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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Denison University, Philosophy, 2022–

Visiting Assistant Professor, Denison University, Philosophy, 2021–22

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy — Boston University, 2021
An Unbridled Search for Logic: Four Studies of Husserl's Logical Investigations *(1900–01)*
Committee: D. Dahlstrom (advisor), W. Hopp, G. Heffernan, M. Gasser-Wingate

M.A. (*cand.mag*), Philosophy — University of Copenhagen, 2014
Is the Way in Ideas I *Cartesian?*
D. Zahavi (advisor)

B.A., Religious Studies, Philosophy — Northwestern University, 2012
Spinoza: Theist or Atheist? Making the Question Tractable
Awarded "Interdisciplinary Honors" in Religious Studies and Philosophy
B. Ziporyn & K. Seeskin (advisors)

RESEARCH

Interests

philosophy; the global history and material practices of philosophizing; philosophy's relation to disciplines; subjectivity; skepticism and pure reflection as philosophical method; philosophy and real life; Aristotle, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Analytic Philosophy (esp. Frege, Wittgenstein, Austin, Cavell), Phenomenology (Husserl, Heidegger, etc.), Ancient Chinese Philosophy (*Analects*, *Daodejing*, etc.), Early China, Buddhism

Specializations

Late Modern European Philosophy (esp. Phenomenology)
Ancient Chinese Philosophy

Languages

German, Classical Chinese, French (intermediate), Modern Chinese (basic), Tamil (heritage, basic listening)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article

1. The Ambivalence of Husserl's Early Logic: Between Austrian Semanticism and German Idealism (2024) *Husserl Studies* 40: 45–65

Edited Volume

1. *Phenomenology, Ontology, Metaphysics* edited with V. Muñoz-Reja (2025) Brill

Book Review

1. *Heidegger's Metaphysics: The Overturning of "Being and Time"* by A. Daly (2025) *The Review of Metaphysics* 78.4, 758-60

PRESENTATIONS

(* indicates peer-reviewed conference presentation)

2026 "Questions for Kinkaid's Husserlian Idealism" Masterclass on Husserlian Idealism, Boston Phenomenology Circle, Jan 23

*"Mapping the Options for Zhuangzi on Knowledge" Eastern APA, Jan 10

2025 *Panel: *Phenomenology & Buddhism: New Horizons* Buddhist Philosophy Unit, AAR, Nov 23

2024 *"The Difficulty of Nāgārjuna" *New Voices in Buddhist Philosophy*, Buddhist Philosophy Unit, AAR, Nov 25

"The Unteachable Teaching of *Dao*" Ancient Studies Seminar, Denison University, Nov 20

"Thinking Being Flesh" Husserl Workshop, Loyola University of Chicago, Sep 13

*"How Science is Twofold" Husserl Circle, Omaha, May 23

*"Mozi's Moral Cosmos" Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, Apr 12

"Mozi's Moral Cosmos" Ahmedabad University, Apr 9 online

2023 "Thinking 'I' All the Way to Me, You, All of Us, Everything" Continental Philosophy of the Lower Eastern Midwest Seminar, Earlham College, Sep 30

2022 "Can I Be Me without You?" Scholar's Table, Denison University, Nov 14

*"Idealism and the Intercorporeality of the 'I'" Husserl Circle, Washington DC, Jun 2

2021 *"What Discerns the Laws of Truth?" Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, May 8 online

2019 "Experience, Reality, and the Perceptual Paradigm" University of Jyväskylä, Nov 14

*"Presence, Logical Domains, and the Disunity of Real Being" *Phenomenological Perspectives on Empathy and the Significance of Empirical Research*, University of Graz, Oct 4

"Sind das Logische und das Phänomenologische ein und dasselbe?" Husserl-Archives, Cologne, Aug 13 [in German]

"Why Not 'Act–Meaning–Object'?" Obserseminar in Sprachphilosophie, Philosophie des Geistes, und Erkenntnistheorie, Prof. Dr. Christian Beyer, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Jul 11

"Phenomenology and the Science of Logic" CFS Research Seminar, University of Copenhagen, Jun 4

*"Why Not 'Act–Meaning–Object'?" Nordic Society for Phenomenology, Copenhagen, Apr 25

2018 "What is a Noema?" Phenomenology Research Group, Loyola University Chicago, Feb 23

2013 "Putting 'World' Back in Being-in-the-World" CFS Research Seminar, University of Copenhagen, Dec 11

*"Can We Do Husserl's Phenomenological Reduction Today?" *Questioning Subjectivity*, Prague, Sep 17

*"Unmuting the World: On Innerworldly Being and the Dynamic Character of World in *Being and Time*" Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind, Aug 13

COMMENTS

F. Scagliusi's "Husserl's Twofold Interpretation of Kant's Deduction of the Categories" Husserl Circle, Omaha, May 21, 2024

I. Quepons's "Husserl and Landgrebe on Horizons of Affective Life" Husserl Circle, Prague, Jun 14, 2023

S. Goldwasser's "Remembering as a Mental Action and the (Dis)continuism Debate" Ohio Philosophical Association, April 29, 2023

R. Lerner's "Attention [*Aufmerksamkeit*] and its Motivations: From Instinctive to Rational Life" Husserl Circle, Washington DC, June 2, 2022

G. Convertito's "Sedimentation as a Condition of Possibility in Husserl's Later Works" Central APA, Feb 23, 2022

W. Hopp's "Intuition and its Roles in Knowledge" Boston Phenomenology Circle, Apr 6, 2019

J. Taipele's "Empathy and Typification" Husserl Circle, Helsinki, Jun 10, 2015

TEACHING

Courses Taught

1. W 101 First-Year Writing Workshop: Who Am I? (x5)
2. PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (x4)
3. EAST/PHIL 288 Ancient Chinese Philosophy (x3)
4. PHIL 298 Existentialism (x2)
5. PHIL 330 Nineteenth-Century Philosophy
6. Junior-Senior Seminar (PHIL 431): Phenomenology

Directed Studies Taught

1. Heidegger's *Being and Time* (for Jiachen Xu, Fall 2024)

Summer Research Advised

1. "Kierkegaard and Socrates: Understanding the Role of Socratic Irony in Kierkegaard's Authorship" Leif Gajkowski, 2025
2. "From Thought to Expression: The Importance of Style in Philosophy" Cloris Liang, 2024
3. "Schopenhauer on Self-Consciousness and Freedom" Jiachen Xu, 2023
4. "Vasubandhu and Husserl: Idealist Perspectives on the Problems of Intersubjectivity" Jinyao Hu & Darya Hamin, 2022

Senior Symposium (Philosophy Capstone) Papers Advised

1. "*Ren* or *Fa*? Comparing Confucian and Legalist Leadership" Ava Lacoseglio, 2025
2. "Stop Debating, You Birds" Yuhan Fan, 2024

3. "Between Language and World: The Transcendental Logical Form of the *Tractatus*" Darya Hamin, 2023
4. "The Mahāyāna Bodhisattva Ideal and Its Rationality" Jinyao Hu, 2022

Senior Research Advised

1. [as second reader] "The Body: Human Remains and Gender Relationships throughout Medieval Ireland" (Anthropology & Sociology) Danielle Norris, advised by John Soderberg, submitted successfully for Distinction, 2023
2. "The Great Debate Between Mozi and Mengzi" (East Asian Studies) Kyle Verstandig, co-advised with Shao-Yun Yang, 2022

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Denison University Research Foundation Grant, 2024 ($1,500)

Austrian Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD) "Ernst Mach" Grant, to University of Graz, 2021 (11,700 EUR)—declined

for annual Symposium of the *Boston Phenomenology Circle*: BUCH Project Award 2017–21 ($15,750, with D. Dahlstrom); Boston College ILA Small Grant 2017–21 ($7,500, with D. Moran and V. Muñoz-Reja); BUCH Block Grant, Boston University Philosophy Department, 2016 ($2,000); Seed Grant, Boston University Philosophy Department, 2015 ($500)

Boston University Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, to University of Cologne, 2018 ($13,000)

Danish Government Scholarship, 2012–14 (tuition waiver)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Classical Chinese	Venice–Princeton Summer School in Classical Chinese (2023, 4 weeks); course at Boston University (2017, one semester)
Mandarin	International Chinese Language Program (2022, 10 weeks virtual); courses at Boston University (2016–17, two semesters)
German	Goethe-Institut Germany (2018, 12 weeks in Frankfurt and Berlin; 2015, 8 weeks in Berlin); courses at Boston University (2014–15, two semesters)
International Research	University of Leipzig (2019, 2 months), Husserl Archives Cologne (2018–19, 11 months), Husserl Archives Leuven (2014, 2 months)

SERVICE

To the University

Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Denison University, 2025

Co-organizer, Asia Film Festival, East Asian Studies, Denison University, 2024–25

Chair, General Education Competency Committee (GECC), Denison University, 2024–25

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Director, Philosophy Senior Symposium, Philosophy, Denison University, 2023–24

Chair, Inclusive Pedagogies, Denison Forward, Denison University, 2023–24

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Summer Scholars Program Review, Denison University, 2023

Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Ancient Greek & Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy, Denison University, 2022–23

Search Committee for Academic Administrative Assistant, Philosophy, Denison University, 2022

To the Profession

Organizer, Continental Philosophy Workshop of the Lower Eastern Midwest, Denison University, 2026

Panel Organizer and Presider, *Phenomenology & Buddhism: New Horizons*, Buddhist Philosophy Unit, AAR, 2025

Co-founder and Co-organizer, Boston Phenomenology Circle, 2015–21

Journal Refereeing: *Husserl Studies, International Journal of Philosophical Studies, Puncta, Studia Phaenomenologica*

Conference Refereeing: *Ohio Philosophical Association*