

# Miguel José Paley de Greiff

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## CURRENT APPOINTMENT

**2025- Present** Postdoctoral Fellow, Fondecyt, **Pontificia Universidad Católica, Chile**

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

**2022-2025** Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, **Fordham University, New York, USA**

## EDUCATION

- 2022** **New School for Social Research, New York, NY**  
*PhD in Philosophy*  
**Dissertation:** “The Concept of Affect in the Philosophy of Henri Bergson”  
**Committee Members:** Dmitri Nikulin (Supervisor), James Dodd, Rudolf Bernet, Benoit Challand
- 2011** **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium**  
*MPhil Philosophy in Phenomenology and Contemporary Continental Thought - Magna cum laude*  
**Thesis:** “Creation, Dissolution, and Enjoyment in Max Stirner’s *Der Einzige und Sein Eigentum*”
- 2010** **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium**  
*M.A. Philosophy - Cum laude*  
**Thesis:** “Memory, Poetry and Technology in Late Heidegger”
- 2008** **University of British Columbia, Canada**  
*B.A. Combined Major in Philosophy and Political Science*

## PHILOSOPHICAL CONCENTRATION

### Areas of Specialization:

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy, Phenomenology, Existentialism, Bergson

### Areas of Competence:

Ancient, Modern, Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Political Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Latin American Philosophy, Design Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- 2026 Miguel José Paley, *Bergson and Affect: Intensity, Virtuality, & The Body*, Edinburgh University Press. March 2026  
<https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/book-bergson-and-affect.html>

### Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2025 Miguel José Paley “Affectivity, Continuity, & Separation: A Commentary on Oele’s *E-Co-Affectivity*” in *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion* 6, no. 2: 23-29 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.33497/2025.winter.4>.
- 2022 Miguel José Paley, “Affect, Utility, and Self-Constitution. A Bergsonian Reading of Whitehead and Levinas” *Bergsoniana* Vol 1 Issue 2: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4000/bergsoniana.713>
- 2017 Miguel José Paley. “Bergson and Levinas on the Genealogy of Mind.” *Journal for The British Society of Phenomenology*, Vol 48 Issue 4: 304-318 DOI: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00071773.2017.1299960>

### Chapters in Books

- 2021 Miguel José Paley. “The Concept of Substitution in Bergson and Levinas” In *The Bergsonian Mind*, edited by Mark Sinclair, Routledge DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429020735>

- 2021 Miguel José Paley. “Autenticidade, Emoção, E A Ontologia Do Desejo” In *Hans Jonas: Desafios De Uma Filosofia Para O Futuro*. Edited by Grégori De Souza, Miguel Bugalski, and Thiago Vasconcelos, Curitiba, Brazil: Editora CRV Ltda.
- 2019 Miguel José Paley. “Causalidad” In *Vocabulário Hans Jonas*, edited by Eric Pommier and Jelson Oliveira, Caxias Do Sul: Editora Caxias Do Sul

#### Book Reviews

- 2020 Miguel José Paley. Review of *Bergson* by Mark Sinclair, *Société des Amis de Bergson*, Feb 2020 DOI: <https://bergson.hypotheses.org/1707>

#### Public Scholarship

- 2026 Miguel José Paley. “5 Dimensions of Affect in Bergson’s Philosophy.” Invited blog post, *Edinburgh University Press Blog*, March 11, 2026. (On *Bergson and Affect*)
- 2017 Miguel José Paley. “Could the Axis Have Won the War?” In *Man In The High Castle and Philosophy*, edited by Bruce Krajewski and Joshua Heter, 83-94. Chicago: Open Court Publishing

#### Works in development

- 2026 “A Genealogy of Affectivity: From Maine de Biran to Levinas” Article

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS**

#### Invited Speaker

- 2025 “The Influence of French Spiritualism on the Foundation of Phenomenology” Seminario Interno de la Facultad de Filosofía. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Santiago, Chile.
- 2022 “Echoes and Imperatives of Nature: The Phenomenology of Jonas and Lingis” VI Hans Jonas Colloquium. Paraná, Brazil.
- 2021 “Authenticity, Emotion, and the Ontology of Desire” II Jornada Hans Jonas, Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná, Brazil
- 2016 “Bergson and Levinas on the Genealogy of Mind” University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. Canada.

#### Presentations

- 2026 “Barbarism and the Elemental: Or what Lingis can teach us about philosophy in the time of AI” The Idiosyncrasy of thought. Czech Academy of Science. Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2024 “On The Living Body: From Maine de Biran to Phenomenology” French and Francophone Philosophy Today, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.
- 2022 “Subjectivity, Affect, and Biology: Bergson’s influence on Levinasian Ethics” Summer Conference in Continental Ethics, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.
- 2020 “Affect and Self-Constitution: A Bergsonian Reading of Levinas and Whitehead” 2020 Global Bergsonism Research Project, Upenn (Webinar), USA
- 2019 “Consciousness, Desire, & The Body: Bergson and Jonas” New York Phenomenology Workshop, New York, NY, USA
- 2012 “Anarchism and the Problem of Anonymous Power” Democracy and the Market Conference, KUL, Leuven, Belgium
- 2010 “Tools, Trauma, Artifacts, & Heidegger’s God” The idea of God in the History of Phenomenology, KUL, Leuven, Belgium

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Note

- 2024-2025**      **Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow**  
 Fordham University, New York, NY
- Existentialism
  - Latin American Philosophy
  - Politics and Metaphysics of Existentialism
  - Philosophical Ethics
- 2023**            **Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow**  
 Fordham University, New York, NY
- Consciousness, Temporality, and Time in Henri Bergson
  - Philosophical Ethics
- 2022**            **Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow**  
 Fordham University, New York, NY
- Issues of Life and Death
  - Philosophical Ethics
- 2021**            **Adjunct Faculty**  
 Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL
- Introduction to Ethics
- 2018**            **Teaching Fellow**  
 Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts, New York, NY
- Hans Jonas' *Phenomenon of Life*
  - Bergson's *Matter & Memory*
- 2017**            **Visiting Instructor**  
 Technische Universität Dresden, Institute of Political Theory, Dresden, Germany
- Human Thought in Context: Ideology & Alienation
- 2016**            **Adjunct Faculty**  
 William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey
- Introduction to Philosophy
- 2015**            **Teaching Fellow**  
 The New School for Social Research, New York, NY
- Introductory Proseminar

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

*Bergsoniana* Journal: Member of Editorial Committee. *Société Des Amis De Bergson*  
 Society for the Philosophy of Emotion  
 American Philosophical Association

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

*Bergsoniana* Article Submission Referee  
 The Husserl Seminar: Intersections of Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis (organizer)  
 The 2014 New School Graduate Student Conference: Philosophy and Science (organizer)  
 First Annual K.U. Leuven Graduate Student Conference (organizer)  
 Faculty Liaison for the New School Philosophy Forum  
 Faculty of Philosophy Governing Committee (POC) Student Representative, KUL

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

Pedagogy Seminar: Attended a course focused on developing teaching skills and strategies.  
The New School University, New York, NY

## **LANGUAGES**

**Spanish**- Native

**English**- Native

**French**- Intermediate

**German**- Beginner

## **REFERENCES**

Dmitri Nikulin, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of NSSR Philosophy Department.

James Dodd, Professor of Philosophy; Director of the Husserl Archives, New York

Rudolf Bernet, Professor Emeritus, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

Crina Gschwandtner, Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University, New York

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