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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2012– Professor, Hendrix College
Department Chair, Spring 2016; 2020–2023
2012–2018 Director, Steel Center for the Study of Religion and Philosophy
2002–2012 Associate Professor, Hendrix College
Department Chair, 2005–2009; 2010–2011
1998–2002 Assistant Professor, Hendrix College
1995–1998 Visiting Assistant Professor, Saint Anselm College

EDUCATION

1995 Ph.D. Marquette University (Dissertation: “Malebranche and the Cartesian Problem of the Unconscious,” Thomas Prendergast Director)
1989 M.A. The Catholic University of America
1987 B.A. The College of William and Mary

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND INTEREST

AOS: Early Modern Philosophy
AOC: Epistemology, Metaphysics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2016 *Reading Nature's Book: Galileo and the Birth of Modern Philosophy*
Peter Lang Publishing
2005 *Gerauld de Cordemoy: Atomist, Occasionalist, Cartesian*
Marquette University Press

Articles & Book Chapters

- 2023 “On Splitting the Atom: Cordemoy’s Cartesianism and the Indivisibility of Bodies”
History of Philosophy Quarterly 40: 222–36.
- 2019 “‘He Has Created a Schism in Philosophy’: The Cartesianism of Géraud de Cordemoy”
in *The Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*, Oxford University Press, edited by Steven Nadler, Tad Schmaltz, and Delphine Antoine-Mahut: 332–43
- 2018 “Bernard Lamy, Empiricism, and Cartesianism”
History of European Ideas 44: 149–58
- 2017 “Malebranche and Suarez on Secondary Causation: A Contemporary Consideration” (coauthored with J. Aaron Simmons)
in *Occasionalism East and West*, Research and Media Publications, edited by Nazif Muhtaroglu: 167–85
- 2013 “Newtonian vs. Newtonian: Baxter and MacLaurin on the Inactivity of Matter”
Journal of Scottish Philosophy 11: 15–23
- 2012 “Hutcheson, Perception, and the Sceptic’s Challenge”
British Journal for the History of Philosophy 20: 269–81
- 2012 “James Beattie, Practical Ethics, and the Human Nature Question”
Journal of Scottish Philosophy 10: 1–12
- 2011 “Gabriel Biel and Occasionalism: Overcoming an Apparent Tension” (coauthored with J. Aaron Simmons)
History of Philosophy Quarterly 28: 159–73
- 2010 “Heretics Everywhere: On the Continuing Relevance of Galileo to the Philosophy of Religion” (coauthored with J. Aaron Simmons)
Philosophy and Theology 22: 49–76
- 2009 “Millar on Slavery”
Journal of Scottish Philosophy 7: 163–75
- 2009 “Epistemic Vagueness?”
Think 8: 47–50
- 2008 “François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem”
Journal of the History of Philosophy 46: 619–29

- 2008 “Retroactive Identity Ascriptions, Empty Questions, and Intrinsic Relations”
Think 7: 93–96
- 2007 “Knowing Our Nature: A Note on Régis’ Response to Malebranche”
History of European Ideas 33: 135–41
- 2007 “Why It Matters that I’m Not Insane: The Role of the Madness Argument in Descartes’s First Meditation”
International Philosophical Quarterly 47: 79–89
- 2005 “Berkeley, Archetypes, and Errors”
The Southern Journal of Philosophy 43: 493–504
- 2005 “Almog’s Descartes”
Philosophy 80: 423–31
- 2002 “A Note on Hahn’s Philosophy of Logic”
History and Philosophy of Logic 23: 37–42
- 2002 “Kelly and McDowell on Perceptual Content”
The Electronic Journal of Analytic Philosophy 7 (3,193 words)
- 1999 “Malebranche and Knowledge of the Soul”
American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly 73: 371–81
- 1999 “A Note on De Mairan and Spinozism”
North American Spinoza Society Monograph 8: 41–45
- 1998 “Le Spinoziste Malgré Lui?: Malebranche, De Mairan, and Intelligible Extension”
History of Philosophy Quarterly 15: 191–203
- 1998 “Automata, Living and Non-Living: Descartes’ Mechanical Biology and His Criteria for Life”
Biology and Philosophy 13: 179–86
- 1996 “Schlick, Altruism and Psychological Hedonism”
Indian Philosophical Quarterly 23: 417–27
- 1996 “Causality and Human Freedom in Malebranche”
Philosophy and Theology 9: 321–31
- 1995 “Death According to Descartes: Why the Soul Leaves the Body”
Iyyun 44: 47–53
- 1994 “Individual Identity in Descartes and Spinoza” (coauthored with Steve Barbone)
Studia Spinozana 10: 69–91

- 1994 “*Ideae Idearum* in Spinoza’s *Ethics*”
Lyceum 6: 19–24
- 1994 “Malebranche, Solipsism and Divine Revelation”
Sophia 33: 43–50
- 1993 “A Spinozistic Account of Self-Deception”
North American Spinoza Society Monograph 1: 1–18
- 1992 “Descartes and Atheism: A Response to Polk”
Concept 15: 69–74

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2016 “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*, Cambridge University Press, edited by Lawrence Nolan
- 2005 “Géraud de Cordemoy”
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (4,470 words)

Book Reviews

- 2020 Review of Matteo Favaretti Camposampiero, Mariangela Priarolo, and Emanuela Scribano (eds.), *Occasionalism: From Metaphysics to Science*, Brepols 2018
Journal of the History of Philosophy 58: 404–405
- 2015 Review of Géraud de Cordemoy, *Six Discourses on the Distinction between the Body and the Soul and Treatises on Metaphysics* (trans. Steven Nadler), Oxford 2015
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (1,467 words)
- 2015 Review of Alexander Broadie, *Agreeable Connexions: Scottish Enlightenment Links with France*, Birlin 2012
Journal of Scottish Philosophy 13: 123–26
- 2012 Review of Silvia Parigi (ed.), *George Berkeley: Religion and Science in the Age of Enlightenment*, Springer 2011
Metascience 21: 681–83
- 2006 Review of Tom Sorell, *Descartes Reinvented*, Cambridge 2005
Review of Metaphysics 60: 426–27

- 1998 Review of Tad M. Schmaltz, *Malebranche's Theory of the Soul*, Oxford 1996
Philosophical Review 107: 352–55
- 1997 Review of John Yolton, *Perception and Reality*, Cornell 1996
Review of Metaphysics 50: 928–29
- 1994 Review of Oliver Bloch (ed.), *Spinoza au XX^e siècle*, Presses Universitaires de France 1993
Studia Spinozana 10: 322–23
- 1994 Review of Theo Verbeek, *Descartes and the Dutch*, Southern Illinois University 1992
Dialogue 37: 35–36
- 1994 Review of James Petrik, *Descartes' Theory of the Will*, Hollowbrook 1992
Dialogue 36: 79–80
- 1993 Review of Patricia Easton, Thomas Lennon, and Gregor Sebba (eds.), *Bibliographia Malebranchiana*, Southern Illinois University 1992
Dialogue 35: 65
- 1992 Review of Stuart Brown (ed.), *Nicolas Malebranche: His Philosophical Critics and Successors*, Van Gorcum 1991
Dialogue 35: 27–28

Other Publications

- 2018 Convener (with introduction), Book Symposium on Jack Hill, *Adam Ferguson and Ethical Integrity*
Syndicate Philosophy
- 2015 “Galileo and Early Modern Philosophy” (Editor, Special Issue, with introduction)
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science 51
- 2010 “Absolute Beginners: Learning Philosophy by Learning Descartes and Berkeley”
Metascience 19: 385–89
- 2010 “What We Talk About When We Talk About Lowe”
in *The Red Sox and Philosophy*, edited by Michael Macomber, Open Court Press: 325–33
- 1999 “Vagueness: An Introduction (Sort Of)”
Philosophy Now: 20–21

TALKS, COLLOQUIA, ETC.

- May 2013 “Occasionalism and Secular Reason: Malebranche, Suarez, and Audi,” The Theory of Occasionalism: East and West, Harvard Divinity School
- March 2012 “Hutcheson, Benevolence, and the Personal Virtue of Justice,” Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Hendrix College
- March 2010 “Beattie on Human Nature,” Practical Ethics and the Scottish Philosophical Tradition, Princeton Theological Seminary
- April 2008 “Descartes, His Meditator, and the Source of Our Childhood Prejudices,” Meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas
- March 2006 “François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Portland
- Nov 2005 “François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Baylor University
- May 2004 “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
- Oct 2002 “Cordemoy on Language and the Mind-Body Union,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas Tech University
- Feb 2002 “God, Causality, and the New Science: Malebranche’s Reply to Suarez,” Meeting of the Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Central Arkansas
- Oct 2000 “Kelly and McDowell on Perceptual Content,” Meeting of the Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
- Oct 1999 “Hahn’s Conception of Numbers as Something Other Than Objects,” Meeting of the Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- Oct 1997 “Anthropic Considerations and Explanation,” Meeting of the Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bowdoin College
- Dec 1995 “Malebranche Contre Lui?: De Mairan, Spinozism, and Intelligible Extension,” Meeting of the North American Spinoza Society, New York City

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- Nov 2017 South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, 17th Annual Meeting, Hendrix College
- April 2013 Galileo and Modern Philosophy, Hendrix College

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for:

The Journal of the History of Philosophy
History of Philosophy Quarterly
The British Journal for the History of Philosophy
Journal of Modern Philosophy
The Southern Journal of Philosophy
Sophia
Philosophia
North American Spinoza Society Monograph Series

Vice-President, North American Spinoza Society, 2004–2014

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE (HENDRIX COLLEGE)

- 2023–2025 Elected Member, Committee on Committees
- 2023–2025 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2020–2023 Chair, Committee on Academic Appeals
- 2020–2022 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2019–2020 Member, Committee on Academic Appeals
- 2018 Invited Member, Nomination Committee for Cutting-Edge Curriculum Award
- 2017–2018 Member, College Conduct Committee
- 2016–2017 Member, Committee on Teacher Education
- 2016–2017 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2014–2016 Member, Committee for Diversity Concerns
- 2012–2014 Appointed Member, Steering Committee for the new freshman core course “The Engaged Citizen”
- 2012–2014 Member, Student Experience Subcommittee of the 2022 Strategic Vision Committee
- 2012–2014 Elected Member, Committee on Committees
- 2012–2014 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2010–2011 Appointed to and served on the Library Services Job Search Committee
- 2010–2011 Member, Athletic Advisory Council
- 2008–2010 Elected Member, Committee on Committees
- 2008–2010 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2007–2008 Appointed to and served on the History Department Job Search Committee

- 2006–2007 Appointed to and served on the Psychology Department Job Search Committee (2 positions)
- 2006–2007 Appointed to and served on the Biology Department Job Search Committee (2 positions)
- 2005–2008 Elected Member, Council on Academic Policy and Committee on Academic and Professional Concerns
- 2005–2008 Member, President’s Budget Advisory Committee
- 2005–2007 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2005–2006 Appointed to and served on the Religion Department Job Search Committee
- 2003–2010 Faculty Advisor, KHDX 93.1 FM
- 2003–2006 United Way Campaign Coordinator, Hendrix College
- 2003–2004 Chair, Student Life Committee
- 2003–2004 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2002–2004 Elected Member, Committee on Committees
- 2002–2003 Appointed Member, Strategic Task Force for the Student Communications Study
- 2002–2003 Member, Student Life Committee
- 2002–2003 Faculty Advisor for the Student Senate
- 2001–2002 Appointed to and served on the Psychology Department Job Search Committee
- 2000–2002 Member, College Judicial Council (alternate, 2002–2008)
- 2000–2002 Council of New Student Advisors
- 2000–2001 Chair, Foundations Course sub-committee on the Greek Unit
- 1999–2000 Appointed to and served on the Art Department Job Search Committee
- 1999–2000 Appointed to and served on the Politics Department Job Search Committee
- 1999–2000 Convener, Curriculum Committee’s sub-task force on the Ethics and Values Learning Domain
- 1998–2009 Faculty Advisor, Hendrix College Philosophy Club
- 1998–2000 Member, Committee on Library and Learning Resources