



The PhD in Interdisciplinary Humanities presents

The Sites and Para-sites of “Thinking,” “Knowing,” and “Philosophizing”

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The words “thinking” and “philosophizing” are initially linked to a particular kind of thinking or philosophizing. Therefore, an attempted definition of either term is impossible because many more terms are activated. This “object-of-thought” should be clarified when its relations to thinking and philosophizing are considered. However, the path forward is already complicated by the ready opacity of language. An object is often defined in terms of its relations to Being in general and its own specific being. Two relations emerge here: 1) thinking or philosophizing an object and, 2) being an object. All of these terms require clarification, but this presentation is not the place to accomplish this task. The history of these terms, for Western philosophy, is long and it would be impossible to present an adequate genealogy of each term here. To that end, I will primarily confine my comments to Kant and Heidegger and more recent object-oriented trends in order to work through the complicated interplay of “thinking,” “knowing,” and “philosophizing” while trying to interrogate the ground(s) of these concepts.

Bio: Sean Braune’s first book of philosophy, *Language Parasites: Of Phorontology*, appeared in 2017 from Punctum Books. His theoretical work has been published in *Postmodern Culture*, *Journal of Modern Literature*, *Canadian Literature*, *symplokē*, and elsewhere. Between 2012-2014, he guest lectured on experimental writing and storytelling at Yale University. He is currently a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at Brock University.