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### Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Washington, in progress

- Dissertation: *Love in Descartes' Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy*
- Committee: Michael Rosenthal (chair), Catherine Connors, Colin Marshall, Cass Weller

Visiting Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley, September 2019–June 2020

- Faculty Sponsor: Kristin Primus

M.A. Philosophy, University of Washington, June 2016

B.A. Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, May 2014

### Research Areas

Area of Specialization: Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competency: Ethics, Medical Ethics

### Publications

#### Journal Articles

“Descartes’ Account of Inner Excitations.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*. Vol. 35. Issue 4. October 2018. pp. 299-316.

“Descartes on Hatred.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. Vol. 55. Issue 3. September 2017. pp. 336-349.

#### Book Reviews

“Review: Early Modern Women on Metaphysics.” Forthcoming in *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.

“Review: The Young Descartes: Nobility, Rumor, and War by Harold J. Cook.”  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. November 2018. pp. 1-3.

## Presentations

- Apr 2019 “Princess Elisabeth’s Objections to Descartes’ Theory of the Passions,”  
*Society for the Study of Early Modern Women Session at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, B.C.
- Apr 2019 “Considering Oneself as Part of a Whole in Descartes’ Philosophy,”  
*Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, B.C.
- Oct 2018 Commentary on Joshua Kerr’s “Spinoza: From Art to Philosophy,”  
*Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Bellevue College, Seattle, WA.
- Feb 2018 “Descartes on Hatred,” *Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Chicago, IL.
- May 2017 “Descartes’ Account of Inner Excitations,” *New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, Fordham University, New York, NY.
- Apr 2015 Commentary on Lisa Shapiro’s “What is a Philosophical Canon?” and Leroy Searle’s “Poetic Vision and the Genres of Philosophical Fiction,” *The Role of Fictions in Early Modern Philosophy Conference*, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

## Teaching Experience

### As Primary Instructor at the University of Washington

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| Summer 2019             | PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy |
| Summer 2018             | PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics     |
| Summer 2017<br>(B term) | PHIL 242 Medical Ethics             |
| Summer 2017<br>(A term) | PHIL 242 Medical Ethics             |

### **As Teaching Assistant at the University of Washington**

Spring 2019	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Winter 2019	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Autumn 2018	PHIL 322 History of Modern Philosophy
Spring 2018	PHIL 102 Contemporary Moral Problems
Winter 2018	PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics
Autumn 2017	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Spring 2017	PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics
Winter 2017	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Autumn 2016	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Spring 2016	PHIL 242 Medical Ethics
Winter 2016	PHIL 115 Practical Reasoning
Autumn 2015	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Spring 2015	PHIL 102 Contemporary Moral Problems
Winter 2015	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

### **Service**

#### **Department Service**

2018-2019	Graduate and Professional Student Senate
2017-2019	Graduate Qualifying Process Review Committee
2016-2018	Graduate Student Representative
2015-2016	Graduate and Professional Student Senate
2014-2015	Climate Committee
2014-2015	Colloquium Committee

### **Professional Service**

- Sept 2017            Workshop Facilitator: University of Washington TA Conference, "Teaching Your Own Class: First Day and Beyond," Seattle, WA
- May 2017            Session Chair: Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy Conference, "Spinoza, the Emotions, and Kabbalah," Seattle, WA
- Apr 2017            Session Chair: American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, "Revenge, Humility, and Shame," Seattle, WA
- Sept 2016            Panel Participant: University of Washington New Student Orientation, "Secrets for Success from UW TAs," Seattle, WA

### **Honors and Awards**

- July 2019            College of Arts & Sciences Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington
- April 2017           College of Arts & Sciences Arlene Hunter Scholarship, University of Washington
- Sept 2014            Graduate School Top Scholar Fellowship, University of Washington

### **Languages**

Latin: advanced reading knowledge

French: intermediate reading and speaking knowledge

### **References**

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