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Education

University of Notre Dame, Ph.D., Philosophy 1983–1988

Dissertation: “Descartes’ Nativism: The Sensory and Intellectual Powers of Mind”
(Abstract in *Dissertation Abstracts International* [Feb. 1989], 49[8A]: 2254-A)

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Kalamazoo College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in
Philosophy 1979–1983

Areas of Research and Teaching Specialization

Early Modern Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Mind (with special interest in the following features of early modern thought: substance-mode metaphysics and mereology; conceptions of the nature of body and our knowledge of this nature; accounts of causation and freedom of will; and theories of mind, self-knowledge, and mind-body union)

The Development of 17th- and 18th-Century European Philosophy (with special interest in early modern receptions of Descartes; late scholasticism and its influence on early modern philosophy; the nature and impact of the “Scientific Revolution”; and the relations among metaphysics, natural philosophy, theology, and politics in the early modern period)

Historiography of Philosophy (with special interest in the relations among history of philosophy, history of science, and philosophy of science; and the contributions of women to early modern philosophy)

Areas of Research Interest and Teaching Competence

History and Philosophy of Science	Metaphysics and Epistemology
Early Modern Science and Theology	Philosophy of Mind
Medieval/Renaissance Philosophy	Philosophy of Religion

Regular Appointments

University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, Professor and James B. and Grace J. Nelson Fellow	From 2010
Duke University, Professor	2003–2010
Duke University, Associate Professor	1996–2003
Duke University, Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor	1994–1995
Duke University, Assistant Professor	1989–1996

Visiting Positions

École Normale Supérieure—Paris, Professeur invité	March 2017
University of Notre Dame, Adjunct Assistant Professor	1988–1989

Publications

Monographs

[5m] *The Metaphysics of the Material World: Suárez, Descartes, Spinoza*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020. Pp. xvii + 291.

[4m] *Early Modern Cartesianisms: Dutch and French Constructions*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. Pp. ix + 382.

[3m] *Descartes on Causation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008. Pp. xii + 237.

- Paperback edition, 2012.

[2m] *Radical Cartesianism: The French Reception of Descartes*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Pp. xiv + 288.

- Paperback edition, 2007.

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[1m] *Malebranche's Theory of the Soul: A Cartesian Interpretation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996. Pp. xi + 308.

- Paperback edition, 1997.

Edited Volumes

[2ev] *Efficient Causation: A History*. Edited by Tad M. Schmaltz. Oxford Philosophical Concepts. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. Pp. xiv + 372.

[1ev] *Receptions of Descartes: Cartesianism and Anti-Cartesianism in Early Modern Europe*. Edited by Tad M. Schmaltz. Routledge Studies in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy. London: Routledge, 2005. Pp. x + 251.

Co-Edited Volumes

[5cv] *The Cartesian Brain: Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives*. Edited by Denis Kambouchner, Damien Lacroux, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Ruidan She. Routledge Studies in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy, vol. 12. London: Routledge, 2025. Pp. xxii + 280.

[4cv] *Historical Dictionary of Descartes and Cartesian Philosophy*, third edition. Edited by Roger Ariew, Douglas Jesseph, Tad Schmaltz, and Theo Verbeek. Historical Dictionaries of Religions, Philosophies, and Movements Series, no. 46. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2024. Pp. xx + 429.

- *Historical Dictionary of Descartes and Cartesian Philosophy*, expanded second edition. Edited by Roger Ariew, Dennis Des Chene, Douglas Jesseph, Tad Schmaltz, and Theo Verbeek. Historical Dictionaries of Religions, Philosophies, and Movements Series, no. 46. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015. Pp. xx + 388.
- *The A to Z of Descartes and Cartesian Philosophy*, paperback edition. Edited by Roger Ariew, Dennis Des Chene, Douglas Jesseph, Tad Schmaltz, and Theo Verbeek. A to Z Guides, no. 155. The A to Z Guide Series, no. 155. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2010. Pp. xvi + 302.
- *Historical Dictionary of Descartes and Cartesian Philosophy*, first edition. Edited by Roger Ariew, Dennis Des Chene, Douglas Jesseph, Tad Schmaltz, and Theo Verbeek. Historical Dictionaries of Religions, Philosophies, and Movements Series, no. 46. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2003. Pp. 408. Pp. xx + 388.

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Co-Edited Volumes (cont.)

- [3cv] *The Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*. Edited by Steven Nadler, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Delphine Antoine-Mahut. Oxford Handbooks. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019. Pp. xii + 828.
- [2cv] *The Problem of Universals in Early Modern Philosophy*. Edited by Stefano Di Bella and Tad Schmaltz. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. Pp. x + 352.
- [1cv] *Integrating History and Philosophy of Science: Problems and Prospects*. Edited by Seymour Mauskopf and Tad Schmaltz. Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, vol. 263. Dordrecht, NL: Springer, 2012. Pp. xiv + 249.

Co-Edited Journal Issue

- [1cj] *Material Substance and Quantity, from Suárez to Leibniz*. Edited by Jean-Pascal Anfray and Tad M. Schmaltz. *Vivarium*, vol. 58, issue 3 (2020).

Journal Articles

- [32ja] “Lamy, Malebranche, and the Force of Rest: Reply to Nadler.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 64, no. 3 (2026).
- [31ja] “Malebranche’s Conflicting Moralities? Hume’s Objection, Quietism, and Motivation.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 62, no. 4 (2024): 593–614.
- [30ja] “The Located Subject of Thought: Hobbes, Descartes, More.” *Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale*, n° 113 (2022/num. 1): 3–19.
- [29ja] “The indefinite in the Descartes-More correspondence.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 29, issue 3 (2021): 453–471.
- [28ja] “*Mundus Est Fabula*: Descartes’s *Le Monde*.” *Alvearium*, “Mondo e ambiente,” anno 13, n. 13 (2020): 35–46.
- [27ja] “Introduction: Material Substance and Quantity, from Suárez to Leibniz” (with Jean-Pascal Anfray). *Vivarium*, vol. 58, issue 3 (2020): 141–142.
- [26ja] “Quantity and Extension in Suárez and Descartes.” *Vivarium*, vol. 58, issue 3 (2020): 168–190.
- [25ja] “Suárez and Descartes on the Mode(s) of Union.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 58, no. 3 (2020): 471–492.

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- [24ja] “Gueroult on Spinoza and the *Ethics*.” *Revue internationale de philosophie*, n° 291 (2020/num. 1): 49–60.
- [23ja] “The Metaphysics of Surfaces in Suárez and Descartes.” *Philosophers’ Imprint*, vol. 19, no. 8 (2019): 1–20; URL: <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/p/phimp/3521354.0019.008/1>.
 - Reprinted in *Principia Philosophiae Christianae*, tom 2, edited by Robert Goczal and Piotr Mrzygłód Wrocław, 413–443. Wrocław, PL: Papieski Wydział Teologiczny we Wrocławiu, 2020.
- [22ja] “French Cartesian Scholasticism: Remarks on Roger Ariew’s *Descartes and the First Cartesians*.” *Perspectives on Science*, vol. 26, no. 5 (2018): 579–598.
- [21ja] “Descartes on the Metaphysics of the Material World.” *Philosophical Review*, vol. 127, no. 1 (2018): 1–40.
- [20ja] “Galileo and Descartes on Copernicanism and the cause of the tides.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, vol. 51 (2015): 70–81.
- [19ja] “The Metaphysics of Rest in Descartes and Malebranche.” *Res Philosophica*, vol. 92, no. 1 (2015): 21–40.
- [18ja] “*PanzerCartesianer*: The Descartes of Martial Gueroult’s *Descartes selon l’ordre des raisons*.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 52, no. 1 (2014): 1–13.
- [17ja] “Review Essay: *Descartes on Forms and Mechanisms*, by Helen Hattab, and *Descartes’s Changing Mind*, by Peter Machamer and J. E. McGuire.” *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, vol. 6 (2012): 349–372.
- [16ja] “Malebranche and Leibniz on the Best of All Possible Worlds.” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 48, no. 1 (2010): 28–48.
- [15ja] “Descartes on the Extensions of Space and Time.” *Revista Analytica*, vol. 13, núm. 2 (2009): 113–147.
- [14ja] “Occasionalism and mechanism: Fontenelle’s objections to Malebranche.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 16, no. 2 (2008): 293–313.
- [13ja] “A kartziánus szabadság toreneti perspektívában” (“Cartesian Freedom in Historical Perspective”; translated by Gábor Boros). *Kellék filozófiai folyóirat*, 32. szám (2007): 37–59.

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- [11ja] “Cartesian causation: body-body interaction, motion, and eternal truths.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, vol. 34, no. 4 (2003): 737–762.
- [10ja] “The Cartesian refutation of idealism.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 10, no. 4 (2002): 513–540.
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- [7ja] “What Has Cartesianism to Do with Jansenism?” *Journal of the History of Ideas*, vol. 60, no. 1 (1999): 37–56.
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- [3ja] “Human freedom and divine creation in Malebranche, Descartes and the Cartesians.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, vol. 2, no. 2 (1994): 3–50.
- [2ja] “Descartes and Malebranche on Mind and Mind-Body Union.” *Philosophical Review*, vol. 101, no. 2 (1992): 281–325.
- [1ja] “Platonism and Descartes’ view of immutable essences.” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 73. Bd., Heft 2 (1991): 129–170.

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- [46bc] “Cartesians and Anti-Cartesians in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.” In *The Cartesian Mind*, edited by Jorge Secada, Travis Tanner, and Cecilia Wee, 431–440. Routledge Philosophical Minds. London: Routledge, 2026.
- [45bc] “Introducing the Cartesian Brain” (with Damien Lacroux and Ruidan She). In *The Cartesian Brain: Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives*, edited by Denis Kambouchner, Damien Lacroux, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Ruidan She, 1–15. Routledge Studies in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy. London: Routledge, 2025.
- [44bc] “The Pineal Gland in Cartesianism.” In *The Cartesian Brain: Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives*, edited by Denis Kambouchner, Damien Lacroux, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Ruidan She, 167–192. Routledge Studies in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy. London: Routledge, 2025.
- [43bc] “Occasionalism, Powers, and Human Freedom in French Cartesianism.” In *Powers and Abilities in Early Modern Philosophy*, edited by Sebastian Bender and Dominik Perler, 64–82. Routledge Studies in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy. London: Routledge, 2024.
- [42bc] “Vitalistic Causation: More, Conway, Cavendish.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, edited by Karen Detlefsen and Lisa Shapiro, 74–86. Routledge Handbooks. London: Routledge, 2023.

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- [41bc] “French Cartesianisms in the 1690s: The Textbooks of Regis and Pourchot.” In *Descartes in the Classroom: Teaching Cartesian Philosophy in the Early Modern Age*, edited by Davide Cellamare and Mattia Montovani, 477–500. Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy and Science, vol. 35. Leiden, NL: Brill, 2023.
- [40bc] “Spinoza’s Mereology.” In *A Companion to Spinoza*, edited by Yizhak Melamed, 135–143. Blackwell Companions. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021.
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- [38bc] “Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia on the Cartesian Mind: Interaction, Happiness, Freedom.” In *Feminist History of Philosophy: The Recovery and Evaluation of Women’s Philosophical Thought*, edited by Eileen O’Neill and Marcy Lascano, 155–173. Feminist Philosophy Collection. Dordrecht, NL: Springer, 2019.
- [37bc] “Cartesian Causation and Cognition: Louis de la Forge and Géraud de Cordemoy.” In *Causation and Cognition: Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy*, edited by Dominik Perler and Sebastian Bender, 61–82. Routledge Studies in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy. London: Routledge, 2019.
- [36bc] “Claude Clerselier and the Development of Cartesianism.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*, edited by Steven Nadler, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Delphine Antoine-Mahut, 303–318. Oxford Handbooks. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
- [35bc] “Robert Desgabets and the Supplement to Descartes’s Philosophy.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*, edited by Steven Nadler, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Delphine Antoine-Mahut, 402–416. Oxford Handbooks. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
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- [33bc] “Continuous Creation and Cartesian Occasionalism in Physics.” In *Occasionalism: From Metaphysics to Science*, edited by Matteo Favaretti Camposampiero, Mariangela Priarolo, and Emmanuela Scribano, 41–60. The Age of Descartes/Descartes et son temps, vol. 2. Turnhout, BE: Brepols, 2018.

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- [31bc] “Spinoza and Descartes.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, edited by Michael Della Rocca, 63–83. Oxford Handbooks. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
- [30bc] “Descartes’s Critique of Scholastic Teleology.” In *The Modern Turn*, edited by Michael Rohlf, 54–73. Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy, vol. 60. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2017.
- [29bc] “Introduction to Universals in Modern Philosophy” (with Stefano Di Bella). In *Universals in Modern Philosophy*, edited by Stefano Di Bella and Tad M. Schmaltz, 1–12. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.
- [28bc] “Platonism and Conceptualism among the Cartesians.” In *The Problem of Universals in Early Modern Philosophy*, edited by Stefano Di Bella and Tad Schmaltz, 117–141. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.
- [27bc] “The Early Dutch Reception of *L’Homme*.” In *Descartes’ Treatise on Man and its Reception*, edited by Delphine Antoine-Mahut and Stephen Gaukroger, 71–90. Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, vol. 43. Dordrecht, NL: Springer, 2016.
- [26bc] “What is Ancient in French Cartesianism?” In *The Battle of Gods and Giants Redux: Papers Presented to Thomas M. Lennon*, edited by Patricia Easton and Kurt Smith, 23–43. Leiden, NL: Brill, 2015.
- [25bc] “Spinoza on Eternity and Duration: The 1663 Connection.” In *The Young Spinoza: A Metaphysician in the Making*, edited by Yitzhak Melamed, 205–220. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- [24bc] “Introduction to Efficient Causation.” In *Efficient Causation: A History*, edited by Tad M. Schmaltz, 3–19. Oxford Philosophical Concepts. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- [23bc] “Efficient Causation: From Suárez to Descartes.” In *Efficient Causation: A History*, edited by Tad M. Schmaltz, 139–164. Oxford Philosophical Concepts. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

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- [21bc] “Moral Evil and Divine Concurrence in the *Theodicy*.” In *New Essays on Leibniz’s Theodicy*, edited by Larry Jorgensen and Samuel Newlands, 135–152. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- [20bc] “Laws and Order: Malebranche, Berkeley, Hume.” In *The Divine Order, the Human Order, and the Order of Nature: Historical Perspectives*, edited by Eric Watkins, 105–126. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- [19bc] “What Has History of Science to Do with History of Philosophy?” In *Philosophy and Its History: New Essays on the Methods and Aims of Research in the History of Philosophy*, edited by Mogens Laerke, Eric Schliesser and Justin E. H. Smith, 301–323. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.
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‘Arnauld, Antoine’ (vol. 1, 287–293); ‘Cartesianism [addendum]’ (vol. 2, 60–61); ‘Condillac, Etienne Bonnet de’ (vol. 2, 420–424); ‘Desgabets, Robert’ (vol. 2, 757–760); ‘Jansenism’ (vol. 4, 788–791); ‘Malebranche, Nicolas’ (vol. 5, 663–673); ‘Nicole, Pierre’ (vol. 6, 603–604); ‘Regius (Henry de Roy)’ (vol. 8, 301–302).

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Work in Progress

Monograph Project

Suárez's Metaphysics: Transcendental and Analogical: In progress, a monograph that considers central aspects of the scholastic metaphysical system of the Spanish Jesuit Francisco Suárez (1548–1617), who was lauded during the seventeenth century as “Prince and Pope of all Metaphysicians” (*omnium Metaphysicorum Principis ac Papa*). This study focuses primarily on Suárez’s seminal text, *Disputationes metaphysicae* (1597), which develops a “transcendental” science of metaphysics that has as its principal object “being insofar as it is real being” (*ens in quantum ens reale*). Suárez’s version of this science attempts to mediate various competing “realist” and “nominalist” accounts of the nature of this object. In addition to offering this sort of transcendental metaphysics, Suárez addresses the foundational debate within scholasticism over whether the concept of being applies to objects in a “univocal” or merely “analogical” manner. With respect to this debate, Suárez once again proposes a middle way, one which highlights a form of analogy that takes on board certain univocalist views that are required for his transcendental metaphysics. In addition, Suárez’s analogical metaphysics includes an attempt to reconcile a traditional Aristotelian theory of the ten “categories” (namely, substance and nine kinds of accident) with his highly original and influential account of the fundamental distinction between a “thing” (*res*) and its “mode” (*modus*). Suárez’s metaphysics is examined throughout in the context of the relevant medieval and early modern scholastic debates with which he engaged, and it is related to a critical assessment of the recent claim of one commentator that his system “constitutes the inflection point between the Middle Ages and Modernity” (*constituye el punto de inflexión entre la Edad Media y la Modernidad*).

Journal Article

“Suárez on Unities, Relations, and Nominalism”: In progress.

Book Chapters

“Worm in the Blood: Spinoza on Finite and Infinite Modes”: In progress, for a prospective collection of essays on Spinoza’s theory of modes, to be edited by Emanuele Costa.

“Suárez and the Emergence of Modes”: In progress, for a collection of essays on modes in late medieval to early modern philosophy, to be edited by Sylvain Roudat and Kamil Majcherek, for the Brepols *Disputatio* series.

“Suárez, Accidental Categories, and Fundamental Metaphysics”: Complete draft, for a collection of essays in honor of Alan Nelson, to be edited by Patrick Connolly and Jan-Erik Jones, for Bloomsbury Publishing.

Work in Progress (cont.)

Book Chapters (cont.)

“Suárez and *De Auxiliis*: Middle Knowledge, Supercomprehension, Congruism”: Complete draft, for the open access collection, *Cognitive and Conative Powers: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives*, to be edited by Sebastian Bender, Stephan Schmid, and Markus Wild, for Schwabe Verlag.

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“Malebranche on Natural Inclinations and Motivation”: Complete draft, forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Malebranche*, to be edited by Colin Chamberlain, Eric Stencil, and Julie Walsh, for the Oxford University Press Handbook series.

“Malebranche, the Self, and the Rationalism/Empiricism Divide”: Complete draft, forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Malebranche*, to be edited by Colin Chamberlain, Eric Stencil, and Julie Walsh, for the Oxford University Press Handbook series.

Presentations

Lectures

“Suárez on Unities, Relations, and Nominalism”:

- Suárez conference, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Groningen, NL, April 2026.

“Spinoza’s Theory of Attributes in Scholastic Context”:

- The Cornell Modern Philosophy Roundtable, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, April 2025.

“Malebranche, the Self, and the Rationalism/Empiricism Divide”:

- Presentation for the philosophy graduate seminar, Augustine and Descartes, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, April 2025.

“Suárez and the Emergence of Modes”:

- “The Concept of Modes in 13th – 16th Century Philosophy,” Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Leuven, BE, March 2025 [online presentation].

Presentations (cont.)

Lectures (cont.)

“Suárez and *De Auxiliis*: Middle Knowledge, Supercomprehension, Congruism”:

- “The Cognitive and the Conative: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Rational Powers,” Universität Basil, Basil, CH, March 2025.

“Was Suárez an Essentialist in Metaphysics?”:

- “Francisco Suárez: Philosopher at the Crossroads,” Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, Toronto, CAN, October 2024.

“Descartes on Substance in the *Principia*”:

- Seminar on Descartes’s *Principia philosophiae* for candidates for the agrégation de philosophie, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, FR, October 2024.

“Suárez, Categorical Accidents, and Fundamental Metaphysics”:

- Department of Philosophy, Concordia University, Montreal, CAN, March 2024.

“Occasionalism, Powers, and Human Freedom in French Cartesianism”:

- “Powers and Abilities in Early Modern Philosophy,” sponsored by the Human Abilities Centre for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, DE, March 2023.

(Published version in [43bc])

“Cartesian Empiricisms”:

- Presentation for the philosophy graduate seminar, “Descartes and the Cartesian Century,” Princeton University, Princeton NJ, November 2022.

“The Located Subject of Thought: Revisiting Hobbes’s Critique of Descartes”:

- “Io sono/Je suis/I am/Ich bin in the Cartesian age,” sponsored by the Centro Dipartimentale di Studi su Descartes ‘Ettore Lojanco’ and the Centre d’études cartésiennes, online, April 2021.

(Published version with altered title in [30ja])

Presentations (cont.)Lectures (cont.)

“The Pineal Gland in Cartesianism”:

- “Cartesianism and Beyond: Philosophical Entanglements in the Early Modern Age,” Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice, IT, online, March 2022;
- “Journée d’étude sur le cerveau cartésien,” Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, FR, October 2019.

(Published version in [44bc])

“Descartes’s Indefinite, Again”:

- “Séminaire Mathesis,” École Normale Supérieure, Paris, FR, October 2019.

(Published version with altered title in [29ja])

“Suárez and Descartes on the Substantial Mode(s) of Union”:

- “Francisco Suárez, S.J.: Predecessors and Successors,” Loyola University, Chicago IL, April 2019.

(Published version with altered title in [25ja])

“Spinoza’s Mereology”:

- History of Philosophy Circle, Michigan State University, Lansing MI, February 2019;
- Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD, October 2018;
- “Spinoza: New Directions in Research,” University of Toronto, Toronto, CAN, September 2018.

(Published version in [40bc])

“Scholastic Quantity: Extension, Impenetrability, and Integral Parts”:

- “Substance in Early Modern Scholasticism,” Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Groningen, NL, June 2018.

(Published version with altered title in [26ja])

Presentations (cont.)

Lectures (cont.)

“Causation and Cognition: La Forge and Cordemoy”:

- “Causation and Cognition: Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy,” Humboldt Universität, Berlin, DE, June 2018.

(Published version in [37bc])

“The Metaphysics of Surfaces in Suárez and Descartes”:

- Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN, November 2017.

(Published version in [23ja])

“Family Feud: *L’Homme* in Internecine Cartesian Controversies”:

- Undergraduate Philosophy Club, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, October 2017;
- “Journée d'études cartésiennes,” Université libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, BE, March 2017;
- “The Book that Made Philosophy Modern: Descartes’s *Treatise on Man*, Philosophical, Scientific, and Art Historical Perspectives,” University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, April 2016.

“French Cartesian Physics: Qualitative vs. Quantitative”:

- “Teaching the New Science: The Role of Academia during the Scientific Revolution,” Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Groningen, NL, June 2017.

“Du *Radical Cartesianism* aux *Early Modern Cartesianisms*”:

- “Cartésianisme et radicalité,” ENS, Lyon, FR, June 2017.

“Cartesian Mereologies: Descartes and Spinoza”:

- “La substance matérielle dans la scolastique tardive et la philosophie modern,” ENS, Paris, FR, March 2017.

“L’Eucharistie chez Descartes et Desgabets”:

- “Querelles cartésiennes au XVIIème siècle,” ENS, Paris, FR, March 2017.

Presentations (cont.)

Lectures (cont.)

“Continuous Creation and Cartesian Occasionalism in Physics”:

- “Occasionalism: History and Problems,” Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice, IT, April 2015.

(Published version in [33bc])

“Cartesian Occasionalisms: Clauberg and Arnauld”:

- “Non-Descartes Cartesians,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia PA, December 2014;
- Tahoe Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Tahoe City CA, May 2014.

“Passive and Active Love in Descartes and Malebranche”:

- For an international symposium on Descartes’s *Passions de l’âme*, Centro Interdipartimentale di Studi su Descartes e il Seicento, Università del Salento, Lecce, IT, November 2014.

(Published version in [39bc])

“Descartes’s Critique of Scholastic Teleology”:

- Society for the History of Modern Philosophy, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH, August 2014;
- Toronto Modern Philosophy Research Group Talk, University of Toronto, Toronto, CAN, April 2014;
- Keynote presentation, “Symposium on Causality in Early Modern Thought,” Acadia University, Wolfville, CAN, September 2013;
- Keynote presentation, 5th Quebec Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, CAN, September 2013;
- École Normale Supérieure, Lyon, FR, May 2013;
- “The Modern Turn,” The Catholic University of America, Washington DC, November 2010;
- Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, October 2010.

(Published version in [30bc])

Presentations (cont.)Lectures (cont.)

“The Metaphysics of Rest in Descartes and Malebranche”:

- 2014 Henle Conference on Descartes, Saint Louis University, St. Louis MO, April 2014;
- Department of Philosophy, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, January 2014;
- Triangle History and Philosophy of Science Group, Research Triangle Park NC, September 2006 (with title, “The Metaphysics of Rest in Cartesian Physics”);
- Department of Philosophy, Washington University, St. Louis MO, November 2004 (with title, “The Metaphysics of Rest in Cartesian Physics”);
- 2014 Henle Conference on Descartes, Saint Louis University, St. Louis MO, April 2014;
- Department of Philosophy, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, January 2014;
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- Department of Philosophy, Washington University, St. Louis MO, November 2004 (with title, “The Metaphysics of Rest in Cartesian Physics”);
- Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, CAN, October 2004 (with title, “The Metaphysics of Rest in Cartesian Physics”);
- Joint meeting of the Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy and the Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, London, CAN, September 2004 (with title, “The Metaphysics of Rest in Cartesian Physics”);
- The Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA, February 2004 (with title, “The Metaphysics of Rest in Cartesian Physics”).

(Published version in [19ja])

“Galileo and Descartes on Copernicanism and the Cause of the Tides”:

- California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, February 2014;
- Conference on Galileo and Early Modern Philosophy, Hendrix College, Conway AK, April 2013.

(Published version in [20ja])

Presentations (cont.)Lectures (cont.)

“Laws and Order: Malebranche, Berkeley, Hume”:

- Séminaire Descartes (with title, “Les lois et l’ordre: Malebranche, Berkeley, Hume,” Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, FR, May 2013;
- Occasionalism conference, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, May 2013 (with title, “Laws and Order in Malebranche and Berkeley”);
- Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN, February 2012.

(Published version in [20bc])

“Platonism and Conceptualism among the Cartesians”:

- “International Conference on the Problem of Universals in Modern Philosophy” (*Il Problema degli Universali nella Filosofia Moderna*), Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Pisa, IT, November 2011;
- Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2011;
- Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC, October 2003.

(Published version in [28bc])

“What Has History of Science to Do with History of Philosophy”:

- “Workshop on the Methodology of the History of Philosophy,” Concordia University, Montréal, CAN, October 2011.

(Published version in [19bc])

“Spinoza on Eternity and Duration: The 1663 Connection”:

- “International Conference on the Young Spinoza,” The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD, September 2011.

(Published version in [25bc])

Presentations (cont.)

Lectures (cont.)

“From Suárez to Descartes”:

- “Workshop on the History of the Concept of Efficient Causation,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, May 2011.

(Published version with altered title in [23bc])

“Pure Love: Moral Motivation in Malebranche”:

- Department of Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY, April 2011.

(Published version with altered title in [31ja])

“From Causes to Laws: Descartes, Malebranche, Berkeley”:

- Department of Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY, April 2011;
- Department of Philosophy, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, March 2011;
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington NC, March 2009.

(Published version with altered title in [13bc])

“Moral Evil and Divine Concurrence in the *Theodicy*”:

- “Leibniz’s *Theodicy*: Context and Content,” University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN, September 2010.

(Published version in [21bc])

“*Causa Sui* and Created Truth in Descartes”:

- Department of Philosophy, The John Hopkins University, Baltimore MD, May 2010 (with title, “God as *Causa Sui* and Created Truth in Descartes”);
- Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, London, CAN, November 2009;
- Annual meeting of the Metaphysical Society of America, Washington DC, March 2006.

(Published version in [15bc])

Presentations (cont.)Lectures (cont.)

“What is Ancient in French Cartesianism?”:

- Bradshaw Conference on Early Modern Philosophy, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont CA, December 2009.

(Published version in [26bc])

“Descartes on the Extensions of Space and Time”:

- Congresso Internacional Descartes e Espinosa, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, BR, April 2009;
- “Early Modern Metaphysics and Mind” workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, October 2007;
- Department of Philosophy, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH, January 2007;
- “Understanding Space and Time,” the 3rd annual conference on “Issues in the History of Modern Philosophy,” New York University, New York NY, November 2006.

(Published version in [15ja])

“Malebranche and Leibniz on the Best of All Possible Worlds”:

- Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN, December 2008;
- Leibniz workshop, Institute for Philosophical Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, HU, December 2006.

(Published version in [16ja])

“Substantial Forms as Causes: From Suárez to Descartes”:

- Leiden-Duke Early Modern Workshop, Universiteit Leiden, Leiden, NL, September 2008;
- Workshop on early modern hylomorphism (for the Mellon Program, “The Guises of Reason”), California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, May 2008.

(Published version in [17bc])

Presentations (cont.)

Lectures (cont.)

“Primary and Secondary Causes in Descartes’s Physics”:

- Plenary talk for the British Society for the History of Philosophy spring conference, “Causation 1500–2000,” York, UK, March 2008.

(Published version in [14bc])

“Cartesianism in Crisis: The Case of the Eucharist”:

- “Workshop on Theology and Early Modern Philosophy,” Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, Helsinki, FI, February 2008.

(Published version in [12bc])

“Cartesian History and Anti-History”:

- “Philosophy and Its History,” Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida, Tampa FL, November 2007.

“Occasionalism and Mechanism: Fontenelle’s Objections to Malebranche”:

- Session on Occasionalism at the meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, High Point NC, February 2007;
- For the symposium, “Early Modern Theories of Causation,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2006.

(Published version in [14ja])

“Cartesian Freedom in Historical Context”:

- “Cartesianism in Europe, Cartesianism in Hungary,” Institute of Philosophy at Lorand Eötvös University Budapest, Budapest, HU, November 2006;
- The Margaret Dauber Wilson Conference, Grafton VT, June 2004;
- The 2003–2004 King’s College Lecture Series, “Descartes and the Modern, University of King’s College, Halifax, CAN, January 2004.

(Published version with altered title in [13ja], [10bc])

“Elisabeth’s Objections to Cartesian Interaction Reconsidered”:

- The 10th California Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, California State University at Long Beach, Long Beach CA, October 2006.

Presentations (cont.)Lectures (cont.)

“Deflating Descartes’s Causal Axiom”:

- New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy, Cambridge MA, June 2005;
- Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle WA, October 2004;
- The Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, October 2004 .

(Published version in [12ja])

“Malebranche on Natural and Free Loves”:

- The ContactForum, “The Concept of Love in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza to Kant,” Vlaams Academisch Centrum voor Wetenschappen en Kunsten (Flemish Academic Center for Science and the Arts), Brussels, BE, May 2005.

(Published version in [9bc])

“Scholasticism and the Role of God in Descartes’s Physics” and “Occasionalism and Anti-Occasionalism in Later Cartesian Physics”:

- NEH Summer Institute, *The Intersection of Philosophy, Science and Theology in the Seventeenth Century*, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, July 2004.

“Cartesian Causation: Body-Body Interaction, Motion, and Eternal Truths”:

- The Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy, Toronto, CAN, April 2003.

(Published version in [11ja])

“French Cartesianism in Context: The Paris Formulary and Regis’s *Usage*”:

- “Receptions of Descartes,” Duke University, Durham NC, March 2002.

(Published version in [6bc])

“Eternal Truths and Cartesian Metaphysics”:

- “Cartesianism and Its Legacy,” Department of Philosophy, University of California, Irvine CA, April 2001.

Presentations (cont.)Lectures (cont.)

“Cartesian Dualisms”:

- The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans LA, April 2001;
- Department of Philosophy, University of California, Irvine CA, April 2001.

“The Cartesian Refutation of Idealism”:

- Department of Philosophy, University of California at Irvine, Irvine CA, April 2001;
- Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, Toronto, CAN, March 2000;
- Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, London, CAN, March 2000.

(Published version in [10ja])

“A Tale of Two Condemnations: Two Cartesian Condemnations in 17th-Century France”:

- “Cartesianism and Its Opponents,” jointly sponsored by the Midwest Seminar for the History of Early Modern Philosophy (Chicago), the Centre d’Études Cartésiennes (Paris), and the Centro Interdipartimentale di Studi su Cartesiani e il Seicento (Lecce), Paris, FR, December 2000.

(Published version in [5bc])

“Divine Causation and the Death of Analogy: Descartes, Spinoza, Regis”:

- Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Blacksburg VA, November 1998.

(Published version with altered title in [9ja])

“What Has Cartesianism To Do with Jansenism?”:

- National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park NC, January 1998.

(Published version in [7ja])

“Spinoza on the Vacuum”:

- Midwest Seminar for the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Chicago IL, May 1997;
- The Intermountain Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, Logan UT, April 1997;

Presentations (cont.)

Lectures (cont.)

“Spinoza on the Vacuum” (cont.):

- Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg VA, January 1997.
(Published version in [8ja])

“Malebranche on Sensible Qualities”:

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco CA, April 1995.

“Malebranche’s Cartesianism and Lockean Colors”:

- Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Atlanta GA, November 1994.
(Published version in [5ja])

“Malebranche on Descartes on Mind-Body Distinctness”:

- British Society for the History of Philosophy Descartes Conference (in celebration of the 350th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of the *Meditations*), Reading, UK, September 1991.
(Published version in [4ja])

“Cartesian Platonism”:

- Canisius College, Buffalo NY, April 1988;
- Society for Classical Realism, Portland OR, March 1988.

Comments

Panelist for discussion of the edition of Descartes, *Œuvres complètes*, II-1 *Le Monde ou Traité de la lumière*, and II-2, *L’Homme. La Description du corps humain et autres écrits anatomiques et biologiques*, under the direction of Denis Kambouchner (2023), Forum Descartes, Utrecht, NL, January 2025.

[Other panelists: Annie Bitbol-Hespériès, Denis Kambouchner, Steven Nadler]

Panelist for “Author Meets Critics” session on Tarek Dika’s book, *Descartes’s Method: The Formation of the Subject of Science* (2023), Forum Descartes, Utrecht, NL, January 2025.

[Other panelist: Élodie Cassan, Tarek Dika]

Presentations (cont.)Comments (cont.)

Panelist for “Author Meets Critics” session on Jean-Pascal’s edition, *Correspondance René Descartes-Henry More* (2023), Forum Descartes, Paris, FR, January 2024.

[Other panelists: Jean-Pascal Anfray, Antonella Del Prete, Daniel Garber]

Workshop on my book, *The Metaphysics of the Material World: Suárez, Descartes, Spinoza* (2020), Spinoza and EMP Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, online, June 2021.

[With commentators Yitzhak Melamed, Alison Petermen, Stephan Schmid]

Workshop on my book, *The Metaphysics of the Material World: Suárez, Descartes, Spinoza* (2020), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN, April 2020.

[With commentators Jeff Brower, John Grey, Helen Hattab, Sydney Penner, Alison Peterman, Marleen Rozemond]

[Cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic]

University of Michigan Author’s Forum on my book. *Early Modern Cartesianisms: Dutch and French Constructions* (2017), Ann Arbor MI, March 2018.

[With discussant George Hoffman, Department of Romance Languages and Literature, University of Michigan]

Respondent for roundtable discussion of my book, *Early Modern Cartesianisms: Dutch and French Constructions* (2017), Séminaire Descartes, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, FR, March 2017.

[Other panelists: Jean-Pascal Anfray, Delphine Antoine-Mahut, Antonella Del Prete, Lucian Petrescu, Sophie Roux]

Panelist for roundtable discussion of Roger Ariew’s *Descartes and the First Cartesians* (2014), Séminaire Descartes, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, FR, January 2016.

[Other panelists: Roger Ariew, Domenico Collacciani, Martine Pécheran, Lucian Petrescu, Sophie Roux]

Commentator on Sukjae Lee’s “Leibniz on Formal Causation,” for the Leibniz Society of North America Conference 2015, Columbus OH, October 2015.

Presentations (cont.)Comments (cont.)

Panelist for roundtable discussion of my book, *Descartes on Causation* (paperback edn., 2013), Séminaire Descartes, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, FR, May 2013.

[Other panelists: Élodie Cassan, Vincent Carraud, Daniel Garber, Steven Nadler, Sophie Roux]

“The Mechanical Philosophy and Occasionalism: Reflections on *Descartes’ Metaphysical Physics*,” as panelist for the HOPOS Symposium, “*Descartes’ Metaphysical Physics*, 20 Years Young,” Halifax, CAN, June 2012.

[Other panelists: Dennis Des Chene, Daniel Garber]

Commentator on Eric Stencil’s “Arnauld’s Occasionalism,” for the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, February 2010.

Respondent for “Author Meets Critics” session on my *Descartes on Causation* (2008), American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York NY, December 2009.

[Critics: Daniel Garber, Steven Nadler]

Panelist for the session, “Teaching Women Philosophers and Other Non-Canonical Texts,” for the conference, “Women Philosophy, and History: A Celebration of Eileen O’Neill and her Work,” Barnard College, New York NY, October 2009.

[Other panelists: Ann Furgeson, Dan Kaufman, Andrew Platt, Marleen Rozemond, Jacqueline Taylor, Connie Titone, Sue Weinberg]

Commentator on Lisa Shapiro’s “‘The Institution of Nature’: Mind-Body Interaction, Causal Necessity and *The Passions of the Soul*,” for the conference “Nature and Purpose in Early Modern Philosophy,” Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network (SPAWN), Syracuse NY, August 2009.

Respondent for “Author Meets Critics” session on my *Descartes on Causation* (2008), American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, February 2009.

[Critics: Michael Della Rocca, Sukjae Lee]

Commentator on Sean Greenberg’s “Contexts of Malebranche Interpretation,” for the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver CA, April 2008.

Presentations (cont.)Comments (cont.)

Commentator on Lilli Alanen's "Cartesian *Scientia* and Human Psychology," for a workshop on naturalism in modern philosophy: University of South Carolina, Columbia SC, March 2007.

Commentator on Larry Nolan's "Imagination and Reason in Malebranche's Theory of the Vision in God" and Alison Simmons' "Guarding the Body: A Cartesian Phenomenology of Perception," for the symposium, "Malebranche on Perception," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco CA, March 2005.

Panelist for "Author meets Critics" session on Lilli Alanen's *Descartes's Concept of Mind* (2003), American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Boston MA, December 2004.

[Other panelists: Lili Alanen, Jorge Secada]

Panelist for "Author meets Critics" session on Steven Nadler's *Spinoza's Heresy: Immortality and the Jewish Mind* (2004), American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena CA, March 2004.

[Other panelista: Edwin Curley, Steven Nadler]

"Author Meets Critics" session on my *Radical Cartesianism: The French Reception of Descartes* (2002), American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco CA, March 2003.

[Critics: Roger Ariew, Monte Cook, Nicholas Jolley]

Commetator on Monte Cook's "Desgabets on the Creation of Eternal Truths," for the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle WA, March 2002.

Commentator on Raffaella De Rosa's "Descartes on the Representationality of Sensation: The Case of Materially False Ideas," for the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta GA, December 2001.

Commentator on Kurt Smith's "Descartes and Arnauld on Materially False Ideas," for the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia PA, December 1997

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

James B. and Grace J. Nelson Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, from 2010.

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, for the research project, *Early Modern Metaphysics and the Material World: Suárez, Descartes, Spinoza*, 2018.

Labex TransferS professeur invité, École Normale Supérieure–Paris, for the research project, *La métaphysique de la matière au début de l'époque moderne: Suárez, Descartes, Spinoza*, March 2017.

Michigan Humanities Award, for the research project, *Early Modern Cartesianisms*, 2013–2014.

Grants for the workshop, “Efficient Causation: The History of a Concept,” from the Office of the Dean of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts and the Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2011.

Grant for the conference, “Metaphysics and Psychology in Late Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy,” from the Imago Mundi Fund of the Foundation for the Carolinas, 2009.

Faculty member of the NEH Summer Institute, “The Intersection of Philosophy, Science and Theology in the Seventeenth Century,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, July 2004.

Support for the operation of the editorial office of the *Journal of the History of Philosophy* from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Duke University, 2003–2010.

Grants for the conference, “Receptions of Descartes,” from the Florence Gould Foundation, the Franklin J. Matchette Foundation, the Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation, and at Duke University from the Office of the Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies, the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs and Development, the Center for European Studies, and the Center for French and Francophone Studies, 2002.

Member of the NEH Summer Seminar, “Descartes and His Contemporaries: Scholastics and *Novatores*,” 2000.

Benjamin N. Duke Fellow, National Humanities Center, 1997–1998.

NEH Fellowship for University Teachers, 1993–1994.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards (cont.)

Annual Research Grant, Arts and Sciences Committee on Faculty Research (formerly, University Research Council), Duke University, 1990–1991, 1991–1992, 1992–1993, 1993–1994, 1994–1995, 1995–1996, 1997–1998, 2000–2001, 2001–2002, 2002–2003, 2004–2005.

Professional Meeting/Travel Support Grant, Arts and Sciences Committee on Faculty

Research (formerly, University Research Council), Duke University, 1991, 1994–1995, 1996, 1997, 1998–1999, 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002, 2002–2003, 2003–2004, 2004–2005, 2006.

Courses Taught

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor: From 2010

Undergraduate Lecture Courses and Seminars

Honors Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy (once under title, Problems of Philosophy)

Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion (sometimes includes consideration of Hindu, Buddhist, and Confucian traditions)

Medieval Philosophy: Augustine, Aquinas, Ockham

History of Philosophy: 17th & 18th Centuries

Early Modern Feminist Philosophy (including Princess Elisabeth, Cavendish, Du Châtelet, Gournay, Van Schuurman, Astell, Wollstonecraft)

Early Modern Theories of Causation

The Scientific Revolution (sometimes includes “The Trial of Galileo” role-playing game, from the “Reacting to the Past” series)

Skepticism: A History

The Methods of Science

Science and Objectivity (on the role of facts and values in science)

Descartes

Graduate Seminars

Causation in Early Modern Philosophy (Suárez, Descartes, Malebranche, Leibniz)

Spinoza’s *Ethics*

Substance in Continental Rationalism (Suárez, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz)

Women in Modern Philosophy (including Princess Elisabeth, Cavendish, Conway, Gournay, Van Schuurman, Astell, Wollstonecraft)

Independent Study: Hume’s Theory of Mind

Independent Study: Classics of Western Philosophy

Courses Taught (cont.)

École Normale Supérieure–Paris: March 2017

Séminaire du professeur invité

La métaphysique de la matière au début de l'époque moderne : Suárez, Descartes, Spinoza

Duke University: 1989–2010

Undergraduate Lecture Courses and Seminars

History of Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant
 Philosophy of Religion
 Introduction to Philosophy
 The Development of the Concept of Mind
 Medieval Philosophy: Late antiquity to 1277
 Independent Study: Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature

Graduate Seminars

Descartes's *Meditations on First Philosophy*
 Locke's *Essay concerning Human Understanding*
 Spinoza's *Ethics*
 Leibniz's Middle and Late Metaphysics
 Hume's *Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* and *Dialogues concerning Natural Religion*
 Hume's *Treatise of Human Nature*
 17th Century Metaphysics (with emphasis on Descartes and Malebranche)
 18th Century Metaphysics and Epistemology (with emphasis on Berkeley and Hume)
 Malebranche, Arnauld, and Leibniz
 Early Modern and Contemporary Approaches to the Metaphysics of Mind (team-taught with Güven Güzeldere from the Department of Philosophy)
 Early Modern Physics and Metaphysics (team-taught with Andrew Janiak from the Department of Philosophy)
 Newtonianism and British Empiricism (team-taught with Andrew Janiak from the Department of Philosophy)
 The Scientific Revolution (team-taught with Seymour Mauskopf from the Department of History)
 The Problem of Evil: Historical and Contemporary Discussions (Independent Study)
 Post-Positivist Theories of Science

University of Notre Dame: 1983–1989

Introduction to Philosophy
 Death and Dying
 Freshman Writing

Professional Activities

Editorships and Board Memberships	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>, From 2014 Governing Board, <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>, From 2023 Editor, <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i>, 2003–2010 Board of Directors, <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i>, 2003–2020; Secretary, 2015–2020 Comitato scientifico, <i>Noctua: La tradizione filosofica dall'antico al moderno</i>, From 2025 Conseil scientifique, <i>Alvearium</i>, From 2021 Board of Advisors, <i>Oxford Philosophical Concepts</i>, From 2010 Editorial Board, <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i>, From 2009 Editorial Board, <i>Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews</i>, From 2001
Workshop Organizer APA	“What Kind of Monist is Anne Finch Conway?”, a session sponsored by the committee of the <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>, for the APA Pacific Division Meetings, Vancouver BC, CA, April 2022
Workshop Organizer Michigan	Sixth Annual Franco-American Workshop in Modern Philosophy, Ann Arbor MI, June 2018 “Efficient Causation: The History of a Concept,” a workshop for The Oxford Philosophical Concepts volume, <i>Efficient Causation: A History</i>, Ann Arbor MI, May 2011
Organisateur d’Atelier ENS–Paris	With Jean-Pascal Anfray: “La substance materielle dans la scolastique tardive et la philosophie moderne,” Paris, FR, March 2017
Conference Organizer Duke	“Metaphysics and Psychology in Late Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy,” a conference in honor of the memory of Edward P. Mahoney, Durham NC, November 2009 With Seymour Mauskopf in the Department of History: History and Philosophy of Science, Medicine and Technology (HPSTM) conference, “Do Historians and Philosophers of Science Have Anything to Say to Each Other?”, Durham NC, March 2005 “Receptions of Descartes” (an international conference on Cartesianism and anti-Cartesianism in early modern Europe), Durham NC, March 2002

Professional Activities (cont.)

Program Committee	American Philosophical Association, Central Division, New Orleans LA, February 2024 Forum Descartes, Paris, FR, January 2024 Forum Descartes, Utrecht, NL, January 2025 Doctoriales internationales d'études malebranchists, Lyon, FR, October 2025 Forum Descartes, Torino, IT, May 2026
External Review Committee	School of Philosophy, University of Southern California (2025) Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky (chair) (2015) Department of Philosophy, Purdue University (2012)
External Referee for Tenure/Promotion	For 30 colleges and universities (confidential list available on request)
Grant/Fellowship Referee	Danish Council for Independent Research/DFR (Danmarks Frie Forskningsfond) German Academic Exchange Service/DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship (x) National Humanities Center (x) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada/ SSHRC (x) Templeton Research Fellowships in Early Modern Philosophy of Religion and Theology European Research Council/ERC (x = referee multiple times)
Manuscript Reader	Brill Publishers Cambridge University Press (x) Hackett Publishing Company Mayfield Publishing Company Oxford University Press (x) Routledge (x) Wiley Blackwell Publishing Company (x = reader multiple times)

Professional Activities (cont.)

Journal Referee

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly
Analysis
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie (x)
British Journal for the History of Philosophy (x)
Canadian Journal of Philosophy (x)
Church History and Religious Culture
Dialectica
Epoché
Ergo (x)
French Historical Studies
Historical Journal
History of European Ideas (x)
History of Philosophy Quarterly (x)
HOPOS (x)
Hume Studies
International Journal of Philosophical Studies
International Journal of the Platonic Tradition
Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Journal of Philosophical Research (x)
Journal of Spinoza Studies
Journal of the History of Ideas
Journal of the History of Philosophy (x)
Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy
Mind (x)
Noûs (x)
Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy (x)
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly
Paradigmi
Perspectives on Science
Philosophers' Imprint (x)
Philosophica: International Journal for the History of Philosophy
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Review (x)
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (x)
Religions
Religious Studies
Review of Metaphysics
Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale (x)
Society and Politics
Southern Journal of Philosophy (x)
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science

Professional Activities (cont.)

Journal Referee (cont.)	<i>Synthese</i> <i>The Seventeenth Century</i> <i>Vivarium</i> (x) (x = referee multiple times)
Dissertation Advisor	Sean Costello, <i>Early Modern Dualisms and Unities of Consciousness</i> (University of Michigan; in progress) Sherice Ngaserin Ng Jing Ya, <i>Towards a Buddhist Metaphysics of Gender</i> (University of Michigan; defended 2023) Chloe Armstrong, <i>Modality in Leibniz's Philosophy</i> (University of Michigan; defended 2015) Sanem Soyarslan, <i>The Distinction between Reason and Intuitive Knowledge in Spinoza's Ethics: Two Ways of Knowing, Two Ways of Living</i> (Duke University, co-advisor with David Wong; defended 2011) Joel Schickel, <i>Freedom of the Will, Passion, and Virtue in Descartes's Theory of Judgment</i> (Duke University; defended 2005)
Dissertation Committee Member	Elif Yildirim, <i>Isolation and Solitude in Early China</i> (Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan; in progress) Andrew Mayo, <i>Method and Analogy in Hellenistic Medicine</i> (Classical Studies, University of Michigan; defended 2025) Lianghua Zhou, <i>Aristotle on Boundaries</i> (University of Michigan; defended 2024) Van Tu, <i>Aristotle on Practical Rationality: Deliberation, Preference Ranking, and the Imperfect Decision-Making of Women</i> (University of Michigan; defended 2020) Umer Shaikh, <i>Aristotle's Theory of Causal Powers</i> (University of Michigan; defended 2019) Elizabeth Jelinek, <i>Platonic Teleology Through an Aristotelian Lens</i> (Duke University; defended 2008)

Professional Activities (cont.)

Dissertation Committee Member (cont.)	Caery Evangelist, <i>Medieval Intelligibility: The Relationship Between Mind, World and Transcendental Truth in the Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas</i> (Duke University; defended 2005)
	Michael Muth, <i>The Augustinian Background of Bonaventure's Doctrine of Order</i> (Duke University; defended 2001)
	Thomas Osborne, <i>The Natural Love of God Over Self: The Role of Self-Interest in Thirteenth-Century Ethics</i> (Duke University; defended 2001)
	Elizabeth Schiltz, <i>Sophrosune and Mania: The Rise and Study of Moral Psychology</i> (Duke University; defended 1999)
	Gokhan Adalier, <i>The Structure of Judgments and Knowledge in Plato's Theaetetus</i> (Duke University; defended 1998)
	Donald Carson, <i>Being and Truth: Elements of Aristotle's Philosophy of Language</i> (Duke University; defended 1996)
	Gillian Brock, <i>On the Moral Importance of Needs</i> (Duke University; defended 1993)
	Michael Gass, <i>Kant's Moral Essentialism</i> (Duke University; defended 1990)
External Dissertation Examiner	Samuel Le Gendre, <i>Le droit à la persévérance dans l'être : Inertie du mouvement, des choses, et des créatures, XIII^e-XVII^e siècles.</i> (École Normale Supérieure–Paris; defended 2024)
	Ruidan She, <i>Descartes et le problème de l'action</i> (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne; defended 2021)
	Stephen Zylstra, <i>Immanent Causation in Spinoza and Scholasticism</i> (University of Toronto; defended 2018)
	Julia Jorati, <i>Finite Minds as Little Gods: Leibniz on Final Causation and Freedom</i> (Yale University; defended 2013)

Professional Activities (cont.)

External Dissertation Examiner (cont.)	Brandon Watson, <i>The External World and the Fall from Reason: Malebranche's Account of Our Knowledge of the Existence of Bodies</i> (University of Toronto; defended 2006)
External Habilitation Jury Member	Jean-Pascal Anfray, <i>Recherches sur la métaphysique au XVII^e siècle</i> (Habilitation à diriger des recherches) (Université Paris IV Sorbonne; defended 2019)
External Research Advisor	Juliana Abuzagio Elias Martins (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro), "Descartes's Ontological Argument" (2018–2019) Ruidan She (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne), "Descartes's Account of Voluntary Action" (Spring 2016) Otávio Luiz Kajeviski Júnior (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro), "The Free Creation of Eternal Truths according to Descartes" (2012–2013) Paola Nicolas (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne), "La connaissance de l'âme chez les cartésiens français du XVII ^e siècle" (Fall 2011)
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor	Leila Pastore, "Descartes's Account of Sensation in <i>Comments on a Certain Broadsheet</i> " (University of Michigan; defended 2014)
Service: Michigan	Faculty Grievance Hearing Board, 2019 Rackham Integrity Board, 2013–2019 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship Committee, 2012–2014 Senate Assembly Tenure Advisory Committee, 2011–2014 Philosophy Department Department Chair, 2019–2027 Chair, Placement Committee, 2018–2019 GSI Training and Instruction Committee, 2014–2017 Chair, GSI Training and Instruction Committee, 2016–2017 Member, Chinese Philosophy Search Committee, 2016–2017 Chair, History of Modern Philosophy Search Committee, 2014–2015 Events Coordinator, 2014–2016, 2022–2024 Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), 2010–2013, 2014–2016 Chair of GSC, 2011–2013 Chair, Tanner Library Committee, 2010–2013

Professional Activities (cont.)

Service: Michigan (cont.) Philosophy Department (cont.)

Course Scheduling Director, 2012–2013
Development Director, 2010–2011

Service: Duke

Misconduct in Research Committee, 2006–2010
Director, Graduate Certificate Program in HPSTM, 2006–2007
Executive Committee, Arts and Sciences Council, 1998–2000
Arts and Sciences Council, 1997–2000
Advisor, Pre-Major Advising Center, 1989–1992
Philosophy Department
Department Chair, 2007–2009
Director of Graduate Studies, 2001–2007
Colloquium Coordinator, 1994–1997, 1998–2000
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 1992–1993
Graduate Recruitment Director, 1989–1992, 1994–1996, 1998–2000

Member

American Philosophical Association

Research Languages

French (advanced reading, writing, and speaking); Latin (advanced reading); German (intermediate reading); Italian (beginning reading)