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Areas of Specialization: Phenomenology (Merleau-Ponty, Husserl, Bergson, Heidegger),
Philosophy of Perception, Moral Philosophy & Moral Psychology,
Philosophy of Heroism, Philosophy of Love, Philosophy of Trauma

Areas of Competence: Epistemology (especially Kant & Plato), Metaphysics (especially
Aristotle), Continental Philosophy, Existentialism, History of
Philosophy, Ethics, Critical Theory

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Philosophy 2022 – Present
Université de Montréal
Supervisor : Prof. Maxime Doyon

Master of Arts in Philosophy 2020 – 2022
Concordia University
Supervisor: Prof. David Morris
*Master Research Paper Title: “Spontaneous Heroism and the Intersubjective Nature of
Sacrificial Selflessness in Merleau-Ponty”*
Examiner: Prof. Matthias Fritsch

Bachelor of Arts 2016 – 2020
Double Major in Philosophy & English Literature
Concordia University, Montreal

Diploma of College Studies 2013 – 2015
Marianopolis College, Montreal

LANGUAGES

French (native), English (fluent), German (A1.1 intermediate), Ancient Greek (translation)

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Cuisinier, E. “What Is Trauma? Sketch of a Phenomenological Description” *Oxford Public
Philosophy*. Vol. 3. January 2023. [https://www.oxfordpublicphilosophy.com/turn-
three/orientation/cuisinier](https://www.oxfordpublicphilosophy.com/turn-three/orientation/cuisinier)

Cuisinier, E., Fortin, S. E., eds. *From Beginnings to Ends*. Gnosis: Graduate Journal of
Philosophy. Vol. 20. Fall 2022. Print.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Winter 2023
Spontaneity & Normativity in Perception – Prof. Maxime Doyon

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Fall 2023
PHI1800 From Presocratics to Plato – Université de Montréal

Teaching Assistant Fall 2023
PHI2960 Chinese Philosophy – Université de Montréal

Teaching Assistant Summer 2023
PHI2180 Philosophy of Language – Université de Montréal

Teaching Assistant Winter 2023
PHI2990 Fondements et enjeux pratiques de l'éthique – Université de Montréal

Teaching Assistant Fall 2022
PHIL-235 Biomedical Ethics – Concordia University

Philosophy Tutor 2022 – Present
PHI1000, PHI2000, PHI3000 – Collège Brébeuf

Teaching Assistant Winter 2022
PHIL-235 Biomedical Ethics – Concordia University

Teaching Assistant Fall 2021
PHIL-263 Introduction to Epistemology – Concordia University

Teaching Assistant Summer 2021
PHIL-210 Critical Thinking – Concordia University

Teaching Assistant Winter 2021
PHIL-261 Aristotle & Hellenistic Philosophy – Concordia University

Teaching Assistant Fall 2020
PHIL-210 Critical Thinking – Concordia University

Philosophy Workshop Facilitator in Retirement Homes 2016
Les Génies Inc., Montreal, Canada

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- MisirHiralall, Sabrina D. 2021. "APA Member Interview: Emmanuel Cuisinier." Blog of the APA. September 24, 2021. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2021/09/24/apa-member-interview-emmanuel-cuisinier/>.
- Cuisinier, E., Faingold, L., and Wenzel, E., eds. *Pensées Canadiennes*. Vol 18. Montreal: McGill University. Fall 2021.
- Cuisinier, E. "Our Romantic Heart Needs To be Known." *The Concordian* [Montreal, QC], 18 February 2020, <http://theconcordian.com/2020/02/thinkpiece-our-romantic-heart-needs-to-be-known/>
- Nounours, E. "Speaking About Death." *The Sophia Review*, Vol. 1, 2018, pp.16-21.
- Cuisinier, E. "The right to learn comes before the right to free speech." *The Concordian*. 29 August 2017, p. 15. <http://theconcordian.com/2017/08/the-right-to-learn-comes-before-the-right-to-free-speech/>
- Cuisinier, E. "July in June." *The Initial Journal*, Vol. 1, August 2020.
- Nounours, E. "The Story of Cake" & "For My Editor", *Burning Magazine*, Vol. 1. 2019.
- Cuisinier, E. "Emmanuel Cuisinier." *Marianopolis Matters*. Ed. Dino Mazzone. Montreal : Marianopolis College, 2016. Print. <http://www.marianopolis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Marianopolis-Matters-spring-2016-printer-friendly-version.pdf>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "A Phenomenological Approach to Romantic Love in Contexts of Mental Health"** Apr 2023
 APA Pacific 2023: Society for Philosophy of Sex and Love Session
 San Francisco, USA
- "Spontaneous Heroism in Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology*"** June 2023
 Merleau-Ponty & Expression Workshop (*invited*) – Concordia University
- "Challenges and Contentions to Romantic Love in Spinoza's *Ethics*"** March 2021
 Kent State Philosophy Graduate Conference
 Kent State University, Ohio, USA
- "Taking Over Subjectivity: The Intersubjective Nature of Being Heroic in Merleau-Ponty"**
 Philopolis Montreal Jan. 2021
 Université du Québec à Montréal

“The Place of Romantic Love as Robust Concern Theory in Spinoza’s *Ethics*” Nov. 2018
 The Steven Humphrey Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium (Faculty refereed)
 University of Louisville, Kentucky, USA

“Counter Arguments to Social-Constructionist and Materialist Theories of Love” Mar.2018
 Liberal Arts College Students Academic Conference,
 Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

“Fundamentals in Philosophy of Love.” February 2018
 Philopolis Montreal
 Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

“Ethics in Love : The Case of Spinoza’s Ethics” February 2017
 McGill University, Montreal, Canada

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editor 2023 – 2024
 Oxford Public Philosophy

Co-Editor-in-Chief 2021 – 2022
 Gnosis: Graduate Journal of Philosophy – Concordia University

Reviewer March 2021
 Concordia Graduate Philosophy Conference

Reviewer Feb. 2021
 Gnosis – Concordia University

Managing Editor 2020 – 2021
 Gnosis – Concordia University

Editor-In-Chief 2019 – 2020
 Pensées Canadiennes – McGill University

Internal Relations & Faculty Liaisons 2018 – 2019
 Students of Philosophy Association (SoPhiA) – Concordia University

Conference Organizer 2017 – 2018
 Philopolis, Montreal, Canada

Editor 2017
 Pensées Canadiennes – McGill University

AWARDS, BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Université de Montréal Bursary (\$4000)	2022 – 2023
Concordia Split Merit Scholarship FAS (\$5000)	2020 – 2021
Kai Nielsen Bursary (\$1000)	2020 – 2021
Carolyn and Richard Renaud Entrance Bursary (Renewed, \$2500)	2017 – 2018
Carolyn and Richard Renaud Entrance Bursary (\$2500)	2016 – 2017
Marguerite Bourgeoys Bursary (\$1100)	2014

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
 Canadian Philosophical Association
 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
 Society For Philosophy of Sex and Love

SUMMARY OF MASTER’S RESEARCH PROJECT

“This paper argues that there are cases of selfless sacrifice, which I call spontaneous heroism, during which the hero is entirely motivated by moral significations that are perceptually provided to them on a pre-judicative level by the event they are experiencing. Spontaneous heroism is not a result of psychological conditioning or rational deliberation but the hero’s pre-judicative and bodily relation to perceptual motives and significations that engender the course of action that leads them to save others in danger. My argument both draws and contributes to scholarship and interpretation of Maurice Merleau-Ponty’s texts on heroism and freedom in relation to perception. Most scholars have interpreted his references to heroism in relation to his political thought, but in ways that neglect his interest in the primacy of perception, which informs and leads him to discuss heroic experiences. I push back against this neglect in the literature in order to investigate sacrifice and heroism on the level of perception. I explain that moral significations can be obtained pre-judicatively if we understand the perception as being affective, linked to Merleau-Ponty’s concept of the body-schema as intersubjective, and involved with his own understanding of pre-judicative experience which he calls the pre-personal. The way in which I expose these phenomenological concepts to describe modern cases of spontaneous heroism leads back to freedom as a central issue for heroism in Merleau-Ponty’s work. Overall, my work further supports other research that has been going on to explain the phenomenon of moral orientation in recent years.”

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