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AOS: Continental Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

AOC: Philosophy of Literature, Bioethics

LANGUAGES: French (reading)

EDUCATION

2014-continuing
(Expected Oct. 2021) University of Toronto, PhD Philosophy
Committee: Rebecca Comay (supervisor),
Robert Gibbs, and Willi Goetschel

2011-2013 University of Guelph, MFA Creative Writing
Supervisor: Dionne Brand
Thesis: Motley O (Hybrid Novel)

2004-2009 University of Alberta, BA in Philosophy with First Class Honors
Supervisor: Cressida Heyes
Thesis: Foucault and the Prozac Body

PHD THESIS: Catherine Malabou's Dangerous Supplement

I engage in an in-depth examination of Catherine Malabou's conception of transformation—'plasticity.' Tracking her thinking on the subject of plasticity through her early work and onward, and situating 'plasticity' with respect to a continental conception of change which preceded it, and which Malabou attempts to displace, I argue that Malabou divests herself of the resources she needs to theorize politically salient forms of change. I suggest that if 'plasticity' is to do justice to the emancipatory promise Malabou associates with it, the history Malabou attempts to cast off must be restored to the concept.

PUBLICATIONS

2020 Accepted: "Insubordinate Plasticity: Judith Butler and Catherine Malabou." *Hypatia* 35:4. 587-606.

2009 Accepted: With Cressida J. Heyes and Jaclyn Rohel. "Thinking through the Body: Yoga, Philosophy, and Physical Education." *Teaching Philosophy* 32:3. 263-84.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 "Reconfiguring Plasticity: Foucaultian Feminism and the Death Drive" *PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism 14th Annual Meeting* Vanderbilt University. Refereed.

2019 "Adustion: A Long Poem"
Text/Sound/Performance: Making in Canadian Space
Sponsoring Organizations: Associated Writing Programmes of Ireland, Brock University's Humanities Research Institute, University College Dublin's College of Arts and Humanities, UCD's School of English, Film and Drama, and The Embassy of Canada to Ireland University College Dublin. Refereed.

2018 "Explosive Plasticity, Insubordination, Deconstruction"
Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress
Université du Québec à Montréal. Refereed.

"Insubordinate Plasticity: Judith Butler and Catherine Malabou"
Society of Women in Philosophy — Ireland 6th Annual Conference
University College Dublin. Refereed.

2017 "Violence as Resistance: Autoimmunity and Anorexia"
Duquesne's Women in Philosophy Conference
Duquesne University. Refereed.

2012 "Moving beyond Aesthetic-Normalization through Willed-Listening"
Canadian Creative Writers and Writing Programs Conference
Humber College. Refereed.

AWARDS

2015-2018 Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

2012-2013 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master's Scholarship
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

TEACHING

Summer 2021	Philosophy and Literature Course Instructor, University of Toronto
Winter 2021	Philosophy and Literature Course Instructor, University of Toronto
Summer 2020	Contemporary Continental Philosophy Course Instructor, University of Toronto
	Topics in Continental Philosophy (Plasticity) Course Instructor, University of Toronto
Summer 2018	Science Fiction and Philosophy Course Instructor, University of Toronto

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:

Tutorial Leader (at the University of Toronto):

PHL 101: Introduction to Philosophical Problems (Winter 2021 and Fall 2020)

PHL 113: Persons and Values (Winter 2019)

PHL 217: Introduction to Continental Philosophy (Winter 2020 and Fall 2018)

PHL 271: Law and Morality (Winter 2018)

PHL 281: Bioethics (Summer 2017 and Fall 2016)

PHL B09: Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2020, Fall 2019 and Fall 2017)

Grader (at the University of Toronto):

PHL B12: Philosophy of Human Sexuality (Winter 2016)

PHL 243: Philosophy of Sexuality (Winter 2017)

PHL 324: The Continental Tradition (Fall 2018)

REFEREES

- Rebecca Comay Philosophy and Comparative Literature
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