

## Max Wade

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## Education

**Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, graduated May 2025  
Advisor: Gary Gurtler, SJ

August 2019–May 2025

Dissertation, “Plotinus’ Ontology of Artifacts,” successfully defended March 26, 2025

Doctoral comprehensive exam passed with distinction September 2023

Preliminary comprehensive exam passed May 2020

**Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ  
B.A. (GPA 4.0)  
Majors: Philosophy, Political Science  
Minor: Comparative Literature  
Departmental Honors in Philosophy, Political Science  
Advisors: Michael Levine, Azzan Yadin-Israel

August 2015–May 2019

## Research Interests

*Ancient Greek Philosophy* (Area of Specialization)

Neoplatonism and Late Antique Thought

Reception of Classical Greek Natural Philosophy and Metaphysics

*Medieval Philosophy* (Area of Concentration)

Medieval Astronomy and Science

Jewish Philosophy

*History of Natural Philosophy* (Area of Concentration)

Cosmology

Ontology of Artifacts

Environmental Humanities

## Peer Reviewed Publications

Wade, Max. “Gersonides on the Heavenly Bodies’ Relation to the Agent Intellect” in *Mind, Soul and the Cosmos in the High Middle Ages*, eds. Jack Cunningham, Adam Foxon and Rosamund Gammie. *Studies in the History of Philosophy of Mind* (SHPM), vol. 31 (2025). Springer, Cham. 217–233, doi: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-78876-5\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-78876-5_11)

Wade, Max. “Stoic Pantheism and Environmental Ethics in Pliny the Elder,” in *Pantheism and Ecology: Cosmological, Philosophical, and Theological Perspectives*, ed. Luca Valera. *Ecology and Ethics*, vol 6 (2023). Springer, Cham. 15–27, doi: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-40040-7\\_2](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-40040-7_2)

- Wade, Max. "Formless Matter in Gersonides' Cosmology." *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis* 26, 1 (2023): 79–103, doi: <https://doi.org/10.30965/26664275-bja10068>
- Wade, Max. "Eriugena on the Eternity and Creation of the World." *Thaumàzein* 10, 2 (2022): 67–90, doi: <https://doi.org/10.13136/thau.v10i2.187>

### Conference Papers

- "The True Meeting of the Minds': Plotinus on Assemblies, Decision-Making, and Collective Agency" at the 2025 annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society (APS). Philadelphia, PA. Apr. 24–26, 2025.
- "Existential Risk and the Anthropocene: Three Ancient Perspectives on Human Precarity" at the 2024 annual conference of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (SPCW). Worcester Polytechnic Institute: Worcester, MA. Jul. 17–21, 2024.
- "Plotinus and the Stoics on Kinds of Bodies and How They are Unified" at the 21st annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS). Trinity College, Dublin: Dublin, Ireland. Jun. 19–22, 2024.
- "Distinctive Features within Plotinus' Elemental Theory" at the 2024 AIA/SCS Joint Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. Jan. 4–7, 2024.
- "Plotinus' Platonic Appropriation of Aristotle's Bronze Statue" at the 20th annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS). Università degli Studi di Catania: Catania, Italy. Jun. 14–17, 2023.
- "Relation and Resemblance: Gersonides and Crescas on the Sun's Heating of the Air" at the New England Medieval Consortium 2022 Conference: Medieval Ecologies. Colby College: Waterville, ME. Oct. 8, 2022.
- "Universal Mind or World Soul? Gersonides on the Agent Intellect" at the first International Medieval Mind Conference. Bishop Grosseteste University: Lincoln, United Kingdom. Jun. 30–Jul. 2, 2022.
- "The Bones of Heaven: Formless Matter and the Rejection of Hylomorphism in Gersonides" at the Late Medieval Hylomorphism: Matter and Form 1300-1600 International Conference. KU Leuven: Leuven, Belgium. Jun. 9–11, 2022.
- "Gaia and the Soul of Nature: Plotinus on the Generation of Plants and Minerals" at the ICHS USF Conference: Natural Resources and Flourishing in Ancient Greece. University of South Florida: Tampa, FL. Apr. 22–24, 2022.
- "Society, Ethics and Reason in the Ḥatāta Zār'a Ya'ʿaqob" at the Fordham Philosophical Society Graduate Conference. Fordham University: New York, NY. Feb. 2, 2022.
- "Thomas Aquinas and the Legacy of Pre-Socratic Theories of Perception" at the Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy inaugural conference. Notre Dame: South Bend, IN. Oct. 3–6, 2021.

### Additional Publications

- Wade, Max. "Aristotle's Ontology of Artifacts, written by Papandreou, Marilù" in *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 20 (2026), doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/18725473-12341585>
- Wade, Max. "Sobre a eternidade e a criação do mundo em Eriúgena," trans. Tadeu M. Verza, in *A discussão sobre a eternidade do mundo nas tradições árabe, hebraica e latina*, eds.

- Fátima R. R. Évora, Tadeu M. Verza, and Meline C. Sousa (2025). Editora PPGFIL-UFMG, Belo Horizonte. 51–81, doi: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16697979>
- “The Dance of Reality: Plotinus and the Activity of the Whole” for the Journal of the History of Ideas Blog. Published Nov. 18, 2024.  
<https://www.jhiblog.org/2024/11/18/the-dance-of-reality-plotinus-and-the-activity-of-the-whole/>
- “Our Duties to the Earth: Pliny the Elder as a Proto-Environmentalism” for the Journal of the History of Ideas Blog. Published Dec. 12, 2022.  
<https://jhiblog.org/2022/12/12/our-duties-to-the-earth-pliny-the-elder-as-a-proto-environmentalist/>
- Wade, Maxwell. “Walter Benjamin's ‘Über den Begriff der Geschichte’ and the Marxist Tradition.” *Dianoia: The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Boston College* 6, no. 1 (2019): 61–74.
- Wade, Maxwell. “Occult and Mystical Influences on the Philosophy of Otto Weininger.” *Proteus: The Rutgers Undergraduate Journal of Comparative Literature* 2 (2019): 28–54.

## Teaching Experience

### *Full Instructor*

- ETHC 201 Honors Moral Philosophy – Thomas Jefferson University, Spring 2026  
PHL 260 Philosophy of Human Nature – St. Joseph’s University, Spring 2026  
PHL 154 Moral Foundations – St. Joseph’s University, Fall 2025  
PHIL 2264 Logic – Boston College, Spring 2023  
PHIL 2264 Logic – Boston College, Fall 2022  
PHIL 1071 Philosophy of the Person II – Boston College, Spring 2022  
PHIL 1070 Philosophy of the Person I – Boston College, Fall 2021  
PHIL 1071 Philosophy of the Person II – Boston College, Spring 2021  
PHIL 1070 Philosophy of the Person I – Boston College, Fall 2020

### *Teaching Assistant*

- PHIL 160 Reasoning and Argumentation – Boston University, Spring 2023; Teaching Assistant for Prof. Derek Anderson (grading, discussion sections)

## Invited Talks and Other Presentations

- “Plotinus’ Ontology of Artifacts” at the Young Philosophers Series. Boston College: Chestnut Hill, MA. Apr. 9, 2025
- “Emma Goldman and Dora Marsden” at the PhilosophHERs Workshop. Boston College: Chestnut Hill, MA. Dec. 6, 2023.
- “Plotinus’ Theory of Intelligible Animals in Ennead VI.7.5–12” for the John Duffy Society (Harvard University Department of Classics). Harvard University: Cambridge, MA. Apr. 12, 2023.
- “Teachers, Mystics, and Philosophers: Women in the Neoplatonic Academy” at the PhilosophHERs Workshop. Boston College: Chestnut Hill, MA. Jan. 24, 2022.
- “Philosophy and Astrology in the Middle Ages” at the Young Philosophers Series. Boston College: Chestnut Hill, MA. Nov. 30, 2021.

## Professional Service

- Panel co-organizer, “Providence in the Ancient Greek and Hellenistic Traditions,” for the 2026 International Society of Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) conference. Jun. 3–6, 2026.
- Assistant Editor, *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*. Fall 2021–Spring 2025.
- Panel co-organizer, “Nature in the Platonic Tradition,” for the 2024 International Society of Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) conference. Jun. 19–23, 2024.
- Philosophy Graduate Student Association (GSA) Fifth+ Year Representative. Fall 2023–Spring 2025.
- Panel co-organizer, “Puzzles and Paradoxes in the Platonic Tradition,” for the 2023 International Society of Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) conference. Jun. 14–17, 2023.
- Conference co-organizer, “Embodiment from Then to Now: Perspectives on Sex and Gender,” 2023 Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. Mar. 24–25, 2023.
- Workshop co-organizer, “History of Philosophy Methodology and Research Workshop.” Fall 2022.

## Professional Society Memberships

- Ancient Philosophy Society (APS) – since December 2024
- Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (SCPW) – since April 2024
- The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) – since September 2023
- Society for Classical Studies (SCS) – since April 2023
- International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) – since December 2022

## Languages

- Ancient Greek** (two years of formal study)
- Patristic Greek course; taught by Prof. Margaret Schatkin (Fall 2019–Spring 2020)
  - Lower Intermediate course; Dan Slușanschi School for Classical and Oriental Languages, led by Cristian Ioan Dumitru (Fall 2021–Spring 2022)
  - Organizer, Greek reading group (Fall 2022–Summer 2023)
  - Participant, Greek reading group led by Prof. Andrew Culbreth (Fall 2023–present)
- French** (one year of study); Reading knowledge course taught by Prof. Stephen Bold (Boston College – Summer 2022)
- Spanish** (seven years of study); Grades 7-12, some college
- Elementary **Czech** (one year of study); Immersion course (Charles University, Prague – Summer 2018)

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