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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Art, Social Thought

European Graduate School, 2025

Distinction: Magna Cum Laude

Dissertation: *Morphologies*

Advisor: Catherine Malabou

Committee: Elie During, Christopher Fynsk

M.A. Philosophy

The New School, 2020

Distinction: Summa Cum Laude

M.F.A. Creative Writing

Columbia University, 2019

Distinction: Creative Writing Fellow

Thesis: *Thresholds of Being*

Committee: Shane McCrae, Alan Gilbert, Cynthia Cruz

B.A. Philosophy

Stony Brook University, 2015

Distinction: Cum Laude

Honor's Thesis Title: *Non-Being*

Advisor: Anne O'Byrne

AOS: Continental Philosophy (19th-21st Century); Philosophy of History; Philosophy of Language and Poetics; Philosophy of Technology; Ethics; A.I. Ethics

AOC: Modern Philosophy (17th-18th Century); 19th and early 20th Century Philosophy; Postmodern and Contemporary Continental Philosophy; Aesthetics and Critical Theory; Creative Writing (Non-Fiction, Poetry & Poetics); Ethics; A.I. Ethics

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Under Review

- *Morphologies*, Doctoral dissertation, completed 2025. Monograph prospectus under review at Bloomsbury Publishing, 2026

Forthcoming

- *Timed*, poetry book manuscript in preparation for submission to Winter Editions, Nightboat Books, BOA Editions, Copper Canyon Press, Academy of American Poets, 2026
- *The Synthetic Referent*, book manuscript in preparation for submission to academic publishers, 2027

Selected Publications

- “Play Dead,” *Recliner Mag!* Winter Issue, 2021
- “Two Poems,” translated into Spanish in *Fragments Bilingual Punk Zine*- Issue I, 2020

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025, Ph.D. Magna Cum Laude, European Graduate School

2015-2020, Summa Cum Laude, Dean’s Scholarship for Academic Achievement, The New School

2017-2019, Creative Writing Fellow Recipient, Columbia University

2017-2018, Columbia Artist Teaching Fellow (CA/T), Columbia University

2015, Socratic Legacy Award for Honor’s Thesis, Stony Brook University

2013-2015, Cum Laude, Dean’s Scholarship for Academic Achievement, Stony Brook University

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EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor Philosophy and English

San Diego Community College District
San Diego, CA. 2023-present

Adjunct English (Anglo Studies) Professor

Ensemble Scolaire Fénelon
Ecole, Collège, Lycée, Supérieur,
Clermont Ferrand, France. 2022-2023

Teaching Fellow Creative Writing (Poetry)

(Columbia Artist/Teachers)
Columbia University, NYC. 2018-2019

INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Member, Institutional Review Board (IRB)

San Diego Community College District, 2025-2026

Protecting Human Research Participants (PHRP),

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Certification of Completion, 11/10/2025

Poetry Editor & Board Member

Columbia Journal, NYC. 2018-2019

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SELECTED COURSES

PHIL 111 Philosophy in Literature
San Diego City College, 2025

PHIL 205 Critical Thinking and Writing in Philosophy
San Diego City College, 2026

ENGL 105 Composition and Literature: Absurdist Fiction
San Diego City College, 2024

ENGL 205 Critical Thinking and Intermediate Composition (Accelerated)
San Diego City College, 2023-2026

ENGL 209 Literary Approaches to Film
San Diego City College, 2024

ENGL Culture Et Civilisation du Monde Anglophone
Ensemble Scolaire Fénelon, France, 2022-2023

ENGL Anglais (Langue, Littérature et Culture Étrangère/Monde
Contemporain)

WRIT 500 Poetic Temporality (Creative Writing/Poetry Workshop)
Columbia University (Columbia Artist/Teachers), 2019

WRIT 500 Negative Spaces (Creative Writing/Poetry Workshop)
Columbia University (Columbia Artist/Teachers), 2018

LANGUAGES

French: Limited/Professional Working Proficiency B1.1

German: Reading Proficiency A2

REFERENCES

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The European Graduate School
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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Simon Critchley
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The New School

James Dodd
Professor of Philosophy;
Director of Undergraduate Studies and
Departmental Faculty Advisor for Philosophy,
The New School

Timothy Donnelly
Writing Department Chair,
Professor of Creative Writing
Columbia University

Shane McCrae
Associate Professor of Writing
Columbia University

Mr. Baptiste Benoit
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Anne O'Byrne
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