**Laura Bickel**

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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Phenomenology

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**: Philosophy of Psychiatry

**EDUCATION**

**PhD Student in Philosophy, University of British Columbia**  Since 2021

Supervisors: Evan Thompson and Christopher Mole

Committee: Rebecca Todd, Daniela Palombo

**MA in Philosophy, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München** 2021

Thesis:

*What Are Persons, and How Do They Exist in Time? Edmund Husserl’s*

*Phenomenological Conception of the Person in Dialogue with Lynne R. Baker’s Constitution Theory*

Committee: Thomas Buchheim (supervisor), Christopher Erhard

**BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Witten/Herdecke University** 2016

**EXCHANGE & VISITING**

**Exchange and Visiting Research Student, University of British Columbia** 2019-2020

Department of Philosophy

**Exchange Student, Higher School of Economics, Moscow** 2014-2015

Department of World Economy and International Affairs

**AWARDS & HONOURS**

Graduate Student Travel Fund, Pacific APA 2023

President's Academic Excellence Initiative Ph.D. Award 2022, 2023,2024

Doctoral Scholarship Award, Cusanuswerk 2021-2027

Scholarship Award, Cusanuswerk 2015-2021

LMU-Exchange Award, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München 2019

Scholarship, Bavarian Academy of Writing Munich 2018

Scholarship, Galilee-International-Management Institute Israel 2015

**PUBLICATIONS**

Bickel, L. (2023). Why the performance of habit requires attention. *Mind & Language*, 39 (2), 260-270.

**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

Bickel, L. (Under Review). Emotional memory: the need for neurophenomenology.

**GRANTS**

**The Pragmatics of Complexity in Psychiatric Research and Practice**

*CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grant 2025 (10,000 CAN)*

* Role: Co-Applicant (Lead PI: Ana Gomez-Carrillo Castro; Co-PI: Rebecca Todd)

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

"What is it like to crave? A qualitative study on the lived experience of craving in the context of compulsive overeating”

* (2025) Culture, Mind, and Brain Workshop, Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University
* (2024) Culture and Mental Health Research Unit, McGill University

“Why do we need phenomenology for understanding 'non-voluntary' or 'out-of-control' behaviour ?” Neurophenomenology of Addiction Research Group, University of British Columbia, March 9 2024

“Why the Performance of Habit Requires Attention”

* (2023) HEY: A Graduate Conference on Attention and Salience, Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy (WFAP), University of Vienna
* (2022) Workshop on Attention, University of British Columbia

“Dying as Self-Transformative Experience”, Workshop on the Philosophy of Palliative Care, Marsilius-Kolleg, Heidelberg University, January 11 2023

**PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS**

“The Dissociative Model of Habit: On the Relationship Between Habit, Attention, and Agency”, APA Pacific, San Francisco, April 5-8 2023 (blind-reviewed)

“Breaking Habits: Bergson’s Notion of Habit and Novelty and its Relevance for the Neuroscientific Study of Behavioral Change”, 11th International Conference of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.11) "Philosophy and the Public", Humboldt University Berlin, Germany, 12th-15th September 2022 (blind-reviewed)

**ACCEPTED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS (NOT PRESENTED)**

“What is it to remember emotions? A philosophical investigation of affective memory“, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cornell University, June 18 – 21, 2025

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**As PhD student**

*Motivated Cognition Lab, University of British Columbia* since 2023

Co-Investigator: “A qualitative study on the lived experience of craving in

the context of compulsive overeating”; PI: Rebecca Todd

**As Research Visiting Student**

*University of British Columbia*  2020

To Evan Thompson; Topic: Phenomenology and Metaphysics of Time

**As Research Assistant**

*University of British Columbia*

To Rebecca Todd; Motivated Cognition Lab; Project: Sensory Sensitivities 2022

*Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität* 2018-2020

To Nora Heinzelmann; European Moral Psychology Research Group

**PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS**

Cultural Psychiatry, McGill University, Montreal May 2023

Mind & Life Summer Research Institute, Garrison, New York June 2019

International Conference on Critical Theory ‘Philosophy and Social Science’, Prague May 2015

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**As Course Instructor**

*University of British Columbia*

COGS 401 Seminar in Cognitive Systems Spring 2025

*Ludwig-Maximilians Universität*

Bergson: Matter and Memory (student-led seminar) Fall 2020

Bergson: Creative Evolution (student-led seminar) Spring 2021

**As Teaching Assistant**

*University of British Columbia*

COGS 401 Seminar in Cognitive Systems Fall 2024

PHIL 451 Philosophy of Mind Spring 2024

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2023

Including Discussion Section

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy Summer 2023

PHIL 347 Philosophy of Religion Spring 2023

PHIL 334 Sex, Gender, and Philosophy Fall 2022

PHIL 451 Philosophy of Mind Fall 2022

PHIL 385 Existentialism Spring 2021

PHIL 385 Existentialism Fall 2021

**GUEST LECTURES**

“Research Workshop”, Guest Lecture for COGS 401, University of British Columbia, 31 October 2024

“The Primacy of Consciousness”, Guest Lecture for PHIL 451: Philosophy of Mind, University of British Columbia, 14 February 2024

“Phenomenology & Cognitive Sciences”, Guest Lecture for COGS 401, University of British Columbia, 26 September 2023

“Merleau-Ponty’s phenomenology of the body”, Guest Lectures for PHIL 385: Existentialism, University of British Columbia, 6 & 8 April 2021

**AFFILIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association

Dialogue Perspectives, Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Certificate “Exploring and supporting inclusivity, equity, accessibility, and wellness”, CTLT UBC

**SERVICES**

**Events Organized**

Philosophy of Palliative Care, Workshop, Heidelberg January 10 2023

Philosophy and Therapy, Seminar, Heidelberg June 16 – 19 2022

**Chairing**

Colloquium on Nietzsche, Pacific Division Meeting APA April 13- 16 2022

**Public**

Smart Recovery, Group Facilitator, Vancouver General Hospital 2022 – 2024

**STUDENTS SUPERVISED**

Sophia Chu (COGS 402)

Anila Lacroix

Aleyna Werner (COGS 402)