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I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name and Title

Name: Dr. Matthew E. Bower Title: Assoc Professor of Instruction

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
PHD	2013	The University of Memphis	Philosophy	
MA	2010	The University of Memphis	Philosophy	
BA	2007	Beloit College	Philosophy	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Comments*	*Dates*
Associate Professor of Instruction, Philosophy	Texas State University		September 2024 - Present
Senior Lecturer, Philosophy	Texas State University		September 2020 - August 2024
Lecturer	Texas State University		2015 - 2020
Visiting Lecturer	University of Central Florida		2014 - 2015
Visiting Assistant Professor	Beloit College		2014
Postdoctoral Fellow	Ruhr-University Bochum		2013

II. TEACHING

B. Courses Taught:

Texas State University:

PHIL 1305 - PHIL & CRIT THNKNG

PHIL 1320 - ETHICS & SOCIETY

PHIL 3315 - CONTEM PHIL

PHIL 3315 - CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 3316 - EXIST & PHENOM

PHIL 3316 - EXISTENTIALISM & PHENOMENOLOGY

PHIL 3322 - PROFESSIONAL ETHIC

PHIL 3322 - PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

PHIL 4388 - PROBLS IN PHIL

PHIL 5388 - PROB IN PHILOSOPHY

C. Directed Student Learning (i.e. theses, dissertations, exit committees, etc.):

Member, Master's Thesis, "THE STRUCTURE OF MORAL AGENCY AND THE ETHICAL CRISIS OF GEN-AI (MISUSE) IN HIGHER EDUCATION: COMPARATIVE FOUNDATIONS IN FICHTE AND BEAUVOIR", Status: Completed. (August 2024 - July 2025). Philosophy, Texas State University.
Student(s): Dylan Dunn, Graduate, MA.

Supervisor / Chair, Independent Study, "Independent study on Emmanuel Levinas", Status: Completed. (January 15, 2018 - May 15, 2018).
Student(s): Bradley Waldraff, Undergraduate, BA.

Additional Comments: This was conducted as a section of PHIL 4388 (Problems in Philosophy).

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

Existentialism in Phenomenology, Curriculum Development. Proposed: January 2017 - May 2017.

Professional Ethics (PHIL 3322), Curriculum Development, Texas State University. Taught: 2024 - 2025.

Additional Comments: Modify all course-related documents and Canvas site due to new edition of primary course text. This included adjustment in material used from the course text, new study material, new assignment components (e.g., quiz and exam prompts).

Professional Ethics (PHIL 3322), First Time Course Preparation, Texas State University. Taught: May 2018 - August 2018.

Additional Comments: I first taught PHIL 3322 in fall 2018. Although the course was already in existence, I developed the course website, assignments, rubrics, selected readings, and the like myself in preparation for fall 2018.

Professional Ethics (PHIL 3322) for Texas State Global, New Course, Texas State University. Proposed: June 2025 - August 2025.

Additional Comments: I worked with a Texas State Global course developer to design an 8-week version of Professional Ethics. Among other things, this required creating new video material to aid content delivery.

Phenomenology, New Course, Texas State University. Taught: May 2025 - August 2025.
Syllabus-1.pdf
Additional Comments: Over the summer of 2025 I developed a graduate-level survey course on phenomenology. I am teaching the course as of fall 2025 as a section of PHIL 5388 (Problems in Philosophy).

Ethics and Society (PHIL 1320), Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: 2024.

Additional Comments: In updating the course, among other things, I found all new readings and created all new lecture slides, assignments, and rubrics. Implemented fall 2024 and, with slight modifications, spring 2025.

Ethics and Society (PHIL 1320), Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: September 2020 - January 2021.
PHIL 1320 Spring 2021 Syllabus-1.docx
Additional Comments: I heavily revised the readings to include a number of texts of ancient Chinese philosophy and added a new part to the course focusing on the value and morality of relationships. This required significant changes to assignments, rubrics, and the course website.

F. Other:

Mentoring Graduate Instructional Assistant (Dylan Dunn) for Ethics and Society (PHIL 1320). (August 2024 - December 2024).

Additional Comments: Before and throughout the semester, regular meetings and communication offering guidance on assessments of student work, primarily, and classroom management and content delivery, to a lesser extent.

Mentoring Graduate Instructional Assistant (Enrique Castillo) for Ethics and Society (PHIL 1320). (January 2024 - May 2024).

Additional Comments: Before and throughout the semester, regular meetings and communication offering guidance on assessments of student work, primarily, and classroom management and content delivery, to a lesser extent.

Mentoring Graduate Instructional Assistant (Zachary Poston) for Ethics and Society (PHIL 1320). (January 2023 - May 2023).

Additional Comments: Before and throughout the semester, regular meetings and communication offering guidance on assessments of student work, primarily, and classroom management and content delivery, to a lesser extent.

G. Teaching Professional Development Activities Attended

Session at conference organized as roundtable centered on discussion and Q&A with conference attendees., "Is Resistance Futile? Technology and Philosophy Education," Southwest Seminar for Continental Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. (2025).

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Additional Comments: DIscussion focused on use and abuse of GenAI tools like ChatGPT for both instructors and students with a practical focus on how to improve practices.

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press):

1. Books:

c. Edited Books:

Non-refereed:

Bower, M. E., & Caminada, E. (2014). *Habit: Second Nature and Social Reality*. *Phenomenology and Mind* (Vol. 6).

d. Chapters in Books:

Refereed:

Bower, M. E. (2020). Finding a way into genetic phenomenology. In *The Subject(s) of Phenomenology*. Springer. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-29357-4_10

Bower, M. E. (2016). Radicalizing the phenomenology of basic minds with Levinas and Merleau-Ponty. In J. Murillo, M. García-valdecasas, & N. Barrett (Eds.), *Biology and Subjectivity: Contributions to a Non-Reductive Neuroscience* (pp. 131–150). Dordrecht: Springer. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-30502-8_9

Non-refereed:

Bower, M. E. (2025). Genetic phenomenology. In *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*. Springer. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-47253-5_148-1 https://link-springer-com/rwe/10.1007/978-3-030-47253-5_148-1

2. Articles:

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

Bower, M. E. (2026). Husserl on Perception's Inadequacy: A Critique. *Phenomenological Studies*, *10*, 179–213. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.2143/EPH.10.0.0000000

Bower, M. E. (2020). Husserl on Hullucination: A Conjunctive Reading. *Journal for the History of Philosophy*. Accepted / In Press.

Additional Comments: Acceptance is conditional on minor revisions.

Bower, M. E. (2023). Sociality and the minimal self: On Dan Zahavi's "group-identification, collectivism, and perspectival autonomy." *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *61*(1). https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12532 https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12532

Bower, M. E. (2023). Phenomenological Reduction and the Nature of Perceptual Experience. *Husserl Studies*, *39*. Published. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1007/s10743-023-09324-w

Bower, M. E. (2021). Bower, M. (2021). "Is perception inadequate? Husserl's case for non-sensory objectual phenomenology in perception." *Journal of Philosophy*. Published. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12705

Bower, M. E. (2021). "Do we visually experience objects' occluded parts?" *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*. Published. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2021.22

Bower, M. E. (2019). Daubert's naive realist challenge to Husserl. *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *96*(2), 211–243. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1163/18756735-000072

Additional Comments: Acceptance conditional on major revisions, which have been submitted and are being reviewed.

Bower, M. E., & Fischer, B. (2018). Categorical Desires and the Badness of Animal Death. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, *52*, 97–111.

Bower, M. E. (2017). Levinas's philosophy of perception. *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *55*(4), 383–414. https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12260

Bower, M. E. (2017). Husserl on perception: A non-representationalism that nearly was. *European Journal of Philosophy*, *25*(4), 1768–1790. https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12261

Bower, M. E. (2015). Genetic phenomenology, cognitive development, and the embodied/extended mind. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *22*(9-10), 83–108.

Bower, M. E. (2015). Husserl's concept of the Vorwelt and the possible annihilation of the world. *Research in Phenomenology*, *45*(1), 108–126. https://doi.org/10.1163/15691640-12341304

Bower, M. E. (2015). Developing open intersubjectivity: On the interpersonal shaping of experience. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 455–474. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-014-9346-2

Bower, M. E. (2014). Affectively driven perception: Towards a non-representational phenomenology. *Husserl Studies*, *30*(3), 225–245. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10743-014-9152-2

Bower, M. E. (2014). Husserl's motivation and method for phenomenological reconstruction. *Continental Philosophy Review*, *47*(2), 135–152. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11007-014-9291-3

Bower, M. E. (2014). Husserl's theory of instincts as a theory of affection. *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, *45*(2), 133–147. https://doi.org/10.1080/00071773.2014.919121

Gallagher, S., & Bower, M. E. (2014). Making enactivism even more embodied? *Avant: Trends in Interdisciplinary Studies*, *5*(2), 232–247. https://doi.org/10.12849/50202014.0109.0011

Bower, M. E., & Gallagher, S. (2013). Bodily affects as prenoetic elements in enactive perception. *Phenomenology and Mind*, *4*, 78–93.

6. Book Reviews:

Bower, M. E. (2016, February 13). *Phenomenological Reviews*. Retrieved from http://reviews.ophen.org/2016/02/13/susi-ferrarello-husserls-ethics-practical-intentionality/ http://reviews.ophen.org/2016/02/13/susi-ferrarello-husserls-ethics-practical-intentionality/

Bower, M. E., Jensen, R. T., & Moran, D. (2015). *Husserl Studies*. Dordrecht: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10743-014-9162-0

10. Other Works in Print:

Translations:

Patočka, J., Učník, L., Chvatík, I., & Williams, A. (2015). Epoche and reduction: Some observations. In I., M. E. Bower, & K. Maly (Trans.), *Asubjective*

Phenomenology: Jan Patoka's Project in the Broader Context of His Work (pp. 41–53). Nordhausen: Traugott Bautz.

Patočka, J., Učník, L., Chvatík, I., & Williams, A. (2015). Husserl's subjectivism and the call for an asubjective phenomenology. In I., M. E. Bower, & K. Maly (Trans.), *Asubjective Phenomenology: Jan Patoka's Project in the Broader Context of His Work* (pp. 17–40). Nordhausen: Traugott Bautz.

Plessner, H. (2013). *The objectivity of the senses*. (M. E. Bower, Trans.), *Phenomenology and Mind* (Vol. 4, pp. 16–27).

B. Works Not in Print:

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

Bower, M. E., Nordic Society for Phenomenology, "Husserlian Humility," Helsinki, Finland. (April 2020).

Bower, M. E., Husserl Circle, "Is perception inadequate?," Lisbon, Portugal. (May 2019).

Bower, M. E., Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, "Is perception inadequate?," Salt Lake city, NV, United States. (May 2019).

Bower, M. E., "Anticipation in perceptual experience," Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Memphis, TN, United States. (October 2017).

Bower, M. E., "Daubert's naive realist challenge to Husserl," Seattle University. (June 2017).

Bower, M. E., Husserl Circle, "Husserl on perception: A non-representationalism that nearly was," Loyola University of Chicago. (June 18, 2016).

Bower, M. E., North American Levinas Society, "Levinas' radical embodied phenomenology," Purdue University. (July 2015).

Bower, M. E., Northwest Philosophy Conference, "Genetic phenomenology as a window into cognitive development," Central Washington University. (November 2014).

Bower, M. E., Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, "Genesis and development: Questions for Husserl's genetic phenomenology," Colorado College. (June 2014).

Bower, M. E., annual conference of the German Society for Phenomenological Research, "Soziale Erfahrung", "Constituting intersubjectivity: The pre-personal shaping of experience," the Cologne Husserl Archives. (September 2013).

Bower, M. E., international conference, “Questioning Subjectivity”, "The affective revolution in Husserl’s phenomenology," Jan Patočka Archives, Prague, Czech Republic. (September 2013).

Bower, M. E., Seminar in Phenomenology and the History of Philosophy, “Kant and the Founding of Phenomenology”, "The Genesis of Spatiality in Husserl’s Transcendental Aesthetic," South Bend, IN. (September 2012).

Bower, M. E., Phenomenology Roundtable, "Motivating the Irrational Fact of the World: Husserl’s Genetic Phenomenology of World," Marquette University. (June 2012).

Bower, M. E., 50th Anniversary meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, "A Phenomenological Challenge to Deleuze’s Conception of the Living Present," Philadelphia, PA. (October 2011).

Bower, M. E., Tennessee Philosophical Association, "Aristotle on the Relationship Between Friendship, Happiness, and the Human Being: A Reading of NE IX, 9," Vanderbilt University. (October 2009).

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

Bower, M. E., "Methodologies and Problems in Phenomenology" (Interamerican Phenomenological Workshop), "Husserl on hallucination," Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology, Pontifical University in Lima, Peru. (July 5, 2018).

Bower, M. E., Southwest Seminar for Continental Philosophy, "Rethinking the idea of horizons in perceptual experience," Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico (Albuquerque). (June 2025).

Bower, M. E., Perceptual Plasticity workshop, "Husserlian phenomenology, perceptual learning, and the scope of content," University of Montreal. (May 2024).

Bower, M. E., Cardiff Visiting Speakers series, "Another look at Husserl’s treatment of the thing in itsel," Cardiff University. (February 2024).

Bower, M. E., "Is perception inadequate?," St. Mary's University, San Antonio. (October 2018).

Bower, M. E., "Prospects for a deep phenomenology of embodiment," University of Navarra (Pamplona, Spain), Mind-Brain Group. (October 20, 2015).

Bower, M. E., "Shallow and deep views of embodiment in phenomenology," Texas State University. (August 2015).

Bower, M. E., Philosophy Colloquium Series, "Genetic phenomenology and embodied/extended views of cognitive development," University of Central Florida. (December 2014).

Bower, M. E., Phenomenology Research Group, "Affect in the perception of dispositional properties and states of affairs: A phenomenological analysis," Loyola University Chicago. (March 2014).

Bower, M. E., Phänomenologischer Werkstatt, "Affectively driven perception: An anti-representational view," Cologne Husserl Archives. (December 2013).

Bower, M. E., Direct Perception, "Directly perceiving non-folk psychological states: Response to J.S. Lavelle," Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen, Denmark. (December 2013).

Bower, M. E., Institut für phänomenologische Forschung, "Trouble on the 'horizon': A critique and alternative to the Husserlian notion," Bergische Universität, Wuppertal, Germany. (December 2013).

Bower, M. E., Gallagher, S., "Situated Affectivity" workshop, "Making enactivism even more embodied," Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Osnabrück. (June 2013).

Bower, M. E., Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists, "Motivation and Method for Phenomenological Reconstruction: Remarks on Husserliana 39," Ramapo College. (May 2013).

5. Other Works not in Print:

a. Works "submitted" or "under review":

Journal Articles:

Bower, M. E. (Submitted / Under Review). Another Look at Husserl's Treatment of the Thing-In-Itself. *Dialectica*. (September 27, 2024)

D. Scholarly / Creative Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Award / Honor Recipient: Director's Memorial Prize for Best Paper by a Junior Scholar, Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology (awared at the annual Husserl Circle meeting).
May 2019

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. University:

Member, Non-tenure-line Faculty Committee. (September 2017 - 2026).

Member, NLFC Subcommittee for Part-Time Teaching Award. (April 29, 2025).
Mail - Bower Matthew E - Outlook-4.pdf

Member, NLFC Subcommittee for Updating Part-Time Teaching Award Rubric. (November 2023).
Mail - Bower Matthew E - Outlook-5.pdf

Member, NLFC Subcommittee for Part-Time Teaching Award. (April 2022).
Part-time Teaching Award decisions-1.pdf

Member, NLFC Subcommittee for Part-Time Teaching Award. (April 16, 2021).
Lynn Ledbetter (Nontenure Line Faculty) just sent you a message in Canvas_-1.pdf

Member, NLFC Subcommittee for Workload Release Award. (November 2020).
Lynn Ledbetter (Nontenure Line Faculty) just sent you a message in Canvas_-2.pdf

Member, Career Path Subcommittee (of NLFC). (2019).
Gmail - Career Path Subcommittee Task Assignments and Plans-1.pdf

Participant, NLF Orientation. (August 21, 2018).
NLF Orientation-1.pdf

Guest Lecturer, University of Central Florida College of Medicine. (2014 - 2015).

3. Department/School:

Member, On-Line and Hybrid Education Committee. (September 2017 - Present).

Member, Undergraduate Philosophy Committee. (September 2017 - Present).

Participant, Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations. (July 7, 2025).
Mail - Bower Matthew E - Outlook-1.pdf
Additional Comments: Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations

Participant, Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations. (April 25, 2025).
Mail - Bower Matthew E - Outlook-2.pdf
Additional Comments: Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations

Participant, Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations. (November 22, 2024).
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Additional Comments: Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations

Participant, Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations. (November 20, 2023).
Mail - Bower Matthew E - Outlook-3.pdf
Additional Comments: Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations

Participant, MAAPE Exit Interview. (April 27, 2023).
Mail - Bower Matthew E - Outlook-2.pdf
Additional Comments: MAAPE Exit Interview

Participant, Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations. (April 29, 2021).
Mail - Bower Matthew E - Outlook-3.pdf
Additional Comments: Undergraduate Exit Interviews and Portfolio Evaluations

Guest lecture, University of Central Florida. (September 2014).
Additional Comments: “Basics of medical ethics: Principles and theories,” for the course “Religion and Medicine” (REL 4180)

B. Professional:

Editorial Review Board Member, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences. (2025 - Present).

Session moderator (talks by S. Gallagher and J. Reynolds), Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. (October 2017 - Present).

Reviewer / Referee, Continental Philosophy Review. (2017 - Present).

Reviewer / Referee, Philosophical Psychology. (2017 - Present).

Reviewer / Referee, Phenomenological Studies. (January 15, 2016 - Present).

Book proposal reviewer, Routledge. (January 15, 2015 - Present).

Reviewer / Referee, Frontiers in Psychology. (January 15, 2015 - Present).

Book manuscript reviewer, Lexington Books. (1925 - Present).
Additional Comments: imprint of Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

Reviewer / Referee, Metodo: International Studies in Phenomenology and Philosophy. (1925 - Present).

Reviewer / Referee, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences. (1925 - Present).

Reviewer / Referee, Southern Journal of Philosophy. (1925 - Present).

Coordinator / Organizer, Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, San Marcos, TX. (June 1, 2022 - June 3, 2022).

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Additional Comments: I organized the annual meeting of the Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy for 2022, which was hosted by Texas State's Philosophy Department and convened on campus. The Philosophy Department staff provided financial and personnell support to assist.

D. Organization Memberships:

North American Society for Early Phenomenology. (2017 - Present).

Husserl Circle. (2016 - Present).

North American Levinas Society. (2015 - Present).

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. (2011 - Present).