

City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Community Advisory Committees

Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee**

Contact Information

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Province: **ON**

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters):

I have no prior experience on a London Advisory Committee.

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters):

I hope to contribute to forward thinking transformative response to climate change towards resilient, humane, and just policies for the city, in particular with regard to environmental education and motivating action across different communities.

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters):

I will bring my experience as an academic specializing in environmental philosophy and climate change, climate anxiety, and proactive climate adaptation to contribute to discussions about how best to help London negotiate the necessary transitions.

We value the contributions of Londoners with diverse experiences and welcome applications from individuals who share our commitment. Please describe how your work, community or lived experience will enhance these efforts through Community Advisory Committee work. (max. 3000 characters):

I am a relative newcomer to London who has lived and worked in several cities across North America and Europe previously. Before that, I was raised in a small rural community and have additionally lived with relatives in rural and agricultural communities. Before beginning graduate school in 2009, my work experience included restaurant work, construction and house painting, tutoring, ESL and office temp work, substitute teaching and child care.

These experiences brought me into contact with a wide range of perspectives and attitudes that are helpful in navigating the complexity of environmental questions and policies. In particular, spending time in my twenties working on my aunt and uncle's family ranch in rural Wyoming helped me better understand the impact of environmental policies on different communities. Additionally, working as an educator with recent immigrant communities (including Albuquerque, New Mexico, and New York City) and abroad (Central Europe) has given me experience in connecting with communities of different backgrounds and language skills. My experience as an educator now extends over twenty years and has included work with students as young as seven years old, immigrant adults, and university students.

Since arriving in London to take up a position in the Philosophy department at King's University College in fall 2020, I have taken an active role developing experiential environmental learning programs at King's. I am a founding part of the new King's Community Garden and a member of its Environment and Sustainability committee, with a goal of developing a formal institutional strategy for climate transition. I have

additionally made connections with Urban Roots, LOLA Bees (London Ontario Learning Apiary), Antler River Rally and Bird Friendly London. I am also part of the Community of Practice for educators working with the Indigenous Learning Bundles hosted by the Wampum Learning Lodge at Western University.

Prior to coming to King's, I worked and studied at three different universities (University of New Mexico, University of Oregon, Seattle University), serving on a variety of committees, task forces, and research groups. These experiences helped me learn about dynamics of group discussion and decision making and develop a basic pragmatic orientation that prioritizes listening, collective debate and discussion, and the importance of relationship building. I hope that my philosophical background, which is informed by a sense of the interconnections between the social, the ecological, and the mental, can contribute a creative and ethical perspective. A basic principle of this perspective is the importance of including and listening to a variety of diverse perspectives. I believe that because environmental issues affect all living beings, part of the work of climate action also involves building deeper relationships and learning how to dialogue across differences.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Community Advisory Committee Member. (max. 250 characters):

In addition to my professional role working with young adults, I am a parent of two young children of my own. Working with young people provides critical motivation for the seriousness and urgency of concerted climate action and policy for a livable future.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **RJD CV July 23.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.; I understand that my application and any attachments will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity: (optional): **Word of mouth**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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Academic Positions:

- July 2022 – Current** Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, *King's University College*
at
Western University
- 2020 – 2022** Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, *King's University College* at
Western University
- 2017 – 2020** Instructor, Philosophy Department, *Seattle University*
- 2011 - 2017** Graduate Employee, Graduate Teaching Fellow
Philosophy Department, University of Oregon
Religious Studies Department, *University of Oregon*

Education:

- 2017 Ph.D. in Philosophy
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.
Dissertation: From Individuality to Ecological Attunement in Whitehead
and Deleuze.
Committee: Ted Toadvine (Director), Colin Koopman, Scott Pratt, Forest
Pyle (English), Dan W. Smith (Purdue University).
- 2011 M.A. in Philosophy
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
Thesis: The Ineffable Ethic of the Resolute Wittgenstein (Committee:
Russell Goodman, Paul Livingston, Barbara Hannan).
- 1996 B.A. in English (*Magna Cum Laude*)
Tufts University, College of Arts and Sciences, Medford, MA.

Refereed Publications:

Monograph:

1. *Affect and Attention after Deleuze and Whitehead: Ecological Attunement*. New Perspectives in Ontology series at Edinburgh University Press. December 2020.

Articles:

1. “How Not to Talk about Environmental Personhood: Thinking Transitional Concepts,” *Law and Critique*, Published online first Nov. 15, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10978-022-09339-w>
2. “The ‘Beautiful Soul’ and ‘Religious Consciousness’: Deleuze and Nishida,” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, Volume 14, Issue 1, Spring 2022, p. 1-14: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17570638.2022.2098560>
3. “Thinking in Crisis: Towards an Ethics of Speculation?” *Environmental Philosophy*, Volume 19, Issue 1, Spring 2022, p. 1-21. Published online first June 3, 2022. https://www.pdcnet.org/envirophil/content/envirophil_2022_0019_0001_0001_0021
4. “Paradoxes of Pure Experience: From the Radical to the Transcendental with James and Deleuze” *Contemporary Pragmatism*, Volume 18, Issue 4, 2021. Published online first Nov. 29, 2021: https://brill.com/view/journals/copr/18/4/article-p407_407.xml
5. “Life in Interregnum: Deleuze, Guattari, and Atleo” in *Philosophy in the American West: A Geography of Thought*, edited by Josh Hayes, Gerard Kuperus, and Brian Treanor. Routledge Press, 2020: 144-59.
6. “Climate Change and the Everyday: Becoming Present to Precarity.” *Ethics and the Environment*, December 2020, Volume 25 (2): 73-97.
7. “Reckoning with Jean Wahl’s ‘Poetry as Spiritual Exercise’ in Times of Duress: Translation and Commentary.” *Philosophy Today*, Summer 2020, Volume 64 (3): 793-807.
8. “Climate X or Climate Jacobin?: A Critical Exchange on our Planetary Future.” Co-Authored with Larry Busk. *Radical Philosophy Review*, 2020, Volume 23 (2): 175-200. DOI: [10.5840/radphilrev2019103100](https://doi.org/10.5840/radphilrev2019103100).
9. “A Genesis of Speculative Empiricisms: Whitehead and Deleuze read Hume.” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, December 2019, Volume 57 (4): 459-482.
10. “Deleuze, Whitehead, and the ‘Beautiful Soul.’” *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, May 2019, Volume 13 (2): 163-85.
11. “Philosophical Criteria in Whitehead and Rorty.” *Metaphilosophy*, October 2017, Volume 48 (4): 762-779.
12. “‘Pure Experience’ and ‘Planes of Immanence’: From James to Deleuze.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Winter 2016, Volume 30 (4): 427-51.
13. “‘Concepts’ and Continuity: Onto-Epistemology in William James.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Winter 2015, Volume 51 (4): 508-30.

Book Reviews:

- Review of Bella, Michela. *Ontology after Philosophical Psychology: The Continuity of Consciousness in William James's Philosophy of Mind*. Lexington Books: Lanham, Maryland 2019. *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. Winter 2020, Vol. 56, No. 1: 105-109.
- “Language and Attention: Reading Wirth Reading Snyder Reading Dōgen.” Review essay of Wirth, Jason M. *Mountains, Rivers, and the Great Earth: Reading Gary Snyder and Dōgen in an Age of Ecological Crisis*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press: 2017. *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, July 2018, DOI:10.1080/17570638.2018.1495379
- Review of Morton, Timothy. *Dark Ecology: For a Logic of Future Coexistence*. New York: Columbia University Press: 2016. *Symposium: Journal of the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy*. July 2018, <https://www.c-scp.org/2018/07/09/timothy-morton-dark-ecology-for-a-logic-of-future-coexistence>
- Review of Grusin, Richard, Ed. *The Nonhuman Turn*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press: 2015; in *Resilience: A Journal of the Environmental Humanities*, Spring-Fall 2017, Volume 4: 204-208.

Invited Talks:

- “Whitehead’s *Religion in the Making*” Invited online talk and discussion with ‘*Alif: Traditional Wisdom in Review*’ Reading Group. Online. Feb. 24, 2021.
- “Feeling Facts (with Whitehead and Deleuze) in an Age of Misinformation.” Presentation to King’s Undergraduate Philosophy Club. Online. Jan. 21, 2021.
- “Gilles Deleuze and William James: Transcendental Empiricism and Radical Empiricism.” Invited Participant for Symposium for Society for Advancement of American Philosophy at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP 58). Pittsburgh, PA. November 2019.
- “Introduction to the Philosophy of Gilles Deleuze”. Invited Lecture for Seattle Analytic Philosophy Club, Local Chapter of Society for Philosophers in America (SOPHIA). Beacon Hill Public Library, Seattle, WA. September 29, 2019.
- “Speculation and Responsibility in Times of Ecological Crisis.” Invited 11th Annual SAGE Lecture: Seattle and Gonzaga Exchange. Spokane, WA. April 2019.

Conference Presentations:

1. “Aion/Chronos and Living Time?”, *Cosmology Between Philosophy and Science: Deleuze, Guattari, and the Rest of Us* Conference. Sudbury. ON. May 2023.
2. “Pre-individual Affect and Ecological Conversion?: An Aporetic Meditation” *Life Beyond the Anthropocene* Conference, Centre for Philosophy and Culture, King’s University College, London, ON. March 2023.
3. “Towards a Non-Denominational Ecological Conversion: Three Tensions.” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP 60)*. College Station, TX. October 2022.

4. "Philosophy and Ecological Conversion: Thoughts on the Way." Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP). London, ON. October 2022.
5. "Towards a Non-Denominational Ecological Conversion: Three Tensions." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. Spring 2022 Online Workshop. June 22, 2022.
6. "Everyday Eschatologies and Climate Imaginaries." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. 25th Annual Meeting. Online. October 2021.
7. "Opaque Seas and an Ecological Imaginary in Édouard Glissant." Pacific Association of Continental Traditions (PACT). Seattle, WA. September 2019.
8. "Metaphysics and 'Fake News': Feeling Facts with Whitehead and Deleuze." Metaphysical Society of America. 70th Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. March 2019.
9. "Fabulation and Responsibility in Times of Ecological Crisis." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. 22nd Annual Meeting. State College, PA. October 2018.
10. "Climate Change and the Every-day: Becoming Present to Precarity." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP 57). State College, PA. October 2018.
11. "Attending to the Singular in the Shadow of Catastrophe(s): Re-purposing Deleuze and Guattari to Encounter Richard Atleo." Pacific Association of Continental Traditions (PACT). Yosemite, CA. October 2018.
12. "Naess and Whitehead on Ecological Value." Society for Process Studies. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. San Diego, CA. March 2018.
13. "James and the Post-Human." William James Society. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. Seattle, WA. April 2017.
14. "Narrative Identity and Environmental Justice in Whiteheadian Process Metaphysic." Transform-able Identity/ies. Oregon State University Graduate Philosophy Conference. Corvallis, OR. March 2017.
15. "James, 'Pure Experience,' and the Post-human." International Association for Environmental Philosophy. 20th Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, UT. October 2016.
16. "Deleuze, Whitehead, and Speculative Empiricism." Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy at SPEP 55. Salt Lake City, UT. October 2016.
17. "Whitehead, Rorty, and the Anxiety of Influence." Summer Institute in American Philosophy. Eugene, OR. July 2016.

18. “‘Concepts’ and Continuity: Onto-Epistemology in William James.” William James Society. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. Washington, DC. January 2016.
19. “Experience and Metaphysics: Radical Empiricisms in William James and Gilles Deleuze.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP 54). Atlanta, GA. October 2015.
20. “Unsustainable Boundaries: Ontology and Psychology in William James.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Grand Rapids, MI. March 2015.
21. “Where Extension Thinks: Language in Spinoza.” The Semiotic Society of America. Seattle, WA. October 2014.
22. “The Problem of Problems: Tracing Hybrid Pragmatisms across Traditions.” Summer Institute for American Philosophy. Eugene, OR. July 2014.
23. “The Function of ‘Continuity’ in Peirce and James.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Panel. San Diego, CA. April 2014.
24. “Royce and Communities of Interpretation.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Royce Society Panel. San Diego, CA. April 2014.
25. “Community and Interpretation: Josiah Royce and Epistemologies of Ignorance.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Denver, CO. March 2014.
26. “Whose Ruse is it?: Merleau-Ponty, Saussure, and the *Course in General Linguistics*.” Society of Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Eugene, OR. October 2013.
27. “Going Backwards to go Forwards: Language and Experience in Rorty and Classical Pragmatism.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. New Galloway, NJ. March 2013.
28. “Signs of Life: Heidegger and Animals in *Being and Time*.” Mapping the Field(s): Earth and Environment across the Disciplines. University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM. April 2010.

Awards and Honors:

- King’s University College Internal Research Grant, AY 2020-2021, Support for “Thinking Climate Change: From the Personal to the Systemic” (\$3,466)
- Oregon Humanities Center Dissertation Fellowship. Oregon Humanities Center. Fall 2016. (\$5,500 stipend and a term free of teaching.)
- William James Society Young Scholar Essay Prize: “‘Concepts’ and Continuity: Onto-Epistemology in William James.” September 2015.

- Paideia Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. June 2015.
- Gary Smith Summer Research Development Award. University of Oregon Graduate School. May 2015. (\$3000 for travel and attendance in Rosi Braidotti's seminar 'Human/Inhuman/Posthuman' at Utrecht University Summer School.)
- John L. and Naomi Luvaas Graduate Fellowship. University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences. 2014–2015. (\$1300)
- Norman Brown Graduate Fellowship. University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences. 2013–2014. (\$3100)
- Philosophy Matters Graduate Essay Prize. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. June 2013.
- Norman Brown Graduate Fellowship. University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences. 2012–2013. (\$5250)

Literary Publications:

- “‘You’re in light, song’; Considering Frank Samperi” (Essay), *Paul Revere’s Horse*, Issue 4, Winter 2010.
- “The Eternal Recurrence of William Delions and Stagger Lee” (Story), *Paul Revere’s Horse*, Issue 1, Spring 2009.
- “Field Recordings” (Story), *Fugue Literary Magazine*, Issue 36, Spring 2009.
- “That Come for the Light” (Poem), *Watchword Literary Magazine*, Issue 6, Summer 2004.

Service and Professional Development

Professional Development

Participant, Arrupe Seminar in Jesuit Intellectual Tradition, Academic year 2019-20
 Participant, Faculty Learning and Reading Group: Leanne Simpson *As We Have Always Done*, Fall 2018

Professional Service

- Hiring Committee, Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator, Huron, King’s, Brescia, 2022
- Hiring Committee, Human Rights Studies Dedicated Hire, King’s University College, 2022
- Board, Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy (CAREP), King’s University College, 2020-ongoing.
- Board, Centre for Social Concern, King’s University College 2020-ongoing.
- Founder and Leader, *Rhizomatic Philosophy Research Collective*, Student Research Group, 2021-ongoing.
- Seattle University Philosophy Department Advocacy Committee 2019
- Assistant Organizer for Pacific Association of Continental Traditions. Seattle, WA. September 2019.

- Society for Philosophy of Creativity Pacific Coast President and Organizer
<http://creativityfoundation.org/pacific>
- Organizer of Panel: “Technology and Creativity” (Marjoelein Oele, University of San Francisco; Bonnie Sheehey, Montana State University; Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco; Billy Goehring, Independent Scholar) Society for Philosophy of Creativity, American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, San Francisco. April 2020. Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Organizer of Panel: “Ecology and Creativity: East and West” (Rebekah Sinclair, University of Oregon, Meilin Chinn, Santa Clara University) Society for Philosophy of Creativity, American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Vancouver, BC. April 2019.
- Organizer of Panel: “Continentalizing Pragmatism: Re-encountering James and Peirce with Deleuze and Foucault” (presentations by Jeffrey Bell, Southeastern Louisiana University, Bonnie Sheehey, University of Oregon, and myself). Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Atlanta, Georgia. October 2015.
- Graduate Representative to Colloquium and Special Events Committee. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. 2015–2016. (elected)
- Graduate Representative to Development and Publicity Committee University of Oregon Philosophy Department, 2014–2015. (elected)
- Undergraduate Advisor, University of Oregon Philosophy Department, 2014–2105.
- Research Assistant to Alejandro Vallega, University of Oregon. (Indexed Prof. Vallega’s *Latin American Philosophy: From Identity to Radical Exteriority* from Indiana University Press.) Winter 2014.
- Graduate Student Representative to the Committee of the Whole. University of Oregon Philosophy Department. 2013–2014. (elected)
- Graduate Student Representative to Graduate Studies Committee, University of Oregon Philosophy Department. 2012–2013. (elected)
- Research Assistant to Beata Stawarska, University of Oregon (Edited and compiled bibliographical citations for Prof. Stawarska’s monograph manuscript: *Ferdinand de Saussure’s Philosophy of Language*) Winter 2013.
- Co-organizer of intradepartmental symposium, ‘What is Pluralism?’ University of Oregon, May 2012.

Journal Reviewing

- *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, Winter 2022
- *Open Theology*, Winter 2021
- *Environmental Philosophy*, ongoing
- *Radical Philosophy Review*, Fall 2019

Languages

- French (Proficient reading, Basic speaking)
- Spanish (Proficient reading, Basic speaking)

References

- Jason Wirth, Professor of Philosophy, Seattle University,
 - Antonio Calcagno, Professor of Philosophy, King's University College,
 - Stephen Lofts, Professor of Philosophy, King's University College,
 - Ted Toadvine, Nancy Tuana Endowed Director of the Rock Ethics Institute; Associate Professor of Philosophy, Penn State University,
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