

# Zachary Eliezer Altman

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## INTERESTS

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Areas of Specialization: Kant, Wittgenstein, Philosophy of Language

Areas of Competence: Aesthetics, Feminist Epistemology, Existentialism

## EDUCATION

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### University of Pennsylvania (expected 2031)

Ph.D. in Philosophy

### University of Chicago

2023 M.A. in Philosophy and Humanities (MAPH)

Thesis: "Halting the Spread of Rot: Kant's Authentic Idealism Reconsidered through Logical vs Real Possibility and the Psychological Character of Logic"

Advisor: James Conant

### Bard College

2022 B.A. in Philosophy

Senior Project: "What Cannot be Said: Kant, Kierkegaard, and Wittgenstein"

Advisor: Daniel Berthold

Board: Daniel Berthold, Jay Elliott, and Garry Hagberg

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### l'Université Paris 8 – Vincennes à Saint-Denis (Fall 2024)

Maître de Langue (Visiting Lecturer):

- Contemporary Analytic Philosophy
- Ordinary Language Philosophy: Wittgenstein and J.L. Austin

### Ethical Culture Fieldston School (2023-2024)

Ethics Teacher Leave Replacement:

- Diverse Voices in Social Psychology
- Introduction to Community Service
- Social Issues and Service Learning
- History of Philosophy (Tutorial)

## **Bard Prison Initiative at Eastern Correctional Facility (2021-2022)**

Teaching Assistant:

- Multicultural Philosophy (for Daniel Berthold)

Writing Tutor:

- First Year Seminar

## **LANGUAGES**

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French: Full professional proficiency

German: B1 Level

## **REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

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2025 “The Role of Limiting Concepts in Kant.” Graduate Workshop: Kant, German Idealism, and Romanticism, Manchester Research Forum for European Philosophy (MRFEP), Manchester.

2023 “Kant’s Subjectivism?” University of Chicago Masters of Arts in the Humanities (MAPH) Work in Progress Conference, Chicago.

2021 “Amending Standpoint Theory.” Emmanuel College Philosophy Conference, Boston.

## **HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS**

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2026 DAAD Intensive Summer Language Course Scholarship, InterDaf at the Herder-Institut of Universität Leipzig

2025 Bacon Award for Graduate Student Travel

2025 William Mack Family Foundation Graduate Fellow

2025 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (Five year funding source to support doctoral research)

2022 Heinrich Bluecher Prize

2021 Academic Program Inclusion Challenge Grant Recipient with Prof. Kathryn Tabb

## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

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University of Chicago:

- Foundations of Interpretive Theory
- Contemporary Analytic Philosophy
- Logic-Mathematical vs Logico-Philosophical Conceptions of Logic
- Hegel’s Philosophy of Mind
- Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason

- Plato's Phaedrus
- The Second Person: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives
- The Concept of World and Its Vulnerability

University of Pennsylvania:

- Proseminar
- Topics in Continental Philosophy: Language and Performativity
- Topics in History of Philosophy: Kant's Third Critique
- Introduction to Logic
- Aesthetics
- Kant II: Kant's Political Philosophy
- Figures in Philosophy of Science: Humboldt

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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2025- Philosophy Department SASGov Representative  
 2025- Wellness Coordinator  
 2022 (Bard College) Student Representative for Visiting Professor Search Committee

## REFERENCES

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