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## Education

**New York University** (New York, NY)  
 Expected Graduation Spring 2022  
 Ph.D. Philosophy.

**University of Oxford, Balliol College** (Oxford, United Kingdom)  
 Graduated June 2015  
 M.Phil. Philosophical Theology. Rhodes Scholar.

**Cornell University** (Ithaca, NY)  
 Graduated May 2013  
 B.A. Philosophy. Summa cum laude.

## Areas

**Areas of Specialization:** social and political philosophy (including philosophy of race, class, gender, and anti-colonial thought), 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century continental philosophy  
**Areas of Competence:** Kant, ethics, moral psychology, philosophy of religion

## Publications

“Kierkegaard on Time and the Limitations of Imaginative Planning,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. XCIV, No. 1, January 2017.

## Papers Under Review

“‘Racism without Races’—Socio-Cultural Racialization in Islamophobia and Beyond”

## Dissertation

*Made Into Strangers: An Account of Social Alienation*  
 Expected Completion Spring 2022  
 Chair: Daniel Viehoff; Committee: Béatrice Longuenesse, John Richardson

*Abstract:* I offer a novel account of social alienation, rooted in a reading of Marx and Fanon. Social alienation is a deficient mode of relationship in which people systematically regard one another either indifferently or as mere tools, rather than as having intrinsic value. In modern societies, I argue, we typically view most others as “strangers” in this sense—that is, we regard them either indifferently or as mere tools. When most others are strangers to us, however, we experience our social bonds with them as constraining, a form of unfreedom. Moreover, social alienation isn’t an individual choice—we are made into strangers through social practices that pit us against each other. In the dissertation, I make both historical and contemporary contributions. My contemporary reconstruction is significant because it explains the specifically political dimensions of an ill that is deeply felt by many, but not much discussed in recent political philosophy. Within historical scholarship, my project is significant because there is surprisingly little agreement on the meaning of “alienation,” despite its influence. I fill this gap in the Marx and Fanon literatures by offering a systematic and approachable reading of the concept. Furthermore, I argue that Fanon’s development of the earlier Marxist concept is necessary if the concept is to have use in our world that is so deeply affected by racism. (A longer dissertation summary can be found on my website - <https://danielbrinkerhoffyoung.com/research/#dissertation>)

### **Selected Presentations**

NYC Area Social Philosophy Work-in-Progress Group (2020)

“Social Alienation as Relational Unfreedom”

Washington Square Circle, NYU Dept. of Philosophy (2020)

“Freedom, Community, Solidarity: The Normative Foundations of Socialist Politics”

NYC Area Social Philosophy Work-in-Progress Group (2019)

“‘Racism without Races’—Socio-cultural Racialization, Latinxs, and Muslims”

Guest lecture in John Richardson’s 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy Course, NYU Dept. of Philosophy (2018)

“Foucault on the History of Sexuality and Social Class”

International Society for Social Ontology Conference, Tufts University (2018)

“Cultural Racism and a Typology of Racialization”

Washington Square Circle, NYU Dept. of Philosophy (2018)

“What is Kierkegaardian ‘Inwardness’? ‘Heartfeltness’ as Positive Freedom”

### **Courses Taught**

As sole instructor:

19<sup>th</sup> Century European Social and Political Philosophy

20<sup>th</sup> Century Marxism, Feminism, and Anti-Colonialism – Advanced Level

20<sup>th</sup> Century Marxism, Feminism, and Anti-Colonialism – Introductory Level

As TA:

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Prof. Béatrice Longuenesse)  
 Ethics and Society (Prof. Daniel Viehoff)  
 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy (Prof. John Richardson)  
 Normative Ethics and Metaethics (Prof. Sam Scheffler)  
 Great Works in Philosophy (Prof. John Richardson)

As TA for the Cornell Prison Education Program (CPEP):

World Literature (Prof. Brigitte Fielder)  
 American Indian Studies (Prof. Catherine Koehler)  
 Prison Literature (Prof. Reeve Parker)

### Graduate Coursework

(\* Indicates audit)

At NYU:

1. NYU Proseminar on Value (John Richardson and Rob Hopkins)
2. Philosophy of Biology (Laura Franklin-Hall)
3. Philosophy of Mind (David Chalmers and Ned Block)
4. NYU Proseminar on Epistemology, Mind, Language (Kit Fine and Paul Boghossian)
5. Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Anja Jauernig)
6. Logic for Philosophers (Hartry Field)
7. Supervised Paper on Philosophy of Race (Anthony Appiah)
8. Kant's *Critique of Judgment* (Béatrice Longuenesse and Anja Jauernig)
9. Supervised Paper on Kierkegaard (John Richardson, Tuomo Tuusala, Anja Jauernig)
10. Aristotelian Ethics (Jessica Moss and David Velleman)
11. Work in Progress Seminar (Jane Friedman)
12. Work in Progress Seminar (Laura Franklin-Hall)
13. Philosophy of Mental Illness and Psychiatry (Tuomo Tuusala)\*
14. Political Philosophy (Daniel Viehoff)\*
15. Heidegger (John Richardson)\*
16. Nietzsche (John Richardson)\*

At Columbia:

17. Hegel (Fred Neuhauser)

At Oxford:

18. Philosophy of Religion Tutorial (Brian Leftow)
19. Patristics Tutorial (Mark Edwards)
20. Kant's Philosophy of Religion Tutorial (Ralph Walker)
21. 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy of Religion Tutorial (Joel Rasmussen)
22. Philosophy of Language Tutorial (Jeffrey Russell)
23. Philosophy of Religion Seminar (Brian Leftow)
24. Supervised Thesis on Political Theology (Tim Mawson)
25. Heidegger's *Being and Time* (Stephen Mulhall and Joseph Schear)\*
26. Feminist Philosophy Seminar (Pamela Anderson)\*

At Cornell:

27. Metaethics (Nick Sturgeon)

### Awards and Scholarships

Henry MacCracken Fellowship, NYU (August 2015 – May 2020)

Rhodes Scholarship (October 2013 – June 2015)

Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Study (October 2013 – May 2018)

### Service

Countering Racism in Philosophy (CRP) at NYU, 2020

- Helped plan and present proposals for expanding department research and teaching on philosophy of race, and on diverse hiring and recruitment.

GSOC (graduate student workers' union at NYU) Contract Bargaining Committee, 2020

- Represented graduate students in negotiations with the university.
- Co-chaired Equity and Inclusion Committee, which wrote and presented proposals relating to protections against discrimination and harassment.

GSOC (graduate student workers' union at NYU) Organizing Committee Co-Chair, 2018-2020

- Planned and facilitated regular meetings focused on expanding contacts and communication between graduate students in different departments.
- Planned and coordinated collective campaigns to improve climate for graduate students across the university.

NYU Dept. of Philosophy Climate and Inclusion Reading Group Organizer, 2017-2019

- Planned and facilitated discussions on climate and inclusion-related readings.

NYU Dept. of Philosophy Colloquium Committee, 2017-2018

- Contributed to the planning of department colloquia.
- Welcomed and supported colloquium speakers during their visits.

NYU Dept. of Philosophy Climate and Inclusion Committee, 2015-2016

- Helped to update and put out a new version of the department climate surveys.

LGBTQ+ Officer, Balliol College graduate students (MCR), University of Oxford, 2013-2015

- Served as a community support and care contact for LGBTQ+ graduate students in my college.
- Planned social and educational events around LGBTQ+ issues.
- Worked on collective efforts to introduce consent and anti-racism trainings within the university's colleges.

TA for Cornell Prison Education Program (CPEP), 2011-2013

- Volunteered as a TA for CPEP's undergraduate classes for individuals incarcerated in Auburn Correctional Facility, Auburn, NY.

## References

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