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*Curriculum Vitae*

**Donald L. M. Baxter**

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**Education:**

University of Pittsburgh: PhD. 1984, M.A. 1980  
Oberlin College: B.A. 1976

**Teaching Positions:**

University of Connecticut  
2012-2020: Department Head  
2002-Present: Professor of Philosophy  
1992-2002: Associate Professor of Philosophy  
1990-92: Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Princeton University  
1984-90: Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
1983-84: Instructor in Philosophy

**Research Interests:**

Metaphysics, Early Modern Western Philosophy (especially Hume)

**Prizes:**

Co-winner, Leibniz Society of North America 1994 Essay Competition,  
for "Corporeal Substances and True Unities"

**Book (monograph):**

*Hume's Difficulty: Time and Identity in the TREATISE*, published in  
Routledge Studies in Eighteenth Century Philosophy (London; New  
York: Routledge, 2008).

**Book (edited):**

*Composition as Identity*, ed. A.J. Cotnoir and Donald L. M. Baxter  
(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014).

**Book Chapters:**

"Oneness, Aspects, and the Neo-Confucians," in *The Oneness  
Hypothesis: Beyond the Boundary of Self*, co-edited by Philip J.  
Ivanhoe, Owen Flanagan, Victoria Harrison, Hagop Sarkissian, and  
Eric Schwitzgebel (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018)  
"A Pyrrhonian Interpretation of Hume on Assent," in Diego Machuca and  
Baron Reed, eds., *Skepticism: From Antiquity to the Present* (New  
York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2018).

- "Hume on Abstraction and Identity," in *Universals in Modern Philosophy*, ed. by Stefano Di Bella and Tad Schmalz (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).
- "Hume on Space and Time," in *The Oxford Handbook of David Hume*, ed. by Paul Russell (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).
- "Hume on Substance: A Critique of Locke," in Paul Lodge and Tom Stoneham, eds., *Locke and Leibniz on Substance* (Oxford: Routledge, 2015).
- "Identity, Discernibility, and Composition," in A. J. Cotnoir and Donald L.M. Baxter, eds. *Composition as Identity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014).
- "Hume's Theory of Space and Time in Its Skeptical Context," in *The Cambridge Companion to Hume*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., ed. by David Fate Norton and Jacqueline Taylor (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 105-146.
- "Identity, Continued Existence, and the External World," in *The Blackwell Guide to Hume's A Treatise of Human Nature*, ed. by Saul Traiger (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006), pp. 114-132.
- "A Humean Temporal Logic," in Akihiro Kanamori, ed., *Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, Volume VI: Analytic Philosophy and Logic* (Bowling Green: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2000), pp. 209-216.
- "Bradley on Substantive and Adjective: The Complex-Unity Problem," Chapter 1 of W.J. Mander, ed., *Perspectives on the Logic and Metaphysics of FH Bradley* (Thoemmes Press, 1996), pp. 1-24.
- "Hume on Infinite Divisibility," reprinted in S. Tweyman, ed., *David Hume: Critical Assessments*, vol. 3 (Routledge, 1995).

#### Articles:

- "Hume's Empiricist Metaphysics," forthcoming in *Quaestio: Yearbook of the History of Metaphysics*.
- "Social Complexes and Aspects," in *The Joint Commitment Account: Critical Essays on the Philosophy of Sociality of Margaret Gilbert*, Edited by Gerhard Preyer and Georg Peter. *ProtoSociology* 35 (2018): 155-166.  
<https://doi.org/10.5840/protosociology2018359>
- "Temporary and Contingent Instantiation as Partial Identity." *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 26 (2018): 763-780. doi: 10.1080/09672559.2018.1542273
- "Self-Differing, Aspects, and Leibniz's Law," *Noûs* 52 (2018): 900-920. doi: 10.1111/nous.12199
- "The Problem of Universals and the Asymmetry of Instantiation," *American Philosophical Quarterly* 55 (2018): 189-202.
- "Aspects and the Alteration of Temporal Simples," *Manuscripto* 39 (2016): 169-81. doi: 10.1590/0100-6045.2016.v39n4.db
- "Instantiation as Partial Identity: Replies to Critics," *Axiomathes* 23 (2013): 291-299. doi: 10.1007/s10516-013-9212-9
- "Hume, Distinctions of Reason, and Differential Resemblance," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 82 (2011), pp. 156-182. doi: 10.1111/j.1933-1592.2010.00411.x

- “Précis of *Hume’s Difficulty: Time and Identity in the TREATISE*” and “Replies to Perry, Falkenstein, and Garrett,” for a book symposium in *Philosophical Studies* 146 (2009), pp. 407-411 & pp. 445-455. Critics: John Perry, Lorne Falkenstein, Don Garrett. doi: 10.1007/s11098-009-9433-3 and 10.1007/s11098-009-9430-6
- “Altruism, Grief, and Identity,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 70 (2005), pp. 371-383. doi: 10.1111/j.1933-1592.2005.tb00532.x
- “Instantiation as Partial Identity,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79 (2001), pp. 449-464. doi: 10.1093/ajp/79.4.449
- “Loose Identity and Becoming Something Else,” *Noûs* 35 (2001), pp. 592-601. doi: 10.1111/0029-4624.00353
- “Hume on Steadfast Objects and Time,” *Hume Studies* 27 (2001), pp. 129-148. doi: 10.1353/hms.2011.0316
- “Leibniz on Contingent Conceptual Truths in the Arnauld Correspondence,” *Studia Leibnitiana* 32 (2000), pp. 191-214.
- “Hume’s Puzzle about Identity,” *Philosophical Studies* 98 (2000), pp. 187-201. doi: 10.1023/A:1018623022971
- “The Discernibility of Identicals,” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 24 (1999), pp. 37-55. doi: 10.5840/jpr\_1999\_16
- “Hume’s Labyrinth Concerning the Idea of Personal Identity,” *Hume Studies* 24 (1998), pp. 203-233.
- “Abstraction, Inseparability, and Identity,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 57 (1997), pp. 307-330. doi: 10.2307/2953720
- “Corporeal Substances and True Unities,” *Studia Leibnitiana* 27 (1995), pp. 157-184. doi: 10.5840/leibniz199449
- “Berkeley, Perception, and Identity,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 51 (1991), pp. 85-98. doi: 10.2307/2107821
- “Hume on Virtue, Beauty, Composites, and Secondary Qualities,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 71 (1990), pp. 103-118.
- “Identity through Time and the Discernibility of Identicals,” *Analysis* 49 (1989), pp. 125-131. doi: 10.1093/analys/49.3.125
- “Free Choice,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 67 (1989), pp. 12-24. doi: 10.1080/00048408912343651
- “Many-One Identity,” *Philosophical Papers* 17 (1988), pp. 193-216. doi: 10.1080/05568648809506300
- “Identity in the Loose and Popular Sense,” *Mind* 97 (1988), pp. 575-582. doi: 10.1093/mind/XCVII.388.575
- “Hume on Infinite Divisibility,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 5 (1988), pp. 133-140.
- “A Defense of Hume on Identity through Time,” *Hume Studies* 13 (1987), pp. 323-342.

#### Notes:

- Abstract of “Corporeal Substances and True Unities,” *Leibniz Society Review* 4 (1994), pp. 10-11. doi: 10.5840/leibniz199449
- “Continuity and Common Sense,” *International Studies in Philosophy* 24 (1992), pp. 93-97. doi: 10.5840/intstudphil1992243107

**Book Review:**

Review of *Christianity and the Doctrine of Non-Dualism*, by A Monk of the West, trans. Alvin Moore, Jr. and Marie M. Hansen, in *Mystics Quarterly* 21 (2005), pp. 135-136.

**Talks:**

- "Hume's Empiricist Metaphysics"
  - University at Buffalo, November 2019.
  - "Per una storia (e preistoria) dell'ontologia: Metodo, lessico, concetti," Sapienza University of Rome, September 2019.
- "Steadfast Objects and Coexistence: A Reply to Falkenstein"
  - Lorne Falkenstein retirement conference, Western University, London, Ontario, October 2018.
- "Social Complexes and Aspects"
  - Social Ontology 2018, Tufts University, Boston, August 2018
- "Instantiation as Temporary, as Contingent, and as Vague"
  - "Indiscernibility-of-Identicals Arguments and Non-Standard Ontologies," workshop in Ligerz, Switzerland, April 2018.
- "The Problem of Universals and the Asymmetry of Instantiation"
  - Australasian Association of Philosophy, Adelaide, July 2017
- "Hume, Bradley, and Identity-in-Difference"
  - 44th International Hume Society Conference, Providence, RI, July 2017.
  - "Workshop on Hume," National University of Singapore, sponsored by Yale/NUS College and NUS, April 2015
  - "Resurrecting Bradley?" conference, University of Quebec at Montreal, March 2013.
- "Neo-Confucian Oneness and Aspects"
  - Pacific Division American Philosophical Association, colloquium paper, March 2016
  - "International Conference on Oneness in Philosophy and Religion," Hong Kong, April 2015
- "Self-Differing, Aspects, and Leibniz's Law"
  - Logic and Metaphysics Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, October 2015
- "Hume and Descartes on Duration"
  - 42nd International Hume Society Conference, Stockholm, July 2015
- "Assent in Sextus and Hume"
  - The Ohio State University, Sept 2014.
  - Symposium paper for the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, Chicago, February 2012
- "Hume's Critique of Pure Substance"
  - 41st International Hume Society Conference, Portland State University, Portland, OR, July 2014
- "Aspects and Alteration of Temporal Simples"

-“Gargnano Philosophy of Time Conference,” Gargnano, Italy, May 2014.

-“Themes from Baxter II” conference, eidos--the Centre for Metaphysics at the University of Geneva, Ligerz, Switzerland, October 2013.

“Aspects”

-American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meetings, Baltimore, December 2013.

“Social Complexes, Aspects, and Many-One Identity”

-“Themes from Baxter II” conference, eidos--the Centre for Metaphysics at the University of Geneva, Ligerz, Switzerland, October 2013.

-“Social Complexes: Parts and Wholes” conference, Lund University, Sweden, October 2013.

“Against Rejection of Nominal Qualifiers”

-“Themes from Baxter II” conference, eidos--the Centre for Metaphysics at the University of Geneva, Ligerz, Switzerland, October 2013.

“Hume’s Two Kinds of Assent”

-40th International Hume Conference, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 2013

“Hume on Substance: A Critique of Locke”

-Hume Society Session at the Central Division American Philosophical Association, New Orleans, February 2013.

“Hume on Abstraction and Identity”

-Plenary session at the 39th International Hume Conference, Calgary, July 2012

-“The Problem of Universals in Early Modern Philosophy,” conference at the Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy, November 2011

-one of the keynote addresses at “Hume’s Metaphysics and Humean Metaphysics” conference, Tampere, Finland, June 2011

"Hume on Substance"

-“Substance in Early Modern Philosophy: A Memorial Conference for Roger Woolhouse,” June 2012

"Aspects"

-“Themes from Baxter,” eidos metaphysics workshop, University of Geneva, May 2012

"Self-Differing and Leibniz's Law"

-“Themes from Baxter,” eidos metaphysics workshop, University of Geneva, May 2012

"Identity, Discernibility, and Composition"

-“Themes from Baxter,” eidos metaphysics workshop, University of Geneva, May 2012

“Assent, Reason, and Hume’s Pyrrhonian Empiricism”

-University of Kansas, September 2010

-New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy, Yale University, May 2010

Author-meets-critics session on *Hume’s Difficulty*

- 37th International Hume Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, July 2010. Critics: Lilli Alanen (Uppsala) and Eric Schliesser (Ghent)
- Hume Society Group Meeting, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, December 2008. Critics: Martha Brandt Bolton (Rutgers) and Lorne Falkenstein (University of Western Ontario)
- “Hume’s Account of Duration: An Empiricist Successor to Descartes’s”
  - Symposium on Early Modern Philosophy of Time, Central Division APA, Chicago, February 2010
  - Yale University, Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, February 2010
- “Further Thoughts on Three Topics in Hume: Identity, Consciousness, Skepticism”
  - UNC Chapel Hill, September 2009
- "Hume, Distinctions of Reason, and Differential Resemblance"
  - Smith College, March 2008
  - University of Quebec at Montreal, January 2008
  - University of Western Ontario, November 2007
  - Harvard University, October 2007, Harvard Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy
  - Pacific Division APA, San Francisco, April 2007
  - University of Massachusetts at Amherst, February 2005
- "Elaborating on Hume's Pyrrhonian Empiricism"
  - University of Quebec at Montreal, Montreal Interuniversity Workshop in the History of Philosophy, January 2008
- "Hume's Pyrrhonian Empiricism"
  - Thirty-fourth Hume Conference, Boston, August 2007
- "Interpreting Hume as Metaphysician and Skeptic"
  - University of California, Irvine, March 2007, Scientia Workshop
  - Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, March 2007
  - Trinity College, Hartford, CT, November 2006
- “A Contradiction in Hume’s Distinction of Reason”
  - Thirty-third Hume Conference, Koblenz, Germany, August 2006
- “Representing Personal Identity”
  - Pacific Division APA, Portland, OR, March 2006
  - Hume and his Critics Conference, Baylor University, April 2005
- “Hume’s Theory of Space and Time in its Skeptical Context”
  - The Second Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Conference, Grafton, VT, June 2004
  - University of Massachusetts at Amherst, March 2003.
- "St. Thomas Aquinas on Just War"
  - Seventh annual Medieval Studies Secondary Schools Outreach Seminar presented by the Medieval Studies Program at UConn and the College of Continuing Studies, April 2004.
- “The Criterion of Identity and the *Principium Individuationis*”
  - Thirtieth Hume Conference, Las Vegas, NV, Aug. 2003
- “Altruism, Grief, and Identity”
  - Virginia Commonwealth University, March 2002.
  - University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, Feb. 2002.

- “Hume on the Simplicity of Moments”  
 - American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meetings, Atlanta, Dec 2001.  
 - Twenty-Eighth Hume Conference, Victoria, B.C., July 2001
- “Hume on Steadfast Objects and Time”  
 -American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meetings, San Francisco, April 2001  
 -Twenty-seventh Hume Conference, Williamsburg, VA, July 2000
- “Loose Identity”  
 -American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meetings, Boston, Dec. 1999.
- "A Humean Temporal Logic"  
 -presented during a Metaphysics round table at the 20th World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, Aug. 1998
- "Corporeal Substances and True Unities"  
 -Leibniz Society, Central APA meetings, Chicago, Apr. 1995
- "Hume's *Cogito Ergo Sum*"  
 -Twentieth Hume Conference in Ottawa, Ontario, July 1993  
 -Brown University, Jan. 1992
- "Bradley on Substantive and Adjective"  
 -F.H. Bradley Colloquium, Merton College, Oxford, April 1993
- "Abstract Ideas, Partial Considerations, and Distinctions of Reason"  
 -Eighteenth Hume Conference, Eugene, OR, Aug. 1991  
 -Oberlin College, March 1989
- "Frege and Ignorance of Identity"  
 -Towson State University, Baltimore, March 1991
- "Hume on Virtue, Beauty, and Supposed Wholes"  
 -The University of Connecticut, Storrs, March 1990  
 -Fifteenth Hume Conference in Marburg, Germany, Aug. 1988  
 -Princeton University, Feb. 1988  
 -The New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association meetings, Rutgers, Nov. 1987
- "Berkeley, Perception, and Identity"  
 - American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meetings, Dec. 1988
- "Hume on Infinite Divisibility"  
 -Fourteenth Hume Conference in Edinburgh, Aug. 1986  
 -The New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association meetings, Rutgers, Nov. 1985
- "Identity Through Time: A Defense of the Vulgar"  
 -University of Rochester, Feb. 1983  
 -University of Pittsburgh, Nov. 1982

### Comments:

- Comment on Kris McDaniel's "The Essence of Being"  
 -Invited Symposium, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, January 2020.

Comment on *Imagined Causes: Hume's Conception of Objects* by Stefanie Rocknak

-43rd International Hume Society Conference, Sydney, Australia, July 2016. Read in my absence by Eric Schliesser.

Comment on Don Garrett's "Hey, What's the Big Idea? Berkeley and Hume on Extension, Local Conjunction, and the Immateriality of the Soul"

-International Berkeley Society group session, Eastern Division American Philosophical Association Meetings, December 2013.

Comment on Jonathan Cottrell's "Hume's Propriety Principle"

-Hume Society group session, Central Division American Philosophical Association meetings, February 2012

Comment on Donald Ainslie and Juan Piñeros's "The Place of Relations in Hume's Distinction of Reason"

-38th International Hume Conference, Edinburgh, July 2011

Comment on Kevin Meeker's "Was Hume Mathematically Challenged"

-Thirty-Fifth Hume Conference, Iceland, August 2008

Comment on Adrian Bardon's "Empiricism, Time-Awareness, and Hume's Manners of Disposition"

-Thirty-third Hume Conference, Koblenz, Germany, August 2006

Comment on Graciela De Pierris's "Hume and Descartes on Skepticism with regard to Demonstrative Reasoning"

-Thirty-Second International Hume Conference, Toronto, July 2005

Comment on Karann Durland's "Hume on Primary and Secondary Qualities"

-Twenty-Sixth Hume Conference, Cork, Ireland, July 1999.

Comment on Abraham Roth's "What Was Hume's Problem with Personal Identity"

-Twenty-Fourth Hume Conference, Monterey, CA, Aug. 1997

Comment on Douglas Ehring's "A New Argument for Tropes"

- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meetings, Dec. 1991

Comment on Kenneth Winkler's "Ideas, Sentiments, and Qualities"

-conference entitled "Ideas: Sensory Experience, Thought, Knowledge and their Objects in 17th and 18th Century Philosophy", University of Iowa, April 1989

Comment on Robert McKim's "Berkeley on Perceiving the Same Thing"

-International Berkeley Society meeting in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meetings, Dec. 1988

Comment on Mark Heller's "Temporal Parts of Four Dimensional Objects"

- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meetings, Dec. 1983



## Professional Service:

Guest presenter in Mahrad Almotahari's graduate seminar, Phil 532:  
"Identity, etc." University of Illinois at Chicago, October 14, 2019.

Editorial Board for *Hume Studies*, 2013-2018, 2019-2024.

Book Review Editor for *Hume Studies*, Sept. 2003 through Oct. 2005.

### Refereeing:

#### Journal refereeing:

*Analysis, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Hume Studies, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy, Mind, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, The Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Sophia, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese*

#### Book Manuscript or proposal refereeing:

Macmillan Publishing Co., Oxford University Press (both UK and NY), Broadview Press, Palgrave Macmillan Press, Bloomsbury Publishing

#### Conference refereeing:

myriad International Hume Conferences

#### Grant refereeing:

- Swiss National Science Foundation, 2014
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2012, 2016
- Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), 2016
- Israel Science Foundation, 2020

Referee for tenure cases: 2006, 2010

Referee for promotion to full professor: 2013 (two)

External referee for dissertation by Jani Hakkarainen of the University of Tampere, Finland, entitled *Hume's Scepticism and Realism: His Two Profound Arguments against the Senses in AN ENQUIRY CONCERNING HUMAN UNDERSTANDING*, Fall 2007.

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Advisory Committee to the Program Committee

-Metaphysics, 2008 through 2010

-History of Modern Philosophy, 2005 through 2007

Program Committee co-chair along with Livia Guimaraes (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil) for the 36th International Hume Conference, August 2-6, 2009, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Introduction to Ruth Garrett Millikan's Dewey Lecture, "Accidents," at the Central Division American Philosophical Association meetings, February 2012.

Program committee for the North East Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy, Dartmouth College, May 2010.

Panelist for AskPhilosophers.org, 2009-2014.

**Professional Memberships:**

American Philosophical Association, Hume Society, Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences

**Dissertations Directed**

Benjamin Nelson, 2017. *Of Skepticism with Regard to Reason*.  
Christopher Panza, 2002. *Ideas, General Reference, and Abstraction in Locke's ESSAY*.

**Teaching at UConn:**

Nominee for the 2005 Undergraduate Student Government "Outstanding Educator of the Year Award"

Graduate: Hume, British Empiricism, Leibniz, Metaphysics  
Advanced Undergraduate: Metaphysics and Epistemology, 17th & 18th Century Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Medieval Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy

Introductory: Problems of Philosophy (regular and honors), Philosophy and Social Ethics, Philosophical Classics (honors), Freshman seminar: Death and Immortality

Adviser to undergraduate UConn Book Club, '07-'08.

Adviser to Philosophy Graduate Student Association, Fall '09 to Fall '18

Adviser to undergraduate Philosophy Club, Fall '09 to Fall '16

**University Service:**

University:

- Program Review Committee, Spring '14 to Spring '16
- Faculty Standards Committee, Fall '02
- Associated Faculty for the University of Connecticut Medieval Studies Program.
- University Senate: Spring '06, Fall '09

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

- English Department Headship Search Committee, May '14
- Curricula and Courses Committee, 2/91-5/94, Spring '07,

Spring '08

-Area Review Committee in Arts and Humanities (9/94-5/96,  
Committee chair: 9/95-5/96)

Department:

-Department Head: July '12 to present

-Graduate; Undergraduate; Placement; Promotion, Reappointment  
and Tenure; and Search Committees: most years up to  
headship

-Placement Committee: most years up to headship

-Director of Undergraduate Studies: Fall '09 to Summer '12

-Search Committee Chair: '97-'98, Co-chair '07-'08

-Acting Department Head: Fall '07

-Colloquium Director: Fall '00 - Fall '05

-Acting Director of Graduate Studies: Spring '01, Spring '05

-Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies: '03-'04