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Areas of Specialization: Phenomenology (esp. Merleau-Ponty), Philosophy of Perception, Moral Philosophy & Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Heroism, Philosophy of Love, Philosophy of Trauma

Areas of Competence: Continental Philosophy, Critical Theory, Ethics, Epistemology & Metaphysics, Kant, Ancient Greek Philosophy, History of Philosophy

EDUCATION

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

Visiting Graduate Student Fall 2023
McGill University

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Fellow 2023 – 2024
Groupe de Recherche sur la Normativité (GRIN)

Teaching Assistant 2022 – Now
Université de Montréal

- PHI2990 Fundamentals & Practical Issues in Ethics
- PHI1880 From Presocratics to Plato
- PHI2960 Chinese Philosophy
- PHI2180 Philosophy of Language

Learning Assistant

2022 – Now

Collège Brébeuf

- PHI1000 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHI2000 Individual & Social Issues
- PHI3000 Political Issues in Philosophy

Research Assistant

Winter 2023

Spontaneity & Normativity in Perception – Prof. Maxime Doyon

Teaching Assistant

2020 – 2022

Concordia University

- PHIL-235 Biomedical Ethics
- PHIL-263 Introduction to Epistemology
- PHIL-210 Critical Thinking
- PHIL-261 Aristotle & Hellenistic Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

ACADEMIC

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

Cuisinier, E., Faingold, L., and Wenzel, E., eds. *Pensées Canadiennes*. Vol 18. Montreal: McGill University. Fall 2021.

ESSAYS

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>

Nounours, E. “Speaking About Death.” *The Sophia Review*, Vol. 1, 2018, pp.16-21.

INTERVIEWS

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/>.

OPINION ARTICLES

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/>

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/>

POETRY

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.

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 Oxford Public Philosophy	2023 – 2024
Co-Editor-in-Chief Gnosis: Graduate Journal of Philosophy – Concordia University	2021 – 2022
Reviewer Concordia Graduate Philosophy Conference	March 2021
Reviewer Gnosis – Concordia University	Feb. 2021
Managing Editor Gnosis – Concordia University	2020 – 2021
Editor-In-Chief Pensées Canadiennes – McGill University	2019 – 2020
Conference Organizer Philopolis, Montreal, Canada	2017 – 2018
Editor Pensées Canadiennes – McGill University	2017

AWARDS, BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Bourse du Groupe de Recherche sur la Normativité (\$2000)	2023 – 2024
Université de Montréal Doctoral Bursary (\$6000)	2022 – 2026
Concordia Split Merit Scholarship FAS (\$5000)	2020 – 2021
Kai Nielsen Bursary (\$1000)	2020 – 2021
Carolyn and Richard Renaud Bursary (\$5000)	2016 – 2018
Marguerite Bourgeoys Bursary (\$1100)	2014

MEMBERSHIPS

International Merleau-Ponty Circle
 American Philosophical Association
 Canadian Philosophical Association
 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
 Society For Philosophy of Sex and Love

LANGUAGES

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

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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