

# CURRICULUM VITÆ

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## **Personal**

Born 13 February 1966, in Burlington, Vermont. Married with five children. Citizen of the United States.

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## **Employment**

Associate Professor, Hendrix College, 2002-present

Department Chair, 2005-present

Assistant Professor, Hendrix College, 1998-2002

Visiting Assistant Professor, Saint Anselm College, 1995-1998

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Early Analytic Thought

## **Education**

Marquette University, Ph.D. (philosophy), 1990-1995

The Catholic University of America, M.A. (philosophy), 1987-1989

The College of William and Mary, B.A., 1983-1987

DISSERTATION:

*Malebranche and the Cartesian Problem of the Unconscious*

Advisor:

Thomas Prendergast

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

French, Latin

## **Publications**

### **BOOK**

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

### **ARTICLES**

“François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem.” *Journal for the History of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

“Knowing Our Nature: A note on Régis’ response to Malebranche.” *History of European Ideas* 33 (June 2007), 135-141.

- “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* LXXIII (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* XXIII (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.
- “*Idea* *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* XV (Spring 1992): 69–74.

## REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Review of Tom Sorell, *Descartes Reinvented*. *Review of Metaphysics* 60 (2006): 426–27.
- Encyclopedia Article (“Géraud de Cordemoy”) in the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, uploaded January 2005 <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/cordemoy/>>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Review of *Bibliographia Malebranchiana*. *Dialogue* 35 (1993): 65.

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

## **Presentations**

“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

“Paying the Explanatory Gap No Mind”

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, April 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

“A Paradox of Vagueness”

Lyon College, April 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

“A Spinozistic Account of Self Deception”  
North American Spinoza Society, Chicago, April 1993

### **Fellowships and Grants**

Faculty Project Grant (for research at Harvard’s Houghton Library), Hendrix College, 2005  
Faculty Project Grant (for participation in Minor Entities Workshop, Geneva, Switzerland),  
Hendrix College, 2004  
John P. Raynor Fellowship, Marquette University, 1994-1995

### **Teaching**

#### **RECENT UPPER DIVISION COURSES**

Scottish Philosophy  
Epistemology  
Metaphysics  
Philosophy of Mind  
Early Analytic Philosophy  
Seminar on Identity and Persistence  
Seminar on Spinoza

#### **RECENT LOWER DIVISION COURSES**

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy  
Introduction to Philosophical Questioning  
Introduction to Logic

### **Service to the Profession**

Vice-President (2004-present), North American Spinoza Society  
Served as referee for: *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Sophia*

### **Service to the College**

Elected Member, Council on Academic Policy and Committee on Academic and Professional  
Concerns, 2005-2008  
Member, President’s Budget Advisory Committee, 2005-2008  
Council of New Student Advisors, 2000-2002; 2003-2004; 2005-2007  
Faculty Advisor, KHDX 93.1 FM (Hendrix Radio Station), 2003-present  
Faculty Advisor, Hendrix College Philosophy Club, 1998-present  
United Way Campaign Coordinator, Hendrix College, 2003-2006  
Chair, Student Life Committee, 2003-2004  
President, AAUP (Hendrix Chapter), 2002-2006  
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, 2002-2004  
Secretary, AAUP (Hendrix Chapter), 2000-2002  
Member, Committee on Library and Learning Resources, 1998-2000