

Samantha Ronge

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Education

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN August 2023- Present
First year doctoral student in philosophy

University of Dallas, Irving, TX May 2023
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy; Concentrations: Theology and Latin

- GPA: 3.9, Dean's List 2019-2023
- Trustee Scholarship
- Classics Departmental Scholarship
- Study Abroad: Rome, Spring 2021
- Member: Phi Sigma Tau (International Philosophy Honor Society)
- Member: University of Dallas Crusaders for Life
- Passed philosophy comprehensive exams with honors
- Recipient of the Aquinas Medal, awarded to the most distinguished senior philosophy major
- Pilgrimage: Holy Land, Summer 2023

Research

Senior Thesis August 2022 – March 2023

- "From Plants and Insects to Averroes and Aquinas: A Discussion of Human Biological and Intellectual Individuality"
 - Wrote a 25–40-page paper on what it means for man to be a physical and intellectual individual, and how his individuality relates to his last end of personal communion with God.
 - Research included analysis of at least 15 primary and secondary sources.

Junior Seminar Term Paper January 2022 – May 2022

- "The Status of Existence in Maimonides's *Guide of the Perplexed*"
 - Wrote a 17-page paper on whether or not existence is an accident and the significance of this in the *Guide of the Perplexed*.
 - Analyzed 8 secondary sources.

Research Presentations and Publications

Publication in the *Cor Chronicle*, University of Dallas' newspaper April 2023

- "Redefining a 'highly successful' woman: An affirmation of traditional family roles"

Presenter at MEMNTO Undergraduate Philosophical Conference February 2022

- Presented a term paper, "Dionysius and Aquinas on Predicating of God," at the fifth annual Medievalists and Early Modernists of North Texas and Oklahoma Conference for Medieval and Early Modern Studies at Austin College.
- Crafted an abstract, edited the paper for presentation, and fielded questions from fellow presenters and a panel of professors.

Work Experience

University of Dallas – Office of Academic Success, Irving, TX October 2022 – May 2023

Philosophy Tutor

- Served approximately 3 undergraduate students per week who were taking UD's Core philosophy classes.
- Explained difficult passages of reading, helped correct quizzes and tests, and offered guidance for paper-writing.
- Conveyed a broad range of academic material, from Plato to Kant, in simple, concise ways to help students understand complex ideas.

Private Families

May 2022 – August 2022

Writing Tutor

- Tutored one middle school and one high school student in argumentative writing.
- For middle school writing: Introduced rhetorical devices, taught how to craft a strong thesis statement, and explained the structure of a five-paragraph essay.
- For high school writing: Elevated sentence structure and thesis complexity, taught how to incorporate textual evidence well, and ensured cohesion throughout long papers.
- Independently planned lessons and effectively created helpful exercises.

Latin Tutor

- Tutored one middle school student in Latin.
- Made selective use of textbook information and exercises.
- Supplemented the textbook with unique lesson plans and additional drills, based on student needs.

University of Dallas- Office of Undergraduate Admission, Irving, TX August 2021– May 2023

Student Ambassador

- Welcomed and conversed with prospective students and their families.
- Lead both individual and group campus tours, approximately 2 times per week.
- Helped plan and execute large campus visit days and open house events.
- Articulated information and answered questions about academics, residence life, and campus culture.

Leadership Experience

Member of Phi Sigma Tau (International Philosophy Honor Society) April 2022 – May 2023

- Invited as a junior based on academic merit to join University of Dallas' chapter of Phi Sigma Tau.
- Attended meetings, talks, and discussions with other philosophy students and professors.

Member of University of Dallas Crusaders for Life

August 2019 – May 2023

- Participated in numerous campus-led Prayerful Presence events.
- Attended the 2020 National March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Received training in sidewalk counseling.

- Underwent pro-life apologetics training and practiced those skills at various campus tabling events.