

Lydia W. Barry

Curriculum vitae
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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, Gregory Fried, Drew Hyland

M.A. in Philosophy (interim) 2019

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

with distinction

B.A. in Liberal Arts 2015

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: Ancient Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Art & Literature, Feminist Philosophies

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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 dissertation essay contest.

2024 “Ἀπορία in Action: Human Nature in Protagoras’ Great Myth,” in *Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 44, 1: 33–58. <https://doi.org/10.5840/ancientphil20244413>

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/10.14195/2183-4105_21_1 (published as Lydia Winn)

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- 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, BC
- 2022 Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College
- 2022 Departmental Distinction (Philosophy Doctoral Comprehensive Exam), BC
- 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 university and local community, BC
- 2020 Ernest Fortin Memorial Grant for summer language study and translation project, BC
- 2018 Departmental Distinction (Philosophy Preliminary Qualification Exam), BC
- 2017–2022 Presidential Fellowship, Boston College

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

- 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 (juried paper)
- 2022 “A *Lacuna* in the Self” in “Graduate Student Dissertation Panel” zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society
- 2022 “Seeking the Aporetic Soul of Philosophy,” Drew Hyland Archive Launch, Trinity College, Hartford, CT (invited speaker)
- 2022 “Action’s Poetic Nature: Reading Hannah Arendt’s *Human Condition* in Light of Aristotle’s *Poetics*,” Hannah Arendt Circle Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (juried abstract)
- 2021 “Philosophy, Misanthropy, and Misology: Socrates’ Recourse to *Logoi* as *Pharmakon* for Soul-Blindness,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, held remotely (juried abstract)

- 2021 “Double-Blindness of the Soul: On the ‘Mixed Nature’ of the Ascent to the Good,” Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, held remotely (juried paper)
- 2021 “Forgetfulness and the Dissolving Self in Plato’s *Protagoras*,” History of Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, held remotely (juried paper)
- 2019 “Common Origins: Philosophical and Political Power in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” (Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Newport News, VA (juried abstract)

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*” panel, zoom panel sponsored by 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Gannon University, Assistant Professor

History of Ancient Philosophy: Intermediate undergrad
1 section of 33 students (Fall 2024, in progress)

Ancient Philosophy: Plato’s Republic: Advanced Undergraduate
Independent Study, 1 student (Fall 2024, in progress)

Women in Philosophy: Intermediate undergrad
1 section of 25 students (Spring 2024)

Philosophy and the Good Life: Introductory undergrad core
3 sections of 35 students (Fall 2024, in progress)
3 sections of 30 students (Spring 2024)
4 sections of 35 students (Fall 2023)

Boston College, Teaching Fellow

Philosophy of the Person I: Ancient & Medieval: Introductory undergrad core
1 section of 30 students (Summer 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018)

Philosophy of the Person II: Modern & Contemporary: Introductory undergrad core
1 section of 30 students (Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

2024 Referee, *Religions*

2024 Referee, *Epoche: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*

2023 Referee, Rowman & Littlefield, Lexington Books

Conferences & Workshops

Moderator, Panel on Claudia Baracchi's *Friendship: The Future of an Ancient Gift*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester, NY (September 2024 – upcoming)

Moderator & Organizing Committee Member, “Graduate Student Panel,” (zoom panel sponsored by the Ancient Philosophy Society) (September 2023)

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 of America annual meeting, Chestnut Hill, MA (October 2018)

Editorial Service

Editorial Assistant, Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy (2018–2021)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Gannon University

Marketing Liaison, Department of Philosophy & Theology (2024–present)

Social Media Manager, Department of Philosophy & Theology (2023–present)

Co-Organizer, Women's EmPOWERment Event, March 15, 2024

Faculty Judge, Full-Tuition Scholarship Contest, Admissions Office (February 10, 2024)

Co-Presenter, “Gadfly Bytes: Technology & AI in the Classroom,” Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Expo (January 5, 2024)

Academic Advising

Academic Advisor, Philosophy Program

Spring 2024–present: 2 student advisees

Fall 2023: 1 student advisee

Academic Advisor, Honors Program

Fall 2024–present: 14 student advisees

Committee Service

College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences Speaker Series Planning Committee
(2024–present)

Theology Search Committee, Department of Philosophy & Theology (Spring 2024)

Philosophy Program Steering Committee, Department of Philosophy & Theology (2023–present)

Boston College

Co-Founder, “History of PhilosopHERS Series” est. 2019 (organizer 2019–2022)

PhilosopHERS 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

Invited Panelist, “Selecting Your Dissertation Topic,” Philosophy PhD Student-Faculty Retreat
(2021)

Invited Panelist, “PhD in Philosophy Application Seminar” (2021)

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Representative (2017–2022)

President (2019–2021)

Secretary (2017–2019)

Organizer, Greek Reading Workshop on Plato’s *Protagoras* (2020)

Supervising Coordinator, Prospective Philosophy PhD Student Visit Weekend (2020)

Organizer, Philosophy PhD Student-Faculty Retreat (2019)

Invited Panelist, “Applying to Graduate Schools in Philosophy” (2018)

Graduate Student Orientation Guide, Office of Graduate Student Affairs (2018)

Coordinator, Prospective Philosophy PhD Student Visit Weekend (2018)

Research Assistant to Marina McCoy & Daniel McKaughan, Philosophy Faculty (2017–2018)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITIES

Blackboard Ultra Gradebook Training Session, Gannon Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (2024)

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 and Cosmopolitanism

Director: Kristi Sweet, Texas A&M

Apprenticeship in College Teaching, BC 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, BC 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 (Completed 2020)

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

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

REFERENCES

Available upon request.