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Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy: Cavendish, Conway, Astell, Leibniz, Locke, Masham, du Châtelet, Metaphysics, Philosophical Theology
Competency: Metaphysics, Kant

Academic Positions

Professor, University of Kansas	Fall 2018 – Present
Professor, California State University Long Beach	Fall 2017 – Spring 2018
Associate Professor, California State University Long Beach	Fall 2012 – Spring 2017
Sabbatical Leave	Fall 2014
Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion at University of Notre Dame	Fall 2011 – Spring 2012.
Assistant Professor, California State University Long Beach	Fall 2006 – Spring 2012
Faculty Fellow, Colby College,	Fall 2005 – Spring 2006
Teaching Associate, UMass Amherst	Summer 2001 – Spring 2005
Teaching Assistant, UMass Amherst	Fall 1999 – Spring 2001

Education

Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst	February 2006
Dissertation: “Leibniz and Locke on the Ultimate Origination of Things”	
Committee: Vere Chappell (Chair), Eileen O’Neill, Robert C. Sleigh, and Donald Maddox	
M.A. University of Massachusetts, Amherst	June 2001
B.A. University of Washington, Seattle	June 1998

Awards

- KU International Affairs International Travel Grant for Humanities Research, AY 2020-202, for travel to Cambridge and London.
- College General Research Fund for “Emilie Du Châtelet’s Theory of Happiness” Summer 2020.
- Hall Center Residential Fellowship, KU Fall 2020.
- 2019 Digital Humanities Teaching Grant from IDRH for developing “Digital Cavendish”
- Keeler Intra-University Professorship at the University of Kansas for Spring 2020
- NEH Collaborative Research Grant, co-directed with Andrew Janiak for *New Narratives in Philosophy: Rediscovering neglected works by early modern women*. A conference at the Franklin Humanities Institute at Duke University, Durham, NC, April 13 – 16, 2016
- NEH Summer Institute Scholar: "Between Medieval and Modern: Philosophy from 1300-1700 at UC Boulder, July 6-31, 2015.
- NEH Fellowship for 2015-2016 for *Early Modern Women Philosophers: Cosmology to Human Nature*
- NEH Awards for Faculty for 2015-2016 - declined
- Sabbatical Leave CSULB Fall 2014
- CSULB RSCA Award Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2018 (Assigned time)
- Early Modern Philosophy Research Fellowship at the University of Notre Dame for 2011-2012
- Summer Research Stipend CSULB Liberal Arts 2006, 2008, 2016

Publications

1. “Emilie Du Châtelet on Illusions” forthcoming *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*.
2. “The Power of Self-Motion in Cavendish’s Nature” in *Powers*, edited by Julia Jorati (forthcoming Oxford University Press.)

3. “Masham, Damaris Cudworth” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro (forthcoming Wiley-Blackwell).
4. *Feminist History of Philosophy: The Recovery and Evaluation of Women’s Philosophical Thought*, co-edited with Eileen O’Neill (Springer, 2019).
5. “Early Modern Women on the Cosmological Argument: A Case Study in Feminist History of Philosophy” in *Feminist History of Philosophy: The Recovery and Evaluation of Women’s Philosophical Thought*, edited by Eileen O’Neill and Marcy Lascano (Springer, 2019).
6. “‘Heads Cast in Metaphysical Moulds’: Damaris Masham on the Method and Nature of Metaphysics” for *Early Modern Women on Metaphysics*, edited by Emily Thomas (Cambridge University Press, 2018).
7. “G. W. Leibniz” in *Volume III: The History of Evil in the Early Modern Age (1450-1700)*, edited by Daniel Robinson. General Editors, Chad Meister and Charles Taliaferro (Routledge 2018).
8. “Arguments for the existence of God” in *The Routledge Companion to Seventeenth Century Philosophy*, Edited by Dan Kaufman (Routledge 2017).
9. “Anne Conway on Liberty,” in *Women on Liberty, 1600-1800*, edited by Jacqueline Broad and Karen Detlefsen (Oxford University Press, 2017).
10. “Locke’s Philosophy of Religion” in *The Blackwell Companion to John Locke*, edited by Matthew Stuart. (Blackwell Publishing, 2016.)
11. “Mary Astell on the Existence and Nature of God,” in *Feminist Interpretations of Mary Astell*, edited by Penelope Weiss and Alice Sowaal. Pennsylvania State University Press, 2016: 168-187.
12. “Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia” in *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, edited by Lawrence Nolan. Cambridge University Press, 2016.
13. “Anne Conway: Bodies in the Spiritual World” in *Philosophy Compass* 8/4 2013: 327-336.
14. “Damaris Masham and ‘The Law of Reason or Nature’” in *The Modern Schoolman* 88 (3-4) 2011: 245-65.
15. “Emilie du Châtelet on the Existence and Nature of God: An examination of her arguments in light of their sources” in the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 19 (4) 2011: 741-58.

Book Reviews

1. “*The Well-Ordered Universe: The Philosophy of Margaret Cavendish* by Deborah Boyle,” *Mind*, Volume 128, Issue 509, January 2019, Pages 260–268
2. “Review of Stephen Gaukroger and Catherine Wilson’s *Descartes and Cartesianism: Essays in Honour of Desmond Clarke*” in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2017.09.22
3. “Review of Desmond Clarke’s *The Equality of the Sexes*” in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2014.03.02.
4. “Review of Nicholas Rescher’s *Studies in Leibniz’s Cosmology*” in *The Leibniz Review*, December 2007.

Projects in Progress

Book Project

I am currently completing a book, *Monism, Vitalism, and Motion: The Metaphysics of Margaret Cavendish and Anne Conway*, that focuses on the metaphysical and epistemological views of Margaret Cavendish and Anne Conway. I was awarded an NEH Fellowship for 2015-2016 to work on the project.

Textbook Project

Co-editor with Lisa Shapiro on *Early Modern Philosophy: An Anthology of Primary Sources* (under contract with Broadview Press, expected publication 2020). This anthology will include not only canonical figures of early modern philosophers, but also works that have been historically excluded, including works by women, as well as those by others who can help to situate philosophical works in their larger intellectual historical context. As part of this project, we will be co-teaching an “Intensive Seminar on Teaching New Narratives in Early Modern Philosophy,” at Simon Fraser, June 24-30, 2018, funded by the SSHRC grant that also supports the textbook project.

Articles/Book Chapters in Preparation

1. “Margaret Cavendish on Human Beings” with Eric Schliesser for *Human Beings* (OUP), edited by Karolina Huber. Submitted.
2. “Margaret Cavendish and Early Modern Scientific Experimentalism: ‘Boys that play with watery bubbles or fling dust into each other’s eyes, or make a hobbyhorse of snow’” for the *Routledge Handbook of Feminist Philosophy of Science*, edited by Sharon Crasnow and Kristen Intemann. Submitted.
3. “Early Modern Women on the Role of God in Nature” for *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, edited by Karen Detlefsen and Lisa Shapiro. In progress.
4. “Èmilie du Châtelet on Happiness: Passions and Character”

Association with Current or Ongoing Projects

Advisory Board for Oxford New Histories of Philosophy series

Advisory Board Member for *Project Vox*

Team Member of *New Narratives in the History of Philosophy* Project

Presentations

1. “Margaret Cavendish and Anne Conway on Human Nature,” Dignity and Human Nature Workshop at UCLA, May 4-5 (Delayed)
2. “The Role of God in Early Modern Women’s Philosophy,” University of Pennsylvania, March 26, 2020. (Delayed)
3. “Èmilie du Châtelet on Happiness,” University of Minnesota, March 20, 2020. (Delayed)
4. “Èmilie du Châtelet on Happiness: Pleasure and Passions,” Keynote at the Sixth Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Southern Utah University, March 7, 2020.
5. “Cavendish on Occasional Causation and the Metaphysics of Freedom,” at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago February 29, 2020.
6. “Starting with Cavendish: Re-imagining the Philosophy Canon,” Digital Humanities Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, January 22, 2020.
7. “Èmilie Du Châtelet on Happiness” at the Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 25, 2019.
8. “What is Èmilie Du Châtelet’s Theory of Happiness?,” Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver, B.C. June 1-4, 2019.
9. “Margaret Cavendish on the Power of Self-Motion in Nature” at the Powers Workshop, Ohio State University, March 23, 2019.
10. “The Metaphysics of Margaret Cavendish” and “‘Boys that play with watery bubbles or fling dust into each other’s eyes, or make a hobbyhorse of snow’: Margaret Cavendish’s Critique of Early Modern Scientific Experimentalism” for the Distinguished Speaker at Temple University, November 8th and 9th, 2018.
11. “Cavendish on Early Experimental Philosophy” at Texas A&M Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 25, 2018.
12. “Èmilie du Châtelet on Equality and Happiness” at the Center for New Narratives in Philosophy at Columbia University, September 22, 2018.
13. “Èmilie du Châtelet on Illusions” at the *Taboe Early Modern Workshop and Conference*, May 25 – May 30, 2018
14. “Èmilie du Châtelet on Illusion” at *Èmilie du Châtelet’s Foundations of Physics: A Conference Celebrating the Complete English Translation*, University of Notre Dame, April 26-28, 2018.
15. “Mary Astell’s Metaphysics” at University of Toronto Early Modern Research Group, April 12th, 2018.
16. “Margaret Cavendish’s System of Nature,” at *Women in Early Modern Philosophy*: Lehigh University 5th Annual Philosophy Conference, October 19-20, 2017.
17. “Human Nature in Margaret Cavendish” with Eric Schliesser at the Being Human: The History of a Concept Conference at the University of Toronto, June 10, 2017.
18. “Èmilie du Châtelet” in the “Cavendish, du Châtelet, and Shepherd on the Metaphysics of Nature” panel at the *Rethinking Philosophy’s Past Conference* at Columbia University, February 18th, 2017.
19. “Margaret Cavendish on Nature and Our Place in It,” history of philosophy seminar series at Uppsala University, November 24, 2016.

20. "Emilie du Châtelet: Women's Freedom and Happiness, Panel at the Society for Analytical Feminism, at UMass Lowell, September 16-18, 2016.
21. "Emilie du Châtelet on God, Freedom, and Happiness" for the Exploring the Philosophy of Emilie du Chatelet at Columbia University, New York, NY June 2-3, 2016.
22. "The Love that Binds" for the New Narratives in Philosophy Conference at Duke University, Durham, NC April 17, 2016.
23. "Emilie du Châtelet on Happiness and Freedom" for the "Early Modern Women" Symposium at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2016.
24. "Early Modern Women on the Existence and Nature of God" at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2016.
25. "Margaret Cavendish and Anne Conway on the One and the Many: Monism and Individuation" at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., April 1, 2015.
26. "Chapter 2: Margaret Cavendish" from *Early Modern Women Philosophers: Cosmology to Human Nature* at the History of Philosophy Roundtable, UC San Diego, November 21, 2014.
27. "Monism and Individuation in Cavendish and Conway" at *Women in the History of Philosophy: A Workshop* presented by the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University in the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium's conference series, September 13, 2014 at the University of Pennsylvania.
28. "Anne Conway on Liberty" at the Women on Liberty, 1600-1800 Symposium in Prato, Italy, July 2014.
29. "Mary Astell on the True Way to Happiness" at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting 2014.
30. "The Monisms of Cavendish and Conway" at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 30, 2013.
31. "Leibnizian Defenses" at California State University, Northridge, April 3, 2013.
32. "Leibniz on the Best Possible World, Human Happiness, and the Problem of Eternal Damnation," Annual Philosophy Lecture, Fresno City College, March 23, 2012.
33. "The Theodicean Aspects of Anne Conway's Principles" at The Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy at Cal Poly Pomona, December 3, 2011.
34. "The Theodicean Aspects of Anne Conway's Principles" at the Center for Philosophy of Religion Discussion Group at University of Notre Dame, November 11, 2011.
35. "The Theodicean Aspects of Anne Conway's Principles" at the UMass Philosophy Department Homecoming Conference, UMass Amherst, October 15, 2011.
36. "The Greater Good and Individual Justice in Leibniz's Theodicy," at the Stockholm June Workshop at the University of Stockholm, May 31, 2011.
37. "Mary Astell on the Existence and Nature of God" at San Francisco State University, October 21, 2010.
38. "Kant on Leibnizian Emanation, Creation, and God's Freedom" at the History of Philosophy Roundtable, UC San Diego, November 13, 2009.
39. "Early Modern Women on the Cosmological Argument: A Case Study in Feminist Historiography," at the 12th Southern California Philosophy Conference, The Claremont Colleges, November 7, 2009.
40. "Mary Astell on the Existence and Nature of God" at the Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Oxford University, October 17, 2009.
41. "Mary Astell on the Existence and Nature of God" at the Women, Philosophy, and History: A Conference in Celebration of Eileen O'Neill and her Work, Barnard College, Columbia University, October 2-3, 2009.
42. "Leibniz and Kant on Emanation and Creation" Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Chicago, May 2, 2009.
43. "Leibniz on Creation: What God Can and Cannot Do" at the Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie University, July 13, 2008.
44. "The Genesis of Emilie du Châtelet's Cosmological Argument" APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 21, 2008
45. "Women in Early Modern Philosophy: Emilie du Châtelet's Cosmological Argument" at the Women in Philosophy Conference at CSU Long Beach, November 8, 2006.

Courses Taught

As Professor at KU

PHIL 820: Vitalism (Fall 2019)
PHIL 820: Seminar on Early Modern Women's Metaphysics (Fall 2018)
PHIL 500: Special Topics: Early Modern "Science and Science Fiction" (Spring 2019)
PHIL 500: Digital Cavendish (Fall 2019)
PHIL 558: 17th Century Philosophy (Spring 2019)

As Professor at CSULB

PHIL 101: The Meaning of Life (Fall 2017, Winter 2018 Online)
PHIL 204: Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2017)
PHIL 413/513: British Empiricism (Spring 2018)

As Associate Professor at CSULB

PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
PHIL 204: Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
PHIL 330: Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
PHIL 413/513: British Empiricism (Spring 2015)
PHIL 491/591: Selected Topics on David Hume's Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2013)
PHIL 630: Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Religion - Conceptions of God and the Afterlife (Fall 2012)
PHIL 620: Graduate Seminar in the History of Philosophy – Margaret Cavendish (Spring 2017)

As Assistant Professor at CSULB

PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2006 – Spring 2014)
PHIL 204: Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
PHIL 330: Philosophy of Religion (Summer 2007, Summer 2008, Fall 2009, Summer 2010)
PHIL 497H: Honors Seminar (Spring 2008)
PHIL 490/590: Special Topics in Early Philosophy – Aquinas (Spring 2007)
PHIL 491/591: Special Topics in Modern - Early Modern Women Philosophers (Spring 2010)
PHIL 491/591: Special Topics - Leibniz and Conway on Theodicy (Spring 2011)
PHIL 610: Pro-Seminar in the History of Philosophy - Freedom and Determinism (Fall 2007)
PHIL 630: Graduate Seminar Philosophy of Religion - Can God be Free? (Fall 2006)
PHIL 630: Graduate Seminar Philosophy of Religion - Persons: Human and Divine (Fall 2008)

As Faculty Fellow at Colby College

PHIL 114: Nature and God (Fall 2005)
PHIL 274: Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2006)
PHIL 298: Science and Pseudoscience (Spring 2006)
PHIL 397: Metaphysics (Fall 2005)

As Teaching Associate at UMass Amherst (with full responsibility):

PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy (Summer, Fall 2001, Spring, Summer 2002)
PHIL 100: Online Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2004)
PHIL 160: Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2002, Spring 2003)
PHIL 164: Medical Ethics (Spring 2004)
PHIL 164: Online Medical Ethics (Summer 2003, Winter 2004, Fall 2004, Winter 2005)
PHIL 330: Continental Rationalism (Spring 2005)
PHIL 382: Philosophical Approaches to Science (Fall 2003)

Student Supervision

MA Prospectus Defense

Member, Kevin Watson, "The Implications of Normative Parity," Defended December 12, 2019.

Masters Theses

Member, Ahmed Alenaizan, "The Basis of Moral Values," Defended June 12, 2018
Member, Alexander Beard, "Absence Causation in Mechanistic Explanation," Defended June 19th 2017.
Member, Christian Weede, "Overcoming the Present," Defended March 2015.
Director, Kevin Watkins, "Tracing and Offloading: A Neo-Lockean reply to Johnston," Defense October 2014.
Member, Josh Folk, "Manipulation and Moral Responsibility" Defended July 2012.
Member, Amy Conti, "Virtue Ethics, Dirty Hands, and Consequentialism" Defended August 2011.
Director, David Glover, "Reconciling the Doctrine of Original Sin with Principles of Moral Responsibility," Defended June 2010.
Director, Kara Sutton-Jones, "An Application of Philippa Foot's Virtue Theory in Journalism," Defended March 2010.
Member, Saad Anis, "A Defense of Mackie's Error Theory," Defended June 2009.
Member, Debraun Ellis "Immigration" Defended December 2008.
Member, Matthew Franko, "Some Common Arguments Against Active Euthanasia and Why They Fail," Defended December 2008.
Member, Justin Wells, "From Despair to Tragedy to Irony to Apathy: The Meaning of Life and Implications of the Absurd In Thomas Nagel and Susan Wolf," Defended August 2007

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Jacee Cantler, "The Concept of the Self and Women in the History of Philosophy: A Case Study," 2017
Zien Halwani, "Adiqqa min Kasb al-Ash'ari: Precision from Ash'ari's Theory of Acquisition," 2013
Rebekah Bonner, "The Role of Religion in a Post-Darwinian Society," 2011
Nicolas Porter, "The Role of The Natural History of Religion in David Hume's Religious Corpus" 2009
Errol DAVIS, "An Approach to Moral Disagreement and Moral Progress in David Hume's Ethical System" 2007

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Asa Marsh, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, for the Project "New Narratives in Philosophy," 2016-2017.

Professional Service

American Philosophical Association Defense of the Professional Rights of Philosophers Committee Member 2017-2019
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Program Committee Member 2017-2019
Mock NEH Review Panelist for informational session at CSU San Marcos 2013; CSULB 2017.
Grant Reviewer for: *National Endowment for the Humanities*, 2013; *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, 2014; Research Foundation Flanders, 2017
Reviewer for *Philosophers' Imprint*, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *International Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophy Compass*, *The Monist*, *Sophia*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Religion*, Oxford, Routledge, Hackett, and Ashgate Publishing
Chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting 2012
Chair, First Annual Leibniz Society of North America Conference, Rice University January 26, 2008
Outside Reviewer for the Interdisciplinary Studies Panel at CUNY, Spring 2008.
Co-organizer for the California Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, 2006 and 2007

Service at KU

College/University Service

Hall Center Executive Committee Fall 2019-2022 (Chair, 2020)
IDRH Advisory Board Fall 2019-
Hall Center Faculty Travel Awards Committee, Chair, Fall 2019
Curricular Integration Committee Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Hall Center Humanities Research Fellowship Committee Fall 2018

Department Service

Graduate Committee 2019-

Tenure and Promotion Committee 2018-

Library Representative 2018-

Service at CSULB

College/University Service

Campus Academic Calendar Committee 2017-2018

Advisory Council for Enrollment Services 2016-2018

CLA Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee 2016-2018 (Chair 2017-2018)

CLA Faculty Council Fall 2016-2018

CLA Election Committee, 2016-2018

Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology 2012-13

Faculty Hearing Panel Representative 2007-2015

Department Service

Graduate Program Advisor 2017 – 2018

Development of Standard Course Outline for *PHIL 101: The Meaning of Life*, 2016

Philosophy Department Undergraduate Committee 2016-17

Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee 2011-2014

Chair Grade Appeals Committee, 2011-2012

Philosophy Department Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee 2012-2013

Philosophy Day at CSULB Co-organizer 2013

Philosophy Department Undergraduate Advisor 2008-11

Philosophy Department Scholarship and Awards Committee, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2013-14, Spring 2015

Chair, Philosophy Department Faculty Search Committee for History of Philosophy position (successful) 2007-2008

Department Honors Program Advisor 2007-2008

Graduate Program Committee 2007-2009

Advisory Committee, 2007-2008

Grade Appeals Committee 2007-2009, 2013

Philosophy Department Interim Chair Search Committee 2007-2008

Philosophy Department Library Committee, 2006-2008, Chair 2007-2008

Hybrid Course Study Group 2006-2007

Philosophy Department Faculty Search Committee for two open positions (successful) 2006-2007

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association

British Society for the History of Philosophy

Leibniz Society of North America (Nominated 2004)

Society for Women in Philosophy

Society for Analytical Feminism

Languages

Latin Language Proficiency

Some Reading Knowledge of French