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I lecture Philosophy at the University of Malta. I completed a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Malta, with a focus on the relation between the work of contemporary philosophers Jacques Derrida and Graham Harman. I specialise in twentieth and twenty-first century continental philosophy, with an emphasis on the recent revival of metaphysics and philosophical realism in continental philosophy. My current research revolves around various contemporary philosophical movements such as New Realism, New Materialism, and Speculative Realism.

Research Interests and Areas of Competence

20th and 21st Century Continental Philosophy, Metaphysics, Ontology, Social Ontology, Phenomenology, Deconstruction, Aesthetics, Epistemology, Animal Studies.

Education

- 2021 Ph.D. in Philosophy (University of Malta).
Dissertation: *Object-Oriented Philosophy and Deconstruction: Realism in the work of Graham Harman and Jacques Derrida.*
Supervisors: Prof. Claude Mangion (University of Malta), Prof. Patrick Damien O'Connor (Nottingham Trent University).
- 2007 M.A. in Philosophy (University of Malta).
Dissertation: *A Critical Analysis of Jacques Derrida on Subjectivity.*
Supervisor: Prof. Claude Mangion
- 2004 B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy (University of Malta).

Lecturing and Other Academic Experiences

- 2022- Lecturer of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, University of Malta (Malta).
- June 2017 Visiting Researcher, Università degli Studi di Torino (Italy).

2014 – 2022	Senior Lecturer of Philosophy University of Malta, Ġ.F. Abela Junior College (Malta).
2005 – 2014	Philosophy Teacher De La Salle College (Malta).
2004 – 2005	Assistant Lecturer of Philosophy (Part-Time) University of Malta, Ġ.F. Abela Junior College (Malta).

Study Units Taught

- Aesthetics (PHI2051)
- Epistemology (PHI1024)
- History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (PHI1001)
- History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (PHI1006)
- New Realism and Materialism (PHI2052)
- Philosophical Practice (PHI1028)
- Philosophy of Perception (PHI1016)
- Philosophy of the Animal (PHI3052)
- Questions on the Ethical and the Political (PHI3065)
- Selected Readings in Philosophy (PHI3049)
- Set Texts (2) in Continental Philosophy: Badiou and Meillassoux (PHI3058)
- Set Texts (1) in Continental Philosophy: Nietzsche and Žižek (PHI2058)
- Social Ontology (PHI3048)
- The Nature of Social Reality (PHI5017)
- The Politics of Posthumanism (PHI5022)
- Thematic Readings in Political Thought (PHI3039)
- Theories of Consciousness (PHI2044)
- Women in Philosophy, partial (PHI2053)

Other Academic Experiences and Activities

2017 –	Member of the University of Turin’s <i>LabOnt – Center for Ontology</i> .
2018 –	Personal consultant to Prof Graham Harman (for selected publications ranging from 2018 onwards), Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Liberal Arts Program Coordinator at SCI-Arc – Southern California Institute of Architecture.

- 2021 – Peer-reviewer for Open Philosophy, the British Journal of Aesthetics, and Bloomsbury Publishers.
- 2024 – Member of the Editorial Board for *Entanglements: Journal of Posthuman Studies*. India.
- 2024 – Member, *CUT Contemporary Fine Arts Lab*. Cyprus.
- 2024 – Member of the Scientific Committee, *Carbon Tierra Biennale*. Greece. <https://kilowartplatform.gr/en/carbon-tierra/>
- 2024 – Member of the Advisory Board, *Kilowart Platform*. Greece. <https://kilowartplatform.gr/en/>

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Young, N. (2026, forthcoming) ‘Against Thanatocentrism: Alphonso Lingis and the Excess of Life’, *Philosophy Today*, 70(1).
2. Young, N. (2025, forthcoming) ‘All Objects are Bound by Time: Temporality and Change in Object-Oriented Philosophy’, in Benusan, H. and Johns, C. W. (eds.) *Speculative Realism Now*. London: Bloomsbury.
3. Young, N. and Lanfranco, S. (2024). ‘Rethinking Organismic Unity: Object-Oriented Ontology and the Human Microbiome’, *Open Philosophy*, 7(1). DOI: 10.1515/opphil-2024-0041.
4. Cogburn, J. and Young, N. (2024). ‘Revisiting the Notion of Vicarious Cause: Allure, Metaphor, and Realism in Object-Oriented Ontology’, *Open Philosophy*, 7(1). DOI: 10.1515/opphil-2024-0047
5. Gonzi, M. and Young, N. (2024) ‘Gestalt Therapy as ‘Applied Phenomenology’: A Contemporary Approach to Embracing Individualism and Relatedness in Practice’, *British Gestalt Journal*, 33(3), 17-28. DOI: 10.53667/TUJO8583.
6. Young, N. (2024) ‘Object-Oriented Animals: Towards a Theory of Animality in OOO’, *Philosophy Today*, 68(2), 245-261. DOI: 10.5840/philtoday202444523.
7. Harman, G. and Young, N. (2023) ‘Object-Oriented Heidegger’, *Diacritics Special Issue: Heidegger Today?*, 50(2), 12-25. DOI: 10.1353/dia.2022.a900898.
8. Cogburn, J. and Young, N. (2023) ‘Editor’s Introduction’, in Cogburn, J. and Young, N. (eds.) *The Graham Harman Reader*. London: Zer0 Books, vii-xxvii. ISBN: 9781803412405.
9. Young, N. (2022) ‘De-Anthropocentrism and Onto-Taxonomy: An Ecological View’, *International Comparative Literature*, 5(1), 174-192. DOI: 10.19857/j.cnki.ICL.20225203.

10. Young, N. (2021). 'Object, Reduction, and Emergence: An Object-Oriented View', *Open Philosophy*, 4(1). DOI: 10.1515/opphil-2020-0159.
11. Young, N. (2021) 'Only Two Peas in a Pod: On the Overcoming of Ontological Taxonomies', *Symposia Melitensia*, 17.
12. Young, N. (2020). 'On Correlationism and the Philosophy of (Human) Access: Meillassoux and Harman', *Open Philosophy*, 3(1). DOI: 10.1515/opphil-2020-0003

Edited Books and Journals

1. Cogburn, J. and Young, N. (eds) (2023) *The Graham Harman Reader*. London: Zer0 Books. ISBN: 9781803412405.

Book Reviews

1. Young, N. (2025, forthcoming) 'Review of Maurizio Ferraris's *Hysteresis*', *Derrida Today*.
2. Young, N. (2023) "On Marija Grech's *Spectrality and Survivance*". *Share*, Issue 18.
3. Young, N. (2021) "Review of Deborah Goldgaber's *Speculative Grammatology*". *Share*, 13.
4. Young, N. (2019) "Review of Graham Harman's Object-Oriented Ontology: A New Theory of Everything". *Symposium: Journal of the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy*. Available at: <https://www.c-scp.org/2019/12/13/graham-harman-object-oriented-ontology-a-new-theory-of-everything> [Accessed 21 July 2020].

Art Catalogues, Popular Articles, and Magazine Articles

1. Young, N. (2023) "On Being One With Nature". *Philosophy Now*, Issue 156, pp. 32-34
2. Young, N. (2020) 'Post-Coronal Ontology: On Separation and Union', *LabOnt: Center for Ontology*. Available at: <https://labontblog.com/2020/05/28/post-coronial-ontology-on-separation-and-union/> [Accessed: 16 July 2020].
3. Young, N. (2020) 'Dwar is-Salvazzjoni ta' Ommna n-Natura u t-Twahhid Maghha', in Gatt, R. (ed.) *Knisja Elfejn Nru. 131: L-Ghajta ta' Ommna l-Art*. San Ġwann: Printcare.
4. Young, N. (2018) 'Treepresentations: On Images and Things', in Young, N. (ed.) *(Met)afoursims: Art Practice and Documentation*. Valletta: MidSea Books.
5. Young, N. (2018) 'I Bear My Crest as a Crown of Thorns: A Series of Thoughts on Vince Briffa's Flowerheads', in Borg, C. (ed.) *Flowerheads Exhibition Catalogue*.

Interviews and Media Presence

1. Briguglio, M. and Young, N. (2024) “L-uman u l-animal - X'hemm differenti, u x'hemm l-istess?” *One to One*, radio program, Campus103.7, 23 July 2024.
2. Shaikh, A. and Young, N. (2024) “Philosophy Meets Art”. *The Art Bridge: Global Perspectives, Edition 3*, pp. 71-76. Available at <https://www.artisteculture.com/the-art-bridge> [Accessed 6/08/2024].
3. Said, E. and Young, N. (2023) “Equity and the Non-human Animal”. *Think Magazine*, Issue 41, pp. 28-31.
4. Kennely, W. and Young, N (2023) “Ontology and Animals.” *Ricerċaturi*, radio program, Campus103.7, 4 December 2023. Available at <https://m.mixcloud.com/campus1037/ri%C4%8Berkaturi-s03-e11-philosophy-and-the-relationship-between-humans-and-animals/>
5. Young, S. and Young, N (2023) “Animals in Philosophy.” *Campus Magazine*, radio program, Campus103.7, 4 July 2023.
6. Cogburn, J., Harman, G., and Young, N. (2023) “The Graham Harman Reader, *New Books Network*. [Podcast]. Available at: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-graham-harman-reader?fbclid=IwAR02Fat9pLL7jsI489iKVrPbCGg4STJc6RBmc6r9k1gU9VcCpnuJPR3ielo> (Accessed: 17 October 2023).

Contributed Presentations

- 13/02/2025 *Redefining Kinship: Humans, Animals, and Ethical Horizons*
The Jesuits' Church Foundation
Jesuit Oratory, Valletta (Malta).
- 06/12/2024 *The Gift of Roaches*
HUMS Yuletide.
University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 05/12/2024 *Rethinking the Human of Humanism*
Philosophy Sharing Foundation/Malta Humanist Association.
University of Malta, Valletta (Malta).
- 04/12/2024 *Life & Immanence*
Philosophy Department Research Seminars.
University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 21/11/2024 *Not an Abyss but a Dynamo: Alphonso Lingis on Animals*
Engaging the Contemporary 2024: Intersections.
University of Turin, Turin (Italy).

- 01/11/2024 *DeLanda for Architects.*
Faculty for the Built Environment. University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 11/06/2024 *Il Postumanesimo in Due Sensi.*
Istituto Unitre Milano, Ciclo di Incontri.
Università Bicocca Milano, Milan (Italy).
- 02/03/2024 *Onto-individuals: Haecceity, Posthumanism, and the Anthropocene.*
The Posthuman Condition in the Anthropocene.
Bankura University, Bankura (India).
- 17/02/2024 *Unknown Prescription (Panel Discussion).*
Unknown Prescription: Catalogue Launch.
Hagar Museum, Rabat (Gozo).
- 13/01/2024 *Process or Object? Architecture Discourse.*
Faculty for the Built Environment. University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 08/05/2023 *Facing a Dog and a Snake.*
Face-to-Face With Levinas.
University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 14/03/2023 *An Introduction to Object-Oriented Ontology.*
University of Turin, Turin (Italy).
- 28/02/2023 *Where is Consciousness?*
Philosophy Sharing Foundation.
University of Malta, Valletta (Malta).
- 22/11/2022 *An Indexicalist and Differential Ethics: Bensusan and Derrida.*
Engaging the Contemporary 2022: Confronting Ethics.
University of Malta, Valletta (Malta).
- 03/09/2021 *De-Anthropocentrism and Onto-Taxonomy: An Object-Oriented Ecological View.*
International Comparative Literature in the Post-Pandemic Age: The Path and
Ethics of Dialogue.
Shanghai University, Shanghai (China).
- 10/05/2021 *Emergence and Contemporary Continental Realism.*
LabOnt Seminar Series
University of Turin, Turin (Italy).
- 29/04/2021 *Onto-taxonomy Today.*
On Onto-Taxonomy.

Vilnius University, Vilnius (Lithuania).

- 28/04/2021 *All Objects are Bound by Time.*
Objects and Time: Temporality in Object-Oriented Ontology.
Radboud University, Nijmegen (The Netherlands).
- 24/02/2021 *Onto-Taxonomy and Object-Oriented Thought.*
Annual ETHU Seminar, Centre for Ethics and Humanism Research Group.
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels (Belgium).
- 13/11/2019 *Box Concept Studio Education Series: The Appropriation of Embedded Meaning Through Deconstruction.*
Box Concept Studio, Floriana (Malta).
- 10/4/2019 *Undermining, Overmining & Duomining: A Reading of Graham Harman.*
Students' Philosophical Society, Department of Philosophy.
University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 13/3/2017 *Emergence and Object-Oriented Philosophy.*
Philosophy Department Research Seminars.
University of Malta, Msida. (Malta).
- 11/1/2016 *On Quentin Meillassoux's Time Without Becoming.*
Philosophy Post-Graduate Reading Group.
University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 17/11/2016 *On Correlationism and the Philosophy of Human Access.*
Engaging the Contemporary 2016: Phenomenology and Speculative Realism.
University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 12/11/2014 *Derrida's Signature, Event, Context and the Issue of Realism.*
Engaging the Contemporary 2014: Anniversary Seminar on Foucault and Derrida:
Theory and Practice.
University of Malta, Msida (Malta).

Panel Discussions

- 18/03/2024 *Creative Practices: Architecture, Art, and Philosophy.*
With Vince Briffa and Jing Yao Xu
Valletta Design Cluster, Valletta (Malta).
- 01/03/2023 *On Objects.*
With Patrick Damien O'Connor and David Webb

Staffordshire University, Staffordshire (United Kingdom).

- 06/05/2021 *Philosophy Meets Architecture: A Conversation with Graham Harman.*
With Graham Harman and Jing Yao Xu
Faculty for the Built Environment. University of Malta, Msida (Malta).
- 05/02/2020 *Box Concept Studio Education Series: The Media of Interpretation.*
With Vince Briffa and Jing Yao Xu
Box Concept Studio, Floriana (Malta).
- 12/10/2019 *Pierre Huyghe's "Exomind."*
With Emanuele Coccia, Nora N. Khan, Rebecca Lewin, and Hans Ulrich Obrist
MICAS Art Talks Series, MUŻA - The Malta National Community Art Museum,
Valletta (Malta).
- 24/11/2018 *Homage to Jake and Dinos Chapman - A Symposium for the Inauguration of the CUT Fine
Arts Programme.*
With Sozita Goudouna, Efi Kyprianidou, and Jake Chapman
Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol (Cyprus).
- 28/03/2015 *The Crisis of Meaning and the Arts.*
With Pam Abela and Joseph Cassar
Malta Society of Arts, Valletta (Malta).

Organization of Conferences and Activities

- 2024 – *Engaging the Contemporary.*
University of Malta (Malta).
Convener and Co-ordinator.
- 2024 – *Philosophy Summer Festival.*
Member of the organizational committee.
- 2016 – *Engaging the Contemporary.*
University of Malta (Malta).
Member of the organizational committee.
- 2021 – 2022 *The Junior College Annual International Multi-Disciplinary Conference 2022.*
16-18 September 2020. University of Malta, Ġ.F Abela Junior College, Msida
(Malta).
Member of the scientific committee.
- 2019 – 2021 *University of Malta, Junior College Symposium: Social Ontology.*

15 September 2020. University of Malta, Ġ.F Abela Junior College, Msida (Malta).
Member of the organizational committee.

The Junior College Annual International Multi-Disciplinary Conference 2020.

16-18 September 2020. University of Malta, Ġ.F Abela Junior College, Msida (Malta).

Member of the scientific committee.

2018 – 2019 *Ontology in a Contemporary Context.*

17 September 2018. University of Malta, Ġ.F Abela Junior College, Msida (Malta).
Member of the organizational committee.

(Met)afourisms Art Exhibition.

4 – 27 May 2018. Spazju Kreattiv, Valletta (Malta).

Co-ordinator, Editor, and Curator.

2017 – 2018 *The Junior College Multi-Disciplinary Conference 2017: Connections.*

18-20 September 2017. University of Malta, Ġ.F Abela Junior College, Msida (Malta).

Member of the organizational committee

2016 – 2017 *Critical Issues in Eastern and Western Philosophy.*

19 December 2016. Nepal Academy, Kathmandu (Nepal).

Member of the organizational committee.

Other Committees

2020 – 2022 University of Malta, Junior College Staff Social and Welfare Committee.
Committee Member.

2018 – 2019 University of Malta, Junior College Marketing Committee.
Committee Member.

2017 – 2019 University of Malta, Junior College Staff Social and Welfare Committee.
Committee Member.

2016 – 2017 University of Malta, Junior College Professional Development Committee.
Committee member.