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EMPLOYMENT

2007-present Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University.

2007-2008 Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Humanities (UTSC) and Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto.

2001-2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities (UTSC) and Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto.

Visiting positions

2014-2015 Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, Ashoka University

2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

EDUCATION

1994-2001 University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy, Ph.D., 2001.

1989-1993 New York University, B.A., 1993.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2014-15	Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award.
2001	Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship, University of Chicago.
1999-2000	Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago.
1998	Mellon Foundation Proto-Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago.
1994-1999	University Fellowship, University of Chicago.

GRANTS

2006-2009 \$38,000.	SSHRC Standard Research Grant, “Spinoza’s Conatus Doctrine,”
2006	Connaught New Staff Matching Grant, \$5,000.
2001–2004	Connaught New Staff Start Up Grant, \$10,000.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2019	<i>Being and Reason: An Essay on Spinoza’s Metaphysics</i> , (Oxford University Press).
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Articles

Forthcoming	“The Many Faces of Spinoza’s Causal Axiom,” in Bender and Perler eds., <i>Causation and Cognition</i> , (Routledge).
Forthcoming	“Panpsychism in Spinoza,” in William Seager ed., <i>The Routledge Handbook on Panpsychism</i> , (Routledge).
Forthcoming	“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought and Extension,” in Don Garrett ed., <i>The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza</i> , (Cambridge University Press).

- 2019 “Affirmation, Judgment, and Epistemic Theodicy in Descartes and Spinoza,” in Ball and Schuringa eds., *The Act and Object of Judgment*, (Routledge).
- 2019 “Metaphysical Rationalism,” in Ramond and Stetter eds., *Spinoza in 21st-Century American and French Philosophy*, (Bloomsbury Publishing.)
- 2017 “The PSR in Spinoza,” in the *Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, ed. Michael Della Rocca, (Oxford University Press).
- 2017 “Spinoza and the Mark of the Mental,” in Yitzhak Melamed ed., *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Spinoza*, (Cambridge University Press).
- 2016 “Leibniz on the Modal Status of Absolute Space,” *Noûs* 50 (3):447-464.
- 2015 “Causation in Spinoza and Leibniz,” in Tad Schmaltz ed., *Oxford Philosophical Concepts: Efficient Causation*, (Oxford University Press).
- 2013 “Philosophy and Its History,” in Antonia LoLordo and Stewart Duncan eds, *Debates in Modern Philosophy*, (Routledge).
- 2013 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” *Noûs*, 46 (3): 418-448.
- 2011 “Leibniz’s Natural Theology,” in Brandon Look ed., *The Continuum Companion to Leibniz*, Continuum.
- 2010 “The Principle of Sufficient Reason,” with Y. Melamed, the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
- 2009 “Reason’s Power over the Passions,” in Olli Koistinen ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza’s Ethics*, (Cambridge University Press).
- 2007 “Spinoza’s Arguments for the Existence of God,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 75 (2):269-297.
- 2006 “Teleology and Human Action in Spinoza,” *Philosophical Review* 115 (3):317-354.
- 2006 “Substance, Attribute, and Mode in Spinoza,” *Philosophy Compass*, 1 (2):144-153.

- 2006 “Spinoza’s Account of Akrasia,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 44 (3):395-414.
- 2005 “Memory and Personal Identity in Spinoza,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 35 (2):243-268.
- 2004 “Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Desire: IIP6D,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 86 (1): 21-55.
- 2004 “Descartes and Spinoza on Judgment,” in *Il Seicento e Descartes: Dibattiti cartesiani*, Antonella Del Prete, ed. (Florence: Le Monnier), 269-291.

Reviews

- 2019 Review of Samuel Newland’s *Reconceiving Spinoza* in *The Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- 2016 Review of Joseph Almog’s *Everything in its Right Place* in *the Philosophical Review*.
- 2013 Review of Yitzhak Y. Melamed’s *Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Substance and Thought*, *Leibniz Review*, with a reply by Melamed.
- 2004 Review of Koistinen and Biro, *Spinoza: Metaphysical Themes*, *The Philosophical Review* 133 (1):139-143.
- 2002 Review of Steven Nadler’s *Spinoza’s Heresy*, *The Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 12.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 (scheduled) “Leibniz on the Grounds of Possibility,” Yale University, SEMPY.
- 2019 (scheduled) “Leibniz on the Grounds of Possibility,” departmental colloquium, Harvard University.
- 2019 (scheduled) “Leibniz on the Grounds of Possibility,” departmental colloquium, The University of Sydney.

- 2019 “The Contingency of the Identity of Indiscernibles in Leibniz,” departmental colloquium, Monash University.
- 2019 “Spinoza’s Faith,” departmental colloquium, University of Melbourne.
- 2019 “Spinoza’s Faith,” departmental colloquium, Ashoka University.
- 2019 “The Contingency of the Identity of Indiscernibles in Leibniz,” departmental colloquium, University of Auckland.
- 2019 “Spinoza’s Faith,” departmental colloquium, Otago University.
- 2019 “What are Modes?,” departmental colloquium, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM.
- 2018 “The Many Faces of Spinoza’s Causal Axiom,” Causation and Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy, Topoi, Berlin.
- 2018 “Spinoza’s Metaphysical Rationalism,” keynote address, the Berlin-Hamburg Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, Berlin.
- 2018 “Spinoza on Substance and Attribute,” École normale supérieure.
- 2018 “Comments on Sebastian Bender’s Leibniz *Metaphysik der Modalität*,” Séminaires Descartes, University Paris I.
- 2018 “Comment on Julia Jorati’s *Leibniz on Causation and Agency*,” Pacific APA, San Diego.
- 2017 “What are Modes?,” Dutch Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Groningen.
- 2016 “What are Modes?,” Quebec Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, Université du Québec, Trois-Rivières, Canada.
- 2016 “The Contingency of the PII in Leibniz,” Leibniz Society of North America, University of Houston.
- 2016 “Faith: What it is and who needs it?,” Spinoza on Politics and Religion: A Workshop to Celebrate the Publication of E.M. Curley’s *The Collected Works of Spinoza, Vol. II*, Princeton University.

- 2016 “What are Modes?,” Early Modern Group, University of Toronto.
- 2016 “Spinoza and the Mark of the Mental,” Keynote address, Rutgers/Princeton Undergraduate Conference.
- 2016 Comment on Galen Barry’s “Spinoza’s Linguistic Account of Impossibility,” Pacific APA.
- 2015 “Spinoza and the Mark of the Mental,” departmental colloquium, Ashoka University.
- 2015 “Spinoza and the Mark of the Mental,” departmental colloquium, JNU.
- 2015 “Spinoza and the Mark of the Mental,” University of Texas, Austin.
- 2015 “Spinoza and the Mark of the Mental,” The Finno-Hungarian Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, Central European University, Budapest.
- 2015 “Spinoza and the Mark of the Mental,” departmental colloquium, University of Manitoba.
- 2015 “Philosophy and Its History,” departmental colloquium, IIT New Delhi.
- 2015 “Philosophy and Its History,” departmental colloquium, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2014 “Leibniz on the Modal Status of Absolute Space,” departmental colloquium, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- 2014 “Philosophy and Its History,” departmental colloquium, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- 2013 “The Mind-Body Problem in Spinoza,” Workshop on Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Attributes, Columbia University.
- 2013 “Spinoza’s Starting Points,” Department of Philosophy, departmental colloquium, Princeton University.

- 2012 “The Modal Status of Absolute Space in Leibniz,” Program in History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Stanford University.
- 2012 “The Modal Status of Absolute Space in Leibniz,” History of Philosophy Roundtable, UCSD.
- 2011 “The Modal Status of Absolute Space in Leibniz,” departmental colloquium, UC Davis.
- 2011 “Causal and Logical Necessity in Spinoza and Leibniz,” Causation and Necessity: Historical Perspectives, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2011 “Philosophy and Its History,” Department of Philosophy, departmental colloquium, Claremont McKenna College.
- 2011 “Philosophy and Its History,” World Philosophy Day Lecture, University of Toronto.
- 2011 “Causation in Spinoza and Leibniz,” Modern Philosophy Group, University of Toronto.
- 2010 “The PSR in Spinoza,” workshop on Spinoza, Princeton University.
- 2010 “Leibniz on the Modal Status of Absolute Space and Time,” departmental colloquium, UCLA.
- 2009 “Leibniz on the Modal Status of Absolute Space and Time,” Sapientia Lecture, Dartmouth College.
- 2009 “Leibniz on the Modal Status of Absolute Space and Time,” The Princeton/Bucharest Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy.
- 2009 “What is Teleological About Monadic Causation?,” SPAWN, Syracuse University.
- 2009 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” Yale University, mini-conference on Spinoza and Leibniz on Reason, Necessity, and Possibility.
- 2009 “Leibniz on the Modal Status of Absolute Space and Time,” The NY/NJ Research Group in Early Modern Philosophy.

- 2008 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” The NY/NJ Research Group in Early Modern Philosophy.
- 2008 “Leibniz on the Modal Status of Absolute Space and Time,” The Harvard Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy.
- 2008 “The Power of Reason Over the Passions,” The NY/NJ Research Group in Early Modern Philosophy.
- 2008 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” Oxford University, Oxford Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy.
- 2008 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” Department of Philosophy, departmental colloquium, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2007 “The Power of Reason Over the Passions in Part 5 of Spinoza’s *Ethics*,” departmental colloquium, McGill University.
- 2007 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” mini-conference on Spinoza, University of Leiden.
- 2007 “Time Causation and Abstract Objects,” University of Michigan, Aesthetics Discussion Group.
- 2007 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” Princeton University, Spinoza-Leibniz Conference.
- 2007 “Time, Causation, and Abstract Objects,” departmental colloquium, McMaster University.
- 2007 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” departmental colloquium, Rutgers University.
- 2007 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” departmental colloquium, Cornell University.
- 2007 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” departmental colloquium, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2007 “Rationalism and Necessitarianism,” departmental Colloquium, Trent University.
- 2005 “Against Wide Causation,” Society for Exact Philosophy, Toronto.

- 2006 “Spinoza’s Naturalism,” New England Colloquium on Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University.
- 2005 “Spinoza’s Naturalism,” , departmental colloquium, UCSD.
- 2004 “Spinoza’s Naturalism,” Pacific Northwest/ Western Canada Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Seattle.
- 2004 “Spinoza’s Arguments for the Existence of God,” Pacific APA, Pasadena.
- 2004 “Teleology and Human Action,” Yale Spinoza Study Group, Yale University.
- 2003 “Is Striving Bottom-Up or Top-Down in Spinoza?,” Central APA, Cleveland.
- 2002 “Spinoza’s Account of Akrasia,” Pacific APA, San Francisco.
- 2002 “Teleology and Human Action,” South Eastern Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2002 “Descartes and Spinoza on Judgment,” Canadian Philosophical Association.
- 2002 “Spinoza’s Account of Akrasia,” Central Canadian Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Toronto.
- 2002 “Spinoza’s Account of Akrasia,” Midwest Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Chicago.
- 2001 “Memory and Personal Identity in Spinoza,” departmental colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2001 “Memory and Personal Identity in Spinoza,” departmental colloquium, University of Toronto.
- 2000 “Memory and Personal Identity in Spinoza,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting.
- 2000 Comment on Gilles Olivo, “Judgment chez Descartes et Spinoza,” Centre d’Etudes Cartésiennes, University of Paris IV (Sorbonne).

LANGUAGES

French, Spanish, and Latin.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Dissertation committees: Jennifer Wang, Marco Dees, Tobias Wilsch.
External examiner: Owen Pikkert, University of Toronto.

REFEREE WORK

For Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, *Analysis*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Dialogue*, *Ergo*, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Philosophical Review*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *The Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY

2016-2018	Humanities Area Committee, Rutgers University
2018	Mellon Dissertation Grant Selection Committee
2015-2018	Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University
2013-2014	Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University.
2013-2014	Co-Chair, Climate Committee, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University.
2013	Appointments and Promotions Committee, Rutgers University
2007-2010	Undergraduate Vice-Chair, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University

2007–2010	Advisor to the Rutgers University Undergraduate Philosophy Club.
2007-2008	Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Admissions Committee
2003-2004	Philosophy Department Planning and Policy Committee, University of Toronto.
2003–2004	UTSC Humanities chair’s advisory committee, University of Toronto.
2002–2003	M&E search committee, UTSC, University of Toronto
2002 Toronto.	Philosophy Department Chair Search Committee, University of Toronto.
2001-2004	Placement Committee, University of Toronto.
2001-2005	Colloquium committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2009-2010	American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Program Committee
2010-present	<i>Philosopher’s Annual</i> , Nominating editor