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## **Area of Specialization**

Early Modern Philosophy

## **Academic Appointments**

Professor of Philosophy, Hendrix College, 2012–present  
Morriss and Ann Henry Odyssey Professor of Philosophy, 2012–present  
Director, Steel Center for the Study of Philosophy and Religion, 2012–present

Associate Professor, Hendrix College, 2002–2012  
Morriss and Ann Henry Odyssey Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2010–2012  
Department Chair, 2005–2009; 2010–2011

Assistant Professor, Hendrix College, 1998–2002

Visiting Assistant Professor, Saint Anselm College, 1995–1998

## **Education**

Ph.D., Marquette University, 1995  
Dissertation: *Malebranche and the Cartesian Problem of the Unconscious*  
M.A., The Catholic University of America, 1989  
B.A., The College of William and Mary, 1987

## **Book**

*Gerauld de Cordemoy: Atomist, Occasionalist, Cartesian* (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2005).

## **Articles**

“Newtonian vs. Newtonian: Baxter and MacLaurin on the Inactivity of Matter.” *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 11 (Spring 2013): 15–23.

“Hutcheson, Perception, and the Sceptic’s Challenge.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 20 (March 2012): 269–281.

“James Beattie, Practical Ethics, and the Human Nature Question.” *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 10 (Spring 2012): 1–12.

“Gabriel Biel and Occasionalism: Overcoming an Apparent Tension” (with J. Aaron Simmons). *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 28 (April 2011): 159–173.

“Heretics Everywhere: On the Continuing Relevance of Galileo to the Philosophy of Religion” (with J. Aaron Simmons). *Philosophy and Theology* 22 (Spring–Summer 2010): 49–76.

“Millar on Slavery.” *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 7 (Fall 2009): 163–75.

“François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46 (October 2008): 619–29.

“Knowing Our Nature: A Note on Régis’ Response to Malebranche.” *History of European Ideas* 33 (June 2007): 135–41.

“Why It Matters that I’m Not Insane: The Role of the Madness Argument in Descartes’s First Meditation.” *International Philosophical Quarterly* 47 (March 2007): 79–89.

“Berkeley, Archetypes, and Errors.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 43 (December 2005): 493–504.

“Almog’s Descartes.” *Philosophy* 80 (July 2005): 423–31.

“A Note on Hahn’s Philosophy of Logic.” *History and Philosophy of Logic* 23 (2002): 37–42.

“Kelly and McDowell on Perceptual Content.” *The Electronic Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 7 (2002). <<http://ejap.louisiana.edu/EJAP/2002/Ablondi.html>>

“Malebranche and Knowledge of the Soul.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 73 (Autumn 1999): 371–81.

“A Note on De Mairan and Spinozism.” *North American Spinoza Society Monograph* 8 (1999): 41–45.

“Le Spinoziste Malgré Lui?: Malebranche, De Mairan, and Intelligible Extension.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 15 (April 1998): 191–203.

“Automata, Living and Non-Living: Descartes’ Mechanical Biology and His Criteria for Life.” *Biology and Philosophy* 13 (April 1998): 179–86.

“Schlick, Altruism and Psychological Hedonism.” *Indian Philosophical Quarterly* 23 (July-October 1996): 417–27.

“Causality and Human Freedom in Malebranche.” *Philosophy and Theology* 9 (Spring-Summer 1996): 321–31.

“Death According to Descartes: Why the Soul Leaves the Body.” *Iyyun* 44 (January 1995): 47–53.

“Individual Identity in Descartes and Spinoza” (with Steve Barbone). *Studia Spinozana* 10 (1994): 69–91.

“*Ideae Idearum* in Spinoza’s *Ethics*.” *Lyceum* 6 (Spring 1994): 19–24.

“Malebranche, Solipsism and Divine Revelation.” *Sophia* 33 (March 1994): 43–50.

“A Spinozistic Account of Self-Deception.” *North American Spinoza Society Monograph* 1 (1993): 1–18.

“Descartes and Atheism: A Response to Polk.” *Concept* 15 (Spring 1992): 69–74.

### Reviews, Review Essays, and Encyclopedia Entries

Entries for: Pierre de Bérulle, William Cavendish, Géraud de Cordemoy, Jean du Hamel, Bernard Lamy, François Lamy, Oratorians, Philosophy, Nicolas-Joseph Poisson, and Jean de Silhon in *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Lawrence Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), forthcoming.

Silvia Parigi (ed.), *George Berkeley: Religion and Science in the Age of Enlightenment*. *Metascience* 21 (2012): 681–683.

“Absolute Beginners: Learning Philosophy by Learning Descartes and Berkeley.” *Metascience* 19 (2010): 385–389.

Tom Sorell, *Descartes Reinvented*. *Review of Metaphysics* 60 (2006): 426–27.

“Géraud de Cordemoy,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/cordemoy/> (January 2005)

Tad M. Schmaltz, *Malebranche's Theory of the Soul: A Cartesian Interpretation*. *Philosophical Review* 107 (1998): 352–55.

John Yolton, *Perception and Reality: A History from Descartes to Kant*. *Review of Metaphysics* 50 (1997): 928–29.

Oliver Bloch (ed.), *Spinoza au XX<sup>e</sup> siècle*. *Studia Spinozana* 10 (1994): 322–23.

Theo Verbeek, *Descartes and the Dutch*. *Dialogue* 37 (1994): 35–36.

James Petrik, *Descartes' Theory of the Will*. *Dialogue* 36 (1994): 79–80.

Patricia Easton, Thomas Lennon, and Gregor Sebba (eds.). *Bibliographia Malebranchiana*. *Dialogue* 35 (1993): 65.

Stuart Brown (ed.) *Nicolas Malebranche: His Philosophical Critics and Successors*. *Dialogue* 35 (1992): 27–28.

### Other Publications

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Lowe.” In *The Red Sox and Philosophy* (Chicago: Open Court Press, 2010): 325–333.

“Epistemic Vagueness?” *Think* 8 (Summer 2009): 47–50.

“Retroactive Identity Ascriptions, Empty Questions, and Intrinsic Relations.” *Think* 7 (Winter 2008): 93–96.

“Vagueness: An Introduction (Sort Of).” *Philosophy Now* (Winter 1999/2000): 20–21.

### In Preparation

#### Book

*The Philosophy of Galileo: An Introduction*

#### Article

Malebranche, with Some Help from Audi (with J. Aaron Simmons)

### Presentations

“Beattie on Human Nature”

Practical Ethics and the Scottish Philosophical Tradition, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 2010

“Descartes, His Meditator, and the Source of Our Childhood Prejudices”

North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas, April 2008

“François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem”

Pacific Division meeting of the APA, Portland, Oregon, March 2006

South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Baylor University, November 2005

“Is Gabriel Biel Really an Occasionalist?: Occasionalism, God, and the Power of Created Substances in Late Medieval Thought”

Midwest Seminar on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Western Michigan University, May 2004

“Cordemoy on Language and the Mind-Body Union”

South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas Tech University, October 2002

“God, Causality, and the New Science: Malebranche’s Reply to Suarez”

Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Central Arkansas, February 2002

“Kelly and McDowell on Perceptual Content”

Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, October 2000

“Hahn’s Conception of Numbers as Something Other Than Objects”

Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, October 1999

“Anthropic Considerations and Explanation”

Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bowdoin College, October 1997

“Malebranche Contre Lui?: De Mairan, Spinozism, and Intelligible Extension”

North American Spinoza Society, New York, December 1995

### **Upper-Level Courses Taught, 2003–2013**

Seventeenth & Eighteenth Century Philosophy

Philosophy of Mind

Epistemology

Metaphysics

Spinoza

Scottish Philosophy

Early Analytic Thought

### **Service to the Profession**

Vice-President, North American Spinoza Society (2004-present)

Referee for *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Sophia*, *Philosophia*, *North American Spinoza Society Monograph Series*

### **Service to the College**

Appointed Member, Steering Committee for the freshman core course “The Engaged Citizen,” 2012-present

Appointed Member, Student Experience Subcommittee of the 2022 Strategic Vision Committee, 2012-present

Elected Member, Committee on Committees, 2012-2014  
 Council of New Student Advisors, 2000-2002; 2003-2004; 2005-2007; 2008-2010; 2012-  
 Member, Athletic Advisory Council, 2010-11 (Chair, Spring 2011)  
 Elected Member, Committee on Committees, 2008-2010  
 Elected Member, Council on Academic Policy and Committee on Academic and  
     Professional Concerns, 2005-2008  
 Member, President's Budget Advisory Committee, 2005-2008  
 Faculty Advisor, KHDX 93.1 FM (Hendrix Radio Station), 2003-2010  
 United Way Campaign Coordinator, Hendrix College, 2003-2006  
 Chair, Student Life Committee, 2003-2004  
 Elected Member, Committee on Committees, 2002-2004  
 Appointed Member, Strategic Task Force for the Student Communications Study, 2002-  
     2003  
 Member, Student Life Committee, 2002-2003  
 Faculty Advisor for the Student Senate, 2002-2003  
 Member, College Judicial Council, 2000-2002; alternate, 2002-2008  
 Faculty Advisor, Hendrix College Philosophy Club, 1998-2009  
 Member, Committee on Library and Learning Resources, 1998-2000

## References

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