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Education:

Ph.D. Philosophy, Princeton University, Specialization: Philosophy of Mind.  
Supervisor: George Pitcher. Thesis: 'Visual Impressions and Visual Experience.'  
B.Phil. Philosophy, Oxford, Examination Papers: Philosophical Logic, Linguistics,  
Wittgenstein.  
Supervisors: Gareth Evans, P.A.M. Seuren. Thesis: 'Referring Expressions.'  
B.A. Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, Yale University.

Languages: German (fluent); French (reading, some speaking); Latin (reading).

Honours, awards, prizes:

Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2024)  
President, Mind Association of Great Britain, 2015-6  
Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (elected 2003).  
Canadian Philosophical Association Book Prize (2009) for *Epicureanism at the Origins  
of Modernity*.  
Association of University Presses (1995) Runner-up for Best Book in Philosophy or  
Religion, for *The Invisible World*.

Past positions:

Visiting Presidential Professor, The Graduate Center, CUNY 2014-2020.  
Anniversary Professor of Philosophy, University of York, 2012-2018.  
Regius Professor of Moral Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, 2009-2012.  
Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, The Graduate Center, City University of New  
York, 2005-2009.  
Professor of Philosophy, 2003-5, University of British Columbia  
Professor of Philosophy, 1992-9; Department Chair, 1992-7, University of Alberta.  
Assist., Assoc., Full Prof. of Philosophy, 1978-1992 University of Oregon; Department  
Head, 1989-92.

Fellowships and Visiting Positions:

Visiting Professor, Ca' Foscari, University of Venice, March 12- April 12, 2022.  
Institute for Advanced Study, Freie Universitaet Berlin/Humboldt Universitaet, Visiting  
Fellow Oct. 2020-April 2021.  
Max-Planck Institute for History of Science-Visiting Fellow, February 2019  
Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Visiting Fellow, Jan-June 2018.  
All Souls College, Oxford, Visiting Fellow, Jan-June 2017.  
The Graduate Center, City University of New York, Visiting Presidential Professor, 1  
2014-2019.

Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, London, Visiting Professorial Fellow, Spring 2014.

Rice University, Autrey Visiting Professorship, Fall 2013.

Princeton University, Visiting Professor, Philosophy, 2008-9.

Edinburgh University, Leverhulme Visiting Professor, 2007-8

Trinity College, Cambridge, Visiting Fellow Commoner, 2004-5.

Macquarie University, Australia, Centre for Social Inclusion, Visiting Scholar, Summer 2003.

Notre Dame University, Visiting Assoc. Prof., Fall 1990.

Universitaet Konstanz, Germany, Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, 1984-6.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, 1980-1.

Barnard College, Visiting Lecturer, Spring, 1978.

## Publications List

### In Press:

#### Chapters:

,Kant's Almost Complete Rejection of British Moral Theory.' To appear in *Kant's Moral Philosophy in Context*, ed. Stefano Bacin and Oliver Sensen, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

,Locke and the Sweetness of Living,' to appear in *Essays in Honour of Francois Duchesneau*, Paris, Vrin, forthcoming.

### In Progress:

'The Truth in Expressivism'

'The Bio-Social Construction of Moral Responsibility'

### Published:

#### Books:

*Life According to Nature: Problems and Prospects of Evolutionary Ethics*, Bradford: Ethics Press (2025)

*Kant and the Naturalistic Turn of 18th Century Philosophy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022. Reviewed in *Mind*, *Annals of Science*, *HOPOS*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Journal of Astronomical History and Heritage*, *Kantian Review*

*How to be an Epicurean*, New York: Basic Books, 2019, published in the UK as

*The Pleasure Principle: Epicureanism: A philosophy for modern living*, London, Harper Collins, 2019. Reviewed in *Wall Street Journal*; *The Economist*; *Publisher's Weekly*; *The Philosopher*). Spanish translation 2020; Chinese, Greek, and Vietnamese translations in progress.

*Metaethics from a First-Person Standpoint*, London, Open Book, 2016.

*A Very Short Introduction to Epicureanism*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2015.

*Epicureanism at the Origins of Modernity*. Oxford, Clarendon, 2008; paperback 2010.

*Moral Animals: Ideals and Constraints in Moral Theory*. Oxford, Clarendon, 2004, 2nd ed. paperback, 2007.

*Descartes's Meditations: An Introduction.* Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2003.

*The Invisible World: Early Modern Philosophy and the Invention of the Microscope.* Princeton University Press, 1995, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. paperback, 1997; reprinted 2009.

*Leibniz's Metaphysics: A Historical and Comparative Study.* Princeton University Press/Manchester University Press, 1989, repr. 2015.

Edited Books:

*Descartes and Cartesianism: Essays in Honour of Desmond Clarke* (with Stephen Gaukroger) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

*Oxford Handbook of Philosophy in Early Modern Europe.* With Desmond Clarke, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. paperback 2013.

*Leibniz.* Ashgate, Aldershot, Dartmouth, 2001 (*International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy*).

*Responsibility.* Buffalo, NY, 2003 (*Monist* 86:2).

*Civilization and Oppression.* Calgary, 1999 (*Canadian Journal of Philosophy Supplementary Volume* 25).

Journal articles and book chapters:

2025

Essay Review, *Modern Moral Philosophy From Grotius to Kant*, by Stephen Darwall, *Mind*, April 26, 2025.

'The Human Sciences and the „Theory of Women.’“ In Anjan Chakravartty, ed. *Science and Humanism*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2025.

‚Descartes’s Concept of God.’ *The Cartesian Mind*, ed. Cecilia Wee and Jorge Secada, London, Routledge, 2025.

‘Experimental Philosophy: Rhetoric and Reality’ *History of European Ideas*, [History of European Ideas](#) 51 (5):1172-1178 (2025 (Symposium paper on Peter Astey and Alberto Vanzo, eds., *Experimental Philosophy and the Origins of Empiricism.*)

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[Sense, Sensibility, Sensitivity, or Why was the 18th Century more Sentimental than the Seventeenth Century?](#)

In Charles Wolfe & Anik Waldow (eds.), [Science and the Shaping of Modernity: Essays in Honor of Stephen Gaukroger](#), Springer Verlag. pp. 197-207. 2024.

2024

‘The Cartesian background: England and France,’ in *Voltaire and the Newtonian Revolution*, HAPP Centre: 10th Anniversary Commemorative Volume IOP Publishing

*Journal of Physics: Conference Series* **2877**(2024) 012011 doi:10.1088/1742-6596/2877/1/012011.

2023

'Kant's Promise of a Scientific Metaphysics and the Empiricists' Challenge.' Ch. 5 of *Metaphysics as a Science in Classical German Philosophy*, ed. Robb Dunphy and Toby Lovat, Routledge, London, 2023.

'The Image of the Human Being in the Comte de Buffon.' In *Humankind and Humanity in the Philosophy of the Enlightenment: From Montesquieu to Kant*, edited by Stefanie Buchenau and Ansgar Lyssy, London: Bloomsbury, 2023

2022

'The Dual Legacy of Leibniz's Theory of Appetite.' In *The Concept of Drive, in Classical German Philosophy*, ed. Manja Kisner and Joerg Noller, Palgrave Macmillan, 2022, 11-38.

, 'Science in the Crosshairs.' In Moti Mizrahi, ed., *Scientism: For and Against*, Rowan and Littlefield, 2022.

2019

'Ficino and Leibniz' (with James Snyder), *Studia Leibnitiana* 49 (2), 2019, 243-25.

'Expanding Consciousness' (with Lars Chittka) *American Scientist* 107, 364-9

'Metaethics from a First-Person Standpoint,' in Jussi Suikkanen and Anti Kauppinen, eds., *Methodology and Moral Philosophy*, New York and Abingdon, Routledge, 2019, pp. 93-105

'Moral Progress: Cognitive Mechanisms and Social Change' *Jahrbuch Praktische Philosophie in globaler Perspektive* 3 (2019) 28-49

'The Reception of Newton's Theory of Matter in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century,' in *The Reception of Isaac Newton in Europe*, ed. S. Mandelbrote and H. Pulte, Continuum, 2019.

'What (else) was behind the Newtonian Rejection of Hypotheses?' in *Experiment, Speculation, and Religion in Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. Peter Anstey and Alberto Vanzo, Routledge, 2019

'Moral Authority and the Limits of Philosophy' in: *Ethics Beyond the Limits: New Essays in Bernard Williams's Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*, ed. Sophie-Grace Chappell and Marcel van Ackeren, Taylor and Francis, 2019.

2018

'Bee-Brained' (with Lars Chittka) *Aeon*, November 2018.

'Epicurus and the Meaning of Life,' in *The Meaning of Life and the Great Philosophers*, ed. Stephen Leach and James Tartaglia, Abingdon, Routledge (2018) pp. 65-72.

'Essential Religiosity in Descartes and Locke,' in *Locke and Cartesian Philosophy*, ed. Philippe Hamou and Martine Pecherman, Oxford, Oxford University Press (2018), pp. 158-171.

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,’ for *What Does it Mean to be an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Empiricist?* ed. Anne-Lise Rey and Siegfried Bodenmann, Berlin, Springer (Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, Vol. 331).

2017

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