

# MICHAEL GIESBRECHT

Duquesne University & Leiden University  
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## ACADEMIC HISTORY

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2022 - present	PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy, Duquesne University Supervisor: Professor James Swindal
2021 - present	External PhD Candidate, Institute of Philosophy, Leiden University Supervisor: Professor Susanna Lindberg, co-supervisor: Dr Johan de Jong
2019 - 2020	Research MPhil, Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Thesis: “‘To make there be precisely a world, just a world, if not a just world’: Derrida on Kant’s ‘Alsobstruktur’ and the Transcendental Illusion” Supervisor: Dr Daniel Villegas Velez
2017 - 2019	MA, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University Research Thesis: “Living on Phantasms: Re-evaluating the Figure of the Phantasm in Jacques Derrida’s Late Seminars” Supervisor: Prof Dr Matthias Fritsch
2013 - 2016	BA Honours, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University Honours Thesis: “The Gift of Justice at the World’s Limits” Supervisor: Prof Dr Matthias Fritsch

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Marxism and Frankfurt School Critical Theory (esp. Marx’s critique of political economy, value form theory, and theories of justification); German Idealism (esp. Hegel’s logic & Kant’s first *Critique*); Analytic Political Theory (esp. Analytic Marxism and non-ideal theory); Contemporary French Philosophy (esp. Derrida & Deleuze); Psychoanalysis; Decolonial Thought

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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English - Fluency (first language)  
French (in training) - Proficiency in comprehension, advanced skills in production  
German (in training) - Advanced skills in reading comprehension  
Spanish - Basic skills in comprehension & production

## AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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2022-present	Full Graduate Fellowship, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, Duquesne University
2023	Conference Funding for the 5th International Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference and Camp. McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, Duquesne University  Conference Funding for ACLA Conference Presentation, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, Duquesne University
2019	Departmental Research Funding for the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Concordia University  Graduate Student Mobility Award, Concordia University
2017-2018	Concordia Graduate Scholarship, Concordia University

	Mentor Award, Concordia University
	Rose and Norman Goldberg Graduate Scholarship, Concordia University
	Campaign for New Millennium Student Contribution Graduate Scholarship, Concordia University
2016	The W.R. Fraser Medal for Philosophy, Concordia University
	Ada Israel Memorial Scholarship, Concordia University
2013	Avril Torrence Book Prize for Theory, Mount Royal University
	Mount Royal University Philosophy Prize, Mount Royal University

#### HONOURS LISTS & RECOGNITIONS

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2020	Graduated with Magna cum laude (Great Distinction), Research MPhil, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
2016	Graduated with Great Distinction, BA, Concordia University
2014-2015	Dean's List, Concordia University
2013-2014	Dean's List, Concordia University
2012-2013	President's Honour Roll, Mount Royal University
2011-2013	Dean's Honour Roll, Mount Royal University

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2022-2023	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Duquesne University Yoga and Philosophy, Professor: Dr. Michael Harrington
	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Duquesne University Global Thought, Professor: Dr. Daniel Selcer
2018	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University Critical Thinking, Professor: Dr. Alexander Antonopoulos
	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University Critical Thinking, Professor: Dr. Jordan Glass
	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University Aristotle and Hellenistic Philosophy, Professor: Dr. Andrea Falcon
2017	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University Plato and Pre-Socratic Philosophy, Professor: Dr. Andrea Falcon

#### RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

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2018	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University
2017-2018	<i>Derrida Today</i> Conference Assistant Organizer, Supervisor: Dr. Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University
2017-2018	<i>Taking Turns with the Earth</i> Editorial Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University

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#### COLLABORATIVE AND ASSISTED GRANTS

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2017 Assisted. “*Derrida Today* Conference.” Connection Grant, Social Science and Humanities Research of Canada. Supervisor: Fritsch, Matthias.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (ACCEPTED PRESENTATIONS\*)

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2023 “Tracing the Logic of Real Abstraction: Reassessing Sohn-Rethel's Transcendental Reading of *Capital I*,” ACLA Annual General Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. March 16-19, 2023.

(Forthcoming) “Abstract Machines and Real Abstraction: Towards a Diagrammatics of Immanent Causality in Marx's Critique of Political Economy,” 15th International Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference and Camp. Belgrade, Serbia. July 3-7 and July 10-12, 2023.

2022 “From the Transcendental to Quasi-Transcendental Illusion: On the Idea of the World between Kant and Derrida,” *Derrida Today*. Washington, DC. June 13-16, 2022.

“Living-on Phantasms: Reevaluating the Phantasm in Jacques Derrida's Final Seminars,” Signs of Life Conference. Leiden Centre for Continental Philosophy, Leiden, the Netherlands. April 28-29, 2022.

2021 “From Nonidentity to *Le Réel*: On the Role of Contradiction in Theodor Adorno and Simone Weil,” American Weil Society Colloquy. Online. April 21-25.

“Between Analogy and Metaphor: Kant's Quasi-transcendental Metaphoricity,” American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference, Panel Presentation: Metaphor in the Philosophical Text. Online. April 8-11.

2019 ““A soul admitted to itself – Finite infinity”: Reevaluating Derrida's Phantasms of Sovereignty and Survival,” Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participants Conference. Città di Castello, Italy. July 6-26.

2017 “Affective Labour, Vulnerability, and Exploitation in the Post-Fordist Epoch,” Philopolis. McGill University, Montréal, Québec. February 10-12.

#### EDITORIAL & REVIEW EXPERIENCE

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2018 *Gnosis Journal of Philosophy*, Managing Editor

Graduate Philosophy Student Association Conference, *Considering the Contemporary*, Concordia University, Reviewer

2014-2015 *AFFECTUS: Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy and Theory*, Reviewer & Editor

#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

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2019 Co-organizer, Research Masters Common Seminar Panel, Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

2017-2018 Faculty Representative, Graduate Philosophy Student Association, Concordia University

Student Interview Committee (tenure track position in History of Philosophy), Concordia University

2015-2016 Arts and Sciences Councillor, Concordia Student Union, Concordia University

Student Senator, Senate, Concordia University

Undergraduate Student Representative, Senate Research Committee, Concordia University

Undergraduate Student Representative, “Double Our Research” University Strategic Directions  
Ad-Hoc Committee, Concordia University

2014-2015

Vice-President Internal and Faculty Representative, SoPhiA (Students of Philosophy  
Association – Undergraduate), Concordia University

## REFERENCES

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Prof James Swindal, Duquesne University  
Professor of Philosophy

Prof Daniel Selcer, Duquesne University  
Professor of Philosophy

Prof Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University  
Professor of Philosophy

Dr Daniel Villegas Vélez, KU Leuven  
Post-doctoral Researcher

Prof Emilia Angelova, Concordia University  
Associate Professor of Philosophy