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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

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**Doctorate in Philosophy** 2022 – Present  
Université de Montréal  
*Advisor : Prof. Maxime Doyon*  
*Thesis Project:* Moral Perception in Merleau-Ponty and Early Moral Phenomenology

**Visiting Graduate Student** Fall 2023  
McGill University

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

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

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Course Instructor** Winter 2025  
Université de Montréal, Department of Philosophy

- PHI1901 Pensée rationnelle et argumentation (*Introduction to Critical Thinking*)

**Course Instructor** 2024 – 2025  
Institut de tourisme et d’hôtellerie du Québec (ITHQ), CEGEP Curriculum

- 340-101-MQ – Philosophie et rationalité (*Introduction to Philosophy*)
- 340-102-MQ – L’être humain (*Philosophical Conceptions of Being Human*)
- 340-604-TH – Éthique (*Introduction to Ethics*)

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

- Teaching Assistant** 2022 – 2024  
 Université de Montréal
- PHI2990 Fundamentals & Practical Issues in Ethics (x2)
  - PHI1880 From Presocratics to Plato
  - PHI2960 Chinese Philosophy
  - PHI2180 Philosophy of Language
- Learning Assistant** 2022 – 2024  
 Collège Brébeuf
- PHI1000 Introduction to Philosophy
  - PHI2000 Individual & Social Issues
  - PHI3000 Ethical & 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 (x2)
  - PHIL-263 Introduction to Epistemology
  - PHIL-210 Critical Thinking (x2)
  - PHIL-261 Aristotle & Hellenistic Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Cuisinier, E. “Heroism, Perception, and The Problem of Expression” in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*. Forthcoming Fall 2025.

### EDITED VOLUMES

1. Cuisinier, E., Garant, H., Côté-Bouchard, C. (eds). Special Issue on Normativity in *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*. Forthcoming Spring 2025.
2. Cuisinier, E., Fortin, S. E., eds. *From Beginnings to Ends*. Gnosis: Graduate Journal of Philosophy. Vol. 20. Fall 2022. Print.
3. Cuisinier, E., Faingold, L., and Wenzel, E., eds. *Pensées Canadiennes*. Vol 18. Montreal: McGill University. Fall 2021.

### ESSAYS

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

**INTERVIEWS**

1. Kounkou, Malia. 2024. « Avez-vous secrètement souhaité la mort de Donald Trump ? » Urbania. July 15, 2024. <https://urbania.ca/article/avez-vous-secretement-souhaite-la-mort-de-donald-trump>
2. 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**

1. 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/>
2. 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**

1. Cuisinier, E. “July in June.” *The Initial Journal*, Vol. 1, August 2020.
2. Nounours, E. “The Story of Cake” & “For My Editor”, *Burning Magazine*, Vol. 1. 2019.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (R = Refereed; I = Invited)**

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| <p><b>“Value Theory in Early Moral Phenomenology” (R)</b><br/>         Colloque des cycles supérieurs en philosophie de l’UdeM<br/>         Université de Montréal</p>                                     | <p>March 2025</p>     |
| <p><b>“Perception, Heroism, and The Problem of Expression” (R)</b><br/>         American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting<br/>         New York City, USA</p>                           | <p>January 2025</p>   |
| <p><b>“Perception, Heroism, and The Problem of Expression” (R)</b><br/>         Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy<br/>         Rochester, NY, USA</p>                                   | <p>September 2024</p> |
| <p><b>“Perception, Heroism, and The Problem of Expression” (R)</b><br/>         Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, FHSS Congress<br/>         McGill University</p>                      | <p>June 2024</p>      |
| <p><b>“A Phenomenological Approach to Romantic Love in Contexts of Mental Health”</b><br/>         APA Pacific Meeting, Society for Philosophy of Sex and Love Session<br/>         San Francisco, USA</p> | <p>Apr 2023</p>       |

**“Spontaneous Heroism in Merleau-Ponty’s *Phenomenology*” (I)** June 2023  
 Merleau-Ponty & Expression Workshop  
 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 (Refereed by faculty)  
 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**

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**Guest Editor** 2024 – 2025  
 Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review

**Reviewer** Summer 2024  
 The Montreal Workshop on Emotions and Normativity

**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

<b>Editor</b> Gnosis – Concordia University	2020 – 2021
<b>Editor-In-Chief</b> Pensées Canadiennes – McGill University	2019 – 2020
<b>Conference Organizer</b> Philopolis, Montreal, Canada	2017 – 2018
<b>Editor</b> Pensées Canadiennes – McGill University	2017

## **REFEREE REPORTS**

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Revue Philosophiques

## **AWARDS, BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Travel Stipend, Philosophy Department, Université de Montréal (\$2000)	2025
American Philosophical Association Graduate Travel Stipend (\$300 USD)	2025
Bourse Wilrose Desrosiers et Pauline Dunn (\$1000)	2024
Graduate Merit Award, Canadian Congress of Humanities and Social Science (\$500)	2024
Bourse du Groupe de Recherche sur la Normativité (\$2000)	2023 – 2024
American Philosophical Association Graduate Travel Stipend (\$300 USD)	2023
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**

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

## **LANGUAGES**

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