Madeline R. Brenchley

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

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

Areas of Competency

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

Teaching & Pedagogy

Instructor of Record:

- Philosophy of the Person II (Spring 2026); *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College; Syllabus
    - *I solo-teach this course. It is a small introductory core class in philosophy ranging from the Early Modern period to the 21st century and focusing on epistemology, ethics, politics, and feminism.*
- Philosophy of the Person I (Fall 2025 & 2026); *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College; Syllabus
    - *I solo-teach this course. It is a small introductory core class in Ancient Greek and Medieval philosophy, focussing on philosophical anthropology, ethics, politics, and metaphysics.*

Teaching Assistantships:

- Person and Social Responsibility (Spring 2025)
    - with Dr. Mary Troxell; crosslisted under Philosophy and Theology; *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College
- Person and Social Responsibility (Fall 2024)
    - with Dr. Marina McCoy; crosslisted under Philosophy and Theology; *Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences*, Boston College
- Ethics and Values (2020-2023)
    - with Dr. Shannon Mussett; a core class in philosophy; *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*, Utah Valley University

Invited Lectures:

- "'Substance' and 'Separability' in Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Z," (March 26th, 2025)
    - Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University

Pedagogy Training:

- Ancient Philosophy Summer Pedagogy Program (2026)
    - *The Center for Cannon Expansion and Change,* University of Minnesota
- Certificate in College Teaching Program (*in progress*)
    - *The Center for Teaching Excellence,* Boston College

Presentations

2027 "The Dynamic Scaffolding of Dasein: What Heidegger Owes to Aristotle's *De Anima,*" *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division*, (upcoming) January 13th-16th.

2026 "The Onto-Political Status of Aristotle's 'Potentially Living' Early-Phase Embryos," *Ancient Philosophy Society*, (upcoming) November 6th, 2026.

2026 "Apathy in the Anthropocene: Rereading Irigaray and Descartes on Wonder," *North American Sartre Society Conference,* October 23rd-24th.

2026 "Epistemic Subordination: Making Sense of Aristotle's Examples in *APo* A13," *Canadian Aristotle Society,* October 2nd-3rd.

2026 Comments on "The Tyrant's Regret," by Eric Solis, *West Coast Plato Workshop*, Department of Philosophy, Chapman University, May 29th-31st.

2026 "The Ontological Status of Embryos: 'Separability' in Aristotle's *GA* II and *Metaph*. Z," *London Ancient Science Conference*, Department of Greek and Latin, University College London, 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 Conference*, New York University, 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, 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 Conference,* Villanova University, April 24th-26th.

2025 "Play (παιδιά) in Plato's Republic," *History of Philosophy Society Conference*, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University, March 28th-29th.

2025 "Playing with the Future: the pedagogy of *paidiá* in Plato's *Republic*," *Graduate Student Conference*, Boston College, March 21st-22nd.

Languages

- Ancient Greek (Attic & Ionic)
    - Four semesters of coursework at Utah Valley University (2020-2022)
    - Ancient Greek reading groups
        - Plato's *Philebus*; Harvard University & Boston University (2026-present)
        - Plato's *Symposium;* Boston College (2026-present)
        - Plato's *Phaedrus* (online); Boston College, Columbia University, DePaul University (2024-2025)
        - Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* VI; Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University (2024-2025)
        - Plato's *Theaetetus*; Utah Valley University (2020-2024)
- German
    - A2 Language Certification, Goethe-Institute; Dresden, Germany (2022)

Academic Positions

Assistant Editor, 2025-present (vols. 39-42), *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy* (BACAP), published by Brill

Graduate Assistant, 2024-2025, *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*

- Worked with the Collegium director (Dr. Sara Brill) to coordinate travel for Collegium attendees, develop daily programing, compile course readings, and host the 3 week long summer school in Italy. I was the sole organizer of the participants' conference preceding the summer school.

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

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Community Engagement

Presenter, August 2026, "Experiences of Teaching Assistants at Boston College: Humanities and Social Sciences," Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College

Panelist, May 2026, Corrupt the Youth, Department of Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, 2026-present, *Minorities and Philosophy* (MAP), Boston College

- Organizer of the 2026-2027 speaker series; speakers include Dr. Jackie Murray and Dr. Stephanie Rivera Berruz.

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

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

Representative, 2024-present, *Graduate Student Association*, Philosophy Department, 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*

Professional Memberships

- Ancient Philosophy Society (APS)
- American Philosophical Association (APA)
- Canadian Aristotle Society (CAS-SAC)
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)
- International Association for Presocratic Studies (IAPS)
- Philosophical Antiquities Group (PHAG)

Honors & Awards

International Travel Grant, 2026, Graduate Student Association, Boston College

ILA Minor Grant, 2026, Funding for M.A.P chapter at Boston College

Travel Grant, 2026, *West Coast Plato Workshop*, Chapman University

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