

## Robert (Alex) Bryant

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### EDUCATION

- 2021- **Doctor of Philosophy**, Philosophy  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2020-2021 **Doctor of Philosophy**, Philosophy  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario  
Transferred to University of British Columbia beginning Fall 2021.
- 2021 **Teaching and Learning Foundations Certificate of Completion**  
MacPherson Institute, McMaster University
- 2021 **Instructional Skills Workshop Certificate**  
MacPherson Institute, McMaster University
- 2018-2020 **Master of Arts**, Philosophy  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario  
Thesis: *Individual Responsibility for Structural Injustice:  
The Case of Sexual Assault Perpetrated by Men*  
Committee: Violetta Igheski (advisor), Elisabeth Gedge, Megan Stotts
- 2012-2017 **Bachelor of Arts**, Contemporary Studies (honours) and Philosophy (honours)  
University of King's College and Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Thesis: *Turning the Law Against Itself:  
Supreme Court litigation as counter-hegemonic tactic in Canada*  
Committee: Gordon McOuat (advisor), Sarah Clift, Dorota Glowacka

### HONOURS & AWARDS

- 2021 UBC Graduate Fellowship, four years
- 2021 UBC President's Academic Excellence Initiative Award
- 2020 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2020 McMaster Philosophy MA Teaching Assistant Award
- 2020 McMaster Graduate Scholarship, four years
- 2020 McMaster Graduate Entrance Award
- 2018 McMaster Graduate Scholarship, two years
- 2017 Contemporary Studies Honours Thesis Prize

**PAPERS IN REFEREED CONFERENCES****Individual Responsibility in light of Structural Ontology: The Case of Group-based Sexual Violence**

2021 *Social Ontology 2021* (ISOS)

**Shared Responsibility for Systematic Sexual Assault: A Response to the #NotAllMen Objection**

2021 *Canadian Philosophical Association*

2021 *North American Society for Social Philosophy*

**Gilbert Simondon contra Marx and Hegel: Alienation & Analogical Understanding**

2021 *Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science*

**Joint Commitment-Based Legal Human Rights: With and Against Gilbert**

2020 *Canadian Philosophical Association*

2020 *12th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference* (ISOS)

**Aristotle on the Generation of Sounds**

2020 *Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science*

**What do Misogynist Stereotypes Do? Social Constraints on Autonomy in Commercial Sex**

2020 *Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop* (BayFAP)

2020 *Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*

2019 *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*

**Inclusive Anchor Individualism: A Comparative Model of Individualist Social Ontologies**

2019 *European Network for Social Ontology* (ISOS)

2019 *Canadian Philosophical Association*

**Turning the Law Against Itself: Supreme Court litigation as counter-hegemonic tactic in Canada.**

2017 *Atlantic Region Philosophers Association*

**The Locus of Sin: Contesting Lee's Critique of Malebranche's NNC**

2017 *Conference of the Early Modern*

**COMMENTARIES**

2021 Are women “free and equal” in Rawls’s well-ordered society? by Jennifer Foster  
*Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*

2019 The Five-Sex Model: A Conceptual Analysis and Response to Anne Fausto  
Sterling” by Michaela Thompson  
*Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Lethbridge University*

**INVITED TALKS**

2021 **Is Ideology-Talk Disability-Talk?**  
*Philosophy, Disability and Social Change II*

**INSTRUCTOR**

2020W *Metaphysics* (PHILOS 3HH3), with Stefan Sciaraffa, March and April only.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT****University of British Columbia**

2021F *History and Philosophy of Economics I* (PHIL 362), Margaret Schabas

**McMaster University**

2021W *Meaning of Life* (PHILOS 1F03), Johannes Steizinger

2020F *Theory of Knowledge* (PHILOS 3O03), Megan Stotts

2020W *Aesthetics* (PHILOS 2H03), Barry Allen

2019F *Political Philosophy* (PHILOS 3N03), Richard Healey

2019W *Early Modern Philosophy II* (PHILOS 2XX3), James Sikkema

2018F *Introduction to Ethics* (PHILOS 2YY3), Violetta Ighneski

**Dalhousie University**

2019S *Legal Aspects of Business* (COMM2603.03, marking assistant), Graham Steele

2017/18FW *German Fiction in Novel and Film* (GERM1020.06), John Cameron

2016F *German Fiction in Novel and Film* (GERM1020.03), Cornelia Lorenz

**University of King’s College**

2018W *Technology and Engineering: From the Industrial Age to the Cybernetic Age*  
(HSTC1801.03) [roughly, applied ethics for engineers], Melanie Frappier

2017/18FW *Modern Social and Political Thought* (CTMP2000.06), Sarah Clift

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2020-2021 MITAC Accelerate Intern, The United Way Halton and Hamilton, *Supporting Non-Profits through COVID-19: Online Social Innovation Labs*

- Supervisors: Sandra LaPointe, Brent McKnight, Vivien Underdown
- 2020 Research Assistant, SSHRC Insight Development Grant, “Building a Behavioural Metaphysics for Social Institutions”  
Supervisor: Megan Stotts
- 2020 Research Assistant, *La/The Collaborative*, “Design for Attention: Best practices when moving collaborative workshops online”  
Supervisor: Sandra Lapointe
- 2019-2020 Co-PI with Mark Johnstone, “Best Practices for Teaching and Evaluating Undergraduate Philosophical Writing,” *MacPherson Institute*
- 2019-2020 Research Intern, *La/The Collaborative*  
Supervisor: Sandra Lapointe
- 2019 Research Partner, *The Socrates Project*

### University of King’s College

- 2018 Research Assistant, University Equity Committee, *African Heritage Month*  
Supervisor: Dorota Glowacka
- 2016 Student Assistantship in Feminist Philosophy and Philosophy of Race  
Supervisor: Warren Heiti

### GRADUATE COURSEWORK (\* = audit; † = in-progress)

- 2021F *Knowledge and Oppression*, Alison Wylie and Jonathan Ichikawa†  
*Self-Transformation in Ancient Platonist and Buddhist Philosophy*, Michael Griffin†  
*STS Proseminar: Data, Facts, Evidence*, Alison Wylie†
- 2021W *Current Debates in Feminist and Gender Theory*, All Lauren Forbes  
*Conventions, Language, and Normativity*, Megan Stotts  
*Hellenistic Ethics: Stoics and Epicureans*, Mark Johnstone
- 2020F *Rawls*, Stefan Sciaraffa  
*Nietzsche on Truth and Art*, Johannes Steizinger
- 2020W *Plato on Pleasure and the Human Good*, Mark Johnstone\*  
*Justice, Responsibility, and Moral Improvement*, Violetta Igneski\*
- 2019F *Constitutionalism*, Wil Waluchow\*
- 2019W *Philosophy of Technology: Gilbert Simondon*, Barry Allen  
*Autonomy, Oppression, and Gender*, Elisabeth Gedge  
*Aristotle on Sense Perception*, Mark Johnstone
- 2018F *Hegel*, Stefan Sciaraffa  
*Social Ontology*, Megan Stotts  
*Rights and Duties*, Violetta Igneski

## **PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

### **Events Organized**

- 2020 Southwestern Ontario Feminism and Philosophy Workshop  
(co-organized with Allaura Forbes)  
Philosophical Writing workshops x3 (Argumentation, Mastery, Composition)  
(co-organized with Mark Johnstone)

### **Academic Blogs**

- 2021 Dialogues on Disability: Shelley Tremain with Alex Bryant (sixth anniversary)  
co-authored with Shelley Tremain  
Dialogues on Disability: Shelley Tremain With Alex Bryant  
interview by Shelley Tremain

### **Reading Group Organizer**

- 2021 Foucault and Feminist Philosophy of Disability

### **Reports**

- 2020 **Design for Attention: Best practices when moving collaborative workshops online.** Author, La/The Collaborative.
- 2016 **Report on Tuition Fees.** Author, University of King's College Board of Governors
- 2016 **Review of the Academic Relationship of the University of King's College and Dalhousie University.** Co-author, Dalhousie University Senate

### **Referee**

- Asian Bioethics Review (x1)

### **Board Executive**

- 2016-2017 **Treasurer**, South House Sexual and Gender Resource Centre
- 2015-2016 **President**, King's Students' Union
- 2015-2016 **President**, HMCS King's Wardroom (bar)
- 2015-2016 **President**, King's Galley Inc. (café)
- 2015-2016 **Executive Committee**, University of King's College
- 2014-2015 **Student Life Vice-President**, King's Students' Union
- 2014-2015 **Treasurer**, King's Bookstore Co-operative
- 2013-2014 **Financial Vice-President**, King's Students' Union

### **Committee Chair**

- 2016 **Board Chair Search Committee**, King's Students' Union

- 2015-2016 **Staff Review and Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2015 **Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2015 **Graduation Week Coordinator Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2014-2015 **Equity Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2014-2015 **Academic Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2014 **Levy Task Force**, King's Students' Union  
 2014 **CUBE Coordinator Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2013-2014 **Finance Committee**, King's Students' Union
- Committee Member**
- 2018-2019 **Finance Committee**, Graduate Student Association at McMaster University  
 2014-2016 **Senate Committee to Review the Academic Relationship of the University of King's College and Dalhousie University**, Dalhousie University Senate  
 2016 **Committee on Student Fees**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2016 **Presidential Search Committee**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2016 **Graduation Week Coordinator Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2015-2016 **College Task Force on Financial Sustainability**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2015-2016 **Governance, Human Resources, and Nominating Committee**, UKC Board of Governors
- 2013-2016 **Staff Review and Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2013-2016 **Student-Government Roundtable**, Nova Scotia Ministry of Labour & Advanced Education
- 2015 **CUBE Coordinator Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2014-2015 **Alex Fountain Memorial Lecture Selection Committee**, UKC Board of Governors
- 2014, 2016 **Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee**, King's Students' Union  
 2014-2015 **Campus Master Planning Committee**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2014-2015 **Property, Grounds, and Safety Committee**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2014-2015 **Residence Don Hiring Committee**, UKC  
 2014-2015 **Enrolment Management Committee**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2014-2015 **University Finance Committee**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2014-2015 **Budget Advisory Committee**, UKC Board of Governors  
 2013-2015 **Director**, HMCS King's Wardroom  
 2013-2015 **Director**, King's Galley Inc.  
 2013 **Property Development Committee**, Dalhousie University Board of Governors

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- APA American Philosophical Association  
 CPA Canadian Philosophical Association

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| CSHPS | Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science |
| CSWIP | Canadian Society for Women In Philosophy               |
| ISOS  | International Social Ontology Society                  |
| WCPA  | Western Canadian Philosophical Association             |