

Christopher R. Myers

History of Philosophy | Continental Philosophy | Hermeneutic Philosophy

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Academic Posts

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow | Fordham University | August 2024 – Present

Graduate Teaching Fellow | Fordham University | August 2018 – May 2024

Education

PhD in Philosophy | Fordham University | May 2024

- Dissertation title: “Nietzsche, Dilthey, and the Hermeneutics of the Living and the Dead.”
- Dissertation committee: Babette Babich (chair), Christina M. Gschwandtner, Samir Haddad, Michael Baur, Robert C. Scharff

B.A. in Philosophy with Honors | University of Washington | June 2015

Research

Areas of Specialization

History of Philosophy (esp. 19th and 20th Century), Continental Philosophy, Hermeneutic Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of the Humanities and Social Sciences

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

“Rereading Dilthey as a Philosopher of Life and Death” in *Hermeneutical Reflections of the Afterlife*, ed. Kristof Vanhoutte (2026) (forthcoming).

“*Lebensphilosophie* Before the 19th Century: The Influence of Early Life Philosophy on Classical German Philosophy.” *Philosophica: International Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (2025): 50-72.

“Gadamer and *Lebensphilosophie*: Reconceptualizing Historical Science as Being with the Dead.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Vol. 39, No. 3 (2025): 380-394.

“Rereading Nietzsche with Philosophical Hermeneutics: ‘Life’ as the ‘Hermeneutic Situation’.” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (2024).

“Prolegomena to Any Future Historicizing: The Dilthey-Husserl Debate and Why It Matters for Critical Phenomenology.” *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (2021): 107-126.

“*Lebensphilosophie* and the Task of Interpreting Philosophy Historically.” *Sociedad Castellano-Leonesa De Filosofía (SCLF): “Filosofía y Experiencia de la Vida”, XXVIII Encuentro Internacional*. Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca: Universidad de Salamanca (2021).

BOOK REVIEWS:

“Review of Church’s *Nietzsche’s Unfashionable Observations: A Critical Introduction and Guide*.” *New Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 11, No. 3/4 (2023).

“Review of Ferro’s *Masters, Slaves and Philosophers: Plato, Hegel and Nietzsche on Freedom and the Pursuit of Knowledge*.” *Hegel-Studien*, Band 56 (2022): 169-174.

WORKS IN PREPARATION:

Living/Dead: Nietzsche, Dilthey, and the Birth of Philosophical Hermeneutics (complete manuscript)
A book manuscript which examines Friedrich Nietzsche’s and Wilhelm Dilthey’s efforts to reframe scientific knowledge from the perspective of “life,” and which establishes the importance of these efforts for both the history of philosophical hermeneutics and contemporary philosophical thinking about interpretation.

“Philosophical Anthropology 100 Years Later: Human Beings as *Homo Interpretans*.”

“Philosophy and Orphism: Hermeneutic Reflections on the Mythical Origins of Philosophy.”

Presentations

INVITED GUEST LECTURES:

“Nietzsche and the Politics of the Historical Dead.” Invited Guest Speaker: Fordham Social & Political Philosophy Workshop, February 6th, 2024. Fordham University: New York, New York.

“*Lebensphilosophie* Before the University of Berlin: The Influence of Early Life Philosophy on Classical German Philosophy.” Keynote Address & Guest Researcher Presentation, Forschungszentrum für Klassische Deutsche Philosophie / Hegel-Archiv: Forschungskolloquium, May 9th, 2023. Ruhr-Universität Bochum: Bochum, Germany.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

“Philosophical Anthropology 100 Years Later: From *Homo Transcendens* to *Homo Interpretans*.” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH), September 18th–20th 2025. Texas A&M University: The Bush School D.C., Washington D.C.

“*Lebensphilosophie* Before the University of Berlin: The Influence of Early Life Philosophy on Classical German Philosophy.” Universiteit Gent Conference: “Lebensphilosophie and the Sciences,” September 11th-12th 2025. Universiteit Gent: Ghent, Belgium.

“Philosophy and Orphism: Hermeneutic Reflections on the Mythical Origins of Philosophy.” St. Damian Conference: “The Problem of Starting Points: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives,” April 2025. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven: Leuven, Belgium (online presentation).

“The Idea of a “Philosophical Anthropology” and its Relevance for the Future of the Humanities: Scheler, Ricoeur, Gadamer.” International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH): Hermeneutical Rationality and the Future of the Humanities, November 2024. University of Coimbra: Coimbra, Portugal (online presentation).

“Gadamer and *Lebensphilosophie*: Reconceptualizing Historical Science as Being with the Dead.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Annual Conference, September 2024. Rochester Institute of Technology: Rochester, New York.

“Pseudo-Historicity: Nietzsche, Mbembe, and the Crisis of Historicism,” Humanities Workshop in “Present and Crisis,” July 2024. a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities, Cologne, Germany.

“Dilthey’s Hermeneutics of the Living and the Dead: Rereading Dilthey on ‘Historical Consciousness’ and ‘Religious Experience’.” Wilhelm Dilthey and Historical Consciousness International Conference, November 2023. Royal Holloway University of London: London, U.K. (online presentation).

“Rereading Nietzsche with Philosophical Hermeneutics: ‘Life’ as the ‘Hermeneutic Situation’.” North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH), September 2023. University of Calgary: Alberta, Canada.

“The Technologization of Life and *Lebensphilosophie*.” KU Leuven Working Group on Philosophy of Technology, September 2022. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven: Leuven, Belgium.

“Nietzsche and Dilthey: Reconsidering Life Philosophy and Historical Science.” Congreso de la Sociedad Castellano-Leonesa De Filosofía (SCLF) XXVIII, October 2021. Universidad de Salamanca: Salamanca, Spain. (online presentation)

“The Anachronistic Character of Time and What it Means for History and Politics.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Annual Conference, September 2021. (online presentation)

“Nietzsche, Dilthey, and the *Lebensphilosophie* shift in perspective on life and history.” Warwick Continental Philosophy Conference, March 2021. University of Warwick: Coventry, U.K. (online presentation)

“The Past that Lies in Front of Us: Nietzsche on Historical Science and the Oracular Voice of the Past.” NYC Nietzsche Colloquium, April 2020. Fordham University: New York, New York. (online presentation)

“Foucault in 1970-1971: History at the Limits of the Will to Know.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum Graduate Research Conference, July 2019. Hotel Le Mura: Città di Castello, Italy.

“On the Sociopolitical Dimension of Date-Relations: Derrida and the Czech Monument Tank No. 23.” Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle (CCPC) Annual Meeting, May 2019. Leiden University: Leiden, Netherlands.

—, UMass Amherst Graduate History Association Conference “The Routes of History,” March 2019. University of Massachusetts Amherst: Amherst, Massachusetts.

—, UK Graduate Research Conference on Social and Political Philosophy, March 2019. University of Kentucky: Lexington, Kentucky.

“Nietzsche in 1886: The Will to Health as a Willingness to Displacement.” NYC Nietzsche Colloquium, October 2018. Fordham University: New York, New York.

“Foucault’s Relationship to the Self and the Possibility of Biopower from Below.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Annual Conference, October 2018. Penn State University: State College, Pennsylvania.

“Affective Labor as Resistance in the Biopolitical Society.” philoSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, March 2018. University of Richmond: Richmond, Virginia.

“On the Efficacy of Foucault and Kant’s Critiques of the A Priori Conditions of Knowledge.” Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP) Annual Congressional Conference, September 2017. Ryerson University: Toronto, Canada.

Teaching

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow / Graduate Teaching Fellow, Fordham University

- PHIL 1000 Philosophy of Human Nature (10x (6x *Eloquentia Perfecta*)): Fall 2018-Spring 2024
- PHIL 3000 Philosophical Ethics (11x (2x *Eloquentia Perfecta*)): Fall 2020- Spring 2026
- PHIL 3644 Heidegger: Poetry, Language, Thought: Fall 2025
- PHIL 3670 Existentialism: Fall 2025
- PHIL 3850 Hermeneutics: Spring 2026

- PHIL 4303 Human Error: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives: Spring 2025
- PHIL 4484 Freedom and Responsibility: Summer 2025

Languages

- *German*: advanced in reading, speaking, & writing
- *French*: competency in reading

Fellowships & Prizes

Hans-Georg Gadamer Essay Prize, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (NASPH), September 2023.

A highly esteemed research award in the area of contemporary philosophical hermeneutics. Awarded for the paper: “Rereading Nietzsche with Philosophical Hermeneutics: ‘Life’ as the ‘Hermeneutic Situation’.”

Fulbright Research Grant (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany), September 2022-July 2023.

A prestigious research grant funded by the U.S. Dept. of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for the purposes of open research at the Research Center for Classical German Philosophy. The goal of this research was to study the history of industrialism and post-industrialism in Germany, and to consider the ways that this history intersects with the history of philosophical thinking about technology and progress. This research was completed in collaboration with the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and Professor Birgit Sandkaulen.

Fordham GSAS Prestigious External Fellowship, May 2022.

Fordham GSAS Senior Teaching Fellowship, May 2022.

Fordham Beacon Exemplar Certificate of Excellence, April 2020.

An exclusive teaching award given by the United Student Government at Fordham University in recognition of outstanding dedication to inspiring, supporting, and motivating students.

Selected Participant at the 44th Annual Session of the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, July 2019.

Award for Excellent Interdisciplinary Work, UMass Amherst Graduate History Association Conference, March 2019.

The Richard and Eileen Bennett Teaching Assistantship (2018-2020) and the Richard and Eileen Bennett Assistantship (2016-2018).

Distinguished Philosophy Department Graduation Speaker. University of Washington Department of Philosophy Graduation Ceremony, June 2015.

Professional Service

Member of Executive Committee, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2026–present

Department & University Service

Primary faculty advisor for Fordham student’s senior thesis project and defense, Fall 2025.

Faculty respondent for Fordham Philosophy Department Graduate Conference, 2024 & 2025.

Fordham GSAS Higher Education Leadership Fellowship, January 2020-May 2022.

A two-year fellowship in university administration work alongside the Dean of the Fordham Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GSAS), with a specialization in initiatives related to graduate mentoring, mental health, and well-being. While holding this position I planned initiatives, events, and programs for the Fordham GSAS community, and collaborated with members of many different Fordham offices and departments.

Faculty mentor and tutor within Fordham Philosophy Department (undergraduate and graduate), 2018-present.

Member and organizer of graduate reading groups within Fordham Philosophy Department, 2016-present.

- Fordham Social and Political Philosophy Workshop Group, 2016-present
- Fordham Political Philosophy Reading Group, 2024.
- Fordham Francophone Reading Group 2016-2022.
- Fordham German Reading Group 2018-2022.

Participant in Fordham Jesuit Pedagogy Seminar, February 2021–June 2021.

A selective interdisciplinary graduate seminar which examines the history of Jesuit pedagogy, and strategizes ways to implement Jesuit pedagogical practices in the classroom.

Chief Organizer of the Fordham Philosophical Society Symposium Series 2018-2019.

Co-Organizer of the Red Star Line Graduate Conference 2019.

Co-Organizer of Fordham’s Day of Philosophy (Educational Initiative for NYC High School Students) 2019

