

**Kevin J. Harrelson**  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Ball State University  
kjharrelson@bsu.edu  
(765) 285-8515

**Current Position:**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Ball State University, 2015 -

**Education:**

University of Kentucky (PhD in Philosophy, 2004; MA in Philosophy, 2000)  
PhD Dissertation: *Hegel's Defense of the Ontological Argument*

Karl Ruprechts Universität Heidelberg (2001-2002)

Villanova University (BA in Philosophy, 1998)

**Areas of Specialization:**

History of Modern Philosophy; German Idealism

**Areas of Competence:**

Philosophy of History and Historiography; Philosophy of Race; American Philosophy

**Previous Positions:**

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ball State University, 2010 – 2015

Visiting Scholar, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2014

Contract Faculty, Ball State University, 2008 - 2010

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of North Dakota, 2007-2008

Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar, Honors Program, University of Kentucky, 2004-2007

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, 2002-2004

Heidelberg Scholar, 2001-2002, (recipient of a competitive fellowship for one year of study at the Karl Ruprechts Universität Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany, awarded by DAAD)

Research Fellow, University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences, 1998 –2001  
(recipient of a competitive three-year fellowship for graduate study)

**Publications:**

(\* indicates as Associate Professor)

**Books:**

1. *The Ontological Argument from Descartes to Hegel*. In the *Journal of the History of Philosophy* Monograph Series of Humanity Books/ Prometheus Press (2009)

Reviewed:

- a. In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (7-21-2009) by Charles Taliaferro
- b. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 48(2), 2010 243-45 by Graham Oppy
- c. In *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 18(2), 2010 341-44 by Charles P. Rodger
- d. In *APA Newsletter on Teaching* 10(1), 2010 11-13 by Russell Marcus
- e. In *Teaching Philosophy* 35(2), 2012 235-8 by Ronney Mourad

**Special Issues:**

1. Guest editor, *The Pluralist* 16(2), June 2021: “A Symposium on Tommy J. Curry’s *Another white Man’s Burden*”\*

**Journal Articles:**

1. “White Imagination in Search of a Canon” in *The Pluralist* 16(2) 39-58 (June 2021)\*
2. “White Racial Literacy and Racial Dexterity” forthcoming in *Educational Theory* 71(2) (April 2021)\*
3. “Intention and Empathy” in *Philosophical Psychology* 33(8) 1162-1184 (October 2020)\*
4. “Hegel in the Americas: Interpretive Assimilation and the Anticolonial Argument” in *Revista eletrônica estudos hegelianos* 17(26) 70-99 (December 2019)\*
5. “Narrative Identity and Diachronic Self-Knowledge” in *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 2(1) 164-179 (March 2016)\*
6. “Logic and Ontology in Hegel’s Theory of Predication” in *European Journal of Philosophy* 23(4) 1259-1280 (December 2015)
7. “The Priority of Epistemology in Early Neo-Kantianism,” in *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 32(1) 57-77 (January 2015)

8. "Inferentialist Philosophy of Language and the Historiography of Philosophy" in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 22(3): 582-603 (July 2014)
9. "Hegel and the Modern Canon" in *Owl of Minerva* Vol. 44(1-2) 1-35 (October 2013)
10. "Theology, History, and Religious Identification: Hegelian Methods in the Study of Religion" in *Sophia: An International Journal in the Philosophy of Religion* 52(3) 463-482 (September 2013)
11. "The Ethics of History in Royce's *The Spirit of Modern Philosophy*" in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 27 (2) 134-152 (April 2013)
12. "Idealistic Ontological Arguments in Royce, Collingwood, and Others" in *Transactions of the Charles S. Pierce Society* 48 (4) 411-435 (December 2012)
13. "Narrative Pedagogy for Introduction to Philosophy" in *Teaching Philosophy* 35(2) 113-141 (June 2012)

#### **Book Chapters:**

14. "The Autonomy of the Heart: Forberg on Action without Belief" forthcoming in *Hope and the Kantian Legacy: New Contributions to the History of Optimism*, ed. Anna Ezekiel and Katerina Mihaylova (Bloomsbury 2022)\*
15. "Metaphilosophical Pluralism: Idealist Variations on *Alleinphilosophie*" forthcoming in *The Relevance of Hegel's Concept of Philosophy: From Classical German Philosophy to Contemporary Metaphilosophy*, ed. Giovanna Miolli and Luca Illeterati (Bloomsbury 2021)\*

#### **Reference Articles and Editorials:**

16. "Ontological Argument" forthcoming in *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Religion*, Wiley-Blackwell 2021\*
17. Guest Editor's "Introduction to the Symposium" in *The Pluralist* 16(2) 1-9 June 2021\*
18. Eleven entries in *Dictionary of Eighteenth-Century German Philosophers*, Continuum 2010

#### **Book Reviews:**

1. Review of *Hegel on Possibility: Dialectics, Contradiction, and Modality* by Nahum Brown (Bloomsbury 2020) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 59 (3), July 2021\*
2. Review of *Ontological Arguments*, ed. Graham Oppy (Cambridge Philosophical Arguments, 2019) in *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 86 (1) 91-96.

March 2019\*

3. Review of *The Actual and the Possible: Metaphysics and Modality in Modern Philosophy*, ed. Mark Sinclair (Oxford University Press) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, October 2018\*
4. Review of *God and the Self in Hegel: Beyond Subjectivism* by Paolo Diego Bubbio (SUNY 2017) in *Sophia* 57(2) 349-351 September 2018\*
5. Review of *Hegel on the Proofs and Personhood of God: Studies in Hegel's Logic and Philosophy of Religion* by Robert Williams (Oxford 2017) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 55(4) 739-40 October 2017\*
6. Review of *Philosophy and its History: Aims and Methods in the Study of Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. Mogens Laerke, Justin Smith, and Eric Schliesser (Oxford UP, 2013) in *Philosophy in Review* 34.5 237-9 October 2014
7. Review of Sally Sedgwick, *Hegel's Critique of Kant* (Oxford 2013) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, April 2014
8. Review of Mirosław Szatkowski (ed.), *Ontological Proofs Today* (Ontos Verlag 2012) in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* August 2013
9. Review of Gregorio Piaia and Giovanni Santinello, eds., *Models of the History of Philosophy Volume II, From the Cartesian Age to Brucker*, Springer 2012 in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50(4) 616-617 October 2012
10. Review of Daniel Garber and Beatrice Longuenesse, *Kant and the Early Moderns* (Princeton 2008) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 48(1), January 2010 112-113
11. Review of Timothy S. Yoder, *Hume on God: Irony, Deism and Genuine Theism* (Continuum 2009) in *Philosophy in Review* 39(4) August 2009
12. Review of Tom Rockmore, *Hegel, Idealism, and Analytic Philosophy* (Yale 2005) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44(4), October 2006

**Selected Professional Presentations:**

1. "White Racial Literacy in an Age of Standpoint Theory" at Philosophy of Education Society Conference, Pittsburgh, February 2020 (refereed)\*
2. "No Color Line at Harvard'? Black Students in the Great Department, 1888-1905", October 2019 at Josiah Royce Society Conference ('Royce and His Students'), Vanderbilt University (refereed)\*
3. "White Imagination in Search of a Canon," Critic for 'Author Meets Critics' of Tommy J.

Curry, *Another white Man's Burden* at American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, January 2019\*

- repeated with different panelists at Society for Advancement of American Philosophy, March 2019
4. "Humans and Persons: Some Historical Problems," at History of Racism preconference for the Conference on Science and Values (UT-Dallas), May 2018 (refereed)\*
  5. "Royce's Social Contract," at Society for Advancement of American Philosophy, March 2018 (invited)\*
  6. "Intention and Empathy" at Purdue University, February 2018 (invited)\*
  7. "Recognition in Hegel's *Phenomenology*" at Antioch University, June 2017 (invited)\*
  8. "Appreciation as Historical Knowledge" at American Philosophical Association Central Division, March 2017 (refereed)\*
  9. "Stories, Facts, and Fictions," at Harper College, March 2016 (invited)\*
  10. "Compositionality and Inference: Hegel Between Brandom and Fodor" at Conference Hegel and Analytic Philosophy (Fort Wayne), October 2014 (refereed)
  11. "Royce on Local History and Selfhood" at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, February 2014 (refereed)
  12. "'All this tale is one of disgrace to our people': Royce's *California* as an exercise of guilty identity" at the Josiah Royce Society Conference, August 17 2013 (refereed)
  13. "Hegel's Sentential Semantics" at The Logic of Hegel's *Logic II*, University of Padova, Italy, December 18 2012 (refereed)
  14. „Die Bedeutung des ontologischen Gottesbeweises hinsichtlich seiner Geschichte“, at the University of Stuttgart, Germany, July 2012 (invited)
  15. „Logic and Ontology in Hegel's Predication Theory“, at the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany, June 2012 (invited)
  16. "Aenesidemus redivivus: the early neo-Kantian reception of Fichte" at the North American Fichte Society Conference (Montreal), May 2012 (refereed)
  17. "Hegel's *Phenomenology* in America," invited lecture at Earlham College, March 5 2012
  18. "The Context and Consequences of Royce's Ontological Argument" at the Josiah Royce Society Conference, September 2011 (refereed)

19. "Teaching Historiography in History Survey Courses" at the American Association of Philosophy Teachers Midwest Seminar, March 2011 (refereed)
20. "The Authorship of Hume's *Natural History of Religion* in relation to his *Dialogues*," Northern Plains Conference on Earlier British Literature, April 2008 (refereed)
21. "Some Puzzles in Hume's Psychology of Religion," keynote lecture to the Phi Sigma Tau undergraduate conference, North Dakota, April 2008 (invited)
22. "Faith and Argumentation: *a priori* Arguments in Historical Perspective," invited faculty lecture at the University of North Dakota, February 2008 (invited)

**Teaching Recognitions:**

1. Finalist, Excellence in Teaching Award (Ball State), 2008-9 (university-wide award, student nominated and committee selected)
2. Outstanding Teacher, Brannon Residence Hall (North Dakota), 2007-8 (student-elected award)
3. Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, 2007-8 (university-wide award, top teaching honor at the University of North Dakota)

**Public Presentations, Service Publications, and Media Apparances:**

1. "COVID-19 and Philosophy" *The Grindstone* (Purdue University Philosophy Podcast, June 2020 - appeared in three episodes)\*
2. "Essential Labor and Fairness in the Economy" (500-word editorial in Inside INdiana Business, June 30, 2020)\*
3. "The History of Pandemics" All IN (Indiana Public Radio), April 28, 2020\*
4. "Self-Deception," Big Questions Big Ideas (Muncie Public Library), January 2017\*
5. "Assessing Soft Skills" at University Assessment Forum, April 2016\*
6. "The Logic of Storytelling," Special Assigned Leave Presentation, March 2016\*
7. "Storytelling and Memory," Big Questions Big Ideas (Muncie Public Library), January 2015
8. "Are Histories True?" Big Questions Big Ideas (Muncie Public Library), January 2014

**References**

1. Daniel Breazeale, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, breazeal@uky.edu ([jdbreazeale@gmail.com](mailto:jdbreazeale@gmail.com))
2. Robert Brandom, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, ([bbrandom@pitt.edu](mailto:bbrandom@pitt.edu))
3. Brandon Look, University Research Professor, University of Kentucky, ([look@uky.edu](mailto:look@uky.edu))