

FRANCES MAUGHAN-BROWN

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

19th- & 20th- Century Continental Philosophy
Feminism

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Aesthetics
Ethics
Existentialism
Philosophy of Education

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy	Boston College, 2015
B.A. Honors, Philosophy	University of Cape Town, 2008

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2021-	Lecturer (Continuing Non-Tenure Track), College of the Holy Cross
2018-2021	Visiting Assistant Professor, College of the Holy Cross
2017-2018	Visiting Lecturer, College of the Holy Cross
2016-2017	Visiting Lecturer, Boston College
2010-2015	Teaching Fellow, Boston College
2007-2008	Teaching Assistant, University of Cape Town

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2024-	Co-editor of <i>International Journal of Kierkegaard Research</i>
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BOOKS

The Lily's Tongue: Figure and Authority in Kierkegaard's Lily Discourses. Albany: SUNY Press, 2019.

Kierkegaard's Repetition. Cambridge Elements in Philosophy Series, Cambridge University Press, solicited and forthcoming 2027.

Kierkegaard's Lily Discourses. Newly Translated, with Critical Introduction and Notes (editor), under contract, SUNY Press.

Kierkegaard and the Poetry of the Gospel: Essays on the Lily Discourses. (Co-edited volume with Rick A. Furtak). Completed and forthcoming 2025, Bloomsbury Academic, in the Bloomsbury Series in Philosophy and Poetry.

ESSAYS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS AND EDITED VOLUMES

“Love before the Law” in *The Cambridge Companion to Kierkegaard’s Works of Love*, ed. Wojciech Kaftanski & Jeffrey Hanson, in production.

“Care and Cares: Community and Anxiety” in *Essays on Anxiety, Care and Attention: Insights across Psychology, Philosophy and Theology*, ed. Mark Freeman and Peter Fritz, in the Routledge series “Essays in the Psychological Humanities,” solicited essay.

“The Dust that Engenders Friction: Kierkegaard’s ‘Political’ Speech” in *The Young Kierkegaard: Readings of Kierkegaard’s Loose Papers and Early Student Writings*, ed. Elizabeth X. Li and Joseph Westphall, solicited contribution.

“The Remains: Let it Be Lily” in *Kierkegaard and the Poetry of the Gospel: Essays on the Lily Discourses*, ed. Frances Maughan-Brown and Rick Furtak, Bloomsbury Press, in production.

“A Maternal Abraham: Agacinski on Kierkegaard,” in *Kierkegaard in France*, ed. Hjordis Becker-Lindenthal, *Brill’s Studies in the History of Western Philosophy*, in production.

“The Secrecy of Possibility in Kierkegaard’s ‘Pattern,’” in *Kierkegaard and Possibility*, ed. Erin Plunkett, Bloomsbury Press, 2023 (78-98).

“Kissing the Image: an Allegory of Imagination in ‘The Seducer’s Diary’” in *History of European Ideas*, Routledge, 2021, 47 (3): 528-542.

“Without Authority: Kierkegaard’s Resistance to Patriarchy,” *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*. New York: de Gruyter, 2021, 26 (1): 301-323.

“Imagination,” in *Kierkegaard’s Concepts*, Volume 15, Tome III, of Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources Series, ed. Steven Emmanuel, William McDonald and Jon Stewart, Burlington: Ashgate, 2014 (195-202).

“Metaphor,” in *Kierkegaard’s Concepts*, Volume 15, Tome IV, of Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources Series, ed. Steven Emmanuel, William McDonald and Jon Stewart, Burlington: Ashgate, 2014 (216-225).

“Amor: God of Love – Psyche’s Seducer,” in *Kierkegaard’s Literary Figures and Motifs*, Volume 16, Tome I, ed. Katalin Nun and Jon Stewart, Burlington: Ashgate Publishing, 2014 (41-49).

“Job’s Suffering,” in *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*. Berlin, New York: de Gruyter, 2011 (365-383).

INVITED LECTURES

October, 2025	(scheduled) "Care, Cares, and Anxiety: Kierkegaard's Diagnosis," Misericordia College.
February, 2025	"Educated by Anxiety, Toward a Culture of Care," with Mark Freeman and Peter Fritz, Faculty Lunch Series, Holy Cross.
October, 2024	"Community's Paradox" College Honors Colloquium, Holy Cross.
August, 2024	"The Relevance of Kierkegaard's Thinking Today," Søren Kierkegaard Center 30 th year Anniversary Celebration, Copenhagen.
January, 2023	"The Teacher as Pattern," Philosophy Lecture Series, Holy Cross.
Summer, 2021	"The Call in the Response: Kierkegaard's Patterns," Hong Kierkegaard Library Summer Fellow Series.
December, 2020	"Kierkegaard's Philosophy of Patterning" Philosophy Department, Colorado College.
October, 2020	"The Lily's Tongue," Søren Kierkegaard Research Center Lecture Series, Copenhagen.
March, 2020	"Eye and Eyes: 'Windows' onto Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology," The Boston Phenomenology Circle (cancelled due to covid).
November, 2018	"Flowers of Speech: Kierkegaard on Figural Language," Kierkegaard Graduate Seminar, Boston College.

PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

April 2025	"Angels, Liars and the Yellow of Margarine: Feminist Philosophical Perspectives on Social Comparison," Interdisciplinary Center for Ethics, Jagiellonian University in Cracow.
August 2024	"Inward-Out: Nancy and Kierkegaard on Singularity and Community," Søren Kierkegaard Center Conference, Copenhagen.
June 2024	"Love Before the Law: Levinas and Kierkegaard on Love and Justice," The Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle, Hawaii
May, 2023	"Fichte, Kierkegaard, and there's no time to repent," The Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle, Bogota.
August, 2021	"Figures of Women," Søren Kierkegaard Society Annual Conference, Copenhagen.
December, 2020	"Without Authority: Kierkegaard's Resistance to Patriarchy." American Academy of Religion, Boston
September, 2019	"Kierkegaard's Uncertain Patterns." Living in Uncertainty: Kierkegaard and Possibility, London
March, 2019	"Inoculation Theory and the Transports of Metaphor." American Comparative Literature Association, Washington, D.C.
December, 2014	"The Lily Withers: Kierkegaard and Allegorical Narrative." American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia
November, 2013	"What We Learn from the Lilies in the Field and from the Birds of the Air." Kierkegaard and the Present Age, Brigham Young University
August, 2013	"Kierkegaard in the Natural World: The Golden Bird."

June, 2013	Kierkegaard in the World, Australian Catholic University “Reading a Love Letter: For Self-Examination.” Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference, St Olaf College, Hong Kierkegaard Library
May, 2013	“The Thorn in the Poet’s Flesh.” Kierkegaard’s Philosophical Psychology: The Sickness Unto Death, Nordic Network of Kierkegaard Research, University of Iceland
October, 2011	“Kierkegaard’s Psychology of Reception.” Psychology and the Other, Lesley University

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Fall, 2022	“The Lily Discourses,” International Online Colloquium, Conference Co-organizer
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CLASSES TAUGHT

College of the Holy Cross:

2024	Feminism (Women and Gender Studies Concentration)
2024	Søren Kierkegaard: on Reading
2023- present	Thinking for Oneself, Montserrat Seminar, Community Based Learning (CBL) Component
2018-2023	Freedom of Speech, Montserrat Seminar (Africana Studies Concentration, Peace and Conflict Studies Concentration), CBL Component
2023 & 2019	Philosophy of Art
2021	Philosophical Perspectives on Women
2020	Existentialism
2020	Aesthetics, Politics and the Performative – Tutorial
2017- 2020	Philosophical Inquiries

Additional Classes:

2010-17	Philosophy of the Person I and Philosophy of the Person II (Boston College)
2013	Søren Kierkegaard: Subjectivity, Irony and the Crisis of Modernity (Coursera and University of Copenhagen)
2008	Introduction to Philosophy (University of Cape Town)
2007	Ethics (University of Cape Town)
2007	Critical Thinking (University of Cape Town)

HONORS THESIS SUPERVISION

2024-2025	“Women in Chinese Characters” – Joey Wang ’25 (College Honors Program Thesis)
2020-2021	“Mimesis and Modern Art” – Adriana Coder ‘21 (Philosophy Thesis)
2020-2021	“Before the Abyss: Dizziness and its Image in the Concept of Anxiety” – Claire Fox ‘21 (Philosophy Thesis)

DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE

2022-2025	Philosophy Faculty Ambassador for College of the Holy Cross, Cura Psychologia Boston College (2022); Seattle University (2023); Georgetown University (2023); Fordham University (2024); Loyola Marymount University (2024); College of the Holy Cross (2025)
2023-2025	Peace and Conflict Studies Board
2024	Co-organizer of Faculty Workshop on Teaching Reading
2022-2023	Ad Hoc Committee for Prior Performing Arts Center
2022	Gateways Advising
2022	Student Poetry Contest Judge for The Purple
2019-present	First-year Advising Program

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Marshall Memorial Fund Grant: “Patterns of Listening: Mural Project Celebrating Learning in the City of Worcester”
2025	Faculty Writing Fellow, Holy Cross
2023	Danish Cultural Ministry Translation Grant for translation of Kierkegaard’s <i>Lily Discourses</i>
2022	John Templeton Foundation Grant for <i>Cura Psychologia</i>
2013	Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College