

# MÉRÉDITH LAFERTÉ-COUTU

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2022 – 2024 SSHRCC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy  
Concordia University (Matthias Fritsch)
- Fall 2021 Visiting Researcher, Husserl Archives  
École Normale Supérieure de Paris (Dominique Pradelle)
- Fall 2020 Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy  
University of Montreal (Bettina Bergo)

## EDUCATION

- 2017 – 2022 PhD in Philosophy  
Pennsylvania State University  
*The Missed Encounter Between Husserl and Levinas: On the Possibility of Ethics*  
(Nicolas de Warren)
- 2015 – 2016 MA in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
*Heidegger's Authentic Mitdasein: Dissolving the Tension between the  
Essentiality of Being-with-others and Existential Individuation*  
(Nicolas de Warren)
- 2012 – 2015 BA in Philosophy, first-class honors with distinction  
McGill University  
*On Feminist Interpretations of Gadamer* (Susan Judith-Hoffman)

**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:** Phenomenology, Continental Philosophy, Ethics

**AREA OF COMPETENCE:** Environmental Philosophy, Kant, Modern Philosophy

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS

- 2022 – 2024 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of  
Canada (SSHRCC)
- 2022 Alumni Association Dissertation Award, The Graduate School of Penn State  
University
- 2022 Excellence in Research Graduate Award, Penn State Department of Philosophy
- 2021 Research and Graduate Studies Office Dissertation Research Funding, The Penn  
State College of the Liberal Arts
- 2020 – 2022 Doctoral Fellowship Award, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council  
of Canada (SSHRCC)

- 2019 Superior Teaching and Research Award, The Penn State College of Liberal Arts  
 2019 Max Kade Research Institute Summer Award for German language  
 2018 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Language Scholarship  
 2017 – 2022 The Pennsylvania State University Graduate Fellowship

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer-reviewed publications*

- 2021 Laferté-Coutu, Mérédith. “What is Phenomenological about Critical Phenomenology? Guenther, Al-Saji, and the Husserlian Account of Attitudes,” in *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology*, 4 (1):1-18.  
 2019 Laferté-Coutu, Mérédith. “The Passage and Happening of Time in *Otherwise Than Being*,” in *Levinas Studies*, 13:175-190.

### *Other Publications*

- 2022 Laferté-Coutu, Mérédith. “Attitude as a Concept in Phenomenology” in the *Springer Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*, edited by Ted Toadvine and Nicolas de Warren (forthcoming).  
 2021 Laferté-Coutu, Mérédith. “Rozemund Uljée. Thinking Difference with Heidegger and Levinas: Truth and Justice,” in *Levinas Studies*, 15 (forthcoming).  
 2019 Sebbah, François-David. *The Ethics of the Survivor: Levinas, a Philosophy of the Debacle*, translated by Mérédith Laferté-Coutu, in *Levinas Studies*, 12:3-60.  
 2018 “Letters from Maurice Merleau-Ponty to Alphonse de Waelhens, 1946-1961,” translated by Mérédith Laferté-Coutu, in *Chiasmi International*, 20:323-352.

### *Under Review*

- Laferté-Coutu, Mérédith. “On the Concrete Meaning of Subjectivity in Husserl’s Phenomenology: Contingency and the Transcendental Person” in *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* (revise and resubmit).

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

### *Refereed Conferences*

- October 2022 “A Sea of Suffering: The Ethical Limits to Self-Evidence in Husserl,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Texas A&M, College Station  
 June 2022 “Phenomenology as Ethical Praxis: The Relationship Between Transcendental and Ethical Attitudes in Husserl,” American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), Taipei (hybrid)  
 April 2022 “The Role of Belief in Husserl’s Ethics: World, Destiny, Values,” The North American Society for Early Phenomenology, Ottawa (cancelled)  
 Sept 2021 “On the Full Concretion of Transcendental Subjectivity: Contingency and the Transcendental Person,” Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology, (online)

- May 2021 “The Ethical Attitude, Practical Reflection and the Ethics of Critical Phenomenology,” Canadian Philosophical Association (online)
- June 2020 “Levinas’s Account of the Concretization of Transcendence,” North American Levinas Society (postponed to July 2021, online)
- May 2020 “Testimony in Levinas and Derrida: How to Hear What Cannot Be Said,” Derrida Today, Aix-en-Provence (postponed to June 2022, Washington DC)
- July 2019 “On a Levinasian Ethics of Not Speaking,” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello
- May 2019 “On the hurdles of the acceptance and soutenance of Anna Julia Cooper’s dissertation at the Faculté des Lettres de Paris,” Anna Julia Cooper Society panel of the American Literature Association (ALA), Boston
- October 2018 “Merleau-Ponty and Ortega on the Normativity of Spatio-Existential Disorientation,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), State College
- June 2018 “Seeing Eye to Eye: Henri Bergson and the Animal Gaze,” The Inhuman Gaze International Conference, Paris
- May 2018 “Can Embodied Subjects Share the World? Merleau-Ponty on Co-presence and Being-at-ease,” Phenomenology Roundtable, San Antonio
- May 2018 “On the Spatio-Temporal Grounds of Ontological Pluralism in María Lugones,” Toward Decolonial Feminisms, State College
- April 2016 “Hegel’s Organicist Idea of the State and the Problem of Resistance,” KU Leuven Graduate Student Conference, Leuven

#### *Invited Presentations*

- March 2022 “Responsibility Endured Without Reason,” Levinas and Critical Phenomenology Workshop, State College
- January 2022 “Qu’est-ce que la phénoménologie critique?,” graduate workshop at the École Normale Supérieure, Paris
- January 2022 “Le concept de personne transcendantale dans l’éthique tardive de Husserl,” guest conference at the Husserl Archives, Paris (cancelled)
- March 2019 “The Notion of Passage in Levinas’ *Otherwise than Being*,” The New Levinas, State College
- March 2018 “Visibility and Matter in Schelling’s *Weltalter*,” Schelling Workshop, State College
- March 2016 “Heidegger and Nancy: The Essentiality of Being-with and Existential Individualization,” guest seminar directed by Jean-Luc Nancy, Leuven

## **TEACHING**

Instructor – Pennsylvania State University

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| Summer 2022 | PHIL 010: Critical Thinking (online, asynchronous)  |
| Fall 2021   | PHIL 103: Ethics (online, asynchronous)             |
| Spring 2021 | PHIL 004: The Human Condition (online, synchronous) |
| Summer 2020 | PHIL 119: Ethical Leadership (online, asynchronous) |
| Fall 2019   | PHIL 119: Ethical Leadership                        |

Spring 2019 PHIL 013: Philosophy of Nature and Environment  
Teaching Assistant – Pennsylvania State University  
Fall 2018 PHIL 013: Philosophy of Nature and Environment

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 – present Editorial Assistant of *Levinas Studies*  
2020 – 2022 Editorial Assistant for the Springer *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*  
2014 – 2017 President of *Espace Philopolis Montréal*: coordination of conferences

## SERVICE

2020 – 2021 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee of the Penn State University Department of Philosophy  
2018 – 2020 Treasurer, Philosophy Graduate Student Organisation, Penn State University  
2015 – 2016 Chief Member of the KU Leuven Graduate Student Conference  
2015 – 2016 MA Representative, Permanent Teaching Commission of the KU Leuven Institute of Philosophy

**LANGUAGES:** FRENCH: native; ENGLISH: fluent; GERMAN: proficient; SPANISH: basic