## THE LEVINSON AMBASSADORSHIP

Spring 2022 | Introductory Edition



## WHO ARE WE?

The Levinson Ambassadorship was established in the spring of 2021 thanks to former UMaine philosophy professor Ronald Levinson. The ambassadorship allows philosophy majors to pursue projects in areas of interest while supporting the philosophy department and its community. We hope to expand the department's impact on the UMaine community and encourage students to learn more about what philosophy is.

The ambassadorship comprises three main categories this spring: Peer Writing; Communications and Events; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. These categories are filled by four ambassadors who hope to explore these areas by hosting events in the Maples and engaging with the campus community.

## MEET THE AMBASSADORS

Xander Moore (he/him/his) is a senior, majoring in Philosophy with a minor in Psychology. He is currently the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Levinson Ambassador for the department. His interest in philosophy lies in existentialism and phenomenology, with an emphasis on applying Sartre's theories of being to trans identity. He also has a love of film and literature, specifically in nuances of horror.

In his work with DEI and the department, Xander wants to find ways to make philosophy more diverse and accessible. He enjoys meeting new people and you can often find him in the student lounge at the Maples, reading!

Connor Bolduc (he/him/his) is a fourth-year Theatre and Philosophy dual-degree student here at the University of Maine, and is the Peer-Writing Levinson Ambassador for the Spring 2022 semester. Connor is also currently working on his Honors Thesis, which is a theatrical play featuring modern adaptation (of sorts) of the Socratic Dialogues. Connor is super excited to work with the other ambassadors to create events for our burgeoning philosophical community, and hopes to see all of you around The Maples soon! Naomi Carr (she/her/hers) is a senior here at the University of Maine currently studying to get a degree in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy. During the Spring 2022 semester you can find her freezing to death walking to class or staying warm in the Maples building! As one of two Communications and Events Levinson Ambassadors she hopes to produce exciting new activities to expand students' knowledge and understanding of the Philosophy Department in an open and safe environment.

Bee Yates (they/them/theirs) is a third-year student of Philosophy and English and is one of two Communications and Events ambassadors. They are interested generally in phenomenology, and more specifically in the processes of familiarization and communication. Outside of philosophy, Bee has a soft spot for Greek mythology and garden gnomes.

This semester, Bee hopes to share their love of philosophy with the campus community, and to help create a better understanding of who we are and what we do in the Philosophy Department. When they are not in class you can typically find Bee in the Maples, coffee in hand, studying in the Levinson room or in the new student lounge