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curriculum vitae

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Employment:

Harvard University, Professor, 2013-present

Harvard University, *John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Humanities* (untenured), 2011

Harvard University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2005-2011

Education:

University of California, Irvine: Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2004

Syracuse University: M.A. in Philosophy, 2001

Santa Clara University: B.A. *magna cum laude* with honors in Philosophy, 1995

Honors and Awards:

Exploratory Seminar Award, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study 2017

Alvin Plantinga Fellowship at the Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion 2015-16

Alvin Plantinga Lecture, The University of Notre Dame, 2015.

Provostial Funds for Humanities Award 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016

International Lecturer to Finland, The Finnish Doctoral Program in Philosophy, The University of Turku, 2012.

Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers 2010-11

Templeton Research Fellowship in Early Modern Philosophy and Theology declined 2010

National Humanities Center Fellowship declined 2010

Winner of the Leibniz Society Essay Competition Winner 2008

The Colin and Ailsa Turbayne International Berkeley Essay Prize 2007

Winner of the Leibniz Society Essay Competition 2007

Journal of the History of Philosophy, Kristeller-Popkin Travel Fellowship 2007

The Clark Fund Research Grant 2007

UC Irvine School of Humanities Summer Dissertation Fellowship 2004

UC Irvine School of Humanities Graduate Student Travel Grant 2004

University of California Regents Dissertation Fellowship 2004

University of California Irvine Graduate Student Research Grant 2002

University of California Irvine, Humanities Graduate Essay Award for “A *Rosa multiflora* by Any Other Name: Taxonomic Incommensurability and Scientific Kinds,” 2002

University of California Regents Fellowship in the Humanities 2001-2

Southwestern Philosophical Society Essay Prize for “Defending the Refutation of Idealism,” 2000

Syracuse University Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Award, 2000

Syracuse University Graduate Student Fellowship 2000

Syracuse University Summer Research Fellowship 2000

Syracuse University Graduate School Travel Grant 1999, 2000

Syracuse University, Department of Philosophy, Travel Grant 1998, 1999, 2000

Hume Society Graduate Student Essay Award/Travel Grant for “Hume’s Account of Memory,” 1999

Santa Clara University, Department of Philosophy, *Sourisseau Prize* for Outstanding Graduating Senior Philosophy Major, 1995

Alpha Sigma Nu, 1995

Phi Beta Kappa, 1995

Publications – Articles and Chapters:

“Leibniz’s Formal Theory of Contingency,” *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy: From Leibniz to Kant*, eds. Katherine Dunlop and Samuel Levey, forthcoming.

“Leibniz on Freedom and Contingency,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Leibniz*, ed. Maria Rosa Antognazza (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (approx. 9,000 words), 2018.

“Leibniz’s Optics,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Leibniz*, ed. Maria Rosa Antognazza (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (approx. 5,000 words), 2018.

“Leibniz on Pre-established Harmony and Causality,” in *Lire Leibniz*, eds. Mogens Laerke, Christian Leduc, and David Rabouin, (Vrin, 2017), pp. 105-122.

“Berkeley on Ordinary Objects,” *The Bloomsbury Companion to Berkeley*, eds. Bertil Belfrage and Dick Brook (New York: Bloomsbury, 2017), pp. 385-396.

“Leibniz and the Foundations of Physics: The Later Years,” *The Philosophical Review* (125:1) 2016: 1-34.

“Leibniz’s Formal Theory of Contingency Developed,” *Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress X vorträge*, eds. Ute Beckmann, et. al, (New York: Georg Olms Verlag), 2016: vol. 1, pp. 451-466. (with Zeynep Soysal)

“Leibniz on Monadic Agency and Optimal Form,” *Studia Leibnitiana Sonderhaft, Leibniz and Experience*, ed. Arnauld Pelletier (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag) 2016 :93-118.

“Freedom and the Ability to Sin,” *Logoi*, (approx. 1000 words), 2016.

“Leibniz, Spinoza and an Alleged Dilemma for Rationalists,” *Ergo* (2:15) 2015: 367-392.

“Leibniz’s Conciliatory Account of Substance,” *The Philosopher’s Imprint* (13:6) 2013: 1-23.

“The Heyday of Teleology and Early Modern Philosophy,” in *Early Modern Philosophy Reconsidered*, ed. John Carriero, *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* (35) 2011: 179-204.

“Leibniz’s Optics and Contingency in Nature,” *Perspectives on Science* (18:4) 2010: 432-455.

“Leibniz and the Puzzle of Impossibility: The Packing Strategy,” *The Philosophical Review* (119:2) 2010: 135-163.

“Leibniz on Natural Teleology and the Laws of Optics,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (78:3) 2009: 505-544.

“Berkeley, Human Agency, and Divine Concurrence,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (46:4) 2008: 567-590.

“Leibniz’s Two Realms Revisited,” *Nôus* (42:4) 2008: 673-696.

“Leibniz: Creation and Conservation and Concurrence,” *Leibniz Review* (17) 2007: 31-60.

“A *Rosa multiflora* by Any Other Name: Taxonomic Incommensurability and Scientific Kinds,” *Synthese* (136) 2003: 337-358.

“Hume’s Account of Memory,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (10:1) 2002: 71-87.

“Defending the Refutation of Idealism,” *Southwestern Philosophy Review* (17:1) 2000: 35-44.

“Rough Drafts without Tears: A Guide to a Manageable Procedure for Improving Student Writing,” *Teaching Philosophy* (23:2) 2000: 127-137.

“Numbers, Minds, and Bodies: A Fresh Look at Mind-Body Dualism,” *Philosophical Perspectives: Language, Mind and Ontology* (12) 1998: 349-371 (with John Hawthorne).

Publications – Entries, Reviews, Miscellaneous:

“Monad,” *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Taylor and Francis, 2017), approx. 2000 words (with Tran (Jen) Nguyen).

“Descartes’ ‘Optics’” in *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Larry Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), (approx. 3,750 words), 2016.

“Descartes’ ‘Dioptrics’” in *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Larry Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), (approx. 1,000 words), 2016.

“Reply to ‘A Leibnizian Way out of the Rationalist’s Dilemma’ by Chloe Armstrong,” an invited, two-part reply, for a featured discussion of my paper “Leibniz, Spinoza and an Alleged Dilemma for Rationalists,” posted on [The Mod Squad: A Group Blog on Modern Philosophy](#), February 2016.

“Leibniz, Berkeley, Kant; Frege, Bees, Toasters and Julius Caesar,” an interview by Richard Marshall for [3:AM Magazine](#), September 19, 2014. (approx.. 5,600 words)

Review of “Steven Nadler. *Occasionalism: Causation Among the Cartesians*,” *The Philosophical Review* (122:1) 2013 (with Colin Chamberlain).

Review of “Justin Smith. *Divine Machines: Leibniz and the Sciences of Life*,” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2012. URL = <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/30317-divine-machines-leibniz-and-the-sciences-of-life-2/>, 2012

Review of “Daniel Garber. *Leibniz: Body, Substance, Monad*,” *Journal of the History of*

Philosophy, (49:3) 2011: 380-381.

Televised documentary, “Western Philosophy and China,” one episode of a 9 episode series, *Tai Chi and WuDang Mountains*, directed and produced Zhou Jing, Beijing, China Central Television. First broadcast on the Chinese International Channel (CCTV-4) October 1-8, 2010. (To be rebroadcast on CCTV-7, CCTV-NEWS and CCTV-HD.)

“Leibniz's Philosophy of Physics,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Fall 2008 Edition)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2008/entries/leibniz-physics/> (approx. 17,000 words) 2008

Invited Commentaries:

“Comments on Owen Pikkert’s ‘The Modal Status of Leibniz’s Principle of Sufficient Reason,’” Sixth Berlin-Groningen-Harvard-Toronto Workshop on Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy, University of Groningen, July 2017.

“Comments on Julia Jorati’s ‘How to be More Spontaneous: Leibniz on the Best Type of Agency’” for *Activity, Spontaneity, and Agency in Later Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy – An International Conference*, University of Toronto, June 9-10, 2016

“Comments on Robert Adams’s ‘Leibniz and Pantheism,’” *The Twelfth Annual NYU Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy: God*, NYU, New York, New York, November 2015.

“Comments on ‘Msgr. Dr. Tomas Halik’s Return of Religion as Opportunity: ‘Anatheism’ and Post-Modern Philosophy and Theology,’” *Colloquium event*, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, November 2015.

“Comments on Adam Harmer’s ‘Leibniz Against the World Soul: Three Versions,’” Leibniz Society of North America Meeting, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 2015.

“Comments on Justin Smith’s *Divine Machines: Leibniz and the Sciences of Life*,” *The American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2012.

“Comments on Daniel Garber’s *Leibniz: Body, Substance, Monad*,” *The American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division Meeting, Washington D.C., December 2011

“Comments on Daniel Garber’s ‘Metaphysics and Theology: The Role of the Monadology in Leibniz’s Theodicy,’” *Leibniz’s Theodicy: Context and Content*, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, September 2010.

“Comments on Roger Ariew’s ‘Descartes and Leibniz as Readers of Suarez,’” *Francisco Suarez: Last Medieval or First Early Modern?*, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, September 2008.

“Comments on ‘Berkeley on the Activity of Spirits’ by Sukjae Lee,” *Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Baltimore, MD, December 2007.

“Comments on ‘Second-Order Predication and the Metaphysics of Properties,’” by Andy Egan,” *Student Philosophy Conference*, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, California, February 2003.

“Comments on ‘Levels and Scientific Explanations,’ by Bill Seeley,” *2000 Mid-South Philosophy Conference*, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, February 2000.

Presentations:

“Monads, Space, and Impossibility,” Tahoe Early Modern Workshop, Tahoe, Colorado, June 2018.

“Not Dead Yet: Teleology and the ‘Scientific Revolution,’” Teleology – the History of a Concept, Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study, Harvard University, September 2017.

“Not Dead Yet: Teleology and the ‘Scientific Revolution,’” *Causa Sive Ratio* – Causality and Reason in Modernity, *Università degli Studi di Milano*, November 2017.

“Spinoza on Personal Immortality,” *Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy* University of Groningen, February 2017 (keynote);

“Spinoza on Personal Immortality,” *History of Metaphysics – Time Workshop*, University of Toronto, April 2017; *Early Modern Workshop*, Dartmouth College, May 2017.

“Leibniz’s Formal Theory of Contingency,” *Libori Summer School*, Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn (keynote), July 2017.

“Spinoza on Personal Immortality,” *God and the Philosophers in the Seventeenth Century*, A Workshop Hosted by The Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual History, Cambridge, MA, April 2016.

“Leibniz’s Formal Theory of Contingency,” *Chicago Modern Philosophy Roundtable*, Roosevelt University, Chicago, March 2016.

“Leibniz’s Formal Theory of Contingency,” *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January 2016.

“Leibniz and the Foundations of Physics: The Later Years,” *Colloquium*, Dartmouth College, March 2015.

“Leibniz on Impossibility,” *Seminar*, Dartmouth College, March 2015.

“Suarez on Divine Efficient Causation,” *Workshop on Theories of Causality and Occasionalism*, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2015.

“Berkeley’s Rejection of Occasionalism,” *Conference on Theories of Causality and Occasionalism*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2015.

“Leibniz and the Philosophy of Physics: The Later Years,” *New England Conference on Early Modern Philosophy*, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, June 2014.

“Leibniz, Spinoza and a Rationalist Dilemma,” *Work in Progress Seminar*, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 2014.

“The Concept of Teleology: A History,” *Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, Lake Tahoe, Tahoe, California, June 2014.

“Leibniz, Spinoza and a Rationalist Dilemma,” *Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, July 2014.

“Leibniz, Spinoza and a Rationalist Dilemma,” *Spinoza and Leibniz Workshop*, University of Toronto, March 2013.

“Leibniz on Bending Beams and Matter Realism,” *Yale Leibniz Workshop*, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, October 2012.

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *Interrelations of the Life Sciences and Mathematical Sciences in Early Modernity*, University of Cincinnati, May 2012.

“Leibniz on Harmony and Bending Beams,” *Harmony and Reality in the Late Philosophy of Leibniz*, Leibniz Research Centre and The University of Münster, Germany, November 2012.

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *Leibniz and Experience*, Leibniz Universität, Hannover, Germany, June 2012.

“Introducing Leibniz,” “The World of Mathematical Physics,” “The World of Living Organisms,” “The World of Immaterial Minds,” “The World of Divine Choice,” *Five Lectures on Leibniz and Early Modern Philosophy*, hosted by *The Finnish Doctoral Program in Philosophy*, University of Turku, June 2012.

“The Early Leibniz on Minima, Change, and the Topology of Motion,” *Folds, Networks, Fissures: Topological Thinking in Philosophy, Art and Literature, A Radcliffe Institute Exploratory Seminar*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 2011.

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *South Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy*, Texas A&M, College Station, October 2011. (Keynote Speaker)

“The Heyday of Teleology and Early Modern Philosophy,” *Colloquium Talk*, Texas A&M, College Station, October 2011.

“Leibniz’s Irenic Account of Substance,” *Leibniz’s Final Philosophy, The Fifth Annual Conference of the Leibniz Society of North America*, UCSD, San Diego, California, June 2011

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *Colloquium Talk*, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany, May 2011.

“Leibniz and the Puzzle of Impossibility,” *Early Modern Workshop*, University of Turku, Finland, April 2011.

“Leibniz’s Irenic Account of Substance,” *Departmental Colloquium*, University of Helsinki, Finland, April 2011.

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *Departmental Colloquium*, University of Turku, Finland, April 2011.

“The Heyday of Teleology and Early Modern Philosophy,” *Public Lecture*, Turku Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of Turku, Finland, April 2011.

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *Early Modern Workshop*, Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, London UK, March 2011.

“The Heyday of Teleology and Early Modern Philosophy,” *The Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, March 2011.

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *More Too Funky Causation*, The Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences, Ghent University, February 2011. (Keynote Speaker)

“Leibniz on Monadic Teleology and Optimal Form,” *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting*, Boston, Massachusetts, December 2010.

“The Heyday of Teleology and Early Modern Philosophy,” part of a *Symposium on Teleological Thinking in Scientific Explanations* with Devin Henry and James Lennox, *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting*, Boston, Massachusetts, December 2010.

“Leibniz on Teleology and Optimal Form,” *A “mini-conference” on Formal Teleology*, Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, April 2010.

“Leibniz’s Conciliatory Account of Substance,” *History of Philosophy Workshop*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2010.

“Spinoza, Leibniz and the Heyday of Teleology,” *Spinoza Workshop*, University of Ghent, December 2010.

“Leibniz’s Irenic Account of Substance,” *Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Oxford University, October 2010.

“Leibniz and the Puzzle of Impossibility: The Packing Solution,” *A “mini-conference” on Spinoza and Leibniz on Reason, Necessity, and Possibility* hosted by *The Society for Early Modern Philosophy*, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, October 2009.

“Leibniz’s Optics and Contingency in Nature,” *SPAWN Conference: Nature and Purpose in Early Modern Philosophy*, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, August 2009.

“Leibniz’s Conciliatory Account of Substance,” *Themes in Modern Philosophy*, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, April 2009.

“Leibniz’s Conciliatory Account of Substance,” *Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Chicago, May 2009.

“Leibniz and the Puzzle of Impossibility: The Packing Solution,” *The Fourth Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Philosophy Conference*, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, June 2008.

“Leibniz and the Puzzle of Impossibility: The Packing Solution,” *New York/New Jersey Consortium in the History of Modern Philosophy*, John Jay College, New York City, April 2008.

“Leibniz’s Optics and Contingency in Nature,” *Seventh Congress of HOPOS the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 2008.

“Leibniz and the Puzzle of Impossibility: The Packing Solution,” *The Second Annual Conference of the North American Leibniz Society*, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, September 2008.

“Leibniz: Creation and Conservation and Concurrence,” *First Annual Conference of the Leibniz Society of North America*, Rice University, Houston, January 2008.

“Berkeley, Human Agency, and Divine Concurrence,” *Philosophy Department Colloquium*, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, October 2007.

“Berkeley, Human Agency, and Divine Concurrence,” *Thomas Rukavina History of Philosophy Lecture*, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, January 2007.

“Leibniz’s Two Realms Revisited,” presented to the Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford University, Oxford UK, January 2007.

“Leibniz: Creation and Conservation and Concurrence,” *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, Yale University, New Haven 2007.

“Leibniz: Creation and Conservation and Concurrence,” *Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Chicago, Chicago March 2007.

“Berkeley, Human Agency, and Divine Concurrence,” *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting*, Washington, D.C., December 2006.

“Leibniz’s Two Realms Revisited,” *Sixth Congress of HOPOS the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, Paris, France, June 2006.

- “Berkeley, Human Agency, and Divine Concurrence,” *Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Oxford University, October 2006.
- “Leibniz’s Two Realms Revisited” *Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science*, Toronto, Canada, May 2006.
- “Leibniz on Internal Teleology and the Laws of Optics” (Job Talk), San Francisco State University, Western Ontario University, Harvard University, Washington University of St. Louis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Florida State University at Gainesville, Syracuse University, January-February 2005
- “Leibniz on Internal Teleology and the Laws of Optics,” *Fifth Congress of HOPOS the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, San Francisco, CA, June 2004.
- “Leibniz on Internal Teleology and the Laws of Optics,” *The 2nd Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Conference*, Grafton, Vermont, June 2004.
- “Teleology in Leibniz’s Natural Philosophy: The Connection between Divine Providence and Variational Principles in Leibniz’s Physics,” *The Worlds of the Eighteenth Century – The Western Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, February 2004.
- “Newton’s Scholium on Time, Space, Place and Motion,” *UCSD Graduate Student Philosophy of Science Conference*, San Diego, CA April 2003.
- “Newton’s Scholium on Time, Space, Place and Motion,” *NYU-Columbia Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, New York City, New York, March 2003.
- “A Puzzle about Negation and at Least One Solution,” *University of California, Irvine Graduate Student Colloquium*, Irvine, California, September 2002.
- “Aristotelian Teleology in Leibniz’s Physics,” *Margaret Dauler Wilson Memorial Conference 2002*, Flagstaff, Arizona, June 2002.
- “Newton’s Scholium on Time, Space, Place and Motion,” *20th Anniversary MEPHISTOS Conference on the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, March 2002.
- “Defending the Refutation of Idealism,” *Southwestern Philosophical Society 2000 Conference*, Austin Texas, November, 2000.
- “A New Model for Scientific Kinds,” *2000 Mid-South Philosophy Conference*, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, February, 2000.
- “Hume’s Account of Memory,” *26th Hume Society Conference*, University College, Cork, Ireland, July 1999.

“On Being Moved by Life and Fiction,” *Brown University Graduate Student Conference*, Brown University, Providence Rhode Island, February, 1998.

“Hume's Account of Memory,” *Harvard/M.I.T. Sixth Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March, 1998.

“Incommensurability and Rational Theory Choice,” *Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association Meeting*, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, October, 1997.

Courses Taught:

Saints, Heretics, and Atheists: An Historical Introduction to the History of Philosophy of Religion (in the general education program), Harvard University, spring 2010, spring 2012, spring 2014, spring 2015, spring 2016

British Empiricism, Harvard University, fall 2006, spring 2009, spring 2013

Continental Rationalism, Harvard University, fall 2005, fall 2009, fall 2013, fall 2016

Medieval Philosophy, Harvard University, spring 2006, fall 2012, fall 2014, fall 2017

Philosophy in Translation: Latin, Harvard University, fall 2009, fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2012, spring 2014, fall 2014, spring 2018

Early Modern Seminar, Harvard University, spring 2015, spring 2013, fall 2013, fall 2011, spring 2010, fall 2016

Group Tutorial on Metaphysics, Harvard University, fall 2008

Introduction to the History of the Philosophy of Religion, Harvard University, spring 2007

Group Tutorial on Locke's Essay, Harvard University, spring 2006

Group Tutorial on Augustine and Anselm, Harvard University, fall 2005

Medieval Philosophy, University of California, Irvine, spring 2004

Logic, Syracuse University, summer 2001

Ethics and Value Theory, Syracuse University, summer 2000

Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Syracuse University, fall 1998, spring 1998, fall 1999, spring 1999

Thesis and Fellowship Advising:

Senior Thesis Advisor, Natasha Sarna, “Milton’s Heterodoxy,” 2018.

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member, Lauren Kopajtic, “Adam Smith on Self-Command,” 2017. (Mellon Teaching Fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Columbia University).

Mellon Mays Faculty Mentor, Tez Clark, two-year research project on philosophical intuitions and methodology under the auspices of the *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship* program, 2016-2017.

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member, Richard Cole, “The Jew Who Wasn’t There: Studies on Jews and their Absence in Old Norse Literature,” 2015. (Postdoctoral student, University College London)

Senior Thesis Faculty Advisor, Ian MacGillivray, “Augustine’s Exegetical Methodology,” 2015. (M.A. candidate, Yale Divinity School)

Senior Thesis Faculty Advisor, Aviva Hakanoglu, “The Art of the Fugue: Leibniz’s Idea of Perfection through Bach’s Masterpiece,” 2014. (Candidate at Jacobs School of Music, Indiana Bloomington)

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member, Collin Chamberlain, “Mind-Body Problems in Descartes and Malebranche,” 2014. (Tenure-track, Assistant Professor, Temple University)

Senior Thesis Faculty Advisor, Ariana Cernius, “Who has Claim? The Moral, Legal and Political Implications of Art Repatriation,” 2013. (J.D. candidate at the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy at UCLA Law School)

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member, Allison Kuklok, “Locke on Real Essences and Secondary Qualities,” 2013. (Tenure-track, Assistant Professor, Saint Michael’s College)

Mellon Mays Faculty Mentor, Michaela Tiller, two-year research project in early modern philosophy under the auspices of the *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship* program, 2010-2012. (Ph.D. Candidate in Philosophy at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Doctoral Thesis Committee Member, Douglas Marshall, “Does a sphere touch a plane at a point?: Historical and conceptual investigations into the applicability of geometry in the study of nature,” 2011. (Tenure track Carleton College)

Senior Thesis Faculty Advisor, Edward Minasian, “Leibniz on Divine Concurrence,” 2007 (Associate with Calera Capital)

Senior Thesis Faculty Advisor, Ryan Thornton, “*Duplex est Cognitio*: Knowledge of universals and singulars in John Duns Scotus,” 2006 (Brother Order Franciscan Minors at Sts. Simon and Jude Roman Catholic Church)

Service – University and Departmental:

Member, Junior Faculty Search Committee, Harvard University, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2013, 2017

Committee Member, Senior Promotion Review Committee, 2017

Committee Member, Assistant Professor Review Committee, 2017

Committee Member, Senior Lecturer Review Committee, 2017

Placement Director, Department of Philosophy, 2016-17

Faculty Facilitator, Opening Days Orientation Program, 2014, 2016, 2017

Member, The Standing Committee on Medieval Studies, 2015-

Member, Philosophy Department Graduate Admissions Committee, 2005-

Faculty Advisor, On Thin Ice Undergraduate Organization, 2015

Hoopes Prize Committee 2014, 2015

Chair, Philosophy Department Graduate Admissions History Committee, 2015

Examiner, Senior Thesis, Committee for the Study of Religion, 2015

Faculty Moderator, Harvard College Faith and Action & Harvard Community of Humanists, Atheists, and Agnostics Debate, 2014

Member, Associate Promotion Review Committee, 2014

Member, Philosophy Department Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2014

Member, Philosophy Department Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2013

Member, Philosophy Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2013

Member, Curriculum Committee of the Humanities Project, 2012-2013

Member, Committee on Teaching Commitments, Harvard University, 2011

Member, Committee on Premiere Dissertation Completion Fellowships: The Whiting and the Eliot, Harvard University, 2010

Member, *Foreign Language Requirement Committee*, Harvard University, 2008-9

Examiner, *Philosophy Senior Thesis Oral Exams*, Harvard University, 2005-7, 2008-12

Faculty Advisor, *Colloquium Committee*, Harvard University, 2006

Graduate Student Representative, University of California, Irvine, 2004

Chair, *Internal Speakers Committee*, Syracuse University, 2000

Contributor, *Graduate Student Instructor's Manual*, Syracuse University, 2000

Member, *Internal Speakers Committee*, Syracuse University, 1999

Chair, *External Speakers Committee*, Syracuse University, 1998

Professional

Director, Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop, 2007 –

Host, Early Modern Work in Progress Workshop, Tahoe, California, 2014, 2018

Host, Teleology – The History of a Concept, An Exploratory Seminar, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2017

Host, (co-organized with Ansgar Lyssy), Teleology within Physics Workshop, 2017

Reviewer, Tenure Promotion Review, [Confidential], 2014, 2016, 2017

Co-Host (with Alisa Bokulich), *Boston Colloquium on Émile du Châtelet*, 2016

Reviewer, Senior Promotion Review, [Confidential], 2015

Submissions Judge, International Berkeley Society, 2015

Grant Reviewer, Swiss National Science Foundation, 2015

Organizer, Conference on Renaissance-Early-Modern Philosophy, Harvard University, 2015

Organizer, Conference on Islamic-Arabic Philosophy, Harvard University, 2014

Consulting Board Member, *The [Amartya] Sen Institute for Dialectical Studies*, 2014

Submissions Judge, *Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of New Mexico, 2013

Submissions Judge, *Leibniz Society of North America*, International Conference, 2013

Affiliate Member of the *Center for Philosophy and History of Science*, Boston University, 2013

Member of the Board, *Executive Committee of the North American Leibniz Society*, 2010-13

Organizer, *Later Latin Reading Group*, Harvard University, 2005-10, 2012-2014

Organizer, *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, 2005, 2008, 2010-11, 2012

Evaluator, *Israel Science Foundation*, 2012

Submissions Referee, *Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, 2012

Submissions Judge, *Leibniz Society of North America Essay Competition*, 2012, 2015

Member of the Board, *Advisory Committee for The International Society for Occasionalism*, 2012

Submissions Referee, *New England Conference in Early Modern Philosophy*, 2010

Participant, *Cambridge Roundtable on Science, Art & Religion*, 2005, 2009

Journal referee, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Berkeley Studies*, *Constellations*, *Ergo*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Science, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Sophia*, *The Philosophy Compass*, *The Philosophical Review*, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *The Leibniz Review*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*

Research Languages: French, German, Latin