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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The University of Western Ontario

London, ON, Canada

Associate Professor (with tenure), 2011–present
Assistant Professor, 2005–2011

Sogang University

Seoul, South Korea

Distinguished Foreign Visiting Professor, 2017

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Omaha, NE, USA

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2005

Illinois Wesleyan University

Bloomington, IL, USA

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2003–2004

EDUCATION

University of Iowa

Ph.D. – Philosophy, 2003

University of Iowa

M.A. – Philosophy, 1999

Simpson College

B.A. – Philosophy, Mathematics, History, 1994

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION | History of Early Modern Philosophy (1600-1750), History of Late Medieval Philosophy (1450-1600), History of Early Modern Science and Medicine, Early Modern Moral Philosophy and Natural Law, History of the Philosophy of Mind, History of the Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE | Epistemology, Early Modern Political Theory, History of Feminism, Medieval Philosophy (500-1450), Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Food, Food Values and Food Policy, Economic Theory and Food Values

PUBLICATIONS

Books

5. *Reconsidering Causal Powers: Historical and Conceptual Perspectives*. Edited with Henrik Lagerlund and Stathis Psillos. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.
4. *The Routledge Companion to 16th Century Philosophy*. Edited with Henrik Lagerlund. New York: Routledge, 2017.
3. *Sourcebook in the History of Philosophy of Language: Primary Source Texts from the Pre-Socratics to Mill*. Edited with Margaret Cameron and Robert Stainton. Dordrecht: Springer, 2016.
2. *The Language of Nature: Re-conceptualizing the Mathematization of Science*. Edited with Geoffrey Gorham and Ed Slowik. Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2016.
1. *The Philosophy of Francisco Suárez*. Edited with Henrik Lagerlund. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Translations

Selections of Géraud de Cordemoy's *A Discourse on Speech*. In *The History of the Philosophy of Language: A Sourcebook*. Edited by Margaret

Cameron, Benjamin Hill, and Robert Stainton. 563–583 Dordrecht: Springer, 2017.

Journal Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes

27. “Common Use in Locke’s Philosophy of Language.” In *Locke’s An Essay concerning Human Understanding: A Critical Guide*. Edited by Matthew Leisinger. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
26. “Berkeley’s Arguments for Idealism.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Berkeley*. Edited by Samuel Rickless, 64–100. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190873417.001.0001>
25. “Locke on Language.” In *The Lockean Mind*, edited by Jessica Gordon-Roth and Shelley Weinberg, 167–80. New York: Routledge 2021. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315099675>
24. Introduction to *Reconsidering Causal Powers: Historical and Conceptual Perspectives*. With Henrik Lagerlund and Stathis Psillos. Edited by Benjamin Hill, Henrik Lagerlund, and Stathis Psillos. 1–44. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198869528.001.0001>
23. “The Ontological Status of Causal Powers: Substances, Modes, and Humeanism.” In *Reconsidering Causal Powers: Historical and Conceptual Perspectives*. Edited by Benjamin Hill, Henrik Lagerlund, and Stathis Psillos, 121–48. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198869528.001.0001>
22. “Language.” In *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*. Edited by Dana Jalobeanu and Charles Wolfe. 1–8. Springer, Cham 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9>
21. “The Philosophy of Francisco Suarez: Central Themes.” In *Jesuit Philosophy on the Eve of Modernity*. Edited by Cristiano Casalini. 373–402. Boston: Brill, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004394414>
20. “Knowledge in the Sixteenth Century.” In *Knowledge in Medieval Philosophy*. Edited by Henrik Lagerlund, 233–266. New York: Bloomsbury, 2018.
19. “Domingo de Soto.” In *Great Christian Jurists in Spanish History*. Cambridge Law and Christianity Book Series. Edited by John Witte, Jr. 134–156. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108624732>

18. "Space, Matter, and Motion in the Sixteenth Century." In *The Routledge Companion to Sixteenth Century Philosophy*. Edited by Benjamin Hill and Henrik Lagerlund. New York: Routledge, 2017.
17. (Co-written with Henrik Lagerlund). "Ethics." In *The Routledge Companion to Sixteenth-Century Philosophy*. Edited by Benjamin Hill and Henrik Lagerlund. New York: Routledge, 2017.
16. (Co-written with Margaret Cameron). Introduction to *The History of the Philosophy of Language: A Sourcebook*. Edited by Margaret Cameron, Benjamin Hill, and Robert Stainton. 1–18. Dordrecht: Springer 2017.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-26908-5>
15. "Academic Skepticism and the Early Royal Society." In *Academic Scepticism in the Development of Early Modern Philosophy*. Edited by Sebastian Charles and Plinio Smith. 103–124. Dordrecht: Springer 2016.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-45424-5>
14. (Co-written with Geoffrey Gorham and Ed Slowik). Introduction to *The Language of Nature: Reassessing the Mathematization of Nature: Philosophy of the Seventeen Century*. Geoffrey Gorham, Benjamin Hill, Ed Slowik. 1–51. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2016.
<https://doi.org/10.5749/j.ctt1d390rg>
13. "Locke on the Names of Modes." In *Linguistic Content: New Essays on the History of Philosophy of Language*. Edited by Robert Stainton and Margaret Cameron. 176–200. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198732495.001.0001>
12. "Academic Skepticism in the Early Royal Society." *Science et Esprit*, 65/3 (2013): 343–358.
11. Introduction to *The Philosophy of Francisco Suárez*. Edited by Benjamin Hill and Henrik Lagerlund. 1–22. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199583645.001.0001>
10. "Locke on Propositions and Assertion" *Modern Schoolman*, 85 (2008): 187–205.
9. "The Reverse Achilles in Locke." In *The Achilles of Rationalist Psychology*. Edited by Tom Lennon and Robert Stainton, 133–138. Dordrecht: Springer, 2008.
8. "The Aristotelian Notion of Substantial Form and the Rise of Contemporary Science." *The Saint Anselm Journal*, Fall 2007.

7. "Why We Can No Longer Rationally Believe that our Intellective Soul is a Substantial Form: On the Degringolade of the Simplicity Argument." *The Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: Intelligence and Philosophy of Mind*, 80 (2006): 127-139.
6. "Reconciling Locke's Definition of Knowledge with Knowing Reality." *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 44 (2006): 91-105.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.2041-6962.2006.tb00005.x>
5. "'Resemblance' and Locke's Primary-Secondary Quality Distinction." *Locke Studies* 4 (2004): 98-122.
4. "Locke's Modes: Ideas as Properties." *Southwest Philosophy Review* 20 (2004): 173-182.
3. "Newton's *De gravitatione et aequipondio fluidorum* and Lockean Four-Dimensionalism." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 11 (2003): 309-321.
2. "Locke's Refutation of Innatism—*Essay*. I.ii," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 18 (2002): 123-134.
1. "What Hylas should have said to Philonous: A Problem with Berkeley's Account of Perceptual Error." *Southwest Philosophy Review* 16 (2000): 23-31.

Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, and Critical Notes

37. Review of Emma Borg and Sara Fishers's, *Meaning: A Very Short Introduction*, with Robert J. Stainton. In *Philosophy in Review* 44 (3), (Aug 2025): 5-8.
36. Review of the book *Socializing Minds: Intersubjectivity in Early Modern Philosophy*, by Martin Lenz. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 62, no.4, (2024): 665-667. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/hph.2024.a938341>.
35. Review of Stewart Duncan, *Materialism from Hobbes to Locke*. *Crítica. Revista Hispanoamericana De Filosofía*, 56, no.168, (2024): 77-80.
<https://doi.org/10.22201/iifs.18704905e.2024.1570>
34. Review of *John Locke's Christianity*, by Diego Lucci. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 61, no.2, (2023): 331-332. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/hph.2023.0028>.

33. Review of "The Problem of Universals in Early Modern Philosophy." Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. January 4, 2018.
<https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/the-problem-of-universals-in-early-modern-philosophy/>.
32. Review of Sosa's *Epistemology*. In *The European Legacy*, 23, no.5, (2018): 583-585. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10848770.2018.1437989>
31. "Montaigne." In *The History of the Philosophy of Language: A Sourcebook*. Edited by Margaret Cameron, Benjamin Hill, and Robert Stainton, 487-489. Dordrecht: Springer, 2017.
30. "Locke." In *The History of the Philosophy of Language: A Sourcebook*. Edited by Margaret Cameron, Benjamin Hill, and Robert Stainton, 581-583. Dordrecht: Springer, 2017.
29. Review of Nicholas Jolley's *Locke's Touchy Subjects: Materialism and Immortality*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 54, no. 3 (July 2016): 503-504. <https://doi.org/10.1353/hph.2016.0049>
28. Review of Sarah Hutton's *British Philosophy in the Seventeenth Century*. In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. Jan 12, 2016.
<https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/british-philosophy-in-the-seventeenth-century/>
27. Review of Jakob Fink's *Suarez on Aristotelian Causality* (Leiden: Brill, 2015). In *Review of Metaphysics*. 69, no.3, (2016): 623-624.
26. Review of Matthew Stuart's *Locke's Metaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013). In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
25. Review of *A Virtue for Courageous Minds: Moderation in French Political Thought, 1748-1830*. Aurelian Craiutu Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012. In *The Review of Metaphysics*, 66 (2013): 832-834.
24. "Francisco Suárez." In *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee742>
23. "John Balguy." In *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*. Edited by Hugh LaFollette Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee652>

22. Review of Georges Dicker's *Berkeley's Idealism: A Critical Examination* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, Sept. 2011.
21. Review of Joshua Hochschild's *The Semantics of Analogy* (Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2010). In *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques* 31 (2011): 160-164.
20. "Cajetan (Tommaso de Vio)." In *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy*. Edited by Henrik Lagerlund, 1295-1300. Dordrecht: Springer, 2010.
19. "Domingo de Soto." In *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy*. Edited by Henrik Lagerlund, 271-274. Dordrecht: Springer, 2010).
18. Review of Robert Fogelin's *Hume's Skeptical Crisis* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009). In *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 48 (2010): 530-531.
17. Review of Deborah Boyle's *Descartes on Innate Ideas* (London: Continuum Press, 2009). In *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques*, 30 (2010): 242-245.
16. Review of W.J. Mander's *The Philosophy of John Norris* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008). In *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques*, 30 (2010): 208-211.
15. "Modes." In *The Encyclopedia of Locke and his Time*. Edited by Sami-Juhani Savonius, Craig Walmsley, and Paul Schuurman, 177-179. London: Continuum Press, 2010.
14. "Space and Time." In *The Encyclopedia of Locke and his Time*. Edited by Sami-Juhani Savonius, Craig Walmsley, and Paul Schuurman, 215-216. London: Continuum Press, 2010.
13. "Knowledge in general." In *The Encyclopedia of Locke and his Time*. Edited by Sami-Juhani Savonius, Craig Walmsley, and Paul Schuurman, 170-174. London: Continuum Press, 2010.
12. "Truth and Falsity." In *The Encyclopedia of Locke and his Time*. Edited by Sami-Juhani Savonius, Craig Walmsley, and Paul Schuurman, 228-230. London: Continuum Press, 2010.
11. "Intuition and Demonstration." In *The Encyclopedia of Locke and his Time*. Edited by Sami-Juhani Savonius, Craig Walmsley, and Paul Schuurman, 169-170. London: Continuum Press, 2010.

10. "Faith, Reason, and Opinion." In *The Encyclopedia of Locke and his Time*. Edited by Sami-Juhani Savonius, Craig Walmsley, and Paul Schuurman, 147-150. London: Continuum Press, 2010.
9. "Representationalism." In *Themes in Ancient and Modern Philosophy*. Edited by Jill Hernandez, 137. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2009.
8. Review of *Renaissance Scepticisms*. Edited by Gianni Paganini and José R. M. Neto (Springer, 2009). In *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*.
7. Review of *Epicureanism at the Origins of Modernity*. In *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques*, 29 (2009); 61-64.
6. Review of *Locke: An Essay concerning Human Understanding*. In *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques*, 29 (2009): 214-216.
5. Review of *Locke, Language, and Early-Modern Philosophy*. In *Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 47 (2009): 143-145.
4. Review of *Linguistic Turns in Modern Philosophy*. In *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 16 (2008): 829-833.
3. Review of *Of Liberty and Necessity*. In *Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 46 (2008): 646-647.
2. Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Locke's "Essay concerning Human Understanding"*. In *Theoria*, 74 (2008): 263-265.
1. Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Early Modern Philosophy*. Edited by Donald Rutherford. In *Theoria* 73 (2007): 334-339.

Other

- "John Locke" in Gale/Cengage's *Literature Criticism from 1400-1800* [an anthology of essays and resources] academic advisor.
- "John Locke" [94 entries, 12142 words]. In *Renaissance and Reformation*, in *Oxford Bibliographies Online Database*, Jan 2018.
- "How Did Science Become Mathematical." Rotman Institute of Philosophy Blogpost, March 10, 2016.
- "Francisco Suarez," in *The Philosopher's Magazine* 62 (2013): 63-64.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Locke on Common Use,” Buffalo Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, 16–17 October 2026. (forthcoming; full schedule not yet released)

Commentator on a paper presented to the Language and Cognition Research Group, Ghent University, 29 September 2026. (paper not yet circulated; details to follow)

“From Corruption to Custom: Hume on Malebranche and Préjugé,” with Wesley Hill. Prejudice in Hume and His Contemporaries, University College Dublin, 23–24 June 2026.

“Locke on Common Use,” Western Ontario Early Modern Philosophy (WOEMP) Group, Western University, 27 March 2026.

Panelist for the [2025 Hassan Lecture: An Evening with Nadeem Mansour](#), October 23, 2025.

“Common Use in Locke’s Philosophy of Language,” Language and Cognition Research Group, Ghent University, 15 May 2025.

“Socio-economic Threats to the Values Underlying the Urban Ag Movement: Climate Change, Community Resiliency, and ‘Big Ag,’ The Philosophy of the City—Detroit, October 3, 2019. (with Deanna Befus)

“Animal Ideas in Locke,” Margaret Wilson Memorial Conference, SUNY–Buffalo, June 16, 2018.

“Francisco Suárez, Margaret Cavendish, and Pierre Bayle,” Philosophy Library Lecture Series presented at the London Public Library, October 11, 2017.

“Tangled Up in Blue: Lockean Simple Ideas of Sense,” Sogang University, Seoul Korea, June 5, 2017.

“Teaching Philosophy in an Active Learning Space,” Michigan Regional Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University, Sept 24, 2016.

“The Arguments for Occasionalism and the Case against Causal Powers: Metaphysical Lessons,” HOPOS, Minneapolis, MN, June 21, 2016.

- "The Arguments for Occasionalism and the Case against Causal Powers: Metaphysical Lessons," UWO Seminar in the History of Modern Philosophy, Feb. 25, 2016.
- "Locke's Obscure Simple Ideas," UNC-Chapel Hill philosophy workshop series, June 29, 2015.
- "Locke on Active Force," UWO-CUNY Locke Workshop, May 2, 2015.
- "Life in Descartes, Cavendish, Cudworth, and Locke," Seminar on Medieval and Early Modern Conceptions of Life, Mont Tremblant, QC, Jan 16-18, 2015.
- "The Women of Early Modern Philosophy," Philosophy Library Lecture Series presented at the London Public Library, October 16, 2013.
- "Locke on the Imagination," Canadian Philosophical Association, Victoria, BC, May 31-June 3, 2013.
- "Being and its Forms in the Metaphysical Disputations," American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Feb. 20-24, 2013, New Orleans, LA.
- "A Better Argument for Lockean Externalism," South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Nov. 4, 2012, College Station, TX.
- "A Better Argument for Lockean Externalism," Washington and Lee Locke Workshop, Oct. 27, 2012, Lexington, VA.
- "The Names of Modes and Relations in Locke," Linguistic Meaning: History of the Philosophy of Language, University of Western Ontario, London, ON, May 31-June 2, 2012.
- "A New Argument for Externalism in Locke's Theory of Ideas," Canadian Philosophical Association, Waterloo, ON, May 2012.
- "Berkeley on Simplicity," NY/NJ Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, New York, NY, March 28, 2012.
- "Realism without Forms: Locke on Modes," University of Quebec at Montreal, Montreal, QC, May 5-6, 2011.
- "Simple Ideas and Mental Content in Locke," University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, March 11, 2011

- "Externalism in Locke's Theory of Ideas," Iowa Philosophical Society, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, November 13, 2010.
- "Locke's Anti-Realism about Relations," University of Iowa Colloquium Series, Iowa City, IA November 12, 2010.
- "Berkeley's Perceiving God: A Dilemma," UWO-Trinity Workshop on Berkeley's Philosophy of Mind, The University of Western Ontario, September 24-26, 2010.
- "From Probabilitas to Probability: Academic Skepticism in the Early Royal Society," for
- "Scepticism between Science, Literature, and Philosophy," at the 12th International Conference for the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Ankara, Turkey, August 2-6, 2010.
- "Cartesian Material Falsity and Suárezian Intentionality," The University of Western Ontario Workshop on Descartes' Philosophy of Mind, The University of Western Ontario, April 29-30, 2010.
- "The Background and Sources of Locke's Anti-Realism regarding Relations," The 2010 Moody Conference in Medieval Philosophy and Logic, UCLA, March 13-14, 2010.
- "Academic Skepticism in Early Modern Philosophy," The University of Western Ontario Conference in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, The University of Western Ontario, October 16-18, 2009.
- "Objective Being in Locke's Theory of Ideas," Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, June 6-7, 2009.
- "The Notion of a Linguistic Turn," Symposium on the History of the Philosophy of Language at the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON, May 25-28, 2009.
- "Locke and Anselm on Reason and Faith," at 4th Saint Anselm Conference, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, April 17-19, 2009.
- "Locke on Persons," Simpson College, March 20, 2009.
- "On the Limitations and Utility of the Idea of a Linguistic Turn," with Henrik Lagerlund, at 200 Years of Analytic Philosophy: 4th International Symposium for Cognition, Logic and Communication, Riga, Latvia, August 28, 2008.

- "The Medical Basis of Locke's Normative Response to External World Skepticism," at 7th International Congress for the History of Philosophy of Science, Vancouver, June 18-21, 2008.
- "The Aristotelian Notion of Substantial Form and the Rise of Contemporary Science," Annual Metaphysics Workshop at The Institute for St. Anselm Studies, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, June 20-21, 2007.
- "Locke and the Reverse Achilles," Symposium on the Achilles argument at the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Saskatoon, May 28-31, 2007.
- "Formal Signs in Locke: The Simple Ideas of Substratum and Reality," presented to the Central Division of the APA, Chicago, April 19-21, 2007.
- "Locke and Burgersdijk on the Idea of Substance," British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Meeting, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, March 26-28, 2007.
- "Why We Can No Longer Rationally Believe that our Intellective Soul is a Substantial Form: On the Degringolade of the Simplicity Argument," presented to The American Catholic Philosophical Association, Granville, OH, Oct. 27-29, 2006.
- "Witches and Geneticists: Natural vs. Artificial Life in the Renaissance and Modern Eras," public lecture, London Public Library, London, ON, October 25, 2006.
- "Mixtiones, Superaddition, and Seventeenth-Century Mechanism," presented to the New England Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Cambridge, MA, June 2, 2006.
- "The Scholastic Source of Locke's Account of the Reality of Ideas," presented to the South-Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Waco, TX, Nov. 19, 2005.
- "Philosophical Madness and the Ethics of Belief: Locke against the Skeptic," presented to the University of Western Ontario bioethics group, London, ON, November 2005.
- "*Suppositio* and Locke's Account of the Reality of Ideas," presented to the Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Halifax, NS, July 8, 2005.

- "Max Black's Critique of Leibniz's Law," presented to the faculty of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE, February 2005.
- "Early Modern Semiotics in John Locke's Epistemology" presented to the faculty of the University of Western Ontario, London, ON, January 2005.
- "Latitudinarianism, Locke's *Essay*, and Smallpox: Critically Examining the Tyrrell Testimony regarding the Origins of Locke's *Essay*," Central Canadian-Midwest Seminars for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy Joint Meeting, London, ON, September 2004.
- "Locke's Resemblance Thesis: Defending Campbell against Jacovides," Indiana Philosophical Association, Greencastle, IN, May 2004.
- "Platonism in John Locke's Metaphysics," Illinois Wesleyan University-Illinois State University Colloquium Series, Bloomington, IL, April 2004.
- "Locke's Ideational Definition of Knowledge and Knowing Idea-Independent Reality," Pacific Division of the APA, Pasadena, CA, March 2004.
- "Locke's Modes: Ideas as Properties," Southwestern Philosophical Society, Memphis, TN, November 2003.
- "Locke's Modes: Ideas as Properties," Illinois Philosophical Association, Normal, IL, November 2003.
- "Locke's Ideational Definition of Knowledge and Knowing Idea-Independent Reality," Central States Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, October 2003.
- "Locke's Neo-Platonic Ideas of Modes," British Society for the History of Philosophy, "Platonism at the Origins of Modernity: The Platonic Tradition and the Rise of Modern Philosophy," Cambridge University, Cambridge, U.K., March 27-29, 2003.
- "Locke's Refutation of Innatism-Essay I.ii," Central Division of the APA, Chicago, IL, April 2002. (*Winner of Graduate Student Award*)
- "Locke's Refutation of Innatism-Essay I.ii," Southwestern Philosophical Society, Dallas, TX, November 2001.
- "Locke's Refutation of Innatism-Essay I.ii," Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MO, October 2001.

“What Hylas Should Have Said to Philonous: A Problem with Berkeley’s Account of Perceptual Error,” Central Division of the APA, Chicago, IL, April 2000.

“What Hylas Should Have Said to Philonous: A Problem with Berkeley’s Account of Perceptual Error,” Southwestern Philosophical Society, Houston, TX, November 1999.

“Lockean Simplicity,” Iowa Philosophical Society, Iowa City, IA, October 1999.

“What Hylas Should Have Said to Philonous: A Problem with Berkeley’s Account of Perceptual Error,” Iowa Philosophical Society, Indianola, IA, November 1998.

“Truth and Skepticism,” Iowa Philosophical Society, Ames, IA, November 1997.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

2024 Hume’s Remedy Book Launch and Conference, Western, London, ON, November 8, 2024.

2020 Western E-vent in Early Modern Philosophy, virtual, June 4–6, 2020.

2017 UWO–Columbia John Locke Workshop, co-organized with Richard Vernon and Kathryn Tabb, Western, London, ON, June 22–25, 2017.

2016 UWO–CUNY–COLUMBIA John Locke Workshop, co-organized with Jessica Gordon Roth and Kathryn Tabb, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, April 6–9, 2016.

2015 UWO–CUNY John Locke Workshop, co-organized with Jessica Gordon-Roth, Western, London, ON, May 1–3, 2015.

2014 UWO–Rutgers Workshop “Innatism Then and Now,” co-organized with Raffaella De Rosa, Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ, October 18–19 2014.

2014 Rotman Institute Summer School on Causal Powers, co-organized with Henrik Lagerlund and Stathis Psillos, The Rotman Institute for Philosophy, London, ON June–July 2014.

2014 UWO-CUNY Workshop on John Locke, co-organized with Jessica Gordon-Roth, March 17-18, New York, NY.

2012 Workshop "The Language of Nature," co-organized with Geoffrey Gorham, Ed Slowik, and Ken Waters UWO/MN Center for Philosophy of Science/Rotman Institute, London, ON, October 2012

2010 Workshop "George Berkeley's Philosophy of Mind," Western, London, ON, October 2010.

2008 Workshop "Francisco Suarez: Last Medieval or First Early Modern," Western, London, ON.

TEACHING

Teaching Only Appointments

University of Iowa

Iowa City, IA, USA

Adjunct Professor, 2004

Graduate Instructor, 1995 - 2003

Simpson College

Indianola, IA, USA

Adjunct Professor, 2000

Loras College

Dubuque, IA, USA

Adjunct Professor, 1999 - 2001

Muscatine Community College

Muscatine, IA, USA

Adjunct Professor, 1998 - 1999

Graduate Courses Taught

The Metaphysics of Margaret Cavendish

Cartesian and Non-Cartesian Philosophies of Mind

Personal Identity

Rationalism vs Empiricism in Western Early Modern Philosophy

Survey of the History of Philosophy of Language

History of Ethics: Natural Law to Moral Sense

Reading Course: Arnauld and Malebranche on Intentionality

Reading Course: Medieval Philosophy

Thinking Matter in Early Modern Philosophy

Reading Course: Early Modern Women Philosophers
Locke's Theory of Ideas
Reading Course: Substance, Substantial Change, and Matter Theory: The Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries
Substantial Union in Descartes
Contemporary Content Externalism
Intentionality and the Theory of Ideas
Reading Course: Locke's *Essay*
Empiricism: The Given
Epicureanism in Early Modern Philosophy
Descartes: Substance, Substantial Form, and Unity
Mind and Mechanism in 17th Century Philosophy
Locke's Logic of Ideas

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Early Modern Philosophy
Early Modern Women Philosophers
Introduction to the Philosophy of Food
The Rationalist Tradition
Questions of the Day
Locke
Food, Culture, and Values
Leibniz as a Critic of Locke
Renaissance and Reformation Philosophy
Cartesianism and its Critics
Spinoza
Women in Early Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Food
Medieval Philosophy
Epistemology
History of Ethics
Occasionalism
Berkeley: Space and Perception
The Problem of Evil
Apperception and Personal Identity
Substantial Union in Descartes
Idealism and Common Sense: The Philosophies of Berkeley and Reid
Leibniz
The Philosophy of Witchcraft
The Radical Cartesians

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Supervisor

Benjamin Formanek (Philosophy)

Ph. D. diss., *George Berkeley and the Activity of Finite Spirits*
(defended 11 February 2026).

Fabio Malfara (Philosophy)

Ph. D. diss., TBD (in progress).

MA project, "Malebranche on Representation and Intentionality: The
Puzzle of Sense Perception," (completed 2017).

Lingxiang Du (Philosophy)

MA Project, "Margaret Cavendish on Voluntary Action," (completed
2025).

Eric Fontaine (Philosophy)

MA Project, "Rational Perception and the Plenum in Margaret
Cavendish," (completed 2025).

Leonie Webb (Philosophy)

Ph. D. diss., TBD (in progress).

MA Project, "Exploring Ecofeminism and Ecocentrism in Margaret
Cavendish's Metaphysics," (completed 2025).

James Mackey (Philosophy)

Ph. D. diss., *The 17th Century Legacy of Stoic Ethics* (defended 2024).

MA Project, "Leibniz's A Posteriori Argument Against Occasionalism,"
(Completed 2020).

Sydney Turner (Philosophy)

MA Project, "Food as Intimacy: How Phenomenology Can Help Us
Make Sense of the Correlation Between Sexual Trauma and the
Development of Eating Disorders," (completed 2024).

Elliot Rossiter (Philosophy)

Ph. D. diss., *Conventionalism and Natural law in John Locke* (defended
2014).

MA Project, "Scepticism and Fideism in Blaise Pascal," (completed 2010).

Issei Takehara (Philosophy)

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