

Madeline Brenchley

Curriculum Vitae

Boston College | Philosophy Department
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Education

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 2024-present
Ph.D. Philosophy

Utah Valley University, Orem, UT 2016-2023
B.A. Philosophy; Minor: Classical Studies
Summa Cum Laude; Outstanding Graduate Award
Capstone Thesis: “‘Method as Indirection’ in the Work of Walter Benjamin and Plato”

Areas of Specialization

Ancient Greek Philosophy (esp. Aristotle)
Classical Reception Studies
20th Century Continental Philosophy (esp. Martin Heidegger)

Areas of Competency

19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy
Philosophy of Science
Feminist Theory

Languages

- Ancient Greek (Attic & Ionic)
 - Two years of coursework at Utah Valley University (2020-2022)
 - Ancient Greek reading groups
 - Aristotle’s *De Anima* II; Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University (2026-present)
 - Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* VI; Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University (2024-2025)
 - Plato’s *Phaedrus*; graduate student virtual meeting group (2024-2025)
 - Plato’s *Theatetus*; Dr. Michael Shaw & Dr. Daniel Graham (2020-2024)
- German
 - A2 Language Certification, Goethe-Institute; Dresden, Germany (2022)

Teaching & Mentoring

Teaching Fellow, Spring 2026, *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College
“Philosophy of the Person II” (PHIL 1071); [Syllabus](#)

Teaching Fellow, Fall 2025, *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College
“Philosophy of the Person I” (PHIL 1070); [Syllabus](#)

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2025, *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College
“Person and Social Responsibility” (PHIL/THEO 1089) with Dr. Mary Troxell

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2024, *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College
“Person and Social Responsibility” (PHIL/THEO 1088) with Dr. Marina McCoy

Teaching Assistant, 2020-2023, *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*, Utah Valley University
“Ethics and Values” (PHIL 2050) with Dr. Shannon Mussett

Academic Positions

Assistant Editor, 2025-present (vols. 39 onward), [Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy](#) (BACAP), [published by Brill](#)

Graduate Assistant, 2024-2025, [Collegium Phaenomenologicum](#)

- Worked with the 2025 Collegium director (Dr. Sara Brill) to coordinate travel for Collegium attendees, develop daily programing, compile course readings, organize the [participants' conference](#), and generally host the 3 week long summer school in Italy.

Research Assistant, 2024-2025, Dr. Giovanni Pietro Basile, Dr. Jeffery Bloechl, Dr. Jean-Luc Solère, *Philosophy Department*, Boston College

Instructional Support Coordinator, 2023-2024, *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*, Utah Valley University

Research Assistant, 2021, Shannon Mussett, *Entropic Philosophy* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2022), *Department of Philosophy and Humanities*, Utah Valley University

Conference Presentation

- 2026 “The Ontological Status of Embryos: ‘Separability’ in Aristotle’s *GA II* and *Met. Z*,” *London Ancient Science Conference*, Department of Greek and Latin, University College London, (upcoming April 22nd-24th).
- 2026 Comments on “Bound by Xenia: The Case for the Eleatic Stranger’s Agreement with Socrates,” by Alex Montag, *Ancient Philosophy Society*, New York University, (upcoming April 16th-18th).
- 2026 “Understanding as possibility: ‘Verstehen’ and ‘νοῦς’ in Heidegger’s *Being and Time*,” *Boston Area Philosophical Works In Progress*, Department of Philosophy, UMass Boston, (upcoming March 7th).
- 2025 “Aristotle’s Embryology and the Nutritive Soul: a response to Ackrill’s Problem,” *International Aristotelian Conference*, The Center of Philosophy, University of Lisbon, July 2nd-4th.
- 2025 Comments on “Which Women? Privilege and Reproduction in Phintys’s ‘On Sophrosyne,’” by Kris McLain, *Ancient Philosophy Society*, Villanova University, April 24th-26th.
- 2025 “Play (παῖδιά) in Plato’s Republic,” *History of Philosophy Society Conference*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University, March 28th-29th.
- 2025 “‘Substance’ and ‘Separability’ in Aristotle’s *Metaphysics Z*,” invited lecture, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University, March 26th.
- 2025 “Playing with the Future: the pedagogy of *paidia* in Plato’s *Republic*,” *Graduate Student Conference*, Boston College, March 21st-22nd.
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Community Engagement

Co-Founder and Officer, 2026-present, M.A.P. at Boston College

Member, 2026-present, *MCGS Graduate Student Advisory Council*, Boston College

Volunteer Teacher, 2024-present, *Corrupt the Youth*, Boston Chapter

Representative, 2024-present, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association*, Boston College

Gallery Volunteer, September 2024, *Elemental Images: The Art of Cao Jun Interpreted through the Philosophy of John Sallis*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)

President & Vice President, 2019-2023, *A Hand Up Club*, Utah Valley University

Secretary, 2020-2023, *Immigrant & Refugee Student Union*, Utah Valley University

Ambassador, 2022-2023, *Equality Utah*

Student Organizer, 2021-2023, *Planned Parenthood Association of Utah*

Associate, 2021-2022, *The Center for Social Impact*, Utah Valley University

Volunteer, 2020-2025, Food Justice Coalition

Honors & Awards

Travel Grant, 2024-2025, Dean's Office, Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Boston College

Outstanding Graduate Award, 2022-2023, *Department of Philosophy and Humanities*, Utah Valley University

Donner and Galbraith Scholarship, 2020-2021 & 2022-2023, *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*, Utah Valley University

Exceptional Community Relations Award, 2021-2022, Students United for Reproductive Freedom (SURF), *Clubs Office*, Utah Valley University

Dean's Merit Scholarship, 2021-2022, *Department of Philosophy and Humanities*, Utah Valley University

Departmental Service Award, 2020-2021, *Department of Philosophy and Humanities*, Utah Valley University

Outstanding Service Award, 2020-2021, A Hand Up at UVU, *Clubs Office*, Utah Valley University