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## RESEARCH

Primary interests: Epistemology, Social Epistemology, Ethics

Secondary interests: Aesthetics, Early Modern Philosophy

## EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis (expected 2028).

Master of Arts in Philosophy (Thesis-Based), University of Calgary, 2022.

- MA Thesis entitled “Epistemic Blame and Epistemic Business,” supervised by Dr. Jeremy Fantl.

BA, Honours in Philosophy and Honours in Great Books (with distinction), St. Thomas University, 2020.

## PUBLICATIONS

Cunningham, Alexandra. “Epistemically Hypocritical Blame.” *Episteme* (2024).

### *Papers in Progress*

- “Standing to Believe.”
- “The Agent-Directed Account of Epistemic Blame.”
- “There is No Knowledge by Acquaintance.”
- “Disability Pride as Epistemic Resistance.”
- “Reid’s Moderate Aesthetic Realism.”
- “Moral Deference and Moral Stakes.”

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Reid’s Moderate Aesthetic Realism.” Colloquium Presentation at APA Central Division 2024, New Orleans, February 23, 2024.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Disability Pride as Epistemic Resistance.” Colloquium Presentation at APA Eastern Division 2024, New York, January 16, 2024.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “The Agent-Directed Account of Epistemic Blame.” Colloquium Presentation at APA Pacific Division 2023, San Francisco, April 6, 2023.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Disability Pride as Epistemic Resistance.” Presentation at Philosophy in the Ozarks Graduate Philosophy Conference, Fayetteville, AR, March 3–4, 2023.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Epistemic Hypocrisy and Judging Epistemically Blameworthy.” Colloquium Presentation at APA Eastern Division 2023, Montreal, QC, January 6, 2023.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Epistemic Hypocrisy and Judging Epistemically Blameworthy.” Presentation at Atlantic Region Philosophers Association, Halifax, NS, October 15, 2022.
- Cunningham, Alexandra, and Alexander Wentzell. “The Interpretative Dimensions of Evidence.” Poster presentation at APA Central Division 2022, Chicago, IL, February 23–26, 2022.
  - Note: unable to attend due to pandemic-related travel restrictions.

- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Reconciling Epistemic Paternalism and Epistemic Autonomy.” Poster presentation at APA Eastern Division 2022 meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 5–8, 2022.
- Cunningham, Alexandra, and Alexander Wentzell. “The Interpretative Dimensions of Evidence.” Presentation at Atlantic Region Philosophers Association, Sackville, NB, October 22–23, 2021.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Reconciling Epistemic Paternalism and Epistemic Autonomy.” Presentation at University of Miami Graduate Conference, Miami, FL, September 23, 2021.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Reconciling Epistemic Paternalism and Epistemic Autonomy.” Presentation at Ryerson University’s Philosophy Graduate Conference, Toronto, ON, March 6, 2021.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Reconciling Epistemic Paternalism and Epistemic Autonomy.” Presentation at University of Calgary Graduate Proseminar Mini-Conference, Calgary, AB, December 11, 2020.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Reconciling Epistemic Paternalism and Epistemic Autonomy.” Presentation at University of Calgary Graduate Colloquium, Calgary, AB, November 23, 2020.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Good and Bad Reasons to Reject Externalism.” Presentation at the St. Thomas University Research and Ideas Fair, Fredericton, NB, March 13, 2020.
- Cunningham, Alexandra. “Good and Bad Reasons to Reject Externalism.” Presentation at Thompson Rivers University Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference, Kamloops, BC, January 18, 2020.

#### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral, 2022–2026 (\$100,000).
- Dean’s Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2022–2028 (\$47,600).
- Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship-Master’s, 2021 (\$11,000).
- Peter C. Craigie Memorial Scholarship, 2021 (\$6,000).
- SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master’s, 2020 (\$17,500).
- University of Calgary Faculty of Graduate Studies Master’s Research Scholarship, 2020 (\$18,000 – reduced upon CGS-M results)).
- Costco Scholarship Program, 2020 (\$2,500).
- St. Thomas University’s Chancellor’s Scholarship, 2016–2020 (\$65,000).

#### AWARDS

- Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize for “Epistemically Hypocritical Blame,” 2022.
- University Medal for Arts, St. Thomas University, 2020.
- Marks Adams Prize for Philosophy in Fourth Year, St. Thomas University, 2020.
- Great Books Best Honours Thesis, St. Thomas University, 2020.
- Great Books Prize for Highest Standing in Major, St. Thomas University, 2020.
- Member of St. Thomas University Dean’s List (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020).
- Philosophy Prize in Third Year, St. Thomas University, 2019.
- Philosophy Prize in Second Year, St. Thomas University, 2018.

## SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

*Teaching Experience*

- Sept 2023 – Present    Mentored Teaching Experience, Washington University in St. Louis  
Duties: Attending lectures; grading assignments; conducting office hours; guest lecturing.
- Sept 2020 – Apr 2021    Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Calgary  
Duties: Attending lectures for PHIL 313: Bioethics and PHIL-397: Value Theory; completing assigned readings; grading; encouraging discussion; hosting office hours.

*Other Relevant Experience*

- Mar 2020 – Sept 2020    Research Assistant, St. Thomas University  
Duties: Conducting extensive research on the relationship between magic and science in early modern England; proof-reading and editing book chapters; attending conferences; discussing and presenting findings.
- Sept 2019 – Apr 2020    Writing Centre Tutor, St. Thomas University  
Duties: Assisting students with all stages of the academic writing process, from ideation to final touches; proofreading and editing; finding and evaluating sources; keeping up to date on all citation and formatting styles.
- Sept 2019 – Dec 2019    Philosophy Peer Tutor, St. Thomas University  
Duties: Working with students in an undergraduate-level logic course to ensure proper understanding of the material.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of Epistemology Group, Washington University in St. Louis, 2022–present.
- Referee for the University of Calgary Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2021; 2022.
- Guest speaker at Western Canada High School; talk entitled “Social Epistemology,” 2021.
- University of California San Diego Summer Program for Women in Philosophy, 2019.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Graduate Student Representative, Washington University in St. Louis, 2023–present.
- Minorities in Philosophy Mentor, 2022–present.
- Conference Director for 2022 University of Calgary Graduate Philosophy Conference on disagreement in epistemology, 2021–2022.
- Organizing committee member for 2021 University of Calgary Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2020–2021.
- Member of the St. Thomas University Philosophy Society executive team (fourth-year representative), 2019–2020.
- Member of St. Thomas University Great Books Society, 2017–2020.
- Tutorial Leader for 10 first-year Aquinas Great Books students (St. Thomas University), 2017–2018.

## GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN

Washington University in St. Louis:

- PHIL-514: Survey Seminar (Epistemology) (in progress).
- PHIL-5315: Normative Ethical Theory (in progress).
- PHIL-500: Independent Work (in progress).
- PHIL-514: Survey Seminar (Contemporary Political Philosophy), Fall 2023.
- PHIL-516: Research Seminar (Restrictivism and Permissivism, Fall 2023.
- PHIL-4310: Metaethics, Fall 2023.
- PHIL-409: Formal Methods for Philosophy, Spring 2023.
- PHIL-514: Survey Seminar (Philosophy of Science), Spring 2023.
- PHIL-516: Research Seminar (Berkeley, Hume, and Reid on Perception, Memory, and Imagination), Spring 2023.
- PHIL-430: Topics in Ethics (Reasons) (audit), Spring 2023.
- PHIL-502: Proseminar in Philosophy, Fall 2022.
- PHIL-4141: Advanced Epistemology, Fall 2022.
- PHIL-514: Survey Seminar (Normative Ethics), Fall 2022.

University of Calgary:

- PHIL-699: Master's Research and Professional Development, Fall 2021.
- PHIL-601: Race and Gender, Winter 2021.
- PHIL-609: Topics in the History of Philosophy (Eros and Philosophy), Winter 2021.
- PHIL-623: Topics in Metaphysics (Natural Kinds), Winter 2021.
- PHIL-603: Graduate Proseminar, Fall 2020.
- PHIL-661: Topics in Epistemology (Context in Epistemology), Fall 2020.
- PHIL-671: Topics in Philosophical Logic and the Philosophy of Language (Non-classical Logics), Fall 2020.

## LANGUAGES

- English (Native speaker)
- French (moderate reading and speaking)

## REFERENCES

Dr. Jeremy Fantl  
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