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## Education

**Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA August 2019 - May 2024  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, anticipated graduation May 2024  
Advisor: Gary Gurtler, SJ

Teaching comprehensive exam passed May 2020  
Doctoral comprehensive exam passed with distinction September 2023

**Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ August 2015 - May 2019  
B.A. (2019)  
Majors: Philosophy, Political Science  
Minor: Comparative Literature  
Departmental Honors in Philosophy, Political Science  
Advisors: Michael Levine, Azzan Yadin-Israel

## Research Interests

*Ancient Greek Philosophy* (Area of Specialization)

Neoplatonism  
Late Antique Thought

*Medieval Philosophy* (Area of Concentration)

Medieval Cosmology  
Jewish Philosophy  
Mysticism and Philosophy

*History of Natural Philosophy* (Area of Concentration)

Cosmology  
Philosophy of Biology

## Publications

Wade, Max. "Eriugena on the Eternity and Creation of the World." *Thaumàzein* 10, 2 (2022): 67-90, doi: <https://doi.org/10.13136/thau.v10i2.187>

Wade, Max. "Formless Matter in Gersonides' Cosmology." *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis* 26, 1 (2023): 79-103, doi: <https://doi.org/10.30965/26664275-bja10068>

Wade, Max. "Stoic Pantheism and Environmental Ethics in Pliny the Elder," in *Pantheism and Ecology: Cosmological, Philosophical, and Theological Perspectives*, ed. Luca Valera. *Ecology and Ethics*, vol 6. Springer. Doi: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-40040-7\\_2](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-40040-7_2)

Wade, Max. "Gersonides on the Heavenly Bodies' Relation to the Agent Intellect" in *The Human Mind and The Cosmic Soul in the Middle Ages*, ed. Jack Cunningham, Ros Gammie and Adam Foxon. Springer. [Forthcoming]

## Conference Papers

"Plotinus' Platonic Appropriation of Aristotle's Bronze Statue" at the 20th annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS). Università degli Studi di Catania: Catania, Italy. Jun. 14-17, 2023.

"Relation and Resemblance: Gersonides and Crescas on the Sun's Heating of the Air" at the New England Medieval Consortium 2022 Conference: Medieval Ecologies. Colby College: Waterville, ME. Oct. 8, 2022.

"Universal Mind or World Soul? Gersonides on the Agent Intellect" at the first International Medieval Mind Conference. Bishop Grosseteste University: Lincoln, UK. Jun. 30-Jul. 2, 2022.

"The Bones of Heaven: Formless Matter and the Rejection of Hylomorphism in Gersonides" at the Late Medieval Hylomorphism: Matter and Form 1300-1600 International Conference. KU Leuven: Leuven, Belgium. Jun. 9-11, 2022.

"Gaia and the Soul of Nature: Plotinus on the Generation of Plants and Minerals" at the ICHS USF Conference on Natural Resources and Flourishing in Ancient Greece. University of South Florida: Tampa, FL. Apr. 22-24, 2022.

"Society, Ethics and Reason in the Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'ʿaqob" at the Fordham Philosophical Society Graduate Conference. Fordham University: New York, NY. Feb. 2, 2022.

"Thomas Aquinas and the Legacy of Pre-Socratic Theories of Perception" at the Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy inaugural conference. Notre Dame: South Bend, IN. Oct. 3-6, 2021.

## Other Writing

"Our Duties to the Earth: Pliny the Elder as a Proto-Environmentalism" for the Journal of the History of Ideas Blog. Published Dec. 12, 2022.  
<https://jhiblog.org/2022/12/12/our-duties-to-the-earth-pliny-the-elder-as-a-proto-environmentalist/>

Wade, Maxwell. "Walter Benjamin's 'Über den Begriff der Geschichte' and the Marxist Tradition." *Dianoia: The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Boston College* 6, no. 1 (2019): 61-74.

Wade, Maxwell. "Occult and Mystical Influences on the Philosophy of Otto Weininger." *Proteus: The Rutgers Undergraduate Journal of Comparative Literature* 2 (2019): 28-54.

## **Courses Taught**

PHIL 1070 & 1071 Philosophy of the Person I-II, Boston College (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)

PHIL 2264 Logic, Boston College (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

PHIL 160 Reasoning and Argumentation, Boston University (Spring 2023) – Teaching Assistant for Prof. Derek Anderson (grading, discussion sections)

## **Departmental Talks and Presentations**

"Plotinus' Theory of Intelligible Animals in Ennead VI.7.5-12" for the John Duffy Society (Harvard University, Department of Classics). Cambridge, MA. Apr. 12, 2023.

"Teachers, Mystics, and Philosophers: Women in the Neoplatonic Academy" at the History of PhilosophHERs Workshop. Boston College: Chestnut Hill, MA. Jan. 24, 2022.

"Philosophy and Astrology in the Middle Ages" at the Young Philosophers Series. Boston College: Chestnut Hill, MA. Nov. 30, 2021.

## **Departmental Service**

Co-organizer, "Embodiment from Then to Now: Perspectives on Sex and Gender," 2023 Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. Mar. 24-25, 2023.

Co-organizer, "History of Philosophy Methodology and Research Workshop." Fall 2022.

Assistant Editor, *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*. Fall 2021-Present.

## **Professional Society Memberships**

International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) – since December 2022

Society for Classical Studies (SCS) – since April 2023

The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) – since September 2023

## **Honors**

Honors Societies:

- Phi Beta Kappa (April 2018-present)
- Golden Key International Honors Society (January 2018-present)
- Phi Sigma Tau – Philosophy Honors Society (September 2017-present)

Recipient of the Ruth K. Bennett Award for outstanding achievement in political science (May 2018)

## Languages

**Spanish** (seven years of study)

Intermediate **Ancient Greek** (two years of study)

Reading knowledge of **French** (one year of study)

Elementary **Czech** (one year of study)