

ELENA HOLMGREN

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Phenomenology,
Philosophy of Psychology and
Cognitive Science.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, Early Modern
Philosophy (including Kant), Cross-Cultural
Philosophy of Mind (esp. theories of moral
self-cultivation), Epistemology, Ethics.

EDUCATION

- 2020- **PhD, Philosophy** - University of British Columbia
In progress. Expected completion: fall 2025.
Committee: Evan Thompson (supervisor), Christopher Mole, Kimberley Brownlee
Thesis: "Self-Making In Time: A Phenomenological Account of the Temporality and Normativity of Self-Constitution In Flow States"
Comprehensive Examination Paper: "The Flaw in the Diamond': Transcendental First Principles of Explanation and the Incompleteness of Naturalism"
- 2019-2020 **PhD, Philosophy** - University of Victoria (transfer after first year)
- 2019 **MA, Philosophy** - University of Victoria
Committee: Eric Hochstein (supervisor), David Scott
Thesis: "Conceptualizing the Explanandum for a Theory of Consciousness"
- 2018 **BA, Philosophy Honours** - University of Victoria
Graduated with distinction.
Supervisor: David Scott
Honours Thesis: "Being as Value: The Phenomenology of Value and the Ontology of Self-Realization in Charles Taylor's *Sources of the Self*"
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AWARDS

- 2024 UBC Faculty of Arts Graduate Award
2024 Don Brown Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, UBC

2022-2024	UBC Doctoral Fellowship (\$18200/year)
2020-2023	President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award (\$3700)
2022-2023	UBC Tuition Award (\$5300)
2019-2022	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral Award (\$35000/year)
2020-2021	UBC Faculty of Arts Graduate Award
2019	Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference Prize for Best Student Essay
2018-2019	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's (\$17500)
2017	University of Victoria - President's Scholarship (\$4000/year)
2017	University of Victoria - Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
2017	Roger Beehler Best Undergraduate Philosophy Essay Award

PAPERS

Invited Chapters:

“Circling Around the Transcendental: the Conscious Subject as the Limit of Nature in Raymond Tallis’ Philosophy and in Phenomenology” - Forthcoming with Palgrave, January 2026.

Refereed Journal Articles:

Holmgren, Andrada-Elena. (2018) “Being as Value: The Phenomenology of Value and the Ontology of Self-Realization in Charles Taylor’s Sources of the Self.” *The Arbutus Review*. Vol. 9 No. 1. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18357/tar91201818381>

Holmgren, Andrada-Elena. (2017) “The Realization of Life in the Act of Knowing: A Phenomenological Re-Interpretation of Plato's Theory of Forms in the Phaedo.” *Sophia* undergraduate philosophy journal, University of Victoria, Vol. XIII, p. 59-70.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 “Self-Shaping Actions: A Phenomenological Account of Flow States”
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, New York.

2024 “Experience For Its Own Sake: Towards a Phenomenology of Autotelic Experience and Wellbeing”
International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind (ISPSM),
Webconference.

- 2024 “Experience For Its Own Sake: Towards a Phenomenology of Autotelic Experience and Wellbeing”
The Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2024 “Self-Shaping Actions: A Phenomenological Account of Flow States”
Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture (EPTC) meeting, Annual Congress, Montreal, QC
- 2021 “Is Consciousness Fundamental or Fictive? Why Realists and Illusionists About Consciousness Are Both Wrong”
Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Victoria, BC
- 2019 “Representation as Sensorimotor Orientation - The Role of Non-Propositional, Spatial Simulation in Scientific Representation”
Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Lethbridge, AB
Winner of the WCPA Best Graduate Student Essay Prize

Workshops:

- 2024 Invited Tallis Scholars Workshop participant and respondent to Raymond Tallis’ “Rescuing the Self” lecture, James M. Houston Centre for Humanity & the Common Good, Vancouver, BC.

Other Talks:

- 2018 “Our Starting Point, Properly Conceived: The Role of Transcendental Phenomenology in the Explanation of Mind”
Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC
- 2017 “Begin Where You Are: Self-Knowledge and the Objectivity of Values in Charles Taylor’s *Sources of the Self*” (poster presentation)
University of Victoria Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award Conference, Victoria, BC

Commentaries:

- 2024 Commentary on Emmanuel Cuisinier’s “Perception, Heroism and the Problem of

Expression”

Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture (EPTC) meeting, Annual Congress, Montreal, QC

2023 “Phenomenological Philosophy of Science and the Inextricability of the Methodological and Ontological Projects of Naturalism About Representation: Commentary on Hochstein”

Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Vancouver BC

2019 “Manifesting Morality: Affective Experience and Character Cultivation in Kant’s Moral Philosophy: Commentary on Hamm”

Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Lethbridge AB

2019 “Temporality and the Sense of the Background in Paintings: Commentary On Gatten”

Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Vancouver BC

TEACHING

Appointments:

Continuing Philosophy Instructor, Part Time - Humanities Department, Camosun College, Victoria, Canada (2024-Present)

Courses Taught As Primary Instructor:

Camosun College, Victoria: ~35 students/section.

2024 *PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy, Classics* (Fall, In Person, Undergraduate Lecture).

2024 *PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy, Classics* (Fall, Online-Asynchronous, Undergraduate Lecture).

University of British Columbia:

2024 *PHIL 240: Introduction to Epistemology* (Winter Term 1, Online-Synchronous, Undergraduate Lecture, ~80 students)

2023 *PHIL 250: Minds and Machines* (Summer Term 1, In Person, Undergraduate Lecture, ~30 students).

Camosun College, Victoria: ~35 students/section.

- 2022 *PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy, Classics* (Fall x2 & Winter, In Person, Undergraduate Lecture).
- 2022 *PHIL 207: Philosophy of Mind* (Winter, In Person, Undergraduate Lecture).
- 2021 (x2) *PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy, Classics* (Fall, In Person, Undergraduate Lecture).
- 2021 *PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy, Classics* (Summer, Online-Asynchronous, Undergraduate Lecture).
- 2021 (x2) *PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy, Classics* (Winter, Online-Asynchronous, Undergraduate Lecture).
- 2020 *PHIL 207: Philosophy of Mind* (Fall, Online-Asynchronous, Undergraduate Lecture).

Teaching Assistant:

University of British Columbia:

Responsibilities include: leading tutorials, essay and exam grading, student consultations and office hours.

- 2024 *PHIL 250: Minds and Machines* (Winter)
- 2023 *PHIL 441: Philosophy of Perception* (Fall)

University of Victoria:

Responsibilities include: designing and leading workshops on essay-writing skills and spotting logical fallacies, essay and exam grading, student consultations and office hours.

- 2020 *PHIL 260: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind* (Spring)
- 2020 *PHIL 239: Philosophy and Feminism* (Spring)
- 2019 *PHIL 260: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind* (Fall)
-Guest lecture on JJC Smart's Brain Identity Theory
- 2018-2019 *PHIL 260: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind* (Fall and Spring Terms)
- 2019 *HUMA 295: Dean's Seminar: Being Human* (Fall)
- 2019 *PHIL 201: Critical Thinking* (Summer)
- 2018-2019 *PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy* (Fall and Spring Terms)

Professional Development in Teaching:

2023 Completed “Foundations of Pedagogy”: an eight week course on evidence-based effective pedagogical practices offered by CIRTL (Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning) at the University of British Columbia. Obtained CIRTL Associate certificate.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2024 Completed the PhD Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind at the Center For Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen (In Person)

2024 Completed the “Phenomenological Interview: A Scientific Methodology for the Study of Consciousness” 5 week course led by David Martinez Pernia and Mayte Vergara Manriquez of Empirical 5E Lab, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez. (Virtual)

2021-2024 **Reviewer** - Canadian Philosophical Association

2021 Completed the PhD Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind at the Center For Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen (Virtual)

2019-2020 **Research Assistant** - University of Victoria
Responsibilities: Assisting Dr. Patrick Rysiew’s research on Thomas Reid’s epistemology by identifying and summarizing current debates in philosophy of mind that relate to key issues in Reid scholarship.

2019 **Reviewer** - *The Arbutus Review* journal, University of Victoria

TEACHING REFERENCES

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