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Research areas

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History and philosophy of science, early modern philosophy, metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of religion, philosophy of science, philosophy of physics, philosophical logic, medieval philosophy

Education

- 2022 YALE UNIVERSITY, PhD, Philosophy
– Dissertation: *Spinoza, Explained*
– Committee: Michael Della Rocca (advisor), Kenneth Winkler, Sun-Joo Shin, Alison Peterman (external)
- 2017 THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, MA, Philosophy
- 2016 THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BA, Philosophy, Mathematics, Physics (minor)

Academic Appointments

- 2023-2024 VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Texas A&M University, Department of Philosophy
- 2022-2023 VISITING LECTURER, Mount Holyoke College, Department of Philosophy
- 2021-2022 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Connecticut College, Department of Philosophy
- 2021-2022 LECTURER, Princeton University, Department of Philosophy

Publications

Articles

- 2022 [LEMANS AND PROSLOGION 15](#), *Analysis*, doi: 10.1093/analys/anac045 (online first)
- 2022 [ON THE NECESSITY OF PRIORITY MONISM](#), *Erkenntnis*, doi: s10670-022-00551-9 (online first)
- 2022 [ESSENCE, EXPERIMENT, AND UNDER-DETERMINATION IN THE SPINOZA-BOYLE CORRESPONDENCE](#), *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, 12(2): 447–484, doi: 10.1086/721136
- 2022 [THOMAS REID ON INDUCTION AND NATURAL KINDS](#), *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, 20(1): 1-18, doi: 10.3366/jsp.2022.0317
- 2021 [ON SOME LEIBNIZIAN ARGUMENTS FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF SUFFICIENT REASON](#), *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 37(2): 143-162

Book chapters

- Forthcoming [DU CHÂTELET'S FIRST COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT](#), in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Émilie Du Châtelet* (Fatema Amijee ed.), Bloomsbury Academic Press
- Forthcoming [EULER CONTRA DU CHÂTELET AND WOLFF ON THE COMPOSITION OF EXTENSION](#), in *Émilie Du Châtelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff – Similarities and Differences* (Clara Carus and Jeffrey McDonough eds.), Springer
- Forthcoming Entry on [Robert Boyle](#), in *The Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon* (Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg eds.), Cambridge University Press

Forthcoming Entry on [Henry Oldenburg](#), in *The Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon* (Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg eds.), Cambridge University Press

Forthcoming Entry on [Georg Hermann Schuller](#), in *The Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon* (Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg eds.), Cambridge University Press

In preparation

Articles

- An article on Spinoza's views of space and motion (under review)
- An article on the late scholastic background to Spinoza's and Descartes' rejection of final causal explanations (under review)
- An article on Isaac Barrow's account of number and magnitude and its relation to his solution of some classical paradoxes of infinite divisibility (under review)
- An article on Spinoza's rejection of final causal explanations (under review)
- An article on the modal collapse objection to the principle of sufficient reason (under review)
- An article giving a direct argument for the principle of sufficient reason from negative facts (under review)

Books

- A monograph on Spinoza's conception of scientific explanation (under consideration at Oxford University Press)

Public philosophy

2023 ["Harry Frankfurt identified what may be the quintessential feature of contemporary culture,"](#) *The Boston Globe*

Teaching Experience

As primary instructor

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

2022-2023 Introduction to Philosophy; 17th Century Philosophy

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

2022-2023 Introduction to Philosophy; Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Science; Symbolic Logic; Spinoza on God, Freedom, the Passions, and Immortality

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

2021-2022 Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Logic

As teaching assistant or equivalent

YALE UNIVERSITY

2020-2021 Introduction to Modern Philosophy (for Keith DeRose); Infinity (for Mark Maxwell)

2018-2019 First-Order Logic (for Elizabeth Miller); Computability and Logic (for Sun-Joo Shin)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

2021-2022 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (for Adam Lerner); Introductory Logic (for Una Stojnic)

Conference Proceedings

Papers

- "Isaac Barrow on Some Paradoxes of Infinity Divisibility"
 - Central APA (2023; postponed until 2024)
 - 1st UT Early Modern Philosophy Conference, University of Texas at Austin (2022)
 - 32nd Novembertagung (2021)
- "Du Châtelet's Cosmological Argument"

- New Voices Talk Series, University of Paderborn (2022)
- Conference on Émilie Du Châtelet’s relation to Leibniz and Wolff, University of Paderborn (2022) (withdrawn)
- “A Short Argument for the Principle of Sufficient Reason”
 - Cogtweeto (2021)
 - 75th Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference (2021)
- “Spinoza on Space and Motion”
 - Spinoza and Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Johns Hopkins University (2021)
- “Applied Mathematics and Abstraction in Spinoza”
 - Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale (2020) (canceled due to COVID)

Comments

- Comments on Melamed, “The PSR in Early Modern Philosophy,” PSR @ Yale (2022)
- Comments on Gomez-Sanchez, “Naturalness by Law,” Eastern APA (2021)

Service to the Profession

As symposium chair

- Chair, author meets critics session on Wayne Myrvold, *Beyond Chance and Credence*, Eastern APA (2023)
- Chair, symposium on Aaron Wells, “Du Châtelet’s Libertarianism,” Central APA (2022)
- Chair, author meets critics session on Eugene Garver, *Spinoza and the Cunning of the Imagination*, Eastern APA (2022)

As reviewer

Reviewer for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (x1), *Inquiry* (x1), *Problemas* (x1), *Res Philosophica* (x1), *Review of Metaphysics* (x1)

As editor

- Section editor at PhilPapers, for sections Spinoza: Causation and Spinoza: Time

Coursework (*=audit)

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

2016-2017 Aristotelian Philosophical Psychology (with Stephen Ogden), Kant’s First Critique (with Eckhart Förster), Formal Methods of Philosophy (with Justin Bledin), Philosophy of Language: *What if* Questions (with Justin Bledin and Kyle Rawlins), Foundational Principles of Metaphysical Rationalism (with Yitzhak Melamed and Justin Bledin), Modal Logic (with Justin Bledin), Non-locality for the Layperson (with Robert Rynasiewicz), Speculation: Scientific and Philosophical (with Peter Achinstein)

YALE UNIVERSITY

2017-2018 Descartes (with Michael Della Rocca), Moral Theories of Moore and Ross (with Shelly Kagan), Philosophy of Logic (with Sun-Joo Shin), Proseminar (with Robin Dembroff and Michael Della Rocca), Computability and Logic (with Sun-Joo Shin), Hume and Reid (with Kenneth Winkler)

2018 -2019 Kant’s Philosophy of Religion (with John Hare), Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics (with Elizabeth Miller), Tutorial on Leibniz and Spinoza (with Michael Della Rocca), Leibniz* (with Michael Della Rocca), Philosophy of Mathematics* (with Sun-Joo Shin)

2019-2020 Causation in Early Modern Philosophy* (with Michael Della Rocca and Kenneth Winkler)

2020-2021 Metaphysics* (with Laurie Paul), Spinoza* (with Michael Della Rocca), Idealization and Model-Building in Science and Philosophy* (with Daniel Greco and Timothy Williamson), Early Modern Philosophy of Language* (with Kenneth Winkler and Zoltan Szabo)

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

2019-2020 Contemporary Arguments for God’s Existence* (with Robert Koons)

Research Languages

English, Latin (classical and medieval: reading, with dictionary), French (modern: reading; middle: reading, with dictionary), Spanish (fluent)

References

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