
M. Katie Brennan

Areas of Specialization: Nineteenth-Century European Philosophy, Aesthetics, Feminism

Areas of Competence: Ethics, Critical Race Studies/Philosophy of Race, Environmental Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Salve Regina University, 2024-present

Postdoctoral Fellow, Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy, Western University of Ontario, 2023

Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Philosophy, Temple University, 2021–2023

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Morgan State University, 2019–2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Temple University, 2019

M.A., Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook, 2009

M.A.L.A., St. John's College, Annapolis, 2007

B.A., English and Philosophy, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2004

DISSERTATION

Title: *Nietzsche on Suffering, Affirmation, and Modern Tragedy*

Committee: Kristin Gjesdal (Chair), Susan Feagin, Lara Ostaric, Paul Kottman (New School for Social Research), Andrew Huddleston (University of Warwick)

PUBLICATIONS

"Between Women and Labor: Clara Zetkin's Socialist Feminism," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 34 (2026): 474-496.

"Nietzschean Revaluations of *Hamlet*: On Skepticism and Suffering," *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 56 (2025): 144–166.

"The Nihilism of the Oppressed: Hedwig Dohm's Feminist Critique of Nietzschean Nihilism," *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 52 (2021): 209–233.

Reprinted as "Hedwig Dohm's Feminist Revaluations of Nietzschean Nihilism" in *Nietzsche on Women and the Eternal-Feminine*, ed. Michael McNeal, London: Bloomsbury, 2023.

"Nietzsche's Hamlet Puzzle: Life Affirmation in *The Birth of Tragedy*," *The Routledge Companion to Shakespeare and Philosophy*, ed. Craig Bourne and Emily Caddick Bourne, London: Routledge, 2019.

"The Wisdom of Silenus: Suffering in *The Birth of Tragedy*," *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 49 (2018): 174–193.

"Nietzsche's Shakespeare: Musicality and Historicity in *The Birth of Tragedy*," *Memoria di Shakespeare* 1 (2014): 109–128.

EDITED BOOKS

Women Philosophers of the Nineteenth Century (with Guilia Valpione), Oxford: John Wiley & Sons, forthcoming.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Nietzsche and Politicized Identities* ed. Rebecca Bamford and Allison Merrick, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, forthcoming.

Review of *Nietzsche and Friendship* by Willow Verkerk, *European Journal of Philosophy* 31 (2023): 853–6.

“Comments on *Richard Rorty: Outgrowing Modern Nihilism* by Tracy Llanera,” *The Philosophical Forum*, 2022.

PRIZES

2017 Friedrich Nietzsche Society R. J. Hollingdale Prize

2017 Temple University Philosophy Department Teaching Prize

CONFERENCES

Invited Presentations

2023 “Nietzsche on Belief and Affirmation: Ancient and Modern,” Nietzsche in the Northeast, October 19–21, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York

2023 “The Necessity of Hypocrisy: Hedwig Dohm’s Feminist Epistemology of Self-Realization,” Hedwig Dohm and Nietzschean Feminism, October 10, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

2023 Keynote: “Misogynist or Revolutionary?: Hedwig Dohm’s Feminist Critique of Friedrich Nietzsche,” West Chester University, Philosophy Graduate Student Association Spring Conference, April 15, West Chester, PA

2018 “Nietzsche’s Great Men: *Julius Caesar*, Shakespeare, and the Third Reich,” Shakespeare and/as Philosophy, September 3–4, Senate House, London, UK

2017 “Nietzsche’s *Hamlet* Puzzle: Life Affirmation in *The Birth of Tragedy*,” Kingston Shakespeare Seminar: Shakespeare and Nietzsche, September 2, Garrick’s Temple to Shakespeare, Hampton, UK

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

2024 “Nietzschean Revaluations of Hamlet: On Skepticism and Suffering,” North American Nietzsche Society, November 7–9, Albuquerque, NM

2024 “Tragic Hangovers: A Nietzschean Account of Dive Bar Aesthetics,” American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Division, April 12–13, 2024, Philadelphia, PA

2022 “Truth, Metaphysics, and Life Affirmation in Nietzsche’s *The Birth of Tragedy*,” Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 16–17, University of Dundee, Scotland

2022 Author Meets Critics Panel, Tracy Llanera, *Richard Rorty: Outgrowing Modern Nihilism*, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, March 10–12, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida

2021 Comments on Joel Van Fossen, “Nietzsche on Self-Reverence,” North American Nietzsche Society, October 15–16, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

2021 “The Nihilism of the Oppressed: Hedwig Dohm’s Feminist Critique of Nietzschean Nihilism,” Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 16–18, Online via Zoom

- 2019 “Et tu Hamlet?: Nietzschean Revaluations of Shakespeare,” American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Division, April 5–6, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 “Nietzsche’s Great Men: *Julius Caesar*, Shakespeare, and the Third Reich,” Friedrich Nietzsche Society: Nietzsche and the Politics of Difference, September 20–21, Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK
- 2017 “The Wisdom of Silenus: Suffering in *The Birth of Tragedy*,” Friedrich Nietzsche Society: Nietzsche’s God(s): Theism, Pantheism and Atheism, September 1–3, Bath Spa University, Bath, UK
- 2017 “Nietzsche’s *Hamlet* Puzzle: Life Affirmation in *The Birth of Tragedy*,” American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Division, April 28–29, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 “Nietzsche’s *Hamlet* Puzzle: Life Affirmation in *The Birth of Tragedy*,” Fourth Annual Lehigh Philosophy Conference, 19th Century Philosophy: 1781–1905, October 27–28, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
- 2014 “Tragic Knowledge: Reading Nietzsche through Shakespeare,” Shakespeare: The Philosopher, September 12–13, University of Hertfordshire, UK
- 2012 “Traveling Spaces: Memory’s Passport Imagination’s Suitcase,” Canadian Society for Aesthetics, May 26–28, University of Waterloo, Ontario
- 2011 “The Unveiling of the I in James and Levinas,” Annual Philosophy and the Arts Conference at SUNY Stony Brook, April 1–2, Stony Brook Manhattan, New York, NY
- 2010 “Traveling Spaces: Memory’s Passport Imagination’s Suitcase,” International Association of Philosophy and Literature, May 24–30, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
- 2010 “William James, Michel Foucault and Aliens?” Annual Philosophy and the Arts Conference at SUNY Stony Brook, March 26–27, Stony Brook Manhattan, New York, NY
- 2009 “The Unveiling of the I in James and Levinas,” North American Levinas Society, June 28–30, University of Toronto, Canada

Conference Organization

- 2026 Program Committee, North American Nietzsche Society, Boston University, November 12–14
- 2020 Conference Co-Organizer, Philosophy and HBCU’s V: 5 Years after the Baltimore Uprising, Morgan State University, March 27–28**canceled due to COVID19
- 2016 Conference Co-Organizer, Nietzsche’s *Birth of Tragedy*: Philosophy, Music, Theater, April 29–30, Temple University. Conference Participants: Michael Forster, Tom Stern, Dean Moyar, Mark Franko, Tamsin Shaw, Richard Eldridge, Joshua Billings, Marcia Ferguson, Paul Katsafanas, Andrew Huddleston, Kristin Gjesdal
- 2016 Conference Co-Organizer, Graduate Conference in Aesthetics, April 17, in collaboration with the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium and the American Society for Aesthetics, April 17, Philadelphia, PA

- 2016 Conference Co-Organizer, Encountering Crisis: Working Across the Humanities, Center for the Humanities Graduate Fellows Conference, March 10, Temple University
- 2015 Conference Co-Organizer, The Scholar as Activist, The Activist as Scholar, Center for the Humanities Graduate Fellows Conference, March 24, Temple University

INTERVIEWS

- 2025 *Extending New Narratives Podcast: New Voices in the History of Philosophy*, Season 4, Episode 7: Hedwig Dohm's Feminist Philosophy: Interview with Katie Brennan

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2018 Temple University Dissertation Completion Grant
- 2015 CLA Advanced Graduate Scholar Award, Center for the Humanities, Temple University
- 2015 Temple University Fellowship
- 2014–2015 Graduate Associate Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Temple University
- 2011–2014 Temple University Philosophy Department Teaching Assistantship
- 2000–2004 Achieved academic standards of Dean's List at St. Mary's College of Maryland for 8 of 8 semesters
- 2002–Present Member of the OMICRON DELTA KAPPA national leadership honor society
- 2002–2004 Achieved Designation of St. Mary's Scholar
- 2004 Graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Mary's College of Maryland

TRAVEL AWARDS

- 2018 Temple University Philosophy Department Travel Award
- 2017 Temple University Philosophy Department Travel Award
- 2016 Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Fourth Annual Lehigh Philosophy Conference
- 2014 Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Shakespeare: The Philosopher Conference
- 2014 Temple University Philosophy Department Travel Award
- 2012 Temple University Philosophy Department Travel Award

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, ed. Susan Feagin, Fall 2011–Spring 2013

Assistant Copy Editor, *Interpreting Schelling: Critical Essays*, ed. Lara Ostaric, Cambridge University Press, 2014, 251 pages.

Assistant Copy Editor, *Debates in Nineteenth-Century European Philosophy: Essential Readings and Contemporary Responses*, ed. Kristin Gjesdal, London: Routledge, 2015, 416 pages.

TEACHING CERTIFICATE

Temple University, Teaching in Higher Education Graduate Certificate Program
Teaching In Higher Education Certificate, 2016

TEACHING

Salve Regina University

- Quest for the Good Life, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- Finding your Moral Compass, Fall 2025 (Honors), Spring 2026 (Honors)
- Feminist Philosophy, Spring 2024, Fall 2024 (Honors), Spring 2025, Spring 2026
- Philosophy Senior Seminar Capstone (Spring 2025)
- Rebellious Women: Philosophy, Activism, and Feminism in 19th Century Germany, Fall 2025 (Honors)

Morgan State University

Ethics and Values, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
Nineteenth Century Philosophy, Spring 2020

Temple University

Themes in Existentialism, Fall 2022 (Honors)
Landscape of American Thought, Fall 2022
Philosophy of the Human, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023
Introduction to Feminist Philosophy, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023
Environmental Ethics, Fall 2020, Summer I 2021, Fall 2021 (Honors), Fall 2022 (Honors)
Intellectual Heritage, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019
Spring 2021, Summer II 2021, Fall 2021
Meaning of the Arts, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Summer 2015
Course Coordinator, Meaning of the Arts, Spring 2015

Rowan University

American Philosophy, Fall 2014

Dowling College

Western Philosophy I, Fall 2009
Western Philosophy II, Spring 2010
Introduction to Ethics, Spring 2010

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Michael Taber, Introduction to Ethics, Spring 2003
Writing Center Tutor, Spring 2002- Spring 2004

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2026 Journal Referee for *Debates in Aesthetics*
2025 Journal Referee for *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*
2025 Book Review for Edinburg University Press and SUNY Press
2024 Journal Referee for *Questions in Politics* and *East Asian Journal of Philosophy*
2021 Journal Referee for *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* and *Film and Philosophy*
2019 Morgan State University Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Public Life Committee
2015-2019 Participant in the Philosophy Mentor Program, Temple University Philosophy Department
2014-2018 Prospective Student Campus Visit and Fall Welcome Committee
2014-2015 Graduate Representative for the Temple University Philosophy Department
2013-2014 Colloquium Series Organizer, Temple University Philosophy Department "Works in Progress" Graduate Student and Faculty Colloquium Series
2013 Graduate Assistant, Center for the Humanities at Temple University
2012-2013 Head of the Temple University Philosophy Colloquium Assistants Committee
2002-2004 Vice President of the Philosophy Club of St. Mary's College of Maryland
2002-2004 Editor, *Reflections* (Journal of Philosophy and Religious Studies), St. Mary's College of Maryland
2000-2004 Editor, *Avatar* (Literary Magazine), St. Mary's College of Maryland

SERVICE AT SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY

2025-present Philosophy Club Mentor
2025 Participant in the Library's Rare Book Salon on *The Crisis*
2025 Gave the Scholarly Address for the Phi Sigma Tau National Philosophy Honors Society Induction Ceremony
2025 Leadership Scholars Presentation
2025 Completed ICDP 1.0 Program

2024-present	Developed and Administered New Indirect Assessment Tool for the New Core Philosophy Course, Finding your Moral Compass
2024-present	Collaborated on the Creation of the New Core Philosophy Course, Finding your Moral Compass
2024-present	Member of the Faculty Assessment Advisory Board
2024-present	Member of the Women and Gender Studies Advisory Board
2024-present	Create and Maintain Salve Regina University's Philosophy Department Instagram Page
2024-present	Create and Maintain Salve Regina University's Women and Gender Studies Instagram Page
2024	Organized the Philosophy Department Trip to see <i>Antigone</i> at Providence College
2024	Faculty Research Workshop with PhD in Humanities and Technology Students