

ELLIOT ROSSITER
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT
INFORMATION

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Mailing Address:

Department of Philosophy

Douglas College

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CITIZENSHIP

Canadian

RESEARCH AREAS

Philosophy and Policy (especially Housing and Poverty Reduction)

Social and Political Philosophy

Early Modern Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Regular Faculty

2017-

Department of Philosophy

Douglas College

College Professor (term appt.)

Fall 2016

Department of Philosophy

Okanagan College

Visiting Research Fellow

2015-2016

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Concordia University of Edmonton

Sessional Instructor

2014-2015

Department of Philosophy

University of Western Ontario

Writing Counsellor

2014-2015

Writing Support Centre

University of Western Ontario

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy 2010-2014

University of Western Ontario

Title: *Hypothetical Necessity and the Laws of Nature:
John Locke on God's Legislative Power*

Advisors: Dr Benjamin Hill (supervisor), Dr Henrik Lagerlund,
Dr Dennis Klimchuk, Dr Andrew Botterell

Examiners: Dr Patricia Sheridan, Dr Lorne Falkenstein,
Dr Dennis Klimchuk, Dr Allyson May

Western Certificate in University 2012-2014

Teaching and Learning

MA Philosophy 2009-2010

University of Western Ontario

Project Title: *Pascal and Fideism*,
Pass with Distinction

BA Philosophy (cum laude) 2004-2009

University of Ottawa

GRANT-FUNDED
PROJECTS

Colleges and Community Social Innovation Fund Grant (2022-2025)

Project Title: "Changing the Conversation: Re-envisioning Narrative
Engagement about Housing Insecurity in Communities"

Role: Principal Investigator

Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and
Canada Council for the Arts

CMHC Housing Supply Challenge, Round 2 (2021-2024)

Project Title: "Renovate the Public Hearing Initiative"

Role: Supporting Applicant (with SFU Centre for Dialogue)

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Research Incentive Grant (2020)

Project Title: "Evaluation of Arts Empowerment and Social Change
Initiative"

Role: Principal Investigator

Source: Douglas College

Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Grant (2020)

Project Title: "Arts Empowerment, Income Boosting, and Social Change
Project"

Role: Supporting Applicant (with City of New Westminster)

Source: Union of BC Municipalities

Develop Grant (2019)

Project Title: “Changing the Conversation: Reflective Empathy and Public Discourse on Social Housing”

Role: Project Director

Source: Vancouver Foundation, Systems Change Program

ACADEMIC WRITING

Journal Articles:

- (1) “Development, Displacement, and the Right to Adequate Housing”, *Les ateliers de l'éthique / The Ethics Forum*, Forthcoming 2026.
- (2) “The Virtue of Industry and the Instrumentalization of Work”, *Points of Interest* 5.2, Special Issue: Philosophy and Work, Then and Now (2019): 116-137.
- (3) “Hedonism and Natural Law in Locke’s Moral Philosophy”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 54.2 (2016): 203-225.
- (4) “Locke, Providence, and the Limits of Natural Philosophy”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 22.2 (2014): 217-235.

Book Chapters:

- (1) “Conditionality, Reciprocity, and Capabilities”, *Normative Problems in the Conditional Model of Social Protection*, eds. Gottfried Schweiger and Facundo Garcia Valverde, Springer, Forthcoming 2026.
- (2) “Locke on Knowledge of Morality”, *The Lockean Mind*, eds. Jessica Gordon-Roth and Shelley Weinberg, Routledge, 2021, pp. 351-359.
- (3) “From Experimental Natural Philosophy to Natural Religion: Action and Contemplation in the Early Royal Society”, *Experiment, Speculation and Religion in Early Modern Philosophy*, eds. Peter Anstey and Alberto Vanzo, Routledge, 2019, pp. 184-203.
- (4) “Locke and the Jesuits on Law and Politics”, *Brill Companion to the Jesuit Tradition on the Eve of Modernity*, ed. Cristiano Casalini, Brill, 2019, pp. 426-443.

Conference Proceedings:

- (1) “Automation and Craft-Based Management”, *Journal of Global Business Management and Economics* 1.1 (August 2018): 21-26.

- (2) “Cicero, Epicurus, and Systemic Injustice”, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 28.1 (January 2012): 55-62.

Translations (from French):

- (1) Lagrée, Jacqueline. “Justus Lipsius and Neostoicism”, tr. Elliot Rossiter, in *The Routledge Handbook of the Stoic Tradition*, ed. John Sellars, Abingdon: Routledge (2016)

Book Reviews:

- (1) Review of Victor Nuovo, *John Locke: The Philosopher as Christian Virtuoso* (Oxford, 2017). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 2018

PUBLIC WRITING

Opinion Pieces and Public Philosophy Essays:

- (1) “Tenant Rights shouldn’t be an Afterthought during Redevelopment”, *Vancouver Sun*, May 1st, 2025
- (2) “Le concept du filtrage et la crise du logement au Canada”, *Lampadaire : Revue Grand Public de la Société de Philosophie du Québec*, No. 2, le 10 décembre 2025
- (3) “Loophole that Allows Landlords to Raise Rents to Cover Rising Mortgage Rates Should Be Closed”, *Vancouver Sun*, August 22nd, 2024
- (4) “Municipalities Need Funding, not Targets, to Build Affordable Housing”, *The Province*, May 8th, 2024
- (5) “To Protect Renters from Displacement, BC Needs Vacancy Control”, *The Tyee*, October 13th, 2023
- (6) “Defining Core Services is a Question of Core Values”, *New West Anchor*, January 12th, 2023
- (7) “More Supply Won’t Stop B.C.’s Housing Crisis on its Own”, *Vancouver Sun*, November 28th, 2022
- (8) “Hope Can Help Revitalize Downtown New West”, *New Westminster Record*, December 2nd, 2021
- (9) “Gig Workers Deserve a Living Wage, not Insecurity”, *New Westminster Record*, July 10th, 2020

(10) “The Stories We Tell about Social Housing”, *New Westminster Record*, January 10th, 2020

Policy Briefs:

(1) *Strengthening New Westminster’s Tenant Relocation Policy* (with New Westminster Tenants Union), May 2024

(2) *A Defense of the Aboriginal Land Trust Affordable Housing Project Proposed for 823-841 Sixth Street* (with Yes in New West), May 2021

Research-Creation (Art & Philosophy):

(1) *Changing the Conversation: Reflective Empathy and Public Discourse on Social Housing*, Douglas College, forthcoming 2026

PRESENTATIONS

Recent Presentations (last 5 years):

(1) “Housing Policy, Critical Junctures, and Coordination Epistemology”
Public Philosophy Network Conference, McMaster University,
October 17th-19th, 2025

(2) “Community Land Trusts and the Slow Work of Housing Justice”
Imagining Stewardship: Community Land Trust Summit, Canadian
Network of Community Land Trusts, Vancouver, BC, October
18th-20th, 2024

(3) “Philosophy and Urban Housing Justice”
*Philosophie de Terrain: Sortir des Carcans Méthodologiques /
Field Philosophy: Pushing the Methodological Envelope*,
Université de Lausanne, June 13th-14th, 2024

(4) “Filtering, Spatial Contracts, and Housing Justice”
*Colloque Logement et Justice Sociale / Housing and Social Justice
Conference*, Université de Montréal, May 9th-10th, 2024

(5) “Conditionality, Reciprocity, and Capabilities”
*Normative Problems in the Conditional Model of Social
Protection*, Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research, University
of Salzburg and Argentinean Research Center, November 15th,
16th, 22nd, 23rd, 2022

- (6) “Payday Lending, Economic Injustice, and the Need for Alternative Lending Products”
Safe and Affordable Alternatives to Payday Lending: What Works and What's Next, Tamarack Institute Webinar, October 5th, 2022

OTHER AWARDS

Research Dissemination Present Grant (2024), Douglas College

Open Educational Resources Incentive Grant (2018, 2023), Douglas College

Research and Scholarly Activity Travel Fund Award (2018), Douglas College

University Students’ Council Teaching Award of Excellence, Honour Roll, University of Western Ontario (2015)

Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship (2013/2014)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (2011/2012 & 2012/2013)

TEACHING

Regular Faculty, Department of Philosophy, Douglas College
Courses Regularly Taught (teaching load is four per term):

Critical Thinking

Knowledge, Reason, & Experience

Values & Contemporary Issues

Business Ethics

Sports Ethics

Ethics

Urban Challenges

Philosophy of Law

College Professor, Department of Philosophy, Okanagan College

Fall 2016: *Introduction to Philosophy I*

Criminal Justice Ethics

Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking (two sections)

Visiting Fellow, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Concordia University of Edmonton

Fall 2015: *Introduction to Ethics* (two sections)

Winter 2016: *Introduction to Ethics*

Early Modern Philosophy

Introduction to Logic

July 2016: *Introduction to Ethics*

Course Instructor, *Philosophy of Witchcraft*, University of Western Ontario, Fall 2014 / Winter 2015

Tutor, Writing Support Centre, University of Western Ontario, Fall 2013 – Winter 2015

Course Instructor, *Evil*, University of Western Ontario, Fall 2012

INSTITUTIONAL
ACTIVITY

Member, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Committee, Douglas College, 2023-present

Member, Research Ethics Board, Douglas College, 2020-present

Member, Strategic Plan Working Group (Open Access), Douglas College, 2020-2024

Member, Open Douglas (OER working group), Douglas College, 2017-present

COMMUNITY
ACTIVITY

Member, Working Group, New Westminster Community Land Trust, 2024-present

Member, Advisory Committee, Bridging Barriers: Exploring Housing Access for African Newcomer Youth Project, 2024-present

Member, Financial Literacy and Employment Working Group, City of New Westminster, 2021-present

Member, New Westminster Overdose Community Action Team, Purpose Society and Fraser Health, 2020-present

Member, Community Engagement Working Group, New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society, 2020-present

Member, Community Poverty Reduction Committee, City of New Westminster, 2019-present

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Reviewer for *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Locke Studies*, *Studi Lockiani*, *Review of Politics*, *Broadview Press*, *Routledge*, *Oxford University Press*

Reviewer, Partnership Development Grant Review Committee (SSHRC),
2023 & 2025

Secretary, Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers,
2012 – 2019

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Philosophical Association
Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers
North American Society for Social Philosophy
Public Philosophy Network

PROFESSIONAL
LANGUAGES

English, French, Latin