

# Lydia W. Barry

*Curriculum vitae*  
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**Area of Specialization:** Ancient Philosophy (especially Plato, rhetoric, and the philosophy of ancient literature)

**Areas of Competence:** History of Philosophy, Feminist Philosophies, Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Art & Literature

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

August 2023 – present, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Gannon University, Erie, PA

## EDUCATION

### Ph.D. in Philosophy 2023

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Dissertation: *A Lacuna in the Self: Foresight & Forgetting in Plato's Protagoras*

Committee: Marina McCoy (director), Robert Bartlett, Drew Hyland, Gregory Fried

### M.A. in Philosophy (interim) 2019

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

with distinction

### B.A. in Liberal Arts 2015

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2025 “Flesh by Now Old Age: Sapphic Hymns to Mortal Beauty,” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 30, 1: 91–109. <https://doi.org/10.5840/epoche2025731271>  
Special Issue: Ancient Philosophy Society; invited submission.

2024 “Finding the Means: Socrates in Dialogue with Simonides,” *Review of Metaphysics*, vol. 78, 1: 3–29. <https://doi.org/10.1353/rvm.2024.a936569>  
Winner of the 2023 *Review of Metaphysics* Dissertation Essay Contest.

2024 “Ἀπορία in Action: Human Nature in Protagoras’ Great Myth,” *Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 44, 1: 33–58. <https://doi.org/10.5840/ancientphil2024413>

2021 “The Common Origins of Philosophical and Political Power in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” in *Plato Journal: The Journal of the International Plato Society*, vol. 21: 7–19.  
[https://doi.org/10.14195/218-4105\\_21\\_1](https://doi.org/10.14195/218-4105_21_1) (published under the name Lydia Winn)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles in Edited Volumes

- 2026 “Longing and Ἀπορία: Seeking Platonic Self-Knowledge,” in *The Play of Philosophy: Thinking with Drew Hyland*, eds. Lydia W. Barry and S. Montgomery Ewegen. *Studies in Contemporary Phenomenology*, vol. 29. Leiden: Brill. (In production, forthcoming March 2026)

### Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

- 2026 *The Play of Philosophy: Thinking with Drew Hyland*, eds. Lydia W. Barry and S. Montgomery Ewegen, *Studies in Contemporary Phenomenology*, vol. 29. Leiden: Brill. (In production, forthcoming March 2026)

### PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY & PEDAGOGY

- 2025 “Sarah Silverman’s *I Love You, America* and ‘World-Traveling’” American Philosophical Association Teaching and Learning Video Series.  
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2025/10/15/sarah-silvermans-i-love-you-america-and-world-traveling/>

### ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- 2025 Barker Institute Global Engagement Award, competitive faculty grant for participation in *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, Gannon University
- 2024 *Review of Metaphysics* Dissertation Essay Contest for dissertations defended in 2023
- 2022–2023 Dissertation Fellowship, Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College
- 2022 Dean of Summer Session Teaching Fellowship, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College
- 2022 Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College
- 2022 Departmental Distinction (Philosophy Doctoral Comprehensive Exam), Boston College
- 2021 Departmental Distinction (Dissertation Prospectus Defense), Boston College
- 2020 Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College
- 2020 Endowed Martin Family Fellowship for service to the university and local community, Boston College
- 2020 Ernest Fortin Memorial Grant for summer language study and translation project, Boston College
- 2018 Departmental Distinction (Philosophy Preliminary Qualification Exam), Boston College
- 2017–2022 Presidential Fellowship, Boston College

### CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

#### Papers Presented

- 2025 “‘Flesh by Now Old Age’: Sapphic Hymns to Mortal Beauty.” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA\*\*
- 2025 “‘Flesh by Now Old Age’: Sapphic Hymns to Mortal Beauty.” History of Philosophy Society Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, UT\*\*
- 2023 “Freedom’s Emergence: Anxiety & Self-Knowledge in Kant.” *Collegium Phaenomenologicum* Participants’ Conference. Città di Castello, Italy
- 2023 “Forgetting & Foresight: The Twin Nature of Humankind in Plato’s *Protagoras*,” History of Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, TN\*\*

- 2022 “Seeking the Aporetic Soul of Philosophy,” Drew Hyland Archive Launch, Trinity College, Hartford, CT (invited speaker)
- 2022 “A *Lacuna* in the Self,” in “Graduate Student Dissertation Panel,” zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society
- 2022 “Action’s Poetic Nature: Reading Hannah Arendt’s *Human Condition* in Light of Aristotle’s *Poetics*,” Hannah Arendt Circle Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL\*
- 2021 “Philosophy, Misanthropy, and Misology: Socrates’ Recourse to *Logoi* as *Pharmakon* for Soul-Blindness,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, held remotely\*
- 2021 “Double-Blindness of the Soul: On the ‘Mixed Nature’ of the Ascent to the Good,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, held remotely\*\*
- 2021 “Forgetfulness and the Dissolving Self in Plato’s *Protagoras*,” History of Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, held remotely\*\*
- 2019 “Common Origins: Philosophical and Political Power in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Newport News, VA\*

### Commentaries

- 2024 Comment on Joel Bock’s “Aristotle on *Schole* as the End of Politics,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada
  - 2022 Comment on Erica Holberg’s “Aristotle on the Goodness of Anger,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, University Park, PA
  - 2021 Comment on “Plato and Aristotle on the *Polis* and *Xenia*,” zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society
  - 2019 Comment on Pieta Päälysaho’s “Metamorphoses of Shamed Bodies: Reading Euripides’ *Helen* with Giorgio Agamben,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT
- \*\*juried paper      \*juried abstract

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**GANNON UNIVERSITY**, Assistant Professor

**Ancient Philosophy**, intermediate core  
1 section of 33 students (Fall 2024)

**Ancient Philosophy: Plato’s *Republic***, advanced independent study  
1 student (Fall 2024)

**Feminist Philosophies**, intermediate core  
1 section of 30 students (Fall 2025)

**Women in Philosophy**, intermediate core  
1 section of 30 students (Spring 2025)  
1 section of 30 students (Spring 2024)

**Honors Women in Philosophy**, honors seminar  
1 section of 5 students (Spring 2025)

**Honors Philosophy of Ethical Responsibility**, honors seminar  
1 section of 15 students (Spring 2026, upcoming)

**Philosophy and the Good Life**, introductory core

2 sections of 30 students (Spring 2026, upcoming)  
2 sections of 30 students (Fall 2025)  
2 sections of 30 students (Spring 2025)  
3 sections of 35 students (Fall 2024)  
3 sections of 30 students (Spring 2024)  
4 sections of 35 students (Fall 2023)

**ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY-DUBAI**, Visiting Lecturer

**Foundations of Moral Philosophy**, introductory elective

4 sections of 30 students (Spring 2023)

**BOSTON COLLEGE**, Teaching Fellow

**Philosophy of the Person I: Ancient & Medieval**, introductory core

1 section of 30 students (Summer 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018)

**Philosophy of the Person II: Modern & Contemporary**, introductory core

1 section of 30 students (Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019)

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

**Leadership Positions**

2025– History of Philosophy Society, Executive Committee Member

**Conference Service**

- 2025 Moderator, Panel on “Socratic Love and Labor,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, held remotely, October
- 2025 Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Leader of one-week text seminar on Hesiod, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Plato for graduate students in continental philosophy. Topic: Greek Antiquity Now? *Genos, Bios, Nekros*. Città di Castello, Italy, July 7–11
- 2024 Moderator, Panel on Claudia Baracchi’s *Friendship: the Future of an Ancient Gift*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester, NY, September
- 2023 Moderator & Organizing Committee Member, “Graduate Student Panel,” zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society, September
- 2018 Assistant to the Conference Organizer and Moderator for Jason Yonover’s “Hegel and the Right to Have Done Wrong: Tragedy and the World-Historical Individual,” Hegel Society for America annual meeting, Chestnut Hill, MA, October

**Editorial Service**

- 2025 Referee for *Southwest Philosophy Review*
- 2024–25 Referee for *Religions*
- 2024 Referee for *Epoché: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy*
- 2023 Referee for Rowman & Littlefield: Lexington Books
- 2018–21 Editorial Assistant for the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy

2017–18      Proceedings  
Editorial Assistant for “Faith,” Philpapers.org

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Gannon University

2025–    Philosophy Program Director  
2025–    Peer Classroom Observer  
2024–    Marketing Liaison & Social Media Manager, Department of Philosophy & Theology  
2025    Faculty Judge, Full-Tuition Scholarship Contest, Admissions Office, February  
2025    Co-Organizer, “Assets for the Poor,” Jim Bailey, Annual Illig Memorial Lecture, January  
2024    Co-Organizer, Women’s EmPOWERment Event  
2024    Faculty Judge, Full-Tuition Scholarship Contest, Admissions Office  
2024    Co-Presenter, “Gadfly Bytes: Technology & AI in the Classroom,” Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Expo, January

### Committee Service

2024–25      College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences Speaker Series Planning Committee  
2024          Philosophy & Theology Search Committee Chair, Department of Philosophy & Theology  
2024          Theology Search Committee Member, Department of Philosophy & Theology  
2023–25      Philosophy Program Steering Committee, Department of Philosophy & Theology

### Boston College

Est. 2019      Co-Founder, “History of PhilosophHERS Series,” (co-organizer 2019–2022)  
PhilosophHERS is an annual series of workshops and presentations dedicated to celebrating the contribution women have made to the history of philosophy.  
Sessions co-organized: Hypatia and Other Neoplatonists, Theresa of Avila, Christine de Pizan, Gloria Anzaldua, Emilie du Châtelet, Edith Stein  
2021          Invited Panelist, “Selecting Your Dissertation Topic,” Philosophy PhD Student-Faculty Retreat  
2021          Invited Panelist, “PhD in Philosophy Application Seminar for MA Students”  
2017–22      Philosophy Graduate Student Association Representative  
President, 2019–2021  
Secretary, 2017–2019  
2020          Organizer, Greek Reading Workshop on Plato’s *Protagoras*  
2020          Supervising Coordinator, Prospective Philosophy PhD Student Visit Weekend  
2019          Organizer, Philosophy PhD Student-Faculty Retreat  
2018          Invited Panelist, “Applying to Graduate School in Philosophy for MA Students”  
2018          Graduate Student Orientation Guide, Office of Graduate Student Affairs  
2018          Coordinator, Prospective Philosophy PhD Student Visit Weekend

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITIES

Blackboard Ultra: Gradebook & Assessments Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, 2024

Transitioning to Blackboard Ultra Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, 2024

American Academy of University Women Salary Negotiation Workshop Leader Training, 2024

Blackboard Basics Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, 2023

*Collegium Phaenomenologicum* participant, Città di Castello, Italy, 2023

Collegium Topic: Cosmology & Cosmopolitanism

Director: Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M

Apprenticeship in College Teaching, Boston College Center for Teaching Excellence, 2018–2023

Professionalization Seminar, Boston College Philosophy Department 2018–2023

Writing & Publishing Seminar, Boston College Philosophy Department, 2017–2023

Adaptable Blended Instruction Workshop Series, Boston College Center for Teaching Excellence, 2020

Formally trained in teaching technologies including Canvas LMS, Google Suite, Perusall, Poll Everywhere, and Zoom

Research & Scholarship Integrity Program, Boston College, 2017– 2019

Teaching Seminar (6 credit hours), Boston College Philosophy Department, 2017–2019

## **LANGUAGES**

Ancient Greek (full research command)

Latin (reading competency)

German (reading competency)

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Ancient Philosophy Society

History of Philosophy Society

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy