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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

Teaching

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow / Graduate Teaching Fellow, Fordham University

- PHIL 1000 Philosophy of Human Nature (12x (6x *Eloquentia Perfecta*)): Fall 2018- Fall 2026
- 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, Fall 2026
- PHIL 3850 Hermeneutics: Spring 2026
- PHIL 4303 Human Error: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives: Spring 2025
- PHIL 4484 Freedom and Responsibility: Summer 2026, Summer 2025

Research

Areas of Specialization

History of Philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Hermeneutic Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

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

“Nietzsche and Dilthey contra Lebensphilosophie” in *Lebensphilosophie and the Sciences*, ed. Josten and Mina (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 Nietzsche’s *The Birth of Tragedy*.” *New Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 13, No. 1/2 (2026) (forthcoming).

“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.”

“πάθει μάθος: Gadamer and the Beginnings of Philosophy in Tragedy”

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.

Languages

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

Honors, Fellowships, & Prizes

Elected as executive committee member & secretary of North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, January 2026.

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 for participation 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.

Department & University Service

Faculty advisor for Fordham 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.

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

Chief Organizer of the Fordham Philosophical Society's 8th Biennial Graduate Conference 2018.

Writing Center Tutor, University of Washington Department of Philosophy Writing Center, August 2014 – June 2015.

Professional Service / Service Outside of the University

Executive committee member & secretary, North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, 2026–present

Volunteer for NYC High School Ethics Bowl, Spring 2026–present

Volunteer for The Samaritans of New York, Fall 2026–present

Primary faculty advisor for Fordham women's club soccer team, Fall 2025–Spring 2026.

Community volunteer for Harlem Growth non-profit organization, 2024–2025.

Organizer and volunteer for *Rethink*, September 2016–2020.

A NYC-based society of graduate students that planned and organized philosophical discussions outside of the traditional academic context. I worked with members of marginalized and underprivileged groups in the NYC community and helped develop students' skills in discussing philosophical issues in a respectful and collaborative way.

Teacher for Claremont Educational Foundation Summer Learning Program (Junior High School), June–September 2016.

Professional Associations

North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics (2023–present).

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) (2018–present).

References

Dr. Babette Babich	Professor, Fordham University babich@fordham.edu
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