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## CURRICULUM VITAE FRED ABLONDI

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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2012– Professor, Hendrix College  
Department Chair, Spring 2016, 2020–present  
2012–2018 Director, Steel Center for the Study of Religion and Philosophy  
2002–2012 Associate Professor, Hendrix College  
Department Chair, 2005–2009; 2010–2011  
1998–2002 Assistant Professor, Hendrix College  
1995–1998 Visiting Assistant Professor, Saint Anselm College

### EDUCATION

1995 Ph.D. Marquette University  
1989 M.A. The Catholic University of America  
1987 B.A. The College of William and Mary

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND INTEREST

AOS: Early Modern Philosophy  
AOC: Epistemology, Metaphysics

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Books**

2016 *Reading Nature's Book: Galileo and the Birth of Modern Philosophy*  
Peter Lang Publishing  
2004 *Gerauld de Cordemoy: Atomist, Occasionalist, Cartesian*  
Marquette University Press

**Articles**

- 2019 “‘He Has Created a Schism in Philosophy’: The Cartesianism of Géraud de Cordemoy”  
in *The Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*, Oxford University Press, edited by Steven Nadler, Tad Schmaltz, and Delphine Antoine-Mahut
- 2018 “Bernard Lamy, Empiricism, and Cartesianism”  
*History of European Ideas* 44: 149–58
- 2017 “Malebranche and Suarez on Secondary Causation: A Contemporary Consideration” (coauthored with J. Aaron Simmons)  
in *Occasionalism East and West*, Research and Media Publications, edited by Nazif Muhtaroglu
- 2013 “Newtonian vs. Newtonian: Baxter and MacLaurin on the Inactivity of Matter”  
*Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 11: 15–23
- 2012 “Hutcheson, Perception, and the Sceptic’s Challenge”  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 20: 269–81
- 2012 “James Beattie, Practical Ethics, and the Human Nature Question”  
*Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 10: 1–12
- 2011 “Gabriel Biel and Occasionalism: Overcoming an Apparent Tension” (coauthored with J. Aaron Simmons)  
*History of Philosophy Quarterly* 28: 159–73
- 2010 “Heretics Everywhere: On the Continuing Relevance of Galileo to the Philosophy of Religion” (coauthored with J. Aaron Simmons)  
*Philosophy and Theology* 22: 49–76
- 2010 “Absolute Beginners: Learning Philosophy by Learning Descartes and Berkeley”  
*Metascience* 19: 385–89
- 2009 “Millar on Slavery”  
*Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 7: 163–75
- 2009 “Epistemic Vagueness?”  
*Think* 8: 47–50
- 2008 “François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem”  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46: 619–29

- 2008 “Retroactive Identity Ascriptions, Empty Questions, and Intrinsic Relations”  
*Think* 7: 93–96
- 2007 “Knowing Our Nature: A Note on Régis’ Response to Malebranche”  
*History of European Ideas* 33: 135–41
- 2007 “Why It Matters that I’m Not Insane: The Role of the Madness Argument in Descartes’s First Meditation”  
*International Philosophical Quarterly* 47: 79–89
- 2005 “Berkeley, Archetypes, and Errors”  
*The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 43: 493–504
- 2005 “Almog’s Descartes”  
*Philosophy* 80: 423–31
- 2002 “A Note on Hahn’s Philosophy of Logic”  
*History and Philosophy of Logic* 23: 37–42
- 2002 “Kelly and McDowell on Perceptual Content”  
*The Electronic Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 7 (3,193 words)
- 1999 “Malebranche and Knowledge of the Soul”  
*American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 73: 371–81
- 1999 “A Note on De Mairan and Spinozism”  
*North American Spinoza Society Monograph* 8: 41–45
- 1998 “Le Spinoziste Malgré Lui?: Malebranche, De Mairan, and Intelligible Extension”  
*History of Philosophy Quarterly* 15: 191–203
- 1998 “Automata, Living and Non-Living: Descartes’ Mechanical Biology and His Criteria for Life”  
*Biology and Philosophy* 13: 179–86
- 1996 “Schlick, Altruism and Psychological Hedonism”  
*Indian Philosophical Quarterly* 23: 417–27
- 1996 “Causality and Human Freedom in Malebranche”  
*Philosophy and Theology* 9: 321–31
- 1995 “Death According to Descartes: Why the Soul Leaves the Body”  
*Iyyun* 44: 47–53
- 1994 “Individual Identity in Descartes and Spinoza” (coauthored with Steve Barbone)  
*Studia Spinozana* 10: 69–91

- 1994 “*Ideae Idearum* in Spinoza’s *Ethics*”  
*Lyceum* 6: 19–24
- 1994 “Malebranche, Solipsism and Divine Revelation”  
*Sophia* 33: 43–50
- 1993 “A Spinozistic Account of Self-Deception”  
*North American Spinoza Society Monograph* 1: 1–18
- 1992 “Descartes and Atheism: A Response to Polk”  
*Concept* 15: 69–74

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

- 2016 “Pierre de Bérulle,” “William Cavendish,” “Géraud de Cordemoy,” “Jean du Hamel,” “Bernard Lamy,” “François Lamy,” “Oratorians,” “Philosophy,” “Nicolas-Joseph Poisson,” and “Jean de Silhon”  
in *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, Cambridge University Press, edited by Lawrence Nolan
- 2005 “Géraud de Cordemoy”  
*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (4,470 words)

### **Book Reviews**

- 2020 Review of Matteo Favaretti Camposampiero, Mariangela Priarolo, and Emanuela Scribano (eds.), *Occasionalism: From Metaphysics to Science*, Brepols 2018  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58: 404–405
- 2015 Review of Géraud de Cordemoy, *Six Discourses on the Distinction between the Body and the Soul and Treatises on Metaphysics* (trans. Steven Nadler), Oxford 2015  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (1,467 words)
- 2015 Review of Alexander Broadie, *Agreeable Connexions: Scottish Enlightenment Links with France*, Birlin 2012  
*Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 13: 123–26
- 2012 Review of Silvia Parigi (ed.), *George Berkeley: Religion and Science in the Age of Enlightenment*, Springer 2011  
*Metascience* 21: 681–83
- 2006 Review of Tom Sorell, *Descartes Reinvented*, Cambridge 2005  
*Review of Metaphysics* 60: 426–27

- 1998 Review of Tad M. Schmaltz, *Malebranche's Theory of the Soul*, Oxford 1996  
*Philosophical Review* 107: 352–55
- 1997 Review of John Yolton, *Perception and Reality*, Cornell 1996  
*Review of Metaphysics* 50: 928–29
- 1994 Review of Oliver Bloch (ed.), *Spinoza au XX<sup>e</sup> siècle*, Presses Universitaires de France 1993  
*Studia Spinozana* 10: 322–23
- 1994 Review of Theo Verbeek, *Descartes and the Dutch*, Southern Illinois University 1992  
*Dialogue* 37: 35–36
- 1994 Review of James Petrik, *Descartes' Theory of the Will*, Hollowbrook 1992  
*Dialogue* 36: 79–80
- 1993 Review of Patricia Easton, Thomas Lennon, and Gregor Sebba (eds.), *Bibliographia Malebranchiana*, Southern Illinois University 1992  
*Dialogue* 35: 65
- 1992 Review of Stuart Brown (ed.), *Nicolas Malebranche: His Philosophical Critics and Successors*, Van Gorcum 1991  
*Dialogue* 35: 27–28

### **Other Publications**

- 2018 Convener (with introduction), Book Symposium on Jack Hill, *Adam Ferguson and Ethical Integrity*  
*Syndicate Philosophy*
- 2015 “Galileo and Early Modern Philosophy” (Editor, Special Issue, with introduction)  
*Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 51
- 2010 “What We Talk About When We Talk About Lowe”  
in *The Red Sox and Philosophy*, edited by Michael Macomber, Open Court Press
- 1999 “Vagueness: An Introduction (Sort Of)”  
*Philosophy Now*: 20–21

### **TALKS, COLLOQUIA, ETC.**

- May 2013 “Occasionalism and Secular Reason: Malebranche, Suarez, and Audi,” The Theory of Occasionalism: East and West Conference, Harvard Divinity School

- March 2012 “Hutcheson, Benevolence, and the Personal Virtue of Justice,” Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Hendrix College
- March 2010 “Beattie on Human Nature,” Practical Ethics and the Scottish Philosophical Tradition Conference , Princeton Theological Seminary
- April 2008 “Descartes, His Meditator, and the Source of Our Childhood Prejudices,” Meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association, University of North Texas
- March 2006 “François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Portland
- Nov 2005 “François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-Body Problem,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Baylor University
- May 2004 “Is Gabriel Biel Really an Occasionalist?: Occasionalism, God, and the Power of Created Substances in Late Medieval Thought,” Midwest Seminar on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Western Michigan University
- Oct 2002 “Cordemoy on Language and the Mind-Body Union,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas Tech University
- Feb 2002 “God, Causality, and the New Science: Malebranche’s Reply to Suarez,” Meeting of the Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Central Arkansas
- Oct 2000 “Kelly and McDowell on Perceptual Content,” Meeting of the Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
- Oct 1999 “Hahn’s Conception of Numbers as Something Other Than Objects,” Meeting of the Arkansas Philosophical Association, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- Oct 1997 “Anthropic Considerations and Explanation,” Meeting of the Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bowdoin College
- Dec 1995 “Malebranche Contre Lui?: De Mairan, Spinozism, and Intelligible Extension,” Meeting of the North American Spinoza Society, New York City

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

- Nov 2017 South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Hendrix College
- April 2013 Galileo and Modern Philosophy, Hendrix College

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for:

*The Journal of the History of Philosophy*  
*The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*  
*History of Philosophy Quarterly*  
*The Southern Journal of Philosophy*  
*Journal of Modern Philosophy*  
*Sophia*  
*Philosophia*  
*North American Spinoza Society Monograph Series*

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE (HENDRIX COLLEGE)

2020–	Chair, Committee on Academic Appeals
2020–	Council of New Student Advisors
2019–2020	Member, Committee on Academic Appeals
2018	Invited Member, Nomination Committee for Cutting-Edge Curriculum Award
2017–2018	Member, College Conduct Committee
2016–2017	Member, Committee on Teacher Education
2016–2017	Council of New Student Advisors
2014–2016	Member, Committee for Diversity Concerns
2012–2014	Appointed Member, Steering Committee for the new freshman core course “The Engaged Citizen”
2012–2014	Appointed Member, Student Experience Subcommittee of the 2022 Strategic Vision Committee
2012–2014	Elected Member, Committee on Committees
2012–2014	Council of New Student Advisors
2010–2011	Member, Athletic Advisory Council
2008–2010	Elected Member, Committee on Committees
2008–2010	Council of New Student Advisors
2005–2008	Elected Member, Council on Academic Policy and Committee on Academic and Professional Concerns
2005–2008	Member, President’s Budget Advisory Committee
2005–2007	Council of New Student Advisors
2003–2010	Faculty Advisor, KHDX 93.1 FM
2003–2006	United Way Campaign Coordinator, Hendrix College
2003–2004	Chair, Student Life Committee
2003–2004	Council of New Student Advisors
2002–2004	Elected Member, Committee on Committees
2002–2003	Appointed Member, Strategic Task Force for the Student Communications Study
2002–2003	Member, Student Life Committee
2002–2003	Faculty Advisor for the Student Senate

2000–2002 Member, College Judicial Council (alternate, 2002–2008)  
2000–2002 Council of New Student Advisors  
1998–2009 Faculty Advisor, Hendrix College Philosophy Club  
1998–2000 Member, Committee on Library and Learning Resources