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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Instructional Professor, Texas State University	2024-present
Senior Lecturer, Texas State University	2020-2024
Lecturer, Texas State University	2015-2020
Visiting Lecturer, University of Central Florida	2014-2015
Guest Lecturer (part time), College of Medicine, University of Central Florida	2014-2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Beloit College	Spring 2014
Humboldt Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Ruhr University Bochum	Fall 2013

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, University of Memphis	2013
Visiting Researcher, Center for Subjectivity Research	Summer 2012
MA, Philosophy, University of Memphis	2010
BA, Philosophy, Beloit College	2007

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

19th/20th Century European Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Applied Ethics, History of Philosophy (Ancient, Modern)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Bower, M. (forthcoming). "Genetic phenomenology." In *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*, N. de Warren and T. Toadvine (eds.). Dordrecht: Springer.
- Bower, M. (2023). "Sociality and the minimal self: On Dan Zahavi's 'Group-identification, collectivism, and perspectival autonomy.'" *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 61(1), 78-85. <https://doi-org/10.1111/sjp.12532>
- Bower, M. (2023). "Phenomenological reduction and the nature of perceptual experience." *Husserl Studies* 39(2), 161-178. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10743-023-09324-w>
- Bower, M. (2021). "Is perception inadequate? Husserl's case for non-sensory objectual phenomenology in perception." *European Journal of Philosophy* 30(2), 755-777. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12705>
- Bower, M. (2021). "Do we visually experience objects' occluded parts?" *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 51(4), 239-255. <https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2021.22>
- Bower, M. (2020). "Husserl on hallucination: A conjunctive reading." *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58(3), 549-579. <https://doi.org/10.1353/hph.2020.0051>

- Bower, M. (2019). "Finding a way into genetic phenomenology." *The Subject(s) of Phenomenology*. Contributions to Phenomenology (series) (pp. 185-200). I. Apostolescu (Ed.). Dordrecht: Springer.
- Bower, M. (2019). "Daubert's naïve realist challenge to Husserl." *Grazer philosophische Studien* 96(2), pp. 211-243. DOI: 10.1163/18756735-000072
- Bower, M. and B. Fischer (2018). "Categorical desires and the badness of animal death." *Journal of Value Inquiry* 52(1), pp. 97-111. DOI: 10.1007/s10790-017-9604-y
- Bower, M. (2017). "Levinas's philosophy of perception." *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 55(4), pp. 383-414. DOI: 10.1111/sjp.12260
- Bower, M. (2017). "Husserl on perception: A non-representationalism that nearly was." *European Journal of Philosophy* 25(4), pp. 1768-1790. DOI: 10.1111/ejop.12261
- Bower, M. (2016). "Radicalizing the phenomenology of basic minds with Levinas and Merleau-Ponty." In *Biology and Subjectivity: Contributions to a Non-Reductive Neuroscience*. J. Murillo, M. García-valdecasas, and N. Barrett (Eds.). Dordrecht: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-30502-8_9
- Bower, M. (2015). "Genetic phenomenology, cognitive development, and the embodied/extended mind," *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 22(9-10), pp. 83-108.
- Bower, M. (2015). "Developing open intersubjectivity: On the interpersonal shaping of experience," *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 14(3), pp. 455-474. DOI: 10.1007/s11097-014-9346-2
- Bower, M. (2015). "Husserl's concept of the *Vorwelt* and the possible annihilation of the world," *Research in Phenomenology* 45(1), pp. 108-126. DOI: 10.1163/15691640-12341304
- Gallagher, S. and Bower, M. (2014). "Making enactivism even more embodied?" *Avant: Trends in Interdisciplinary Studies* 5(2), pp. 232-247. DOI: 10.12849/50202014.0109.0011
- Bower, M. (2014). "Affectively driven perception: Towards a non-representational phenomenology," *Husserl Studies* 30(3), pp. 225-245. DOI: 10.1007/s10743-014-9152-2
- Bower, M. (2014). "Husserl's theory of instincts as a theory of affection," *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 45(2), pp. 133-147. DOI:10.1080/00071773.2014.919121
- Bower, M. (2014). "Husserl's motivation and method for phenomenological reconstruction," *Continental Philosophy Review* 47(2), pp. 135-152. DOI: 10.1007/s11007-014-9291-3
- Bower, M. and Gallagher, S. (2013). "Bodily affects as prenoetic elements in enactive perception," *Phenomenology and Mind* 4, pp. 78-93

Reviews

- Bower, M. (2016). Review of S. Ferrarello, *Husserl's Ethics and Practical Intentionality*, New York: Bloomsbury, 2016. *Phenomenological Reviews*. <<http://reviews.ophen.org/2016/02/13/susi-ferrarello-husserls-ethics-practical-intentionality/>>
- Bower, M. (2015). "Do we need a metaphysics for perception? Some enactive, phenomenological reservations." Commentary on K. Werner (2015), "Toward a PL-metaphysics of perception: In search of the metaphysical roots of constructivism." *Constructivist Foundations* 11(1), pp. 159-161.
- Bower, M. (2015). Review of R.T. Jensen and D. Moran, *The Phenomenology of Embodied Subjectivity*, Dordrecht: Springer, 2013. *Husserl Studies* 31(2), pp. 159-167. DOI: 10.1007/s10743-014-9162-0

Translations

- Patočka, J. (2015). "Husserl's subjectivism and the call for an asubjective phenomenology." I. Chvatik, M. Bower, and K. Maly (Trans.). *Asubjective Phenomenology: Jan Patočka's Project in the Broader Context of His Work* (pp. 17-40). L. Učník, I. Chvatik, and A. Williams (Eds.). Nordhausen: Traugott Bautz.

- Patočka, J. (2015). "Epochē and reduction: Some observations." I. Chvatik, M. Bower, and K. Maly (Trans.). *Asubjective Phenomenology: Jan Patočka's Project in the Broader Context of His Work* (pp. 41-53). L. Učník, I. Chvatík, and A. Williams (Eds.). Nordhausen: Traugott Bautz.
- Plessner, H. (2013). "The objectivity of the senses." M. Bower (Trans.). *Phenomenology and Mind* 4, pp. 16-27

PRESENTATIONS

- "Husserlian phenomenology, perceptual learning, and the scope of content"
Presented May 2024 at the Perceptual Plasticity workshop hosted by the Philosophy Department at the University of Montreal
- "Another look at Husserl's treatment of the thing in itself"
Presented February 2024 as part of the Cardiff Visiting Speakers series to the Department of Philosophy at Cardiff University
- "Comments for Dan Zahavi"
Presented at the 2022 Spindel Conference (Relational Autonomy and Collective Intentionality), hosted at the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
- "Husserlian humility."
Presented at the 2021 meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, virtual conference
- "Against inadequacy."
Presented at the July 2021 meeting of the 2020-2021 Monthly Phenomenology Series, hosted by the Network for Phenomenological Research
- "Is perception inadequate?"
Presented at the 2019 meeting of the Southwest Seminar for Continental Philosophy, hosted by Utah Valley University in Salt Lake City, Utah
- "Is perception inadequate?"
Presented at the 2019 meeting of the Husserl Circle, hosted by the University of Lisbon in Lisbon, Portugal
- "Is perception inadequate?"
Invited talk hosted by the Philosophy Department at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, November 2019
- "Husserl on perception and hallucination: The case for a conjunctive reading."
Presented at the workshop "Methodologies and Problems in Phenomenology," Pontifical University in Lima, Peru, July 2018
- "Husserl on hallucination: Toward a conjunctive reading."
Presented at the Southwest Seminar for Continental Philosophy, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, June 2018
- "Rethinking perceptual presence: Against phenomenological and sensorimotor accounts."
Poster presentation at the workshop "Enactivism: Theory and Performance," University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 2018
- "Anticipation in perceptual experience."
Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Memphis, TN, October 2017
- "Daubert's naïve realist challenge to Husserl."
Presented at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Early Phenomenology, Seattle University, June 2017

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- “Husserl on perception: From representationalism to non-representationalism and back”
Presented at the Husserl Circle, Loyola University Chicago, June 2016
 - “The place of intentionality in non-representational views of perception”
Presented as part of the Philosophy Dialogue Series at Texas State University, April 2016
 - “Prospects for a deep phenomenology of embodiment”
Presented to the Mind-Brain Group, University of Navarra (Spain), November 2015
 - “Back to Descartes and Kant? Levinas’ philosophy of perception”
Presented at the Institute for Culture & Society, University of Navarra (Spain), November 2015
 - “Shallow and deep views of embodiment in phenomenology”
Presented at Texas State University, August 2015
 - “Levinas’ radical embodied phenomenology”
Presented at the North American Levinas Society, Purdue University, July 2015
 - “Genetic phenomenology and embodied/extended views of cognitive development”
Presented as part of the Philosophy Colloquium Series at the University of Central Florida, December 2014
 - “Genetic phenomenology as a window into cognitive development”
Presented at the Northwest Philosophy Conference, Central Washington University, November 2014
 - “Genesis and development: Questions for Husserl’s genetic phenomenology”
Presented at the Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Colorado College, June 2014
 - “Affect in the perception of dispositional properties and states of affairs: A phenomenological analysis”
Presented to the Phenomenology Research Group, Loyola University Chicago, March 2014
 - “Directly perceiving non-folk psychological states: Response to J.S. Lavelle”
Presented at the workshop, “Direct Perception,” held at the Center for Subjectivity Research in Copenhagen, December 2013
 - “Affectively driven perception: An anti-representational view”
Presented to the Phänomenologischer Werkstatt at the Cologne Husserl Archives, December 2013
 - “Trouble on the ‘horizon’: A critique and alternative to the Husserlian notion”
Presented at the Institut für phänomenologische Forschung, Bergische Universität Wuppertal (Germany), December 2013
 - “The social face of the world: Thoughts on the emergence of ‘open intersubjectivity’”
Presented in the Lunch Time Seminar on Social Cognition at the State University of Milan, Italy, November 2013
 - “Constituting intersubjectivity: The pre-personal shaping of experience”
Presented at annual conference of the German Society for Phenomenological Research at the Cologne Husserl Archives, “Soziale Erfahrung,” September 2013
 - “The affective revolution in Husserl’s phenomenology”
Presented at the international conference, “Questioning Subjectivity,” held by the Jan Patočka Archives in Prague, September 2013
 - “Making enactivism even more embodied” (with S. Gallagher)
Presented at the “Situated Affectivity” workshop at the Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Osnabrück, June 2013
 - “Motivation and Method for Phenomenological Reconstruction: Remarks on *Husserliana 39*”
Invited presentation at the Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists, Ramapo College, May 2013

- “The Genesis of Spatiality in Husserl’s Transcendental Aesthetic”
Presented at the Seminar in Phenomenology and the History of Philosophy, “Kant and the Founding of Phenomenology,” South Bend, IN, September 2012
- “Motivating the Irrational Fact of the World: Husserl’s Genetic Phenomenology of World”
Presented at the Phenomenology Roundtable, Marquette University, June 2012
- “A Phenomenological Challenge to Deleuze’s Conception of the Living Present”
Presented at the 50th Anniversary meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA, October 2011
- “Aristotle on the Relationship Between Friendship, Happiness, and the Human Being: A Reading of NE IX, 9”
Presented at the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University, October 2009

TEACHING

Texas State University

- PHIL 1305, Philosophy and Critical Thinking, Fall 2015 (3 sections), Spring 2016 (4 sections), Summer 2016 (1 section), Fall 2016 (4 sections), Spring 2017 (3 sections), Summer 2017 (1 section), Fall 2017 (4 sections), Spring 2018 (3 sections), Fall 2018 (3 sections), Fall 2019 (3 sections)
- PHIL 1320, Ethics and Society, Fall 2015 (2 sections), Spring 2019 (3 sections), Spring 2020 (3 sections), Spring 2021 (3 sections), Summer 2021 (1 section), Fall 2021 (4 sections), Spring 2022 (3 sections), Summer 2022 (1 section), Fall 2022 (3 sections), Spring 2023 (3 sections), Summer 2023 (1 section), Fall 2023 (3 sections), Spring 2024 (3 sections), Summer 2024 (1 section), Fall 2024 (3 sections)
- PHIL 3315, Contemporary Philosophy, Spring 2016 (1 section), Spring 2019 (1 section), Spring 2020 (1 section), Spring 2021 (1 section), Spring 2022 (1 section), Spring 2023 (1 section), Spring 2024 (1 section)
- PHIL 3316, Existentialism and Phenomenology, Fall 2016 (1 section), Fall 2017 (1 section), Fall 2018 (1 section), Fall 2019 (1 section), Fall 2020 (1 section), Fall 2021 (1 section), Fall 2022 (1 section), Fall 2023 (1 section), Fall 2024 (1 section)
- PHIL 3322, Professional Ethics (online), Summer 2017 (1 section), Summer 2018 (1 section), Fall 2018 (1 section), Summer 2019 (1 section), Fall 2019 (1 section), Spring 2020 (1 section), Summer 2020 (1 section), Fall 2020 (1 section), Spring 2021 (1 section), Summer 2021 (1 section), Spring 2022 (1 section), Summer 2022 (1 section), Fall 2022 (1 section), Spring 2023 (1 section), Summer 2023 (1 section), Fall 2023 (1 section), Spring 2024 (2 sections), Summer 2024 (1 section), Fall 2024 (2 sections)
- PHIL 4388, Problems in Philosophy, Spring 2018 (1 section, topic: Emmanuel Levinas)

University of Central Florida

- PHI 2010, Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2014 (2 sections), Spring 2015, Summer 2015 (2 sections)
- PHI 4321, Philosophies of Embodiment, Spring 2015
- PHH 3600, Contemporary Philosophy, Spring 2015
- PHI 3640, Environmental Ethics, Fall 2014
- PHI 4673, Medical ethics, Fall 2014

Beloit College

- PHIL 110, Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2014
- PHIL 100, Logic, Spring 2014
- PHIL 200, Ancient Philosophy, Spring 2014

University of Memphis

- PHIL 1101, Fundamental Issues in Philosophy, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2012

- PHIL 1102, Values in the Modern World, Summer 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013
- PHIL 3411, Contemporary Moral Problems, Summer 2012
- PHIL 3415, Biomedical Ethics (Online), Summer 2012, Summer 2013

Southwest Tennessee Community College

- PHIL 1030, Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 2013
- PHIL 2030, Values in the Modern World, Spring 2013
- ETHC 2030, Ethics, Summer 2011

Christian Brothers University

- PHIL 220, Contemporary Moral Issues, Summer 2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University and Departmental Service

- Served on the Nontenure Line Faculty Committee of the Faculty Senate at Texas State (2017-present)
- Designed graduate-level course “Existentialism and Phenomenology” (spring 2017)
- Conducted exit interview for BA program in Philosophy at Texas State (with Lori Gallegos de Castillo in fall 2017, Vaughn Baltzly in spring 2018 and spring 2023, Eric Gilbertson in fall 2024)
- Served on the Undergraduate Education Committee and the On-Line and Hybrid Education Committee of the Philosophy Department at Texas State (2017-2018)
- Participant in the Strategic Planning Working Group in the Philosophy Department at Texas State University (2016-2017)
- Guest lecture, “Basics of medical ethics: Principles and theories,” given at University of Central Florida for the course “Religion and Medicine” (REL 4180), September 2014

Research-Related Service

- Organizer for the 2022 meeting of the Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy
- Moderator for session on “Phenomenology, Naturalism, and Non-Reductionist Cognitive Science,” with talks by Shaun Gallagher and Jack Reynolds, for the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, October 2017
- Referee for *Husserl Studies*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Metodo: International Studies in Phenomenology and Philosophy*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Phenomenological Studies*, *Ergo*, *Dialectica*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- Book proposal reviewer for Routledge, book manuscript reviewer for Lexington Books (imprint of Rowman & Littlefield Publishers), textbook reviewer for Oxford University Press
- Co-editor (with E. Caminada), *Phenomenology and Mind* (Volume 6, Summer 2014), “Habit: Second Nature and Social Reality”

AWARDS

- Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology Director’s Memorial Prize for Best Paper by a Junior Scholar, Awarded at the 2019 meeting of the Husserl Circle
- Favorite Teacher Award, Alfred H. Nolle chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society at Texas State University, Spring 2018
- Moss Chair Research Award, 2012, University of Memphis
- Bornblum Travel Award, 2011, 2012 and 2013, University of Memphis
- Graduate Assistantship, 2008-2013, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Memphis

- Barbara & Jeffrey Bartlett Prize in Philosophy, 2007, Beloit College
- Horace White Classical Prize, 2006, Beloit College

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- German (intermediate reading)
- Ancient Greek (intermediate reading)

REFERENCES

- Shaun Gallagher, Lillian and Morrie Moss Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis. E-mail: s.gallagher@memphis.edu
- Craig Hanks, Professor, Department Chair, Department of Philosophy, Texas State University. E-mail: craig.hanks@txstate.edu
- Sebastian Luft, Professor of Theoretical Philosophy, Philosophy Department, University of Paderborn. E-mail: lufts@mail.uni-paderborn.de
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