

Robert (Alex) Bryant

EDUCATION

- 2021- **Doctor of Philosophy**, Philosophy
Research Stream in Science and Technology Studies
 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

Unilateral Break-ups: What Dissolution Conditions Can Tell Us About Romantic Partnership

- 2023 *Social Ontology 2023 (ISOS)*

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

- 2022 Invited Symposium: "Disabling Philosophy in the Canadian Context," *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*

COMMENTS

- “Adapted Now, Adaptive Later: Rational Adaptive Preferences in an Ableist World,” by Xin Hui Yong
 2023 Committee Session: “The Cultural Politics of Disability,” APA Committee on the Status of Disabled People in the Profession, *American Philosophical Association - Pacific*
- “On Group Background Beliefs” by Nate Lauffer
 2022 *American Philosophical Association - Eastern*
- Commentator-at-Larger
 2022 *MAP-Penn Summer Colloquium on Philosophy of Disability and Illness*
- “Against Philosophy Against Disability” by Jonathan Flowers
 2022 Committee Session: “Disability and Philosophy,” APA Committee on the Status of Disabled People in the Profession, *American Philosophical Association - Pacific*
- “Cutting off a Hydra's Head: Plato on the Insatiability of Desire” by Alec Oakley
 2021 *Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria*
- “Are women “free and equal” in Rawls's well-ordered society?” by Jennifer Foster

2021 *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*

“The Five-Sex Model: A Conceptual Analysis and Response to Anne Fausto Sterling” by Michaela Thompson

2019 *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*

INVITED TALKS

Fear of Men

2022 *The Ethical Significance of Attention*

Is Ideology-Talk Disability-Talk?

2022 *Pitt WordsWorkshop*

2021 *Philosophy, Disability and Social Change II*

GUEST LECTURES

“Butler’s *Gender Trouble*: Identity, Sex, and the Metaphysics of Substance”
2022 *Philosophy and Literature* (PHIL 375),

“Literalism about Perception,” regarding *De Anima* 2.4-8

2022 *The Philosophy of Aristotle* (PHIL 311A), Brooks Sommerville

“The Scales of Virtue,” regarding the “scales of virtue” in Neoplatonism

2022 *Greek Philosophy II* (PHIL 212), Michael Griffin

Adam Smith’s “History of Astronomy” and “Lectures on Jurisprudence”

2021 *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

2023S *Bio-medical Ethics* (PHIL 333), [Doran Smolkin](#)

2023W *Minds and Machines* (PHIL250), Ali Jewell

Introduction to Philosophy: Place and Power (PHIL 102), Carrie Jenkins

2022F *Introduction to Epistemology* (PHIL 240), Stefan Lukits

Greek Philosophy 1: Presocratics to Plato (AMNE 235/PHIL 211), Michael Griffin

2022S *Philosophy and Literature* (PHIL 375), Stefan Lukits

- 2022W *Greek Philosophy 2: Aristotle, Hellenistic, Neoplatonic* (AMNE 236/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 Igeneski

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

- 2022- Co-PI, *Standpoint Theory: Formation, Contestation, Legacies*, with Karoline Paier,
Emily Tilton, Alison Wylie.
- 2021- Research Assistant, Canada Research Chair (Tier I) Philosophy of the Social and
Historical Sciences
Supervisor: Alison Wylie
- 2022 Research Assistant, Supervisor: Jonathan Ichikawa
- 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)

Ethics and Political Philosophy

2022W *Collective Actions, Agents, Responsibility*, Scott Anderson
2021F *Knowledge and Oppression*, Alison Wylie and Jonathan Ichikawa
2021W *Current Debates in Feminist and Gender Theory*, Allairen Forbes
2020W *Justice, Responsibility, and Moral Improvement*, Violetta Igneski*
2020F *Rawls*, Stefan Sciaraffa
2019F *Constitutionalism*, Wil Waluchow*
2019W *Autonomy, Oppression, and Gender*, Elisabeth Gedge
2018F *Rights and Duties*, Violetta Igneski
2018F *Hegel*, Stefan Sciaraffa

Ancient Philosophy

2022W *Nicomachean Ethics*, Sylvia Berryman*†
2021F *Self-Transformation in Ancient Platonist and Buddhist Philosophy*,
Michael Griffin
2021W *Hellenistic Ethics: Stoics and Epicureans*, Mark Johnstone
2020W *Plato on Pleasure and the Human Good*, Mark Johnstone*
2019W *Aristotle on Sense Perception*, Mark Johnstone

Mind

2022S *Attention*, Christopher Mole
2022W *Philosophy of Mind: Computationalism*, Christopher Mole
2021W *Conventions, Language, and Normativity*, Megan Stotts
2018F *Social Ontology*, Megan Stotts

Science and Technology

- 2023F-24W [*Colloquium in Science and Technology Studies*, TBD]
 2023W *STS Core Seminar: Public Intellectuals: Science and Political Activism*,
 Alexei Kojevnikov[†]
 2021F *STS Proseminar: Data, Facts, Evidence*, Alison Wylie
 2019W *Philosophy of Technology: Gilbert Simondon*, Barry Allen

Other

- 2020F *Nietzsche on Truth and Art*, Johannes Steizinger

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**Events Organized**

- 2020 Southwestern Ontario Feminism and Philosophy Workshop
 (co-organized with Allauren Forbes)
 Philosophical writing workshops for undergraduate students
 (co-organized with Mark Johnstone)

Outreach

- 2023-2024 2023-2024 AAPT Communications Committee
 2022-2024 Social Media Committee, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of
 Science (CSHPS)
 2022 Wonder Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh - Volunteer

Academic Blogs/Interviews

- 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

- 2022 **Experiential Learning in the Social Sector**, Research Collaborator (via Mitacs-
 funded research work)
 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 **Senate 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

- AAPT American Association of Philosophy Teachers
- 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