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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
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

Visiting Scholar Summer 2026
Merleau-Ponty Archives, National Library of France, Paris

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*)

Course Instructor

Summer 2025, Summer 2026

Collège Ahuntsic

- 340-102-MQ – L'être humain

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

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>

TRANSLATIONS

1. Alloa, Emmanuel. "Merleau-Ponty's First Book : A Novel." in *Merleau-Ponty and Literature*. Translated by Emmanuel Cuisinier. Routledge. Forthcoming.

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*)

- “Merleau-Ponty’s Critique of Moral Values” (R)** June 2026
Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, University of Victoria
- « La critique des valeurs morales de Merleau-Ponty » (R)** March 2026
Colloque des cycles supérieurs en philosophie, Université de Montréal
- “Merleau-Ponty and Early Moral Phenomenology”** March 2026
California Phenomenology Circle
- « Peut-on enseigner la pensée critique aux gens qui n’en ont pas ? »** February 2026
Philopolis, UQAM
- “Value Theory in Early Moral Phenomenology” (R)** March 2025
Colloque des cycles supérieurs en philosophie, Université de Montréal
- “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

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

Editor 2020 – 2021
 Gnosis – Concordia University

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

Conference Organizer 2017 – 2018
 Philopolis, Montreal, Canada

Editor 2017
 Pensées Canadiennes – McGill University

REFeree REPORTS

Revue Philosophiques

AWARDS, BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Bourse de mobilité France-Québec Sophie Germain (\$3000)	2026
Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ) & Consulat Général de France à Québec	
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

International Merleau-Ponty Circle
 American 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 (reading)

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