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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Early Modern Philosophy (including Kant), Epistemology, Cross-Cultural Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, 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*"

AWARDS

2024	UBC Faculty of Arts Graduate Award
2024	Don Brown Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, UBC
2022-2024	UBC Doctoral Fellowship ($18200/year)

2020-2025	President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award ($3900)
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 MacMillan 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.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS
'' indicates non-peer-reviewed talk*

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

2024   Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture (EPTC) meeting, Annual Congress, Montreal, QC

2024   *The University of British Columbia Graduate Student Conference

"Experience For Its Own Sake: Towards a Phenomenology of Autotelic

Experience and Well-being"

2024   International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind (ISPSM), Webconference
2024   The Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen, Denmark

"Is Consciousness Fundamental or Fictive? Why Realists and Illusionists About Consciousness Are Both Wrong"

2021   Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Victoria, BC

"Representation as Sensorimotor Orientation - The Role of Non-Propositional, Spatial Simulation in Scientific Representation"

2019   Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Lethbridge, AB
       Winner of the WCPA Best Graduate Student Essay Prize
2021   *The University of British Columbia Graduate Colloquium, Virtual

Workshop Presentations:

2025   **"Collective Agency in Group Flow States: A Phenomenological Account"**
       Vancouver Neurophenomenology Group, Meeting on Agency in the Environment, University of British Columbia
2024   **"Can AI Be Transcendental Subjects? A Husserlian Perspective"**
       Invited speaker for "AI and Consciousness" workshop, James M. Houston Centre for Humanity & the Common Good, Vancouver, BC.
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:

University of British Columbia:

2024   *PHIL 240: Introduction to Epistemology* (Winter Term 1, Online-Synchronous, Undergraduate Lecture, ~50 students)

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

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).

2022 (x3)   *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 included: 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 included: 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.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2019-2020   *Responsibilities:* Assisted 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. Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria

REFEREEING

Canadian Philosophical Association (x4), *The Arbutus Review* journal.

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

University of British Columbia:

2023   Directed Reading: Phenomenology of Imagination and Memory (Prof. Evan Thompson) *Audit*

2021   PHIL 551B: Comparative Conceptions of Self (Prof. Evan Thompson)
PHIL 551C: Philosophy of Mind (Prof. Evan Thompson)

2020   PHIL 530A: Moral Philosophy: Loneliness and Belonging (Prof. Kimberley Brownlee)
PHIL 560A: Philosophy of Science - Evolution and Rationality (Prof. Christopher Stephens)
PHIL 585: Directed Reading: Phenomenology Classics (Prof. Evan Thompson)

University of Victoria:

2020   PHIL 500: Philosophy of Psychiatry (Prof. Eric Hochstein)
PHIL 514: Topics in Philosophy of Mind (Prof. David Scott)
PHIL 590: Directed Study: Explanation in Science (Prof. Eric Hochstein)

2019   PHIL 500-A01: Stoicism - Metaphysics and Epistemology (Prof. Clifford Roberts)
PHIL 500-A02: Thomas Reid (Prof. Patrick Rysiew)
PHIL 561: Philosophy of Language (Prof. Mike Raven)
PHIL 590: Directed Study: Study of Husserl's Cartesian Meditations (Prof. David Scott)
PHIL 552: Topics in Metaphysics: Advanced Metaphysics - Essence and Definition (Prof. Mike Raven)

PHIL 521: Topics in Philosophy of Science: Why Use Images? The Role of Images and Visual Representations in Science (Prof. Eric Hochstein)
PHIL 500: How to Get Everything From Just One Thing - Plotinus' Metaphysical Monism (Prof. Clifford Roberts)
PHIL 551: Social Epistemology (Prof. Patrick Rysiew)
PHIL 591: Research Methods (Prof. Scott Woodcock)

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

TEACHING REFERENCES

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