

MICHAEL BENNETT MCNULTY

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

PRIMARY APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor	Philosophy, University of Minnesota	2023-
Assistant Professor	Philosophy, University of Minnesota	2016-23
Assistant Professor	Philosophy & Religion, University of Central Arkansas	2015-16
Post-Doctoral Fellow	Universität Salzburg	2014-15

SECONDARY APPOINTMENTS

McKnight Land-Grant Professor	University of Minnesota	2022-24
Humboldt Research Fellow	Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg	2019-20
Affiliate Faculty	German, Nordic, Slavic, and Dutch	2020-
Affiliate Faculty	Center for Early Modern History	2019-
Residential Fellow	Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science	2017-

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy	University of California, Irvine	2014
B.A., Philosophy & Mathematics	Macalester College	2008

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Kant, History of Philosophy of Science, Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Early Analytic Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Sport, History and Philosophy of Mathematics

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED COLLECTIONS

- Kant's Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science: A Critical Guide* Cambridge UP, 2022
- reviewed in *Con-Textos Kantianos* (2023)
- Mathematical Depth* (w/ Maddy, Ernst, Heis, & Weatherall) SI of *Philosophia Mathematica*, 2015
- with foreword and afterword by editors

PEER REVIEWED

What Mathematics and Metaphysics of Corporeal Nature Offer to Each Other: Kant on the Foundations of Natural Science
Kantian Review, 2023

Kant on the Mathematical Deficiency of Psychology

HOPOS: Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, 2022

A Science for Gods, A Science for Human Beings: Kant on Teleological Speculations in Natural History
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, 2022

Continuity of Change in Kant's Dynamics
Synthese, 2019

Chemical Dissolution and Kant's Critical Theory of Nature
Kant-Studien, 2018

Margaret Cavendish on the Order and Infinitude of Nature
History of Philosophy Quarterly, 2018

What is Chemistry, for Kant?
Kant Yearbook, 2017

Chemistry in Kant's *Opus Postumum*
HOPOS: Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, 2016

Rehabilitating the Regulative Use of Reason: Kant on Empirical and Chemical Laws
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, 2015

Kant on Chemistry and the Application of Mathematics in Natural Science
Kantian Review, 2014

INVITED AND PROCEEDINGS

Kant's Aethereal Hammer: When Everything Looks Like a Nail
Kantian Rationality in Philosophy of Science, forthcoming

Beyond the Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science: Kant's Empirical Physics and the General Remark to the Dynamics
Kant's Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science: A Critical Guide, 2022

The Science of the Soul and the Unyielding Architectonic: Kant Versus Wolff on the Foundations of Psychology
The Force of an Idea: New Essays on Christian Wolff's Psychology, 2021

Kant on Empirical Psychology and Experimentation
Natur und Freiheit: Akten des XII. Kant Kongresses, 2018

From General to Special Metaphysics of Nature (w/ Marius Stan)
The Palgrave Kant Handbook, 2017

BOOK REVIEWS

Watkins, Kant on Laws
The Philosophical Review, 2021

POPULAR

PRESENTATIONS

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS ('†' = INVITED)

Ecosystem Conservation and the Concept of "Collapse"

- Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, November 2024

Kant on the Spatial Representation of Time

- XIV. Internationaler Kant Kongress, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, September 2024

What Is This Thing Called HOPOS?: Love, Marriage, and Disciplinary Fragmentation

- 15th Biennial HOPOS, July 2024

Reflections on Crisis Science

- From Crisis to Coordination: Conversations Between Philosophy of Environmental Justice & Philosophy of Conservation Science Conference, University of Minnesota, May 2024 (†)

Making Better Worlds: Cavendish, Imagination, and the Liberatory Power of Fiction

- 48th Annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium, University of Minnesota-Morris, April 2024 (†)

Kant's Aethereal Hammer: When Everything Looks Like a Nail

- Colloquium, Macalester College, November 2023 (†)
- Kant and the Systematicity of the Sciences Workshop, Goethe Universität, July 2019 (†)

The Role of Conceptual Models in Ecosystem Conservation: Motivations and Challenges (w/ Max Dresow and Lauren Wilson)

- Integrating the History and Philosophy of Biodiversity: Narratives of Diversity, Extinction, Conflict and Value Conference, Brussels, October 2023

Materialism, Infinity, and Modal Actualism in Cavendish's Thought

- Virtual Cavendish Collective (virtual), June 2023

Kant on Grounding of Empirical Laws of Nature

- Essences, Dispositions, and Laws in Kant Workshop, Universität Trier (virtual), August 2022 (†)

Race, Culture, and the Horizons of Agency: Kant's Racism, Systematically Understood

- Central APA Colloquium (virtual), February 2022

What Can Mathematics and Metaphysics of Nature Do for Each Other?

- Colloquium, Universität Trier (virtual), February 2022 (†)
- Kant and Natural Science Conference (virtual), January 2022 (†)

Culture and Kant's Account of Race

- Colloquium, Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota (virtual), April 2021 (†)

Kant on Time and the Mathematical Sciences

- Colloquium, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (virtual), February 2021 (†)

The Unity of Reason and Its Varieties: Systematicity in Chemistry, Psychology, and Natural History

- Kantian Rationality in Philosophy of Science, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University (virtual), October 2020 (†)

Kant on (Improper) Natural Science

- Colloquium, KU Leuven, February 2020 (†)

Beyond the Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science: Kant's Empirical Physics and the General Remark to the Dynamics

- Kant's *MFNS* Workshop, University of Texas, March 2019 (†)
- Central APA Colloquium, February 2019
- 12th Biennial HOPOS, July 2018

Sensibility Asunder: Kant on Time and the Mathematical Sciences

- German Philosophy Reading Group, UC-San Diego, January 2018 (†)
- Scientia Workshop, UC-Irvine, January 2018 (†)

The Meager Science of Time: Kant on Mathematical Construction of Inner Intuitions

- Midwest Seminar in Modern Philosophy, Ohio State University, October 2017

The Heirs to the Kantian *A Priori*: Cognitive Science and the Conditions of the Possibility of Experience

- UK Kant Society, University of St. Andrews, September 2017
- Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, February 2016

Continuity of Change in Kant's Dynamics

- Central APA Colloquium, March 2017 (Accepted, unable to attend)
- 11th Biennial HOPOS, June 2016

Margaret Cavendish on the Order and Infinity of Nature

- Halle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Martin-Luther Universität, November 2016
- Third Carinthian Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, Alpen-Adria Universität, October 2016
- Works-In-Progress Presentation Series, University of Minnesota, October 2016 (†)

Magnitudes of the Soul: Kant on the Scientific Status of Empirical Psychology

- Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Macalester College, October 2016 (†)
- 3rd Biennial NAKS, Emory University, May 2016

Kant on Empirical Psychology and Experimentation

- XII. Internationaler Kant Kongress, Universität Wien, September 2015

Kant on Psychological Experiments and the Mathematization of Inner Sense

- Colloquium, Universität Salzburg, March 2015 (†)

Chemistry in Kant's *Opus Postumum*

- Eastern APA Colloquium, December 2014
- 10th Biennial HOPOS, July 2014

Rehabilitating the Regulative Use of Reason: Kant on Empirical and Chemical Laws

- Eastern NAKS, May 2014
- Pacific APA Colloquium, April 2014
- Bucharest Graduate Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Universitatea din București, May 2013

The Improper Science: Investigating Kant's Conception of Chemistry

- Colloquium, Furche Research Group, UC-Irvine, October 2011 (†)

Aspects of Impropriety: How Chemistry Sheds Light on Kant's Philosophy of Science

- Kant and the Exact Sciences Graduate Conference, University of Notre Dame, September 2011

COMMENTARIES

On Stephen Howard's *Kant's Late Philosophy of Nature: The Opus postumum*

- Book Launch for *Kant's Late Philosophy of Nature: The Opus postumum*, KU Leuven, May 2023

On Sheldon Smith's "The Doctrine of Body in the Later Kant"

- Mechanics and Matter Theory in the Enlightenment Workshop, Duke University, November 2018

On Tyke Nunez's "Kant's Pure General Logic: Normativity, Constitutivity, and the Form of the Understanding"

- Central APA Symposium, February 2018

On Sebastian Orlander's "Kant on the Cognitive Significance of Natural and Practical Laws"

- Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, February 2016

OUTREACH

Philosophy and American Football

- Philosophy Class, Edina High School, November 2018

Philosophical Thought Experiments

- Philosophy Club, Southwest High School, May 2017

On the Liberal Arts (w/ Glenn Jellenik)

- Career Class, Conway High School, February 2016

DEVELOPMENT

Placement Preparation (w/ Dwight K. Lewis, Jr.)

- Works-In-Progress Presentation Series, University of Minnesota, November 2022

The Non-Academic Job Market (w/ Mackenzie Sullivan)

- Works-In-Progress Presentation Series, University of Minnesota, March 2020

The Academic Job Market

- Works-In-Progress Presentation Series, University of Minnesota, October 2020

Placement Preparation (w/ David Taylor)

- Works-In-Progress Presentation Series, University of Minnesota, May 2019

Publishing in Philosophy

- Works-In-Progress Presentation Series, University of Minnesota, October 2018

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Ilana Kowarski, "What Can You Do With a Degree in Philosophy?" *U.S. News & World Report*, August 2020

- Interviewed for Article

Sean Gregory, "Is It Unethical to Watch Football With Your Kids?" *TIME*, February 2020

- Interviewed for Article

Alex Jensen, "[Cavendish and the Tapestry of Early Modern Philosophy.](#)" UMN CLA Agency, May 2019
- Featured in Article

Alex Jensen, "[Kant on Chemistry and the Inexact Sciences.](#)" UMN CLA Agency, December 2018
- Featured in Article

Alex Jensen, "[Philosophy and Career Readiness.](#)" UMN CLA Agency, April 2018
- Featured in Article

Suzy Frisch, "[Career Competencies in Action.](#)" UMN CLA, Office of Institutional Advancement, April 2018
- Featured in Article

Maura Lerner, "[Liberal Arts Majors Get a Career Boost at the University of Minnesota.](#)" *Star Tribune*, April 2017
- Interviewed for Article

Alex Jensen, "[Philosophy, Sports, and the Public Sphere.](#)" UMN CLA Agency, April 2017
- Featured in Article

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Scientific Thought – Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2018
Introduction to Logic – Spring 2025
History of Philosophy of Science – Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2018
General History of Western Philosophy: The Modern Period – Spring 2024, Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2016
Senior Capstone Seminar (w/ Sarah Holtman) – Spring 2023
Critical Reasoning – Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2019
Philosophy Proseminar – Fall 2022
Freshman Seminar: Sports, Reason, and Society – Fall 2021, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Kant – Fall 2021, Spring 2017
Seminar in History of Modern Philosophy: Kant's Anthropology – Fall 2020
Kant's Practical Philosophy (w/ Sarah Holtman) – Spring 2018
Seminar in History of Modern Philosophy: Kant's Philosophy of Science – Fall 2017

UNIVERSITÄT TRIER

1st Kant Research Center Summer School, "Essences, Dispositions, and Laws in Kant" – Summer 2022

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Philosophy for Living – Summer 2016, Spring 2016 (2x), Fall 2015 (2x)
Modern Philosophy – Spring 2016
Philosophy of Science – Fall 2015

UNIVERSITÄT SALZBURG

Geschichte der Philosophie: Frühe Neuzeit – Summer 2015
Logik II: Prädikatenlogik Proseminar – Summer 2015
Geschichte der Philosophie: Immanuel Kant – Winter 2014-15

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE (AS INSTRUCTOR)

Introduction to Inductive Logic – Spring 2014
Introduction to Symbolic Logic – Winter 2014, Summer 2012
Making Modern Science – Summer 2013, Spring 2013, Summer 2012, Spring 2012

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic – Winter 2012, Winter 2010
Social Science Honors: Critical Issues in the Social Sciences – Fall 2011, Winter 2011
Making Modern Science – Summer 2011, Spring 2011
Introduction to Philosophy – Fall 2010
Critical Reasoning – Fall 2009, Winter 2009
Introduction to Inductive Logic – Spring 2009

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE (AS READER)

Critical Reasoning – Summer 2011
Introduction to Symbolic Logic – Summer 2010

MACALESTER COLLEGE (AS PRECEPTOR)

Algebraic Structures – Spring 2008
Problems of Philosophy – Fall 2007
Discrete Mathematics – Fall 2006
Introduction to Symbolic Logic – Spring 2006

AWARDS

Imagine Fund Annual Faculty Research Grant, “Making Philosophy of Science: The Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, 1953-1980” – 2024-2026
Inclusive, Accessible, and Responsive Courses Grant to Redesign PHIL 3601W – Summer 2024
Center for Educational Innovation, Outstanding Teaching Certificate, Thank a Teacher Project – Spring 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2019
McKnight Land-Grant Professorship – 2022-2024
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice in Liberal Arts Pedagogies Grant, Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Center for Educational Innovation, “Turning the Predominantly White Discipline of Philosophy: Towards Justice, Equity, & Inclusion in a Predominantly White Institution” – Spring 2023 (w/ Dwight K. Lewis, Jr. and Jessica Gordon-Roth)
Interdisciplinary Collaborative Workshop Award, Center for Canon Expansion and Change Summer Program – 2022-23 (w/ Jessica Gordon-Roth [PI] and Dwight K. Lewis, Jr.)
Alexander von Humboldt Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Host: Professor Heiner Klemme – 2019-20
Nominated for the Arthur “Red” Motley College of Liberal Arts Award for Exemplary Teaching (ineligible due to being employed for fewer than 5 years) – 2019-20
College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Leave – 2019-20
Fellowship Stipend, Career Readiness Initiative – 2017-18
Journal of the History of Philosophy Master Class Award – Summer 2017
Markus Herz Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, NAKS – September 2014
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Language Course Grant – Summer 2014
Travel Stipend, Eastern NAKS – May 2014
Travel Stipend, UC-Irvine – May 2014, May 2013, September 2011
Travel Stipend, Pacific APA – April 2014
Recognition for Outstanding Teaching – September 2013
Summer Research Grant – Summer 2013, Summer 2010
Pedagogical Fellowship – 2011-12
Thomas E. Hill Award for Outstanding Work in Philosophy – June 2008
Student-Faculty Research Grant – Summer 2007

DEVELOPMENT

Department of Philosophy Anti-Racist Reading Group – Spring 2023
Goethe Institute Intensive German Course, Dresden – Summer 2019
Mechanics and Matter Theory in the Enlightenment Workshop, Duke University – Fall 2018
Implicit Bias in Search and Selection Processes Workshop, Office of Equity and Diversity – Fall 2018
American Association of Philosophy Teachers Teaching and Learning Workshop – Fall 2018
Career Readiness Initiative Faculty Fellow – 2017-18
Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity – Fall 2017
Mendelssohn and Kant: Religion and Freedom, *JHP* Master Class with Paul Guyer – Summer 2017
First and Second Year Faculty Learning Community – Fall 2015
Carl Duisberg Intensive German Course, Radolfzell – Summer 2014
Pedagogical Fellowship – 2011-12
Advanced Pedagogy and Academic Job Preparation Course – 2011-12
Applying Principles of Good Practice in Teaching Workshop – Winter 2012
Integrating Your Research Into Your Teaching Workshop – Spring 2011
Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program – Fall 2008

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Director of Undergraduate Studies – 2024-
Executive Committee, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science – 2024-
Faculty Mentor, Dwight K. Lewis, Jr., – 2023-
Organizer and founder, Conservation Biology Reading Group – 2022-
Co-organizer, Early Modern Interest Group, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science – 2017-
 Lead Organizer, Spring 2024 (Baruch Spinoza's *Principles of Cartesian Philosophy*), Fall 2022
 (Margaret Cavendish's Philosophy), Spring 2021 (Francis Mercury Van Helmont's *A Sketch of Christian Kabbalism*), and Fall 2017 (Kant's Theory of Natural Science)
Co-organizer, From Crisis to Coordination: Conversations Between Philosophy of Environmental Justice & Philosophy of Conservation Science Conference – May 2024
Member, Merit Review Committee – 2023-24
Chair, Diversity Committee – 2023-24
Member, Colloquium Committee – 2023-24
Co-organizer, 2nd Annual Center for Canon Expansion and Change Summer Program – Summer 2023
 Led sessions: "Backward Design and Syllabus Showcase: Nature, Us, and You," and "Kant's Racism, Then and Now"
Judge, Regional Ethics Bowl Championship – January 2023
Representative, CLA Assembly – 2022-24
Chair, Placement Committee – 2022-23, 2020-21
Member, Committee on Committees – 2022-23, 2017-18
Member, Undergraduate Awards Committee – 2022-23
Co-organizer, 1st Annual Center for Canon Expansion and Change Summer Program – Summer 2022
 Led sessions: "Backward Design and the Varieties of Philosophy," "Cavendish and Fiction as a Tool for Liberation," and "Kant's Racism, Then and Now"
Co-director, Center for Canon Expansion and Change – 2021-23
Chair, Curriculum Committee – 2021-22
Co-founder, Center for Canon Expansion and Change – 2021
Director, Philosophy Career Readiness Initiatives – 2020-21
Member, Senior Capstone Redesign Committee – 2020-21
Coordinator, Philosophy Department Website and Social Media Engagement – 2018-19
Member, College of Liberal Arts Career Readiness Faculty Engagement Advisory Board – 2018-19
Member, Faculty Search Committee – 2017-19

Facilitator, Departmental Weekly Meetings – 2017-18
Faculty Fellow, College of Liberal Arts Career Readiness Program – 2017-18
Member, Admissions and Aid Committee – 2017-18
Member, Awards Committee – 2016-17

Advising & Supervision

Dissertation Committees: William Marsolek (Spring 2024, Ohio State University), Björn Treber (Spring 2024, UMN German), Yoshinari Yoshida (Spring 2023), Max Dresow (Summer 2021)
Dissertation Proposal Committees: Lauren Wilson (Fall 2022), Yoshinari Yoshida (Fall 2019), Max Dresow (Summer 2018)
Three-Paper Examinations: Lauren Wilson (Fall 2021), Yoshinari Yoshida (Fall 2018), Max Dresow (Fall 2017)
Senior Theses: Zella Sahar (Spring 2023), John Murphy (Fall 2022), Logan Mensink (Fall 2021), Thomas Soderholm (Fall 2021), Margaret Andreen (Spring 2019), Sarah Buck (Spring 2019), Allen Chov (Spring 2019), Trevor Harrington (Spring 2019), Donovan Laganieri (Spring 2019), Eric Thomas (Spring 2019), William Marsolek (Spring 2018), Blake Broderius (Fall 2017)
Honors Theses: Lauren Toensing (Spring 2024, advisor), Abigail Intveld (Spring 2023; co-advisor), John Schwieters (Fall 2018; reader)
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program projects: Samuel King (Summer 2024)
Directed Studies: Gustavus Humphrey (Spring 2024, on Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*), Alexander Journey (Spring 2023, on Kant's Racism; Fall 2022, on Wittgenstein's *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*), Garrett Gannon (Spring 2023, on Kant's Racism; Fall 2022, on Wittgenstein's *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*; Fall 2021; on Spinoza's *Ethics*)

MARTIN-LUTHER-UNIVERSITÄT HALLE-WITTENBERG

Organizer, Christian Wolff's *Deutsche Metaphysik* Reading Group – Winter 2019-20

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Assistant Coach, Ethics Bowl Team – Spring 2016
Member, Committee for Promotion of Liberal Arts – 2015-16

UNIVERSITÄT SALZBURG

Assistant Organizer, Salzburg-Irvine-Munich Workshop in Logic and Philosophy of Science – April 2015

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Co-organizer, Mathematical Depth Workshop – April 2014
Coordinator, Graduate Student Work in Progress Presentations – 2010-12
Coordinator, Philosophy and LPS Teaching Roundtable – Spring 2012
Facilitator, Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program – Fall 2011
Assistant Organizer, Themes in the History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop – Spring 2011

MACALESTER COLLEGE

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy – 2007-8

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Program Committee, Midwest Study Group of NAKS – 2023-
Member, Program Committee, Central APA 2025 – 2023-25
Mentor, Federico Dal Barco, 15th Biennial HOPOS Mentoring Program – July 2024
Session Chair, 15th Biennial HOPOS – July 2024
Co-coordinator, 15th Biennial HOPOS Mentoring Program – 2023-24
Member, Steering Committee, HOPOS – 2023-24

Member, Program Committee, Midwest Study Group of NAKS – 2018-2023
Member, Program Committee ('Kant and Before'), 14th Biennial HOPOS – 2020-22
Session Chair, Virtual NAKS, "(How) Should We Teach Kant's Views on Race?" – May 2021
Session Chair, 12th Biennial HOPOS – July 2018
Organizer and Local Host, Midwest Study Group of NAKS – October 2017
Session Chair, UK Kant Society Annual Meeting – September 2017
Panel Organizer and Session Chair, 11th Biennial HOPOS – June 2016

Referee for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2x), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* (4x), *HYLE: International Journal for the Philosophy of Chemistry*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (2x), *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Transcendental Philosophy*, *Kantian Review* (10x), *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*, *Open Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint* (2x), *Philosophia Mathematica*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Res Philosophica* (2x), *Revue d'histoire des sciences*, Routledge (4x), *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* (3x), and *Synthese* (2x)

Professional Affiliations: American Philosophical Association, The International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, North American Kant Society, Philosophers for Sustainability, Philosophy of Science Association