

Sean Foley

Curriculum Vitae (03.07.2025)

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AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of Specialization: phenomenology, epistemology and metaphysics

Areas of Competency: Ancient Greek philosophy, German philosophy, philosophy of sport

EDUCATION

- 2023 **Admitted to Ph.D. Candidacy**, The Catholic University of America, *Washington, DC*
Dissertation: "Realism, Formal Science, and Husserl's Transcendental Phenomenology"
Director: Michele Averchi *Readers:* Michael Gorman, George Heffernan
- 2023 **M.A. Philosophy**, The Catholic University of America, *Washington, DC*
Thesis: "Evidence and Verification in Husserl's *Formal and Transcendental Logic*"
Director: Robert Sokolowski *Reader:* Michele Averchi
- 2018 **M.A. Liberal Arts**, St. John's College, *Annapolis, MD*
Master's Essay: "On Education: A Reading of the *Phenomenology of Spirit*"
Director: Matthew Caswell
- 2010 **B.A. European Intellectual History, Russian & Eastern European Studies**,
Wesleyan University, *Middletown, CT*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I. Post-Secondary

A. Instructor of Record: responsible for syllabus, all instruction, creating and grading all assessments.

- 2023– The Catholic University of America, *Washington, DC*
 PHIL201 The Classical Mind (F23, F24, S25)
 PHIL202 The Modern Mind (S24, F24, S25)

B. Teaching Assistant: contributed to creation of assessments and grading; periodic instruction.

- 2021–23 The Catholic University of America, *Washington, DC*
 PHIL310 Philosophy of Art (S23)
 PHIL309A Theories of Ethics (S22)
 PHIL320 Philosophy of Sport (F21)

II. Secondary

- 2016–19 Landon School, *Bethesda, MD*
ENG611/12 Senior English:
Literature of Existentialism (F16, F17, F18)
Identity and Agency in Modern Literature (S17)
Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (S18)
David Foster Wallace: Some Short Fiction (S19)
ENG510 Humanities (AY16–17, AY17–18, AY18–19)
- 2010–16 Northfield Mount Hermon School, *Gill, MA*
HIS211L Humanities II: World History (F10, S11, F11, S12, F12, F13, S15, S16)
HIS212L Humanities II: World History Travel Program
India (S14)
China (F14)
HIS211 Topics in World History (F15)
HIS151 Comparative Politics (S12, S15)
HIS/REL457 Global Futures and Ethics (F15)
HIS/REL452 The Islamic Middle East (F14)
DIV010 Diversity and Social Justice (F15, S16)

III. Other

- 2010 Cheshire Correctional Institution, *Cheshire, CT*
Writing seminar (S10)

PUBLICATIONS

I. Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 Co-authored with Jonathan Buttaci. "What is the Most Divine Thing In Us?: A Criterion for Interpreting Aristotle's *De Anima* 3.4–5." *Review of Metaphysics*, 78 (3): 403–443. <https://doi.org/10.1353/rvm.2025.a953864>.
- 2023 Co-authored with Michael Rohlf. "Suffering and *Schadenfreude* in Sport." *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 50.1: 133–47. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00948705.2023.2177658>.
- 2022 "Sophistic Speech and False Statements in Plato's *Sophist*." *Illinois Classical Studies* 47.2: 383–405. <https://doi.org/10.5406/23285265.47.2.09>.

II. Book Reviews

- 2023 "Philosophy's Nature: Husserl's Phenomenology, Natural Science, and Metaphysics, by Emiliano Trizio (Review)." *Review of Metaphysics* 76.4 (2023): 775–77.
<http://doi.org/10.1353/rvm.2023.a899493>.

III. Other Publications

- 2013 "Mount Hermon's African Students, 1898–1918," *The Northfield Mount Hermon Journal for the Humanities* 1: 19–56. <https://issuu.com/nmhschool/docs/nmh-j4h-n01>.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

I. Papers

- 2025 "Husserlian Realism and The Problem of Formal Science," On What There Is (In Terms of Phenomenology), State University of New York: Stony Brook.
- 2023 "Protarchus' Reversal: Eristic, Dialectic, and False Anticipatory Pleasures in Plato's *Philebus* (36c–41b)," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Annual Conference, Online.
- 2022 "Suffering and Schadenfreude in Sport," International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, Annual Meeting, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2022 "Sophistic Speech and False Statements in Plato's *Sophist*," 45th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 "What is the Most Divine Thing In Us?: A Criterion for Interpreting *De Anima* 3.4–5," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Annual Conference, Online.

II. Comments on Papers

- 2022 Response to Thomas Byrne, "Husserl's Semiotics Reconsidered: Passivity, Intersubjectivity, and Temporality," Husserl Circle, Annual Meeting, The Catholic University of America.

III. Academic Presentations

- 2025 "Passivity and Ontological Status: the Being of Pure Categorial Objectivities in Husserl," *Sachverhalt* Workshop, The Catholic University of America
- 2023 "What Is a Philosophical Point? Husserl, Hegel, and Aristotle," University Research Day, The Catholic University of America.
- 2022 "Sophistic Speech and False Statements in Plato's *Sophist*," University Research Day, The Catholic University of America.
- 2021 "On Andrew Inkpin's *Disclosing the World*," Phenomenology and Language Seminar, The Catholic University of America.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Distinction, M.A. Oral Examination, The Catholic University of America
- 2022–23 Knights of Columbus Scholarship, The Catholic University of America
- 2021–22 Edward & Mary C. Johnson Scholarship, The Catholic University of America
- 2019 Highest Distinction, Master’s Essay Oral Examination, St. John’s College
- 2019 University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award
- 2018 Selected by peer cohort as graduation speaker, St. John’s College
- 2018 Nominated for best preceptorial essay prize, St. John’s College: “Sight and Recognition: The Purgation of Envy in Dante’s *Purgatorio*”
- 2018 Selected by senior class as graduation speaker, Landon School
- 2017–18 Hodson Fellowship, St. John’s College
- 2017 Selected to give inaugural Ethics Lecture, Landon School
- 2017 Honorable Mention for best tutorial essay prize, St. John’s College: “Erotic Desire and Reciprocity in The Wife of Bath’s Tale”
- 2014–15 Faculty Fellowship for Excellence in the Academic Program, Northfield Mount Hermon School
- 2014–15 Hodson Fellowship, St. John’s College

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023 Graduate Student Representative, Foreign Language Examination Committee, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America
- 2014–16 Founder and editor, *Northfield Mount Hermon Review*, Northfield Mount Hermon School
- 2014–16 Chair of the Executive Committee of the Faculty (elected), Northfield Mount Hermon School
- 2015–16 Chair of Task Force for the Academic Program, Northfield Mount Hermon School
- 2012–13 Secretary of the Faculty (elected), Northfield Mount Hermon School

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Hegel Society of America
Heidegger Circle
Husserl Circle
International Association for the Philosophy of Sport
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

LANGUAGES

English (native)

German (reading)
Russian (reading)
French (reading)