

# Phenomenology and Healthcare International Workshop

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Phenomenology is the study of experience as it is lived. For decades, phenomenology has been used as a method in qualitative health care. This is not surprising, given that phenomenology has a persistent interest in human existence, in subjective experience, and in the structure of the lifeworld. To offer proper care, it is important to understand the meaning that people attach to the events that disrupt their lives just as it is important to have some understanding of what it is like to live with such conditions. But although phenomenology does offer important resources, its actual use in research and clinical practice has been hampered by widespread misunderstandings of its central tenets and by too superficial or too theoretical engagements

with philosophical texts. We are developing new approaches to using phenomenology in nursing and health care. Our approach primarily takes advantage of the concepts, rather than the methods, of classical phenomenology. We adapt phenomenological concepts such as subjectivity, experience, empathy, the lived body, and the lifeworld for use in health care research and practice. This conceptual approach allows us to (a) better integrate the philosophically rich insights of phenomenology with a variety of qualitative research methods and (b) bring phenomenological understandings of human existence directly to clinical practice.

## PEOPLE:



Dan Zahavi,  
Project Lead

Dr. Dan Zahavi is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Copenhagen where he directs the Center for Subjectivity Research and is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Oxford where he is currently working on how to use phenomenology in qualitative research in healthcare. He has authored and edited 30 books and over 200 articles and book chapters and is a world-renowned expert in phenomenology.



Anthony Fernandez,  
Project Post-doc

Dr. Anthony Fernandez is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Kent State University and a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Oxford where he is aiding Dan Zahavi in his research on phenomenology. He has co-edited *The Oxford Handbook of Phenomenological Psychopathology* and authored 16 articles and book chapters.



Casey Rentmeester,  
Discussion Facilitator

Dr. Casey Rentmeester is the Director of General Education and Associate Professor of Philosophy at Bellin College. He has authored a book on the phenomenology of the environment and 18 articles and book chapters. His most recent work focuses on the phenomenology of healthcare.



Steven Burgess,  
Discussion Facilitator

Dr. Steven Burgess is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Benedictine University. He has several peer-reviewed publications and has presented his research internationally in France, Romania, Ireland, and Canada. He regularly teaches courses in phenomenology.

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## WORKSHOPS:

- University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- University of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS
- Bellin College, Green Bay, WI, USA
- Aarhus University, Aarhus, DK
- University of Manitoba, Manitoba, CA