

Jeffrey Thomas Diamond

EDUCATION

University of South Florida
PhD in Philosophy

Tampa, FL
In progress; started August 2022

University of Illinois
MS/LIS – MS in Library and Information Science

Urbana-Champaign, IL
May 2021

College of William and Mary
BA in Philosophy

Williamsburg, VA
January 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of continental philosophy; Leibniz; Western esotericism

PUBLICATIONS

“Magical Idealism Viewed from the Left” – In *Thinking Esotericism: Theoretical and Methodological Philosophy Perspectives* – Forthcoming, 2027

Simply Gone (self-published collection of poetry and short fiction) – August 2023

DISSERTATION

Optimality and Existence

In progress

CONFERENCE TALKS

“Hegel’s *Logic* and the Best Possible World” – 2nd Annual Graduate Humanities Symposium (USF) – November 21, 2025

“‘Magical Thinking’: Philosophy in the *Ars Notoria*” – 10th Biennial Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, on “Esotericism and Rationality,” in Vilnius, Lithuania – June 26–28, 2025

“‘Magical Thinking’: Philosophy in the *Ars Notoria*” – USF Philosophy Graduate Conference – March 29, 2025

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida
Graduate Teaching Assistant

Tampa, FL
August 2022 – Present

University of Virginia Library
Employee, Resource Sharing

Charlottesville, VA
August 2018 – January 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor – Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2026

Discussion Group Leader – Introduction to Philosophy (Dr. Lee Braver)

Fall 2024

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Fall 2022

ACADEMIC HONORS

Recipient – Charles B. Guignon Memorial Scholarship, University of South Florida April 2025

- Essay contest for graduate students; hosted by USF Philosophy Department
- Essay title: “‘Paint It Black’: Darkness in Adorno’s Aesthetics”
- Monetary award

Recipient – University Graduate Fellowship, University of South Florida April 2022
Monetary award for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters

Member – Beta Phi Mu, Alpha Chapter May 2021

The International Library and Information Studies Honor Society

- Up to 35% of any year’s graduating class may be invited for membership
- The Illinois candidates for membership are selected by faculty from those students with a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

Member – James Monroe Scholar Program, College of William and Mary 2010

- Scholarship that recognizes top undergraduate students; requires honors projects
- Received by fewer than 10% of admitted W&M undergraduates

LEADERSHIP & OTHER EXPERIENCE

Faculty Liaison – USF Philosophy Graduate Student Organization August 2025 – May 2026

Co-Vice President – USF Philosophy Graduate Student Organization August 2023 – May 2024

- Responsible for co-organizing the 2024 USF Philosophy Graduate Conference on “Religious Experience” (April 13, 2024)