

Curriculum Vitae

Thomas Byrne

Lab Head. [Laboratory for Phenomenological Research](#)
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Specialization: Phenomenology. Qualitative Research.

Education

2018 Ph.D. KU Leuven. Under Ullrich Melle.
2011 Research Masters. KU Leuven. Under Ullrich Melle.
2009 Masters. KU Leuven. Under Rudolf Bernet.
2008 Bachelors. Wheaton College.

Professional Appointments

2023+ Research Assistant Professor. University of Illinois.
2021-2022 Associate Professor (Tenured). Sun Yat-Sen University.
2019-2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow. University of Macau.
2018-2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellow. KU Leuven.

Publications

Edited Volumes

2023 [The Right to Resist: Philosophies of Dissent](#). Co-Editor with Mario Wenning.
2019 [Roman Ingarden's Philosophy Reconsidered](#). Special Issue of Horizon. Co-Editor with Witold Plotka.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (Not Special Issue, Not Invited)

2025 (28) The Risks of Phenomenology in Qualitative Research: Methods and Concepts. *Qualitative Inquiry*. Forthcoming.
2025 (27) [The Lived Experience of Mortality in Cancer Care: A Phenomenologically Grounded Qualitative Study of Being-Towards-Death](#). *Qualitative Health Research*. Forthcoming.
2025 (26) Clark Moustakas' Husserl. *The Qualitative Report*. Forthcoming.
2025 (25) [An Introduction to Phenomenology in Qualitative Education Research: A Critical Reading of 'Understanding Things from Within'](#). *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*.

- 2025 (24) [The Struggle for Identity in Doctoral Supervision: A Phenomenologically Grounded Qualitative Study of Power and Conflict](#). *Studies in Higher Education*.
- 2025 (23) [Husserl's Analogical Axiological Reason: A Phenomenology of Wish Fulfillment](#). *European Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2025 (22) [Husserl's Phenomenology of Wishing](#). *Human Studies*.
- 2025 (21) [Phenomenology is Explanatory: Science and Metaphysics](#). *European Journal of Philosophy*. With Heath Williams.
- 2024 (20) [The Phenomenology of ChatGPT: A Semiotics](#). *Journal of Consciousness Studies*.
- 2024 (19) [The Dawn of the Phenomenology of Feelings](#). *Philosophy Today*.
- 2023 (18) [Husserl's Other Phenomenology of Feelings: Approval, Value, and Correctness](#). *Husserl Studies*.
- 2023 (17) [The Origin of the Phenomenology of Instincts](#). *Husserl Studies*.
- 2022 (16) [Husserl's Theory of Scientific Explanation](#). *Husserl Studies*. With Heath Williams.
- 2022 (15) [Husserl's Semiotics of Gestures](#). *Studia Phaenomenologica*.
- 2022 (14) [The Origin of the Phenomenology of Attention](#). *Research in Phenomenology*.
- 2022 (13) [The Origin of the Phenomenology of Feelings](#). *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*.
- 2022 (12) [Husserl on Impersonal Propositions](#). *Problemos*.
- 2022 (11) [The Meaning of Being: Husserl on Existential Propositions as Predicative Propositions](#). *Axiomathes*.
- 2021 (10) [Husserl's Theory of Signitive and Empty Intentions in Logical Investigations and its Revisions: Meaning Intentions and Perceptions](#). *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*.
- 2021 (9) [Smashing Husserl's Dark Mirror: Rectifying the Inconsistent Theory of Impossible Meanings and Signitive Substance from the Logical Investigations](#). *Axiomathes*.
- 2020 (8) [A "Principally Unacceptable" Theory: Husserl's Rejection and Revisions of his Philosophy of Meaning Intentions from the Logical Investigations](#). *Studia Phaenomenologica*.
- 2020 (7) [Ingarden's Husserl: The 1915 Review of the Second Edition of the Logical Investigations](#). *Horizon*.
- 2020 (6) [Husserl's 1901 and 1913 Philosophies of Perceptual Occlusion: Signitive, Empty, and Dark Intentions](#). *Husserl Studies*.
- 2019 (5) [Husserl's Early Genealogy of the Number System](#). *Meta*.
- 2018 (4) [The Evolution of Husserl's Semiotics: The Logical Investigations and its Revisions](#). *Bulletin d'Analyse Phenomenologique*.

- 2018 (3) [Husserl's Early Semiotics and Number Signs: Philosophy of Arithmetic through the Lens of "On the Logic of Signs \(Semiotic\)".](#) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*.
- 2017 (2) [Surrogates and Empty Intentions: Husserl's On the Logic of Signs as the Blueprint for the First Logical Investigation.](#) *Husserl Studies*.
- Translated as (German): Die Entwicklung Husserls Semiotik: Zur die Logik der Zeichen als Entwurf für die erste logische Untersuchung. In: *Schriften zu Husserls Phänomenologie*. Ed. Diler Ezgi Tarhan. Transnational Press: Istanbul. 2023
- Translated as (Turkish): Husserl'in Göstergebiliminin Gelişimi: İlk Mantıksal Araştırmanın Taslağı Olarak Göstergeler Mantığına Doğru. In: *Fenomenolojisi Üzerine Yazılar*. Ed. Diler Erzgi Tahran. Transational Press: Istanbul 2023.
- 2017 (1) [The Dawn of Pure Logical Grammar: Husserl's Study of Inauthentic Judgments from "On the Logic of Signs" as the Germ of the Fourth Logical Investigation.](#) *Studia Phaenomenologica*.

Book Chapters

- 2026 A Phenomenological Account of the Alignment Problem with AI. Accepted.
- 2022 [On Dissent against Public Interventions: A Phenomenological Perspective during the Covid-19 Pandemic.](#) With Tarun Kattuma.

Reviews

- 2025 [Witold, Plotka. The Philosophy of Leopold Blaustein.](#) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*. With Fanny Smithing.
- 2020 [Drummond, John and Höffe, Otfried \(Eds.\). Husserl: German Perspectives.](#) *Husserl Studies*.

Other

- 2022 Introduction. In: *The Right to Resist: Philosophies of Dissent*. With Mario Wenning.
- 2019 Introduction. Special Issue of Horizon. With Witold Plotka.

Speaking Engagements

Invited Talks

- 2025 Counting Civilization: Husserl's History of Humanity through Numbers. Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL, USA. October 24.
- 2025 What is Phenomenology? Chinese University of Hong Kong in Shenzhen. Online. September 22.
- 2025 The Phenomenology of ChatGPT. California Phenomenology Group. Online. March 7.

- 2025 Introduction to Phenomenological Qualitative Research. University of Illinois Chicago. Chicago, IL, USA. January 15.
- 2024 Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings. Husserl workshop. Loyola University Chicago. Chicago IL, USA. Nov 16.
- 2023 What is Phenomenology?. Wheaton College. Wheaton, Illinois. May 11.
- 2023 Husserl: The Origin of the Phenomenology of Feeling. Emotion, What is it or what could it be? Freie Universitat Brussels.
- 2021 How to Lose the Public's Trust: A Phenomenological Analysis of Quarantine Policy during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Moral Roots of Quarantine: East and West. University of Macau, China. Dec 16–17.
- 2021 Home-world and Alien-World. Philosophy of Borders. Society of Fellows in Liberal Arts. Shenzhen, China. Nov. 14.
- 2021 Emotions and Feelings: A Novel Phenomenological Approach. Phenomenology of Emotions Symposium. Zhejiang University. Hangzhou, China. March 15.
- 2020 It: Husserl on Impersonal Expressions". Time, Object, Consciousness in Phenomenology. Pearl River Delta Phenomenology Consortium. Hong Kong via Zoom. September 12.
- 2020 Husserl and the World of Communication: Intersubjectivity as the Condition of Possibility of Language Use. 25th China Phenomenology Annual Conference. Capital University. Beijing, China via Zoom. October. 16–18.
- 2020 What is 'It?': Husserl on Impersonal and Existential Propositions. Murdoch Philosophy Seminars. Murdoch University. Murdoch, Western Australia via Zoom. Sept 24.
- 2020 Can Wishes be Fulfilled? Husserl's Evolving Answer". Human, Person, and Love Lecture Series. Sun Yat-Sen University. Zhuhai, China. Jan 10.
- 2019 Categorical Intuition: A New Way Forward. Catholic Theological College. Melbourne, Australia. Dec 6.
- 2019 The Expression of Meaning in Husserl's Logical Investigations and its Revisions. Annual Forum of Philosophy of Greater China. Beijing, China. December 2–4.
- 2019 Towards a Phenomenological Theory of Feelings and Emotions. Middle Eastern Technical University. Ankara, Turkey March 11.
- 2019 Rethinking Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings and Emotions. University of Budapest. Budapest, Hungary. March 4.
- 2019 Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings Reconsidered. Cardiff University. Cardiff, UK. February 7.
- 2018 Husserl's Phenomenology of Emotions: A New Way Forward. Perspectives on Contemporary Phenomenology Lecture Series. Cardinal Wyszynski University. Warsaw, Poland. March 8.

- 2017 Husserl's Revisions to his Semiotics. Sêmainô Research Group. University of Lille. Lille, France. October 9.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 Confronting Mortality: A Phenomenological Study of Mental Health in Advanced-Stage Cancer Patients. Phenomenologies of Mental Health. Lehigh University. Bethlehem, PA, USA. September 19.
- 2025 Husserl on Impersonal Propositions. Husserl Circle. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Athens, Greece. June 23-26.
- 2024 Home-World and Alien-World. Society for Interdisciplinary Phenomenology. Duquesne University. Pittsburg PA, USA. May 20–23.
- 2024 Husserl and Rosmini Commentary. Husserl Circle. Omaha NB, USA. May 21.
- 2022 Husserl's Semiotics Reconsidered: Passivity, Intersubjectivity, and Temporality. Husserl Circle. Catholic University. Washington D.C., USA. June 15–18.
- 2022 Home-World and Alien-World: A Phenomenology of Cultural Borders. Critical Borders: Theories, Experiences, and Narratives of Cultural Mobility. Southern University of Science and Technology. Shenzhen, China. March 10–12.
- 2022 Confronting Conspiracy Theories in the Age of Covid-19. International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories. Pitzer College. Claremont, California. February 3–5.
- 2021 How to Lose the Public's Trust: A Phenomenological Analysis of Quarantine Policy during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Moral Roots of Quarantine: East and West. University of Macau. Macau, China. December 16–17.
- 2021 Ingarden's Husserl. Roman Ingarden in Our Times. Jagiellonian University. Krakow, Poland. July 17–18.
- 2021 Husserl's Phenomenology of Feelings Reconsidered. Open Commons of Phenomenology Conference. Thyson, Switzerland. Postponed due to Covid 19.
- 2019 Husserl and Brentano on the Truth of Emotions. Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Continental Philosophy. University of Melbourne. Melbourne, Australia. December 4–6.
- 2019 A Defense of the Semantic Given: Husserl's Theory of Categorial Intuition Reconsidered. Demystifying the Given. Chinese University of Political Science and Law. Beijing, China. October 18–20.
- 2019 A Prolegomenon to Husserl's Theory of Feelings and Emotions". University of Macau. September 25.

- 2019 The Fulfillment of Emotional Intentions: An Exploration of Husserl's 1909 Manuscript, 'Is a Wish Fulfilled in Joy?'. Husserl Circle. University of Lisbon. Lisbon, Portugal. May 13–16.
- 2018 Husserl's Theory of the Truth of Feelings. Traditions and Perspectives of the Phenomenological Movement in Central and Eastern Europe: Phenomenology of Emotions. University of Kaunas. Kaunas, Lithuania. October 17–19.
- 2017 Doxic Intentionality in Logical Investigations and Ideas I. KU Leuven. October 24.
- 2017 Knowledge of Emotions from a Phenomenological Perspective". European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions. University of Madrid. Madrid, Spain. September 9–13.
- 2017 The Feeling of Beauty: The Role of the Body in Aesthetic Experience". Traditions and Perspectives of the Phenomenological Movement in Central and Eastern Europe: Phenomenology and Aesthetics. University of Riga. Riga, Latvia. June 20–23.
- 2016 Husserl's Sixth Logical Investigation and Aristotle: The Truth of Non-Objectifying Acts. Aristotle and Phenomenology: Departures and Returns. KU Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. December 21–23.
- 2016 Feelings ain't True: Phenomenology and Axiology beyond Husserl. Society for Phenomenological Philosophy: Phenomenology of Space. KU Leuven. Brussels, Belgium. November 18–19.
- 2016 The Truthfulness of Bodily-Feelings. Or the Irrelevance of Neuroscience and Psychology. European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions. University of Athens. Athens, Greece. August 2–4.
- 2016 The Ubiquity of Values. Phenomenology of Emotions. Systematic and Historical Symposium. North American Society for early Phenomenology. NYU. New York, USA. May 3–5.
- 2015 Husserl's Aristotelianism in the Logical Investigations. The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy. NYU. New York, USA. December 9–11.
- 2015 An anachronistic Conclusion?: Intersubjectivity in Husserl's Logical Investigations. The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Emory University. Atlanta, USA. August 14–17.
- 2015 Husserl's Hinweistendenz: Expression and Truth". The Husserl Circle. University of Helsinki. Helsinki, Finland. June 14–16.
- 2015 Objectifying and Non-Objectifying Acts" KU Leuven. June 2.
- 2015 Knowledge of Emotional Experience from a Phenomenological Perspective: Meaning and Intimation. The European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions. Edinburgh University. Edinburgh, Scotland. April 26–28.
- 2014 Husserl's Sixth Logical Investigation: Categorical Intuition. KU Leuven. April 2.
- 2014 Sincere and Objective Truth in the Sixth Logical Investigation". The Husserl Circle. Dartmouth. Hanover, USA. May 3–5.

Teaching Experience**University of Illinois**

- 2025 Undergraduate. Honors Independent Study. (2X).
- 2025 Undergraduate. Independent Study. (6X).
- 2025 Graduate. Phenomenology. **Excellence in Teaching Award.**
- 2024 Undergraduate. Honors Independent Study.
- 2024 Undergraduate. Independent Study. (5X)
- 2024 Graduate. Existentialism. **Excellence in Teaching Award.**
- 2024 Graduate. Phenomenology. **Excellence in Teaching Award.**
- 2023 Graduate. Existentialism.

Sun Yat-sen University

- 2022 Graduate. Readings in Phenomenology.
- 2022 Graduate. Topics in European Philosophy: Psychoanalysis

University of Macau

- 2019-20 Undergraduate. Philosophy of Film (2X)

KU Leuven

- 2018-19 Undergraduate. Phenomenology.
- 2019 Undergraduate. Ancient Philosophy
- 2018 Graduate. Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy
- 2018 Undergraduate. Phenomenology.
- 2017 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar.
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- 2015 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar
- 2013 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar
- 2014 Graduate. Contemporary Continental Philosophy: Advanced Course
- 2014 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar
- 2014 Undergraduate. Ethics
- 2014 Undergraduate. Introduction to Ethics
- 2014 Undergraduate. Philosophical Anthropology
- 2013 Graduate. Husserl Archives Seminar

Supervision of Theses

24 Bachelor's Theses

5 Master's Theses

Reviewer for

Husserl Studies

Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology

Qualitative Inquiry

Phenomena

Studia Phaenomenologica

Problemata

Discipline Filosofiche

Qeios

Epoche

Bloomsbury books

Axiomathes

Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences

Languages

English Native.

German Excellent.