

# Mary Troxell

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**Area of Specialization:** Schopenhauer

**Areas of Competence:** Kant, German Idealism, Aesthetics, History of Philosophy

## EDUCATION:

### **Boston University**

Ph.D., Defended May 2005

Dissertation Topic: "Aspects of the Will in the Philosophy of Arthur Schopenhauer."

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Dahlstrom.

### **Catholic University of America**

Ph.D. Program in Philosophy, 1993-1996.

### **Amherst College**

B.A., double major in Philosophy and English, 1984-1988.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

### **Boston University Humanities Foundation**

Humanities Foundation Award, May 2003.

### **Boston University, Department of Philosophy**

Teaching Fellowship, 1997-2000, 2002-2003 .

Research Fellowship, 2000-2002.

### **Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

Teaching Fellow of the Year Award, 1997.

### **Catholic University of America, Department of Philosophy**

Full Tuition Scholarship, 1994-1996.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

**Full-Time Adjunct Professor**, Philosophy Department, Boston College, 2004-present.

Course Taught: Person and Social Responsibility.

**Part-Time Faculty**, Theology Department, Boston College, 2001-2002, 2003-2004.

Course Taught: Perspectives on Western Culture.

**Teaching Assistant**, Philosophy Department, Boston University, 1997-2000, 2002-2003.

Courses Taught: Introduction to Ethics, Logic, Introduction to Philosophy.

**Teaching Assistant**, Philosophy Department, Brandeis University, 2000-20001.

Course Taught: Contemporary Ethical Theory.

## PUBLICATIONS:

Review of *Postmodernity's Transcending: Devaluing God*, by Lawrence Paul Hemming  
(University of Notre Dame Press, 2005) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, June 2, 2006.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS:

"Schopenhauer's Pessimism: A Re-examination." Submitted to Southern Journal of Philosophy.

“The Status of Art in Schopenhauer and Heidegger: Against the Charge of Iconoclasm.”  
Submitted to Journal of the History of Philosophy. Coauthored with Maria Granik.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **Boston College Philosophy Department Intramural Lecture**

“The Role of the Ideas in Schopenhauer’s Metaphysics.” John Sallis, Commentator.

##### **Husserl Circle Annual Meeting**

Invited Commentator on David Netherton’s “Will to Constitution: Recollecting Husserl’s ‘Die Ziel und Aufgaben der Metaphysik.’”

##### **Northern New England Philosophical Association Conference**

“Schopenhauer’s Theory of Aesthetic Pleasure: A Response to Paul Guyer,” October 2005.

##### **Perspectives on Western Culture Workshop,**

“Kant’s Notion of Organism and its Role in Schelling’s *Naturphilosophie*,” June, 2005.

##### **Boston University Teleology Workshop,**

“Teleology and its Role in Kant’s Critique of Judgment,” March 2005.

#### **OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:**

##### **Paper Review Committee**

The Boston University Graduate Student Conference on Kant, February 2004.

##### **Book Exhibit Coordinator**

The Society of Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy conference in Boston, November 2003.

##### **Department Representative**

Graduate Student Association, 1999-2002.

#### **MANUSCRIPT EDITING AND RESEARCH:**

##### **Sister Prudence Allen, *The Concept of Woman Volume II: The Early Humanist Reformation, 1250-1500.***

Conducted research at Folger Library and Library of Congress for various portions of manuscript.

##### **Henry Allison, *Kant’s Theory of Taste: A Reading of the Critique of Aesthetic Judgment***

Compiled index for manuscript.

##### **Daniel Dahlstrom, *Heidegger’s Concept of Truth***

Reviewed manuscript for typographical errors and suggested minor stylistic revisions.

##### **Anton Lösinger, *The Human Orientation of Theology in Karl Rahner***

Reviewed manuscript for typographical errors and suggested minor stylistic revisions.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

##### **Faculty Advisor**

Advise 15 freshman and sophomores who have not yet declared their majors.

##### **Director of Independent Study**

Directed three students in independent study of John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*, Fall, 2007.

Directed student's research project in contemporary ethics entitled, "The Greatest Good: Towards a New Philanthropic Model and Moral Exemplar."

**Faculty Advisor, *Gratia Plena***

Faculty Advisor for *Gratia Plena*, a Boston College Catholic women's prayer and study group.

**Guest Lecturer, Perspectives of Western Culture Program, April 2007**

Lectured on Nietzsche to over 200 freshman.

**Guest Speaker, Saint Thomas More Society, Boston College, November 2006**

"On the Christian Notion of Forgiveness."

**Guest Speaker, Sons of Saint Patrick Society, Boston College, October 2006**

"Chastity and Dating: A Catholic Perspective."

**Guest Speaker, Saint Thomas More Society, Boston College, September 2005**

"An Introduction to the Thought of Pope Benedict XVI," September 2005.

**Panel Speaker/Discussion Leader, Boston College, April 2005**

"Bring Back the Date," a discussion examining student dating and relationships, attended by over 400 undergraduate students.

**LANGUAGES:**

German