

Philip Bonanno

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Education

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

BA in English, 2023

Areas of Study: Southern Literature, Disability Studies, Whiteness Studies, Aesthetics

Penn State University, State College, PA

MA/PhD in English (Expected in 2029)

Areas of Study: 19th/20th Century American Literature, Disability Studies, Critical Race Theory

Publications

Bonanno, Philip. "Disability and Pride: a Liberatory Personal Narrative" *Foundationalist Literary Journal*, (Winter 2023).

Bonanno, Philip. "Guarding Whiteness: Disability, Eugenics, and Rhetorical Agency in the American South" *Published by Bowdoin College Library* (Spring 2023)

Academic Honors

Surdna Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Summer 2021)

Grua and O'Connell Research Award (Winter 2022)

Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar

Book Award Winner (4.0 GPA)

Research Positions

Undergraduate Researcher, English Department, Bowdoin College (Summer 2021)

Conference Presentations

"Modernity's Disqualifiers: Disability Aesthetics, Enfreakment, and the 20th Century American South," Presented at the Bowdoin President's Research Symposium, Fall 2022

Campus Service

Positions:

Disability Students Association (President 2020-2023)

Bowdoin Accessibility Taskforce (Member 2022-2023)

Accessibility Assistant for the Inclusion and Diversity Office (2022-2023)

Hosted Discussions:

“Fireside Chat on Disability,” Hosted at Bowdoin College, December 4, 2022.

“‘Whale Eyes’: Overcoming Discomfort with Disability,” Hosted at Bowdoin College, December 1, 2022.

Curated Exhibits:

“Disabled Persons’ Week Library Exhibit,” Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, Bowdoin College. November 28-December 3, 2022.

Other Professional Experience

Senior Organizing Fellow at the Michigan Democratic Party, Summer and Fall 2020.

Debate Instructor at Victory Briefs Institute, Summer 2019.

Teaching Assistant, English class, Hackley School, Spring 2019.