – Professor of Philosophy, Boston College.
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