

Jean-Baptiste GUILLON

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Free Will and Philosophy of Action, Metaphysics, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Scepticism (late medieval and modern era), Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Modal logic and logic of conditionals

CURRENT POSITION

High-school philosophy teacher at Lycée Truffaut (Bondoufle, France)
Unpaid Research Associate for the chaire “Métaphysique et Philosophie de la Connaissance” at Collège de France (Prof. Claudine Tiercelin).

EDUCATION

- 2010-2014 **PhD in philosophy** at Université de Nantes
Dissertation: “The Epistemology of Free Will”
Supervisor: Pr. Cyrille Michon
Examiners: Pr. Jérôme Dokic (EHESS Paris), Pr. Pascal Engel (EHESS Paris), Pr. Carlos Moya (U. de Valencia), Pr. Derk Pereboom (Cornell), Pr. Roger Pouivet (U. de Lorraine)
Highest distinction.
- 2009-2010 Visiting Scholar in the department of philosophy at Notre-Dame University
Advisors: Pr. Robert Audi and Pr. Peter van Inwagen
- fall 2008 Visiting Student in the departments of philosophy and linguistics at NYU
Advisors: Pr. Kit Fine & Pr. Philippe Schlenker
- 2007-2008 **M.A. in Philosophy** – Institut Jean Nicod, Paris
Dissertation: « Logics of Time and Modality: the legacy of Arthur Prior »
Supervisor: Pr. Frédéric Nef
- 2006-2007 Agrégation of Philosophy (national rank: 2nd)
- 2001-2006 Admitted in Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS Paris)
B.A. in Philosophy – University of Paris IV Sorbonne
B.A. in classical studies – University of Paris X Nanterre

EMPLOYMENT

- 2018-2019 Philosophy Teacher, Lycée Truffaut, Bondoufle, Education Nationale
- 2015-2018 Research Assistant, Collège de France, chaire de métaphysique et philosophie de la connaissance de Mme le Professeur Claudine Tiercelin
- 2014-2015 Philosophy Teacher, Lycée Ambroise Paré, Education Nationale
- 2013-2014 Teaching Assistant, Université de Lyon III, Jean Moulin
- 2010-2012 Teaching Assistant, Université de Nantes

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2018 Invited lecturer for the preparation of the exam “Agrégation” at Université de Toulouse Jean Jaurès
- the Metaphysics of Time (16 hour course)
- 2018-2019 Highschool philosophy teacher at lycée François Truffaut in Bondoufle
- 2014-2015 Highschool philosophy teacher at lycée Ambroise Paré in Laval
- 2013-2014 ATER at « faculté de Philosophie de l’Université Lyon 3, Jean Moulin »
- methodology, BA
 - political philosophy : John Locke, BA
 - philosophy of mind, BA
 - preparation of national competitions, CAPES et Agrégation (MA)
- 2011-2012 « Moniteur » at « département de Philosophie de l’Université de Nantes »:
- general metaphysics, BA
 - philosophy in English : Thomas Reid, BA
 - preparation of national competitions, CAPES et Agrégation (MA)
- 2010-2011 « Moniteur » at « département de Philosophie de l’Université de Nantes » :
- general metaphysics, BA
 - critical thinking, BA
 - preparation of national competitions, CAPES et Agrégation (MA)

EDITION OF COLLECTIVE BOOKS AND SPECIAL ISSUES

- forthcoming *Les Principes Métaphysiques*, Jean-Baptiste Guillon and Alexandre Declos (eds.), Paris, éditions du Collège de France.
- forthcoming *Le Libre Arbitre, une anthologie. Vol. 1 : les grands modèles – Libertarianisme, Déterminisme, Compatibilisme*, G. Le Gousse et J.-B. Guillon eds., Paris Ithaque
- 2017 *Le Libre Arbitre, approches contemporaines*, Jean-Baptiste Guillon (ed.), Paris, éditions du Collège de France. <https://books.openedition.org/cdf/4937>

PAPERS, CHAPTERS IN BOOKS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- forthcoming « Les intentions conditionnelles et la notion de caractère », in a collective volume on contemporary metaphysics, Jean-Maurice Monnoyer (dir.).
- forthcoming « Libre Arbitre et neurosciences dans les débats de philosophie analytique », dans un volume consacré au Libre Arbitre et aux neurosciences, dir. par E. Charmetant.
- forthcoming « Les théories du complot et le paradoxe de l'individualisme épistémique », in a special issue of the journal *Diogène*
- forthcoming “Phénoménologie de l'action indéterminée”, in *Actes du colloque 'Le Soi Agent'*, Presses universitaires de Liège
- feb. 2019** « **Coincidence as Parthood** », *Synthese*, S.I. “**Mereology and Identity**”
- dec. 2017 « Epistémologie de la causalité agentive », in *Le Libre Arbitre, approches contemporaines*, Paris, éditions du Collège de France.
- nov. 2017** « **Réflexivité épistémique et défense forte du Sens Commun** », in a Festschrift dedicated to Pascal Engel, Gerhard Heinzmann (dir.), *Philosophia Scientiae*.
- sept. 2016** “**The Evil Demon Argument as based on Closure plus Meta-Coherence**”, *Synthese*, S.I. “**Cartesian Epistemology**”
- may 2016 “Libre Arbitre”, encyclopaedia entry for the online *Encyclopédie Philosophique*
- may 2016 “Summa Philosophiae: a Semantic Wiki for Professional Philosophers”, in *Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Semantic Web for Scientific Heritage (SW4SH 2016)*, I. Draelents, C. Faron Zucker, A. Monnin & A. Zucker (eds.), 2016, <http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-1595/>.
- april 2016 « Le double engagement : une interprétation de l'argument sceptique du Malin Génie », in *La Connaissance et ses raisons*, J.-M. Chevalier & B. Gaultier (éd.), Paris, Collège de France, 2016.
- april 2014** “**van Inwagen on Introspected Freedom**”, *Philosophical Studies*, 168 (3) : 645–663.

TRANSLATIONS AND REVIEWS

- forthcoming Edition of the collective translation of E.J. Lowe, *A Survey of Metaphysics*, with Ghislain Le Gousse (ed. Ithaque, Paris).
- forthcoming Translations for the anthology *Le Libre Arbitre, une anthologie. Vol.1* (Ithaque) :
- Derk Pereboom, « the Manipulation Argument », excerpt from ch. 4 of *Living Without Free Will*, Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- Mark Balaguer, « Why There Are No Good Arguments for Any Interesting Version of Determinism », *Synthese*, 168, 1, 2009.
- Robert Kane, « Responsibility, Luck, and Chance : Reflections on Free Will and Indeterminism », *The Journal of Philosophy*, 96, 1999.
- Thomas Reid, letter to James Gregory, « On a novel use of the word motive ».
- dec. 2018 Review of the French translation and edition of Peter van Inwagen, *Metaphysics* (Ithaque ed., 2017)
- spring 2012 Review of Denis Moreau, *Les Voies du Salut, (Ways of Salvation)* in the *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, Vol 4 No 1.
- nov. 2011 French translation in *Philosophie Expérimentale*, ed. Vuibert :
- Edouard Machery, “The Folk Concept of Intentional Action : Philosophical and Experimental Issues”, *Mind and Language*, Vol. 23 No. 2, Avril 2008.
- may 2010 Three french translations in *Philosophie de la Religion*, ed. Vrin :
- Alvin Plantinga, “The Free Will Defense”, part I, a. of *God, Freedom and Evil*, Harper and Row, New-York, 1974.
- Peter Geach, “Omnipotence”, *Philosophy* 48, 1973.
- E. Stump & N. Kretzmann, “Eternity”, *Journal of Philosophy* 78, 1981.

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- oct. 2018 Coorganizer, with Prof. Claudine Tiercelin and Alexandre Declos, of the international conference “**Les Principes Métaphysiques**” at Collège de France, (Paris).
with the participation of: Sophie Berlioz, Guillaume Bucchioni, Filipe Drapeau-Contim, Vincent Grandjean, Raphaël Künstler, Baptiste Le Bihan, Grégoire Lefftz, Jean-Maurice Monnoyer, Sébastien Motta, Frédéric Nef, Isabelle Pariente-Butterlin, Sébastien Richard, Pierre Saint-Germier.
- june 2017 Coorganizer, with Prof. Claudine Tiercelin, of the international conference “**Métaphysique de la Composition**” at Collège de France (Paris)
with the participation of: Jean-Pascal Anfray, Sophie Berlioz, Guillaume Bucchioni, Muriel Cahen, Claudio Calosi, Alexander Guay, Ghislain Guigon, Uriah Kriegel, Olivier Massin, Frédéric Nef, Jean-Baptiste Rauzy, Sébastien Richard, Achille Varzi

- sept. 2016 Coorganizer, with Prof. Claudine Tiercelin, of the international conference “**Free Will and Causation**” at Collège de France (Paris)
with the participation of: Jean-Pascal Anfray, Helen Beebee, Richard Holton, Ghislain Le Gousse, Cyrille Michon, Timothy O'Connor, Derk Pereboom, Joana Rigato, Carolina Sartorio, Patrick Todd and Kadri Vihvelin.
- june 2013 Coorganizer, with Emmanuel Baierlé, Prof. Martine Nida-Ruemelin and Cyrille Michon, of the international conference “**a Sense of Free Will: the Phenomenology of Free Will and its epistemological significance**” at the University of Fribourg
with the participation of: John M. Fischer, Derk Pereboom, Eddy Nahmias, Timothy O'Connor, Richard Swinburne, Linda Zagzebski, Terry Horgan, Tim Bayne, Sven Walter and Nicole Vincent.

ORGANISATION OF RESEARCH GROUPS

Creation and organisation of the Groupe d'Etudes en Métaphysique (GEM) at Collège de France, gathering French-speaking analytic metaphysicians for regular workshops:

- 2015-2016 Theme : **Free Will**
8 workshops
talks by Sara Bernstein, Paul Egré, Ghislain Le Gousse, Cyrille Michon, Niels van Miltenburg, Aurélien Nioche, Jean-Baptiste Rauzy, Benedikt Schick.
- 2016-2017 Theme : **Metaphysics of Composition**
5 workshops
talks by : Sophie Berlioz, Guillaume Bucchioni, Muriel Cahen, Uriah Kriegel, Grégoire Lefftz, Sébastien Richard.
- 2017-2018 Theme : **Metaphysical Principles**
5 workshops
talks by : Naomi Thompson, Uriah Kriegel, Pierre Saint-Germier, Robert Michels, Eric T. Olson, Jean-Baptiste Guillon, Sébastien Motta, Oystein Linnebo, Filipe Drapeau Contim, Guillaume Bucchioni.
- 2018-2019 Theme : **Metaphysics of Time**
5 workshops in preparation
first talks in 2018 : Vincent Grandjean and Muriel Cahen.

TALKS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

- may 2019 Invited talk in the conference *The Problem of Universals* at Universidad Complutense, Madrid, organized by Javier Cumpa
« **The Problem of Universals as a category mistake** »
- oct. 2018 Talk in the conference *Les Principes Métaphysiques*, at Collège de France, Paris, organized by Alexandre Declos and Jean-Baptiste Guillon
« **Le sens commun comme principe en métaphysique** »

- sept. 2018 Invited talk in the conference *Analytic Theology and the Tri-Personal God*, at Université de Louvain-la-Neuve, organized by Olivier Riaudel
 « **Trinity: the Data, the Paradox and the Mystery** »
- july 2018 Selected presentation for the conference of the SOPHA in Louvain:
 « **Common Sense Epistemology as a Generativist Meta-Philosophy** »
- june 2018 Selected presentation for the conference of the European Epistemology Network in Amsterdam:
 “**Common Sense Foundationalism**”
- june 2018 Invited talk in the conference “Common Sense Epistemology”, organized by Angélique Thébert at the University of Nantes (France):
 « **Common Sense Epistemology as a Generativist Meta-Philosophy** »
- april 2018 Invited talk in the workshop “L’âme”, organized by Lauréline Dartigue-Peyrou at the University of Neuchâtel:
 « **Dualisme simple, dualisme composé, et hylémorphisme : un arbitrage** »
- april 2018 Presentation in the conference « Scepticisme et épistémologie sociale », in Pascal Engel’s Programme exploratoire Epistémologie sociale (PSL/EHESS) :
 « **Scepticisme, circularité épistémique et sens commun** »
- feb. 2018 Invited talk in the conference “L’Anselme de Jules Vuillemin”, Nancy, France, with Cyrille Michon:
 « **L’argument d’Anselme comme argument conceptuel, et sa prémisse de concevabilité** »
- jan. 2018 Presentation in the « Workshop in honour of Eric T. Olson » at Collège de France, Paris :
 “**Three Theories of Coincident Entities**”
- nov. 2017 Invited talk in the conference « Politique, Vérité et Démocratie », organized by the Programme exploratoire Epistémologie sociale (PSL/EHESS) :
 « **Les théories du complot et le paradoxe de l’individualisme épistémique** »
- sept. 2017 Invited talk in the conference « Les principes de l’épistémologie », Collège de France, Paris :
 “**The Presumption of Reliability of Natural Faculties**”
- aug. 2017 Selected talk for the conference ECAP9 of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy in Munich :
 “**Common Sense as a Generativist Meta-Philosophy**”
- june 2017 Selected talk for the conference “Rich Semantics and Direct Representation for Digital Collections” in Toronto:
 “**The Ontology of Philosophical Contributions in the Semantic Wiki *Summa Philosophiae* and in Academic Journals**”

- june 2017 Presentation at the conference “Métaphysique de la Composition” at Collège de France:
« **Méréologie du dualisme de Sens Commun** »
- may 2017 Invited talk for Uriah Kriegel’s seminar “Réalité et Représentation” at IJN (Paris):
“**The Mereology of Common Sense Dualism**”
- may 2017 Invited talk for the cluster « Essences, natures et propriétés », organized by Frédéric Nef and Alejandro Perez at 'IJN (Paris)
“**Heaven before Resurrection: Soul, Body and the Intermediate State**”
- march 2017 Invited respondent for Peter Simons’ talk at the conference “Stoic Mereology: Ancient and Contemporary Perspectives” at Oxford University, organized by Anna Marmodoro.
- feb. 2017 Invited presentation for a crash-course on philosophy of religion for philosophy teachers of the Académie of Lille:
“**Deux approches des croyances religieuses: épistémologie à deux régimes et épistémologie intégrée**”
- nov. 2016 Presentation at the conference "Certitude et Infaillibilité" at Collège de France:
“**Objective Certainty and Anti-Luminosity**”
- sept. 2016 Presentation at the conference "Free Will and Causation" at Collège de France:
“**The Epistemology of Agent Causation**”
- july 2016 Invited talk for the conference “Manipulation and Moral Responsibility in Ethics and Philosophy of Religion”, at the University of Edinburgh
“**Prophecy of Free Action : does Molinism lead to Compatibilism ?**”
- june 2016 Presentation during the Saint Thomas Summer Seminar at the University of Saint Paul (MN)
“**Analytic Ecclesiology**”
- may 2016 Presentation at the Second International Workshop on Semantic Web for Scientific Heritage (SW4SH - 2016) in Heraklion
“**Summa Philosophiae: a Semantic Wiki for Professional Philosophers**”
- may 2016 Presentation for the philosophy of religion seminar at ENS Paris :
« **D’où vient notre épistémologie populaire des croyances religieuses ?** »
- may 2016 Presentation at the workshop in honour of Dean Zimmerman, Issues in Contemporary Philosophy of Religion, ENS Paris:
“**The rewind model of bodily resurrection**”
- march 2016 Presentation for the workshop *Metaphysics in modernity: Tradition and innovation* at the University KU Leuven
“**On the foundations of a 'metaphysica perennis': the notion of common sense**”
- march 2016 Invited talk in the series Lundis de la Philosophie at 'ENS Paris:
« **Scepticisme et Sens Commun** »

- février 2016 Invited talk for the workshop *Phenomenology of Agency and Free Will* at Université de Fribourg:
“Knowledge from Experience and the Question of Compatibilism”
- dec. 2015 Invited presentation for the workshop *Philosophie contemporaine de la religion* at Université de Nantes :
« Superman et la Résurrection »
- sept. 2015 Presentation at the conference "La connaissance et ses raisons" at Collège de France
"Le double engagement : une interprétation de l'argument sceptique du Malin Génie"
- jan. 2015 Invited presentation for the “Théétète workshop” at Université de Nantes
“Du Théétète à Gettier: l’analyse tripartite de la connaissance”
- avril 2014 Presentation selected for the Annual Seminar of Phenomenological Philosophy in Liège: **“Can we experience an action as having no cause ?”**
- avril 2014 Invited presentation for the conference “Le libre arbitre et la cause de l’action”, at ENS Paris: **“Experiencing the action as uncaused”**
- juin 2013 Presentation at the Fribourg conference, “a Sense of Free Will”:
“The Epistemological Challenge for Libertarianism”
- fév. 2013 Invited presentation for the ENS Paris Philosophy of Religion Seminar:
“The Problem of Evil and the Free Will Defense”
- juin 2012 Invited presentation for the conference “Le libre arbitre” at ENS Paris:
“The transcendental argument for Free Will : a modest revival”
- mai 2012 Presentation selected for the Société de Philosophie Analytique SOPHA conference in Paris:
“Held Hostage, the Epistemological Objection to Libertarianism”
- dec. 2011 Presentation selected for the Amsterdam Graduate Philosophie Conference, with a paper defending Internalist uses of Closure:
“Internalism with Closure: what Pritchard got wrong”.
- nov. 2011 Same presentation in Nantes, Graduate analytic philosophy seminar
“Internalism with Closure: what Pritchard got wrong”.
- juin 2011 Conference in the Société de Philosophie Analytique SOPHA Summer School:
“Free Will: the Epistemological Question”
- juillet 2010 Selected for **participation in the CEU “Aspects of Responsibility” Conference** in Budapest, with a paper on transcendental arguments for Free Will:
“Freedom and the A Priori”

sept. 2009 Presentation selected for the Société de Philosophie Analytique (SOPHA) conference in Geneva :
“**Plato's Beard and some varieties of shaving: non-existence without non-existents**”

PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER SCHOOLS

july 2018 “**Moral Epistemology**”, at the CEU in Budapest

sept. 2016 “**(Neo-)Aristotelian Approaches to the metaphysics of the mind**”, organized by the University of Oxford at the Villa Vergiliana, Naples.

june 2016 “**Saint Thomas Summer Seminar**” at the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul (MN).

sept. 2015 “**Powers, Perception and Agency**”, organized by the University of Oxford at the British School at Rome.

aug. 2015 “**The Metaphysics of Dispositions**” at the University of Bonn.

july 2010 “**Aspects of Responsibility**” at the CEU in Budapest.

EDITORIAL AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Creator and organizer of the research group “Groupe d’Etudes en Métaphysique” (GEM) at Collège de France (see above)

Co-editor of the section "Metaphysics" of the online *Encyclopédie Philosophique* (a French equivalent of the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

Co-editor of the online journal *TheoLogica*, a journal for analytic philosophy of religion, published in English, German, French, Italian and Spanish.
<http://revistatheologica.com/>

Creator of the project *Summa Philosophiae*, a semantic wiki for professional philosophers (in collaboration with Simon Kittle and Neil J Otte)

Referee for the journals *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Dialectica*, *Philosophia Scientiae*, *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion*, *Igitur*, *ThéoRèmes*, *Encyclopédie Philosophique*

DISTINCTIONS AND GRANTS

2016 Prix de la Fondation Hugot du Collège de France (3.000 €)

2010-13 Doctoral scholarship for ENS students

2008 ENS-NYU grant (3.000 €)

LINGUISTIC SKILLS

<i>French</i>	native language
<i>English</i>	fluent
<i>German</i>	level B2 (Goethe Institut)
<i>Mandarin Chinese</i>	2 years of classes (approximately level B1)
<i>Spanish</i>	beginner level (self taught with Assimil)
<i>Latin</i>	good reading understanding (BA in Classics)
<i>Ancient Greek</i>	good reading understanding (BA in Classics)
<i>Ancient Hebrew</i>	basic knowledge (1 year of classes)

OTHER INTERESTS

<i>Music</i>	Oboist
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