

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Special Fields:

Early Modern Philosophy

Degrees:

B.A., University of California, Irvine, 1990 (*Phi Beta Kappa*)
M.A., University of California, Irvine, 1993
Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, 1997

Academic Experience:

Assistant Professor, Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach, 1997-2003
Associate Professor, Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach, 2003-2007
Chair, Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach, 2004-2007
Associate Professor, Philosophy, Marquette University, 2007—present

I. PUBLICATIONS

A. Research Articles and Book Chapters

“The Dustbin Theory of Mind: A Cartesian Legacy?” (with John Whipple)
Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy (2006), 33-55
eds. Daniel Garber and Steven Nadler

“Proofs for the Existence of God” (with Alan Nelson)
The Blackwell Guide to Descartes’ Meditations (2006), 104-121
Blackwell Publishing: ed. Stephen Gaukroger

“The Ontological Argument as an Exercise in Cartesian Therapy”
Canadian Journal of Philosophy 35 (December 2005), 521-562.

“The Role of the Imagination in Rationalist Philosophies of Mathematics”
A Companion to Rationalism (2005), 224-249
Blackwell Publishing: ed. Alan Nelson

“Self-Knowledge in Descartes and Malebranche” (with John Whipple)
Journal of the History of Philosophy 43 (January 2005), 55-81.

“Malebranche’s Theory of Ideas and Vision in God”, (14,871 words)
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, ed. Edward N. Zalta (November 2003)

“Descartes’ Ontological Argument”, (7,671 words)
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, ed. Edward N. Zalta (June 2001)
(REVISED Oct. 2006)

“Descartes’s Theory of Universals”,
Philosophical Studies, vol. 89, Nos. 2-3 (March 1998), 161-180.

“Reductionism and Nominalism in Descartes’s Theory of Attributes”,
Topoi, vol. 10, No. 2 (September 1997), 129-140.

“The Ontological Status of Cartesian Natures”,
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, vol. 78, No. 2 (June 1997), 169-194.

B. Book Reviews

“Review of Peter Schouls’ *Descartes and the Possibility of Science*”
Philosophical Quarterly, vol.52, No.208 (July 2002), 394-397.

“Review of Murray Miles’ *Insight and Inference: Descartes’s Founding Principle and Modern Philosophy*”, *The Philosophical Review*, vol. 111, No.1 (January 2002)

“Review of John Yolton’s *Perception and Reality: A History from Descartes to Kant*”
Eighteenth-Century Studies, vol. 33, No. 4 (Summer 2000), 593-596.

“Review of E.J. Lowe’s *Locke on Human Understanding*” (with Alan Nelson)
Philosophia, vol. 27, Nos. 3-4 (November 1999), 665-668.

II. OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

A. Public Presentations (selected)

“Malebranche on Intelligible Extension and Vision in God”
Department of Philosophy Colloquium
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
October 5, 2007

“Malebranche on Intelligible Extension and Vision in God”
2nd International Conference on Philosophy
ATINER (Athens Institute for Education and Research)
Athens, Greece: June 4-7, 2007

“What are Descartes’ Most Fundamental Metaphysical Intuitions?”
Department of Philosophy Colloquium
Marquette University, February 12, 2007

Commented on “Rethinking the Ontology of Cartesian Essences” by Raffaella De Rosa
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting (Washington, D.C.)
December 29, 2006

Commented on “Malebranche’s Soft Dualism” by Monte Cook
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting (Portland, OR)
March 24, 2006

“Descartes on the Non-status of Colors”
Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
February 25, 2006

“Why the Notion of Substance is *Not* Descartes’ Metaphysical Starting Place,”
Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy
University of Chicago, November 11-12, 2005

“Imagination and Reason in Malebranche’s Theory of Vision in God,”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting (San Francisco)
Symposium on Cartesianism
March 24, 2005

“Cartesian Trialism on Trial,”
Descartes’ Concept of a Human Being, his Dualism, and his Ethics (one-day symposium)
International Society for the Study of European Ideas (IX International Conference)
University of Navarra; Pamplona, Spain; August 3, 2004

“Seeing Double: Malebranche’s Two Theories of Vision in God”
New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy
Harvard University; June 6, 2004

Commented on “Hume’s Volte-Face on Personal Identity,” by Glenn Branch
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting (Pasadena)
March 25, 2004

“Descartes and Malebranche on the Dustbin Theory of Mind,” (with John Whipple)
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting (San Francisco)
March 28, 2003

“Descartes and Malebranche on the Dustbin Theory of Mind,” (with John Whipple)
Southeastern Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy
UNC, Chapel Hill; November 16, 2002

“Descartes and Suárez on the Essence-Existence Distinction,”
Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy
University of Toronto, April 14, 2002

“Descartes and Suárez on the Essence-Existence Distinction,”
South Central Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy
Loyola University (New Orleans), April 12, 2002

“Descartes and Malebranche on Self-Knowledge,”
Philosophy Department
California State University, Northridge; October 24, 2001

“Descartes and Malebranche on Self-Knowledge,” (with John Whipple)
The Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy
University of Chicago, April 28, 2001

Commented on “Hylomorphism, the Organism and Material Unity in Descartes”,
by Karen Detlefsen (University of Pennsylvania)
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (San Francisco)
March 30, 2001

Commented on “Descartes on Achieving Clarity and Distinctness” by Lex Newman
Northern California Conference on Modern Philosophy
UC Berkeley, October 13, 2000

“The Cartesian Theory of Distinctions”,
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar:
“Descartes and His Contemporaries”
Virginia Tech, July 11, 2000

“Spinoza on the Relation between the Divine Attributes”,
History of Philosophy Speaker Series
CSULB, May 2, 2000

“The Ontological Argument and Cartesian Therapy”,
Department of Philosophy Colloquium
Emory University, February 17, 2000

“The Ontological Argument and Cartesian Therapy”,
New England Colloquium in Modern Philosophy
Harvard University, November 6, 1999

“Descartes’ Ontological Argument: An Exercise in Cartesian Analysis”,
1999 Intermountain Seminar on Modern Philosophy
University of Colorado, Denver; April 23, 1999

Commented on "Peach Trees, Spirits, and God: Locke on Superaddition",
by Marleen Rozemond and Gideon Yaffe
Fifth Annual California Conference on Modern Philosophy
UC Berkeley, September 12, 1998

Commented on "Cartesian Composites" by Paul Hoffman
Fourth Annual California Conference on Modern Philosophy
UC Irvine, June 1997

“Descartes’ Theory of Universals”,
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
Berkeley, March 1997

“Descartes’ Theory of Universals”,
Department of Philosophy Colloquium,
Stanford University, January 1997

“Cartesian Attributes”,
Department of Philosophy Colloquium,
UC Irvine, November 1996

“The Role of the Rational Distinction in Cartesian Physics”,
Descartes, Cartesianism, and Anti-Cartesianism Conference,
UC Irvine, June 1996

Commented on “The Status of the Corpuscularian Hypothesis in Locke’s *Essay*”,
by Lisa Downing
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division,
Seattle, April 1996

“The Ontological Status of Cartesian Natures”,
Conference on Early Modern Philosophy,
Stanford University, May 27, 1995

III. TEACHING

A. California State University, Long Beach

Graduate

Descartes' Metaphysics
History of Skepticism
Teaching Philosophy (college pedagogy)

Upper Division and Graduate

British Empiricism
Continental Rationalism
Descartes & Malebranche: Special Topics in Modern Philosophy
Ethics: Special Topics
Medieval Philosophy

Upper Division

Metaphysics
Philosophy of Religion
Undergraduate Honors Seminar in Philosophy

Lower Division

History of Modern Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy
Critical Thinking - University Honors Program

B. Marquette University

Graduate

Descartes Seminar (scheduled spring 2008)

Undergraduate

Philosophy and Human Nature

IV. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Book Manuscript Referee

Oxford University Press, Routledge, Stanford University Press

Journal Referee

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Perspectives on Science, Journal of Philosophical Research