

CURRICULUM VITAE

Thomas L. Prendergast

Associate Professor of Philosophy

Marquette University

Special Fields: Early Modern Philosophy, American Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind

Degrees:

B.S., Chemistry, University of Notre Dame, 1955

M.S., Chemistry, University of Minnesota, 1957

M.A., Philosophy, St. Louis University, 1966

Ph.D., Philosophy, St. Louis University, 1968

Academic Experience:

University of Minnesota, Teaching Fellow, Chemistry, 1955-57

St. Louis University, Teaching Fellow, Philosophy, 1964-66

Fontbonne College, Lecturer, 1962-66

Maryville College, St. Louis, Assistant Professor, 1966-68

Marquette University, Assistant Professor, 1968-75

Marquette University, Associate Professor, 1975-present

Loyola University of Chicago, Rome Center of the Liberal Arts, Visiting Professor, 1997-98

I. PUBLICATIONS

A. Articles

“Descartes and the Relativity of Motion,” *The Modern Schoolman*, 50, 1 (November, 1972), 64-72 (refereed)

“Motion, Action, and Tendency in Descartes' Physics,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* XIII, 4 (October, 1975), 453-462 (refereed)

“The Structure of the Argument in Peirce's 'Questions concerning Certain Faculties Claimed for Man,’” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* XII, 4 (Fall, 1978), 288-305 (refereed)

“Descartes and the Relativity of Motion” and “Motion, Action, and Tendency in Descartes' Physics,” reprinted in George J. D. Moyal ed. *Descartes: Critical Assessments*, 4 vols.

London: Routledge, 1991: Vol. IV, 89-100, 100-109

“Descartes: Immortality, Human Bodies, and God's Absolute Freedom,” *The Modern Schoolman*, LXXI (November, 1993): 17-46 (refereed)

B. Book Reviews

Ernest Conrad Specht, *The Foundations of Wittgenstein's Philosophy*. New York, N.Y., Barnes & Noble, 1969 in *The Modern Schoolman*, XLVIII (May, 1971): 406-407

Peter Winch, *Studies in the Philosophy of Wittgenstein*. New York, N.Y.: Humanities Press, 1969 in *The Modern Schoolman*, XLVIII (May 1971): 422-423

Harry Frankfurt, *Demon, Dreamers, and Madmen: The Defense of Reason in Descartes' Meditations*. Indianapolis; Bobbs-Merrill, 1970 in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, XII (June, 1972): 303-305

Martial Gueroult, *Descartes Interpreted according to The Order of Reasons. Vol I*. translated by Roger Ariew, Minneapolis, MN: U. of Minnesota Press, 1984 in *The Modern Schoolman*, LXV, January, 1988: 138-140

Walter Soffer, *From Science to Subjectivity: An Interpretation of Descartes' Meditations*. New York, N.Y.: Greenwood Press, 1987 in *Canadian Philosophical Review* Vol. 9, 2 February, 1989: 78-80

John Cottingham, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Descartes*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992 in *Canadian Philosophical Review* 13 (August 1993): 146-148

Andrew Reck, Tibor Harvath, Thomas Krettek, & Stanley Grean, eds. *American Philosophers' Ideas of Ultimate Reality and Meaning. U.R.A.M. Monographs*, Toronto: Toronto University Press, 1994 in *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, XXXI (Winter 1995): 239-246

C. Editorial Work

Editor, *Dialogue*, Journal of Phi Sigma Tau, National Honorary Philosophy Fraternity, 1974-1996.

Occasional reviewer of Seventeenth-century philosophy and American philosophy proposals for the NEH

Occasional referee for papers submitted to *Theology and Philosophy* journal, Marquette University.

II. OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

“Descartes and the Relativity of Motion,” American Philosophical Association Meeting (Western Division), Chicago, IL, April, 1970.

Commentator for Robert Hannaford's, “Strawson's Prescriptive Metaphysics,” Wisconsin Philosophical Association, U-W Stevens Point, March, 1973

Commentator for Robert Kimball's "Is Consciousness an Invention," American Philosophical Association Meeting (Western Division), Milwaukee, WI, May, 1981

Program Director, American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, April, 1985

"Immortality, Material Substance, and the Power of God," Midwest Society of Christian Philosophers Meeting, Loras College, Dubuque, IA, October, 1986

Commentator for Marleen Rozemond's "The Beasts and Us: How Knowing the Difference Gives us Hope for Immortality." 350th Anniversary of the Discourse on Method: Descartes Conference, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, April, 1988

"Descartes: Immortality, Human Bodies, and the Freedom of God," Midwest Seminar on the History of Early Modern Philosophy, U. of Chicago, November, 1991

Visiting Professor, NEH Faculty Development Institute, Illinois Benedictine College, Naperville, IL, "The Scientific Revolution," June 1-4, 1993

Panel respondent for George Dickie's "The Institutional Theory of Art," Loyola University Rome Center, March, 1998

Paper for MU Philosophy Department Lecture Series, September, 1999: "Descartes: The Rational Soul as the Only Soul and the Place of Sensation in It."

"Descartes: The Rational Soul as the Only Soul and Sensation's Place in It." Spring Meeting of the Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, University of Chicago, April 28, 2001

TEACHING

A. Graduate Course Taught

Descartes

Classical British Empiricism

Hume

Peirce

The Later Wittgenstein

British Analytic Philosophy

Whitehead

Philosophy of Mind

Philosophy of Freedom

B. Undergraduate Courses Taught

Philosophy of Human Nature

Theory of Ethics

Metaphysics

Modern Philosophy

American Philosophy

Late Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Analytic Philosophy

Ancient Philosophy

Peirce

Problem of Immortality

Immortality of the Soul and Resurrection of the Body

IV. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Philosophical Association

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Charles S. Peirce Society

Hume Society

Society of Christian Philosophers

V. ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Carnegie Summer Institute, "Analytic Philosophy," U. of Notre Dame, 1968

Marquette University Summer Faculty Fellowship, 1977

Mellon Grant, "Audiovisual Biography of Descartes," 1982-83

Mellon Grant, "Audiovisual Biography of Descartes," 1984-85

Phi Delta Phi, National French Honors Society, 1985

NEH Summer Seminar, "Descartes and His Contemporaries," Cornell University, 1986

Visiting Professor, NEH Faculty Development Institute, Benedictine College, Illinois, "The Scientific Revolution," June 1-4, 1993

Mellon Grant, "Visual Enhancement of Undergraduate Teaching," 1999-2000

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