**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

**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

Thesis:

*Hegel on the Normative Nature of Institutions: A Contribution to the Critical Theory of Institutional Change*

Committee: Matthias Kettner (supervisor), Birger P. Priddat

**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 2021-2026

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.

**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

**PRESENTATIONS**

* "What is it like to crave? A qualitative study on craving during binge eating”, Culture and Mental Health Research Unit, McGill University, November 6 2024
* “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
* “Action Revisited: It’s all about Affect”, Graduate Research Conference, University of British Columbia, March 1 2024
* “Action Revisited: It’s all about Affect”, Graduate Research Conference, University of British Columbia, March 1 2024
* “Why the Performance of Habit Requires Attention”, *HEY*: A Graduate Conference on Attention and Salience, Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy (WFAP), University of Vienna, July 6-8 2023
* “The Dissociative Model of Habit: On the Relationship Between Habit, Attention, and Agency”, APA Pacific, San Francisco, April 5-8 2023 (blind-reviewed)
* “Dying as Self-Transformative Experience”, Workshop on the Philosophy of Palliative Care, Marsilius-Kolleg, Heidelberg University, January 11 2023
* “Why the Performance of Habit Requires Attention”, Workshop on Attention, University of British Columbia, November 17 2022
* “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)
* “The Fragility of Sense: The Twofold Temporality of Embodiment and its Role for Depression”, First-Person Science of Consciousness Conference, Witten/Herdecke University, May 6-8 2021

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**As PhD student**

*Motivated Cognition Lab, University of British Columbia*

Project “Craving in the context of compulsive overeating: since 2023

A Qualitative Study”

**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

**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

**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 Since Fall 2022

**STUDENTS SUPERVISED**

Sophia Chu (COGS 402)

Anila Lacroix

Aleyna Werner (COGS 402)