

## Curriculum Vitae

Sarah Borden (Sharkey)  
 Professor, Philosophy Department  
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### Education

PhD 2001, philosophy	Fordham University, dissertation title: “An Issue in Edith Stein’s Philosophy of the Person: The Relation of Individual and Universal Form in <u>Endliches und ewiges Sein</u> ” (director: Fr. Joseph Koterski)
MA 1998, philosophy	Fordham University
BA 1995, philosophy	Wheaton College (IL), <i>magna cum laude</i> , honors Honors thesis: “A Study in the Actor-Character Relationship,” on Constantin Stanislavski, Tolstoy and Kant

### Professional Activities

#### *Books*

Edith Stein’s *Finite and Eternal Being: A Companion* (Lexington Press, March 2023).

An Aristotelian Feminism, in the series *Historical-Analytical Studies on Nature, Mind and Action* (Springer International Publishing, 2016).

(edited with Sr. Josephine Koeppel) Edith Stein’s Writings on Saint Teresa of Avila (Washington, D.C.: Institute of Carmelite Publications, in press).

Thine Own Self: Individuality in Edith Stein’s Later Writings (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2009).

Edith Stein, in the series *Outstanding Christian Thinkers* (London: Continuum Publishers, December 2003). Translated into Chinese (Mandarin) by Yashi Jiang (under consideration for publication).

#### *Articles*

“A meno che il chicco di grano: L’ilemorfismo materia-spirito di Edith Stein,” trans. Francesco Alfieri, in *Humanitas* 79 (2024).

“A Word, a Path, and a Caution: Notes on Pursuing Truth through Feelings, A Response to Dr. Jeffrey Barbeau’s *C.S. Lewis and the ‘Romantic Heresy’*,” under contract to appear in an IVP Press volume.

“Are there Material Souls?,” essay written for Festschrift in honor of Mary Ellen Waithe (2024, forthcoming).

“Essential Being or Unity less than Numerical Unity? Stein and Scotus on the Universal,” in *Rethinking Intentionality, Person and the Essence: Aquinas, Scotus, Stein*, ed. Anna Tropia & Daniele De Santis (Boston: Brill, 2024), 164-181.

“Two Possible Metaphysical Paths in Gender Complementarity: Commensurate Souls v. Conjugate Forms,” in *Gender Complementarity and Christian Personalism: The Philosophy of Sister Prudence Allen, RSM* (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2025).

“Edith Stein’s Concept of Soul Revisited,” in *The Ethics and Metaphysics of Edith Stein: Applications and Implications* (Springer International Publishing, 2022), pp. 105-120.

“Is Edith Stein’s *Finite and Eternal Being* a kind of ‘Phenomenological Metaphysics’?,” in *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* 25:2 (Fall 2021), pp. 48-66.

“Edith Stein’s Evaluation of Potency and Act,” in *Edith Stein’s Itinerary: Phenomenology, Christian Philosophy, and Carmelite Spirituality*, ed. Harm Kleuting & Edeltraud Kleuting (Aschendorff Verlag, 2020), pp. 427-440.

“The Interior Castle: The Soul and Competing Visions of the Church” on *Evangelical Philosophical Society* website ([www.epsociety.org](http://www.epsociety.org), under “articles”), 2018.

“Values, Emotions, and Edith Stein” in Listening to Edith Stein: Wisdom for a New Century ed. Kathleen Haney (Washington, DC: Institute of Carmelite Studies Publications, 2018), pp. 89-106.

“Capacity or Castle?: Thoughts on Stein’s Creative (Carmelite) Contribution to Discussion on the Soul” in Edith Steins Herausforderung heutiger Anthropologie ed. Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz & Mette Lebech (Heilgenkreuz: Be&Be Verlag, 2017), pp. 203-214.

“Edith Stein’s Use of Hering’s *Wesenheit* to Move through Phenomenology to Metaphysics” in *Discipline Filosofiche* 26:1 (2016), pp. 193-204.

“Foreword” for *Edith Stein: Selected Writings* (Classics of Western Spirituality series), ed. Marian Maskulak (Paulist Press, 2016).

“Reconciling Time and Eternity: Edith Stein’s Philosophical Project” in Intersubjectivity,

Humanity, Being: Edith Stein's Phenomenology and Christian Philosophy ed. Mette Lebeck & John Haydn Gurmin (Peter Lang, 2015), pp. 7-20.

"Stein, Edith" for Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online (<https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/stein-edith-1891-1942>).

"Eternal Rest: The Beauty and Challenge of Essential Being" in *Quaestiones Disputatae* (special volume entitled, *Selected Papers on the Legacy of Edith Stein's Finite and Eternal Being*), 4:1 (Fall 2013), pp. 45-64.

"Edith Stein: Suffering for the Cross" in *The Sword: A Journal of Historical, Spiritual and Contemporary Carmelite Issues* 71:1 (2011), pp. 83-104.

"The Meaning of Being in Thomas Aquinas and Edith Stein" in Ideas, Discussions and Probing: The Aquinas Lectures at Maynooth, volume 2: 2002-2010, ed. James McEvoy, Michael W. Dunne, & Julia Hynes (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2011), pp. 85-100.

With John Sullivan: "Stein, Edith" (encyclopedia entry) in New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2010, ed. Robert Fastiggi (Detroit: Gale, 2010).

With Christopher Manzer: "Feminism and Metaphysics" in *Journal of Personalist Feminism* 1 (2010), an on-line journal found at <http://courseweb.stthomas.edu/rmlemmons/SienaJournalCurrent.htm>.

"How does One Limit Being?: W. Norris Clarke on Thomas's 'Limitation of Act by Potency,'" in *The Saint Anselm Journal* 7:1 (Fall 2009), an on-line journal found at <http://www.anselm.edu/Institutes-Centers-and-the-Arts/Institute-for-Saint-Anselm-Studies/Saint-Anselm-Journal/Current-Issue.htm>.

"Being a Person in a Political World: Edith Stein and the Soul" in *Colloquium*, a journal of the Far Eastern University Humanities and Social Sciences Department, vol. 2 (2008), pp. 1-18.

"Edith Stein and John Paul II on Women" in Karol Wojtyla's Philosophical Legacy, ed. Nancy Mardas Billias, Agnes B. Curry, & George F. McLean (Washington, DC: The Council for Research in Values in Philosophy, 2008), pp. 265-276.

"Edith Stein and Thomas Aquinas on Being and Essence," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 82:1 (Winter 2008), pp. 87-103.

Foreword of Maybelle Padua's Contemplating Woman in the Philosophy of Edith Stein (Far Eastern University Press, 2007), pp. xiii-xxiii.

"Edith Stein and Individual Forms: A Few Distinctions regarding Being an Individual" in *Yearbook of the Irish Philosophical Society* (2006), pp. 49-69.

“Edith Stein’s Understanding of Woman” in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 46:2 (June 2006), pp. 171-190.

“What makes You You?: Edith Stein on Individual Form” in *Contemplating Edith Stein*, ed. Joyce Berkman (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006), pp. 283-300.

“Review of Literature in English on Edith Stein” in *Contemplating Edith Stein*, ed. Joyce Berkman (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006), pp. 320-342.

Introduction to Edith Stein’s “The Interiority of the Soul” for a *Reconsiderations* piece in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 8:2 (Spring 2005), pp. 178-182.

### *Journal editing*

Guest editor for *Quaestiones Disputatae* (special volume entitled, *Selected Papers on the Legacy of Edith Stein’s Finite and Eternal Being*), 4:1 (Fall 2013).

### *Compilation Work*

With Kevin Jones: “Bibliography of Secondary Sources on Edith Stein” for the Baltimore Carmel website, formerly at [http://www.baltimorecarmel.org/saints/Stein/borden\\_bibliography%20intro.htm](http://www.baltimorecarmel.org/saints/Stein/borden_bibliography%20intro.htm) (no longer updated or maintained).

### *Book Reviews*

Review of *European Sources of Human Dignity: A Commented Anthology*, by Mette Lebeck, in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 94:2 (2020), pp. 353-355.

Review of *The Concept of Woman: Vol. III, The Search for Communion of Persons, 1500-2015*, by Sr. Prudence Allen, in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 92:4 (Fall 2018), pp. 701-703.

Review of *Experience Lived from the Inside Out: Social and Political Philosophy in Edith Stein*, by Antonio Calcagno, in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 55:4 (December 2015), pp. 520-523.

Review of *Edith Stein Gesamtausgabe, Volume 23: Übersetzungen III: Thomas von Aquin, Über die Wahrheit 1* and *Volume 24: Übersetzungen IV: Thomas von Aquin, Über die Wahrheit 2*, introduced & edited by Andreas Speer & Francesco Valerio Tommasi, in *International Philosophical Quarterly* 49: 2 (June 2009), pp. 261-263.

Review of *The Philosophy of Edith Stein*, by Antonio Calcagno, in *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* 12: 1 (Spring 2008), pp. 180-182.

Review of *Rediscovering Empathy*, by Karsten Steuber, in *International Philosophical Quarterly* 48:1 (March 2008), pp. 118-120.

Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Anselm*, ed. Brian Davies & Brian Leftow, in

*Faith and Philosophy* 24:4 (October 2007), pp. 479-481.

Book notes for *International Philosophical Quarterly* 39:1 (March 1999), pp. 113-114.

### *Conferences & Presentations*

Paper presentation, “Bodies, Souls, and Spirits: Harry Potter as a Trichotomist Metaphysic?” at *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Potter Academic Conference*, online, October 20, 2023.

Paper presentation, “Essential Being or Unity less than Numerical Unity? Stein and Scotus on the Universal” for *Intentionality and Person: Aquinas, Scotus, Stein* conference at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, May 27, 2022.

Presentation and discussion of my *Aristotelian Feminism*, with the College of DuPage Philosophy Club, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Paper presentation, “How to sin like a Wizard, or what *Harry Potter* can teach Christians about Sin,” at Wheaton College, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Paper presentation, “The Argument of *Finite and Eternal Being*,” for *Workshop on Stein’s Finite and Eternal Being*, Maynooth University, in Maynooth, Ireland, February 8, 2020. (Also given on February 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa’s Church to a Stein reading group.)

Paper presentation, “Two Possible Metaphysical Paths in Gender Complementarity: Commensurate Souls v. Conjugate Forms,” for the *Festschrift Conference in Honor of Sr. Prudence Allen, R.S.M.*, in Alma, Michigan, November 2019.

Paper presentation, “Edith Stein’s Evaluation of Potency and Act,” for the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (IASPES) biennial conference, Cologne, Germany, August 2019.

Paper presentation, “Metaphysical Commitments in the Work of Prudence Allen,” for *The Concept of Woman seminar*, McGrath Center for Church Life, University of Notre Dame, October 26, 2018.

Paper presentation, “Why Aristotle was really a Feminist,” for *Minorities and Philosophy*, University of Notre Dame chapter, April 17, 2018.

Keynote presentation, “The Interior Castle: The Soul and Competing Visions of the Church,” for *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Houston Baptist University, October 13, 2017.

Keynote presentation, “Edith Stein’s Concept of Soul Revisited,” for the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (IASPES) biennial conference, University of Portland, June 10, 2017.

Paper presentation, “Capacity or Castle?: Thoughts on Stein’s Creative (Carmelite) Contribution to Discussion on the Soul,” for the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (IASPES) biennial conference, Vienna & Heiligkreuz, Austria, October 24, 2015.

Keynote presentation, “Human Strength and Weakness: Edith Stein’s Life at the ‘Hand of the Lord’,” for Edith Stein Project, annual conference 2012, University of Notre Dame, February 10, 2012.

Keynote presentation, “Reconciling Time and Eternity: Edith Stein’s Philosophical Project” at the inaugural conference of the *International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein* (IASPES), National University of Ireland Maynooth, June 22, 2011.

Keynote presentation, “Edith Stein: Suffering for the Cross,” annual Carmelite lecture, at Washington Theological Union, sponsored by the Carmelite Institute, Washington, DC, March 26, 2011.

Keynote presentation, “Eternal Rest: The Beauty and Challenge of Essential Being” at *Edith Stein’s Finite and Eternal Being*, at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, April 23, 2010.

Keynote presentation, “How does One Limit Being?: W. Norris Clarke on Thomas’s ‘Limitation of Act by Potency,’” at *Metaphysics Colloquium*, St. Anselm College, June 10, 2009.

Paper presentation, “Retrieving Aristotle for Feminist Purposes” at *Edith Stein Project*, University of Notre Dame, IN, February 14, 2009.

Paper presentation, “An Aristotelian Feminism?” at *The Family: Searching for Fairest Love* conference, University of Notre Dame, IN, November 7, 2008.

Paper presentation, “Matter and Why it Matters to Women and Men” at *Mulieris Dignitatem and the Church’s Social Vision: the Feminine Genius in the Pursuit of the Common Good* conference, University of St. Thomas, MN, October 23, 2008.

Keynote presentation, “Edith Stein on Analogy,” annual *Faith and Philosophy Lecture* at North Park University, April 22, 2008.

Paper presentation, “Edith Stein’s Response to the Darwinian Challenge” at 34<sup>th</sup> annual Lonergan Workshop at Boston College, June 2007.

Keynote presentation, “The Meaning of Being in Edith Stein and Thomas Aquinas,” *Aquinas Lecture* at University of Ireland Maynooth, March 10, 2007.

Paper presentation, “Edith Stein and Thomas Aquinas” at *International St. Thomas*

*Society*, December 28, 2006.

Paper presentation, “What do our Emotions tell us? Edith Stein’s Theory of Value” at the Edith Stein Center of Study and Research, Spalding University, Louisville, KY, November 30, 2006.

Philosophy series, “Sex, Gender, and our Vocation in the Contemporary World,” with two public lectures, entitled “Difference, Sameness, and the Vocation of Sex: Theoretical Issues” and “Sex as a Vocational Response to the Contemporary World,” and two luncheon discussions, at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, April 3-4, 2006.

Paper presentation, “John Paul II and Edith Stein on Woman” at *Karol Wojtyła’s Philosophical Legacy*, Saint Joseph College, March 23, 2006.

Keynote presentation, “What Might it Mean to Suffer for the Cross: St. Edith Stein on Suffering” at Saint Joseph Abbey Seminary College, March 8, 2006.

Paper presentation, “What is Complementarianism?: John Paul II on Women” at *Truth, Life & Solidarity: Philosophical Perspectives on the Thought of John Paul II*, Boston College, February 25, 2006.

Paper presentation, “The Relation of Human Beings to God in Thomas Aquinas’s Thought” at St. Mary’s College, South Bend, September 28, 2005.

Paper presentation, “Edith Stein Encounters Thomas Aquinas” at the *Eighth Annual Thomas Aquinas Symposium*, Saint Mary’s College, South Bend, February 19, 2005.

Paper presentation, “Being a Person in a Political World: Saint Edith Stein and the Soul” at University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, October 18, 2004.

Paper presentation, “Edith Stein’s Understanding of Woman: A Critical Appraisal” at University of St. Thomas’s summer symposium on *The Work of John Paul II and the Vocation of the Professional Woman*, June 18, 2004.

Paper presentation, “Value, Emotions, and Edith Stein” for Notre Dame’s Center for Ethics and Culture conference on *Formation and Renewal*, October 4, 2003.

Panel participant/paper presentation, “What makes you you?: Edith Stein on Individual Form” at *Society for the Study of Women in Philosophy*, New York, NY, December 28, 2000.

Paper presentation, “The notion of essence/form in Edith Stein’s later work” for *Forschungskolloquium* at the Universität zu Köln, December 8, 1999.

Panel participant/paper presentation, “Advocacy and Neutrality in the Light of Multiculturalism,” at Marquette University Philosophy Conference on Teaching

Philosophy, February 26-28, 1999.

Panel participant at New York University's *Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program* conference, "Degrees of Truth: Current Controversies Concerning Aquinas," April 30, 1999.

Paper presentation, "Free Persons and Free Actions in Aquinas' *De Veritate*," American Catholic Philosophical Association Roundtable meeting, December 5, 1998.

Participant in invited symposium on Edith Stein's philosophy, Baltimore Carmel, November 14, 1998.

Paper presentation, "Knowledge or Vitality: Socrates, Gabriel Marcel and the Teaching of Philosophy," at Southern Illinois University Graduate Philosophy Conference, November 7, 1998.

Panel participant for Edith Stein Symposium, St. John's University (NY), October 15, 1998.

### *Other*

Member of Senior Advisory Board for *Edith Stein Studies*, a new series with Lexington Books (an imprint of Rowman and Littlefield), 2021-

Member of Academic Advisory Board for *The Collected Works of Edith Stein* (6-member board advising the Institute of Carmelite Studies Publications in the publication of the English translation of Edith Stein's collected works). Responsibilities include editing translations and advising about publication and translation choices.

Part of executive board (member at-large) for the *International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein* (IASPES), 2015-2021

Evaluated grant application for Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada. Refereed manuscripts for Duquesne University Press, Catholic University of America Press, Bloomsbury Publishing, and Springer Publishing. Refereed articles for *International Philosophical Quarterly*; *Continental Philosophy Review*; *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*; *Modern Theology*; *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*; *Kemanusiaan: The Asian Journal of Humanities*; *Cuestiones Teológicas*; and *Review of Metaphysics*.

## **Teaching**

Wheaton College

*Advanced Integrative Study: Harry Potter and the Christian Imagination*, team-taught with Kim Sasser



*First Year Seminar: Why do we Suffer?*  
*Phenomenology*  
*Historical Seminar: Edith Stein*  
*Historical Seminar: Aristotle*  
*Gender and Being Human*  
*Feminist Philosophy*  
*Postmodernism and Christianity*  
*History of Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval*  
*History of Philosophy: Modern & Contemporary*  
*Introduction to Philosophy*

Paderborn Universität, Germany, Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists

Seminar on Edith Stein's *Endliches und ewiges Sein*, team-taught with Mette Lebeck & Daniel Neumann

Catholic University of America

External Reader for Catherine Moon's Ph.D. dissertation, *Τί ἐστὶν ἀλήθεια: Towards an Account of Human Experience and its Normative Force in Moral Theology from the Perspective of Edith Stein* (defended August 2023).

Virginia Theological Seminary

External Reader for Brittany Bjurstrom-Frazier's M.Div. thesis, *The Human Person ad actum purum: The Philosophy of Saint Edith Stein and an Ontology of the Sacramental Life*, 2019.

Toronto School of Theology

External Examiner for Marian Maskulak's Ph.D. dissertation, *Reclaiming the Soul: Edith Stein and the Unity of the Body-Soul-Spirit at the Center of Holistic Formation*, 2005.

Fordham University

*Philosophy of Human Nature*  
*Philosophical Ethics*

### **Awards, Grants, & Scholarships**

2023 Leland Ryken Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Humanities  
 2013-2014 Senior Teaching Award, Wheaton College  
 2008-2009 Myser Fellowship at Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture  
 2003-2004 Junior Faculty Achievement Award, Wheaton College  
 Alumni Junior Faculty Development Grant, Wheaton College, 2003-04

Short-term research grant from the DAAD (*Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*),  
September through December 1999 in Cologne, Germany (with work at the  
Thomas-Institut and Husserl-Archiv of the Universität zu Köln, the *Archivum  
Carmelitanum Edith Stein* in Würzburg, and the Edith-Stein-Karmel in Tübingen)  
Alumni Dissertation Fellowship, Fordham University (2000-2001)  
Senior Teaching Fellowship, Fordham University (Spring 2000)  
Presidential Scholarship, Fordham University (Fall 1995 through Spring 1999)  
Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society