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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  
*Supervisor : Prof. Maxime Doyon*  
*Thesis Project:* Merleau-Ponty's Ethics and 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 (Supervisor), 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, Fall 2025  
Université de Montréal, Department of Philosophy

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

**Course Instructor** 2024 – Now  
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*)

<b>Course Instructor</b> Collège Ahuntsic	Summer 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 340-102-MQ – L'être humain</li> </ul>	
<b>Graduate Research Fellow</b> Groupe de Recherche sur la Normativité (GRIN)	2023 – 2024
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Université de Montréal	2022 – 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHI2990 Fundamentals &amp; Practical Issues in Ethics (x2)</li> <li>• PHI1880 From Presocratics to Plato</li> <li>• PHI2960 Chinese Philosophy</li> <li>• PHI2180 Philosophy of Language</li> </ul>	
<b>Learning Assistant</b> Collège Brébeuf	2022 – 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHI1000 Introduction to Philosophy</li> <li>• PHI2000 Individual &amp; Social Issues</li> <li>• PHI3000 Ethical &amp; Political Issues in Philosophy</li> </ul>	
<b>Research Assistant</b> Spontaneity & Normativity in Perception – Prof. Maxime Doyon	Winter 2023
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Concordia University	2020 – 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHIL-235 Biomedical Ethics (x2)</li> <li>• PHIL-263 Introduction to Epistemology</li> <li>• PHIL-210 Critical Thinking (x2)</li> <li>• PHIL-261 Aristotle &amp; Hellenistic Philosophy</li> </ul>	

## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Cuisinier, E. "Heroism, Perception, and The Problem of Expression" in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*. July 2025. <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/2/article/966532>
2. Cuisinier, E., Garant, H.. « Numéro spécial sur la normativité : introduction » in *Dialogue : Canadian Philosophical Review*. 2025.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0012217325000137>

### EDITED VOLUMES

1. Cuisinier, E., Garant, H., Côté-Bouchard, C. (eds). Special Issue on Normativity in *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*. 2025.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0012217325000137>
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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| « <b>La critique des valeurs morales de Merleau-Ponty</b> » ( <i>R</i> )<br>Colloque des cycles supérieurs en philosophie, Université de Montréal | March 2026    |
| “ <b>Merleau-Ponty and Early Moral Phenomenology</b> ”<br>California Phenomenology Circle   | March 2026    |
| « <b>Peut-on enseigner la pensée critique aux gens qui n’en ont pas ?</b> »<br>Philopolis, UQAM   | February 2026 |
| “ <b>Value Theory in Early Moral Phenomenology</b> ” ( <i>R</i> )<br>Colloque des cycles supérieurs en philosophie, Université de Montréal        | March 2025    |

- “Perception, Heroism, and The Problem of Expression” (R)** January 2025  
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting  
New York City, USA
- “Perception, Heroism, and The Problem of Expression” (R)** September 2024  
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy  
Rochester, NY, USA
- “Perception, Heroism, and The Problem of Expression” (R)** June 2024  
Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, FHSS Congress  
McGill University
- “A Phenomenological Approach to Romantic Love in Contexts of Mental Health”** Apr 2023  
APA Pacific Meeting, Society for Philosophy of Sex and Love Session  
San Francisco, USA
- “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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<b>Guest Editor</b> Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review	2024 – 2025
<b>Reviewer</b> The Montreal Workshop on Emotions and Normativity	Summer 2024
<b>Editor</b> Oxford Public Philosophy	2023 – 2024
<b>Co-Editor-in-Chief</b> Gnosis: Graduate Journal of Philosophy – Concordia University	2021 – 2022
<b>Reviewer</b> Concordia Graduate Philosophy Conference	March 2021
<b>Reviewer</b> Gnosis – Concordia University	Feb. 2021
<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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Teaching Award, Nominated for Impact of Teaching on Students, ITHQ	2026
Financial Support of FAVE, Université de Montréal (\$3000)	2026
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

## **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)

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