
Stephen Harrop – CV

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Research areas

Areas of Specialization

Early modern philosophy, history and philosophy of science, metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of religion, philosophy of physics, philosophical logic, medieval philosophy

Education

- 2017-2022 **Yale University**
PhD, Philosophy
Thesis: *Spinoza, Explained*
- 2016-2017 **The Johns Hopkins University**
MA, Philosophy
- 2014-2016 **The Johns Hopkins University**
BA, Philosophy, Mathematics, Physics (minor)
Thesis: *Antinomies of Pure Conception*
- 2012-2014 **Austin Community College**
No degree (transfer)
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Academic Appointments

- 2024-present **King's College London**
Lecturer of Philosophy
- 2023-2024 **Texas A&M University**
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- 2022-2023 **Mount Holyoke College**
Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy
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Writing

Journal Articles

- Forthcoming [SUFFICIENT REASON VINDICATED](#), *Analytic Philosophy*
- 2025 [SPINOZA ON SPACE AND MOTION](#), *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 15(1): 177-208, doi: 10.1086/734640
- 2024 [WISDOM AND BEATITUDE IN SPINOZA AND QOHELETH](#), *Res Philosophica* 101(3): 603-610, doi: 10.5840/resphilosophica20241013126 (invited)
- 2024 [ON THE NECESSITY OF PRIORITY MONISM](#), *Erkenntnis* 89(2): 685-703, doi: 10.1007/s10670-022-00551-9
- 2023 [LEMANS AND *Proslogion* 15](#), *Analysis* 83(1): 50-54. doi: 10.1093/analys/anac045
- 2022 [ESSENCE, EXPERIMENT, AND UNDER-DETERMINATION IN THE SPINOZA-BOYLE CORRESPONDENCE](#), *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, 12(2): 447–484, doi: 10.1086/721136
- 2022 [THOMAS REID ON INDUCTION AND NATURAL KINDS](#), *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, 20(1): 1-18, doi: 10.3366/jsp.2022.0317
- 2020 [ON SOME LEIBNIZIAN ARGUMENTS FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF SUFFICIENT REASON](#), *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 37(2): 143-162

Books

- Forthcoming [THE SPINOZA-BOYLE CORRESPONDENCE](#), under contract with Cambridge University Press

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming [DU CHÂTELET’S FIRST COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT](#), in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Émilie Du Châtelet* (Fatema Amijee ed.), Bloomsbury Academic Press
- Forthcoming [Entry on Robert Boyle](#), in *The Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon* (Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg eds.), Cambridge University Press
- Forthcoming [Entry on Henry Oldenburg](#), in *The Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon* (Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg eds.), Cambridge University Press
- Forthcoming [Entry on Georg Hermann Schuller](#), in *The Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon* (Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg eds.), Cambridge University Press

Public philosophy

- 2023 [“Harry Frankfurt identified what may be the quintessential feature of contemporary culture,”](#) *The Boston Globe*

Teaching Experience

As primary instructor

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

2024-present Topics In Modern Philosophy; Modern Philosophy I

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

2023-2024 Introduction to Philosophy; 17th Century Philosophy; 18th Century Philosophy

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

2022-2023 Introduction to Philosophy; Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Science; Symbolic Logic; Spinoza on God, Freedom, the Passions, and Immortality

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

2021-2022 Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Logic

As teaching assistant or equivalent

YALE UNIVERSITY

2020-2021 Introduction to Modern Philosophy (for Keith DeRose); Infinity (for Mark Maxwell)

2018-2019 First-Order Logic (for Elizabeth Miller); Computability and Logic (for Sun-Joo Shin)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

2021-2022 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (for Adam Lerner); Introductory Logic (for Una Stojnic)

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

2016-2017 Linear Algebra, Calculus II for Biological and Social Sciences

Presentations

Papers and Talks

- “The History of Philosophy and Conceptual Reverse-Engineering”
 - Central APA (2025)
- “Newtonian Immobilism”
 - HOPOS 2024, University of Vienna (2024) (withdrawn)
 - Central APA (2025)
 - York University Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (2025)
 - Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (2025)
 - Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy X (2025)

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- “Personal Identity and The Eternity of the Mind in *Ethics V*”
 - King’s History of Philosophy Seminar (2025)
 - “Immortality in Spinoza’s *Ethics V*”
 - Texas A&M Department of Philosophy colloquium (2023)
 - “Isaac Barrow on Some Paradoxes of Infinity Divisibility”
 - Central APA (2024)
 - 1st UT Early Modern Philosophy Conference, University of Texas at Austin (2022)
 - 32nd Novembertagung (2021)
 - “Du Châtelet’s Cosmological Argument”
 - New Voices Talk Series, University of Paderborn (2022)
 - Conference on Émilie Du Châtelet’s relation to Leibniz and Wolff, University of Paderborn (2022) (withdrawn)
 - “A Short Argument for the Principle of Sufficient Reason”
 - Cogtweeto (2021)
 - 75th Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference (2021)
 - “Spinoza on Space and Motion”
 - Spinoza and Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Johns Hopkins University (2021)
 - “Applied Mathematics and Abstraction in Spinoza”
 - Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale (2020) (canceled due to COVID)

Comments

- Comments on Gaines, “Argument from the Impossibility of an Actual Infinite: An Objection Appealing to the Domain of Euclid’s Common Notions,” Eastern APA (2024)
- Comments on Melamed, “The PSR in Early Modern Philosophy,” PSR @ Yale (2022)
- Comments on Gomez-Sanchez, “Naturalness by Law,” Eastern APA (2021)

Service to the Profession

As symposium chair

- Chair, author meets critics session on Wayne Myrvold, *Beyond Chance and Credence*, Eastern APA (2023)
- Chair, symposium on Aaron Wells, “Du Châtelet’s Libertarianism,” Central APA (2022)
- Chair, author meets critics session on Eugene Garver, *Spinoza and the Cunning of the Imagination*, Eastern APA (2022)

As reviewer

Reviewer for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (x1), *Inquiry* (x2), *Problemos* (x1), *Res Philosophica* (x2), *Review of Metaphysics* (x1), *Journal of Philosophical Research* (x1), *Journal of Spinoza Studies* (x1), *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (x1), *Erkenntnis* (x1), *Philosophia* (x1)

As editor

- Section editor at PhilPapers, for sections Spinoza: Causation and Spinoza: Time

Research Languages

English, Latin (classical, medieval, early modern: reading, with dictionary), French (modern: reading; middle: reading, with dictionary), Spanish (fluent)

References

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