

## **Philip Bonanno**

Penn State University  
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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 in English (Expected in 2025)

*Areas of Study:* 20/21st Century American Literature, Disability Studies,  
Gender/Women/Sexuality Studies

### **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 for AY)

### **Research Positions**

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

University Graduate Fellow, English Department, Penn State University (2023-24 AY)

### **Conference Presentations**

"Excess to a Point: Crip Excess, Nationalism, and Time in Faulkner and McCullers," Presented at NeMLA, March 2024 (Accepted)

“Feminist Networks of Care and Crip Futurity in *Avatar* and *The Fifth Season*,” Presented at WGS South, March 2024 (Accepted)

“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.