

Robert (Alex) Bryant

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.
- 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 Ignieski (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

TEACHING CERTIFICATES/WORKSHOPS († = in-progress)

- 2022-2023 **Certificate Program in Advanced Teaching and Learning**†
Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, University of British Columbia
- 2022 **AAPT Seminar on Teaching and Learning Philosophy**
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
- 2021 **Teaching and Learning Foundations Certificate of Completion**
MacPherson Institute, McMaster University
- 2021 **Instructional Skills Workshop Certificate**
MacPherson Institute, McMaster University

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

- Breaking Up is Hard To Do: The Metaphysics of Group Dissolution**
 2022 Western Canadian Philosophical Association
- Standpoint Epistemologies, the Early Years: Feminist Philosophers of Science**
 2022 *Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science*
- The Metaphor of Disability in Ideology Critique**
 Symposium: "Disabling Philosophy in the Canadian Context"
 2022 *Canadian Philosophical Association*
- 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

- 2022 "On Group Background Beliefs" by Nate Lauffer
American Philosophical Association - Eastern

- 2022 "Against Philosophy Against Disability" by Jonathan Flowers,
 APA Committee on the Status of Disabled People in the Profession
American Philosophical Association - Pacific

- 2021 "Cutting off a Hydra's Head: Plato on the Insatiability of Desire" by Alec Oakley
Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria

- 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

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Commentator-at-Larger
MAP-Penn Summer Colloquium on Philosophy of Disability and Illness

Is Ideology-Talk Disability-Talk?

- 2022 *Pitt Words Workshop*
 2021 *Philosophy, Disability and Social Change II*

GUEST LECTURES

- 2022 “Butler’s *Gender Trouble: Identity, Sex, and the Metaphysics of Substance*”
Philosophy and Literature (PHIL 375),
- 2022 “Literalism about Perception,” regarding *De Anima* 2.4-8
The Philosophy of Aristotle (PHIL 311A), Brooks Sommerville
- 2022 “The Scales of Virtue,” regarding the “scales of virtue” in Neoplatonism
Greek Philosophy II (PHIL 212), Michael Griffin
- 2021 Adam Smith’s “History of Astronomy” and “Lectures on Jurisprudence”
History and Philosophy of Economics I (PHIL 362), Margaret Schabas

INSTRUCTOR

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

TEACHING ASSISTANT

University of British Columbia

- 2022F *Greek Philosophy 1: Presocratics and Plato* (CLST/PHIL 211), Michael Griffin
 2022S *Philosophy and Literature* (PHIL 375), Stefan Lukits
 2022W *Greek Philosophy 2: Aristotle, Hellenistic, Neoplatonic* (CLST/PHIL 212),
 Michael Griffin
The Philosophy of Aristotle (PHIL 311A), Brooks Sommerville
 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

- 2021- Research Assistant, Canada Research Chair (Tier I) Philosophy of the Social and Historical Sciences
Supervisor: Alison Wylie
- 2020-2021 MITACS 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)

- 2022S *Attention*, Christopher Mole†
- 2022W *Philosophy of Mind: Computationalism*, Christopher Mole
Collective Actions, Agents, Responsibility, Scott Anderson
- 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*, Allauren Forbes

- 2020F *Conventions, Language, and Normativity*, Megan Stotts
Hellenistic Ethics: Stoics and Epicureans, Mark Johnstone
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 Allairen Forbes)
 Philosophical writing workshops for undergraduate students
 (co-organized with Mark Johnstone)

Outreach

- 2022-2024 Social Media Committee, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of
 Science (CSHPS)
- 2022 Wonder Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh - Volunteer

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

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
- 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