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Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Medieval Philosophy, American Indian Philosophy

Employment

Johns Hopkins University, Associate Professor of Philosophy
Spring 2023 – present

Lehigh University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Fall 2017 – Spring 2022

Iowa State University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Fall 2013 – Spring 2017

Visiting Positions

National Humanities Center, Resident Associate
Spring 2023

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy
Fall 2022

Humboldt University of Berlin, Humboldt Foundation Fellow
Fall 2020 – Summer 2021

Education

PhD University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2013

Thesis: *Causation and Scientific Explanation in Locke*

Committee: Alan Nelson, Andrew Janiak, Robert Adams, Marilyn Adams, Tad Schmaltz

MA University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2009

Thesis: *Locke's Ideational Account of Causation*

BA Georgetown University 2007

Honors in Philosophy, Honors in History

Publications

Journal Articles

2023. "Robert Greville on Sins, Privations, and Dialetheism" *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 104(3): 578-596.
2021. "Susanna Newcome and the Origins of Utilitarianism" *Utilitas* 33(4): 384-398.
2021. "Causation and Gravitation in George Cheyne's Newtonian Natural Philosophy" *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 85: 145-154.
2021. "Quantity and Place in Thomas White's Eucharistic Metaphysics" *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 38(2): 155-173.
2019. "Locke's Theory of Demonstration and Demonstrative Morality" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 98(2): 435-451.
2019. "Susanna Newcome's Cosmological Argument" *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 27(4): 842-859.
2019. "Thinking Matter in Locke's Proof of God's Existence" *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* 9: 105-131.
2018. "Locke and the Methodology of Newton's *Principia*" *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 100(3): 311-335.
2018. "Thomas White on the Metaphysics of Transubstantiation" *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 56(4): 516-540.
2017. "The Idea of Power and Locke's Taxonomy of Ideas" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 95(1): 1-16.
2017. "Metaphysics in Richard Bentley's Boyle Lectures" *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 34(2): 155-174.
2017. "A Puzzle in the Print History of Locke's *Essay*" *Locke Studies* 17(1): 49-60.
2016. "Maclaurin on Occasionalism: A Reply to Ablondi" *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 14(1): 125-135.
2015. "Locke and the Laws of Nature" *Philosophical Studies* 172(10): 2551-2564.
2015. "Lockean Superaddition and Lockean Humility" *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 51: 53-61.
2015. "Henry of Ghent's Argument for Divine Illumination Reconsidered" *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 89(1): 47-68.
2015. "Space Before God? A Problem in Newton's Metaphysics" *Philosophy* 90(1): 83-106.
2014. "Newton and God's Sensorium" *Intellectual History Review* 24(2): 185-201.
2014. "Locke and Wilkins on Inner Sense and Volition" *Locke Studies* 14(1): 239-259.
2013. "Travel Literature, the New World, and Locke on Species" *Society and Politics* 7(1): 103-116.

Book Chapters

- forthcoming*. "Gravity, Occult Qualities, and Newton's Ontology of Powers" in *Powers and Abilities in Early Modern Philosophy*, eds. D. Perler and S. Bender. New York: Routledge.
- forthcoming*. "Locke on the Proper Use of Hypotheses in Natural Philosophy" in *Locke and the Sciences*, eds. L. Simonutti and R. Evangelista. Turnhout: Brepols.
- forthcoming*. "Beyond Consciousness: Locke's Sources for the Self" in *Revisiting the Sources of the Self*, eds. J. Bermúdez and C. Conybeare. New York: Cambridge University Press.
2022. "Locke and Sergeant on Syllogistic Reasoning" in *The Lockean Mind*, eds. S. Weinberg and J. Gordon-Roth. New York: Routledge, 191-202.
2021. "Locke and Berkeley" in *The Oxford Handbook of Berkeley*, ed. S. Rickless. New York: Oxford University Press, 446-463.
2018. "Locke, Pyrard, and Coconuts: Travel Literature, Evidence and Natural History" in *Evidence in the Age of the New Sciences*, eds. R. Raiswell and J.A.T. Lancaster. Dordrecht: Springer, 103-122.

Other Writing

2022. "Susanna Newcome" *Utilitarian Thinkers Series*. utilitarianism.net
2014. "John Locke" *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* eds. J. Fieser & B. Dowden.

Publications (cont.)

Book Reviews

2019. Review of *John Locke: The Philosopher as Christian Virtuoso*, by V. Nuovo. *Locke Studies* 19: 1-5.
2019. Review of *Richard Baxter and the Mechanical Philosophers*, by D.S. Sytsma. *Locke Studies* 19: 1-5.
2015. Review of *Newton and Empiricism*, eds. Z. Biener and E. Schliesser. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53(2): 334-336.

Presentations

- Causation in Locke's Proof of God's Existence
Locke Workshop, Middlebury College, October 28-29, 2023
Philosophy in Assos, July 4-7, 2022
- Locke on Substances and the Nature of Demonstration
Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA, April 5-8, 2023
- Locke on Hypotheses and Method
Locke and Logic, University of Bucharest, November 25-26, 2022
- Newton's Ontology of Minds and Bodies
Chicago Modern Philosophy Roundtable, University of Illinois-Chicago, October 14, 2022
- Causation in Locke's Proof of God's Existence
Philosophy in Assos, July 4-7, 2022
- Isaac Newton on the Nature of Substance
Loyola University Maryland Philosophy Department Spring Lecture, April 21, 2022
Eastern APA, Baltimore, MD, January 5-8, 2022
Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, November 12-13, 2021
- Locke on Eminent Containment, Matter, and God
Central APA, Chicago, IL, February 23-26, 2022
Comments by Geoff Gorham
- Newtonian Bodies: Dependence and Independence
New York City Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Technion, July 26-28, 2021
British Society for the History of Science, July 13-15, 2021
Theoretical Philosophy Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 17, 2021
- The Faculties of Man in Locke and his Predecessors
Human Abilities Research Center Jour Fixe, Berlin, June 29, 2021
NEH Reconsidering the Sources of the Self Conference, Texas A&M University, April 2-5, 2020
- How to Do Lockean Physics
John Locke Society Conference, CNR-ISPF, Naples, June 10-12, 2021
Theoretical Philosophy Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin, December 7, 2020
Early Modern Zoom Working Group, July 9, 2020
- Susanna Newcome's Moral Philosophy
British Society for the History of Philosophy, King's College London, April 24-26, 2019
SSEMW Group Session at Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC, April 17-20, 2019
- Locke, Newton, and Demonstration in Natural Philosophy
HOPOS, University of Groningen, July 9-12, 2018
- Locke, Berkeley, and the Nature of Ideas
Berkeley in Context Conference, Redwood Library and Athenæum, June 13-16, 2018

Presentations (cont.)

George Cheyne's Causal Framework

Workshop on Newtonian Causation, University of Groningen, April 25, 2018

Locke on the Difficulty of Demonstration

Eastern APA, Savannah, GA, January 3-6, 2018

Comments by Lex Newman

Some Early Newtonian Approaches to Gravitational Attraction

Department of Physics Colloquium, Lehigh University, November 30, 2017

Susanna Newcome's Cosmological Argument

Women in Early Modern Philosophy Conference, Lehigh University, October 19-20, 2017

Locke's Epistemology and the Metaphysics of Relations

Departmental Colloquium, California State University – Long Beach, February 6, 2017

Philosophy Colloquium Series, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, February 26, 2016

The Influence of Locke's *Essay* on Maclaurin's *Account*

Scientiae 2016, University of Oxford, July 5-7, 2016

Metaphysics and Explanation in Richard Bentley's Boyle Lectures

HOPOS, University of Minnesota, June 22-25, 2016

Faculty Research Workshop, University of Reading, March 10, 2016

John Locke and John Sergeant on Demonstration and Method

Locke Workshop, CUNY-Graduate Center, April 7-9, 2016

Locke, Pyrrard, and Coconuts: Travel Literature as Natural History

Scientiae 2015, University of Toronto, May 27-29, 2015

Locke and the Methodology of Newton's *Principia*

Locke Workshop, University of Western Ontario, May 1-2, 2015

Thinking Matter in Locke's Proof of God's Existence

Scientia Workshop, University of California, Irvine, April 24, 2015

Philosophy Forum Workshop Series, University of Mississippi, February 13, 2014

Eastern APA, Baltimore, MD, December 27-30, 2013

Comments by Eric Stencil

A New Approach to Lockean Relations

Central States Philosophical Association, Northwestern University, October 10-11, 2014

Comments by Lewis Powell

Iowa Early Modern Workshop, University of Iowa, November 9, 2013

South Carolina Society for Philosophy, College of Charleston, March 8-9, 2013

Locke on Hypotheses: A Via Media

HOPOS, Universiteit Gent, July 3-6, 2014

Space Before God? A Problem in Newton's Metaphysics

South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M, May 30-31, 2014

Central States Philosophical Association, OSU-Tulsa, October 4-5, 2013

Comments by Peter LeGrant

Locke and the Laws of Nature

Pacific APA, San Diego, CA, April 16-20, 2014

Comments by Ed McCann

New York City Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, February 8-10, 2013

Lockean Superaddition and Lockean Humility

Central APA, New Orleans, LA, February 20-23, 2013
Comments by Shelley Weinberg

Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Buena Vista University, October 18-20, 2012
Comments by Adela Deanova

Locke Workshop, University of St Andrews, June 28-29, 2012
Comments by Han-Kyul Kim

North Carolina Philosophical Society, Elon University, February 24-25, 2012

Locke's Ideas of Power

Margaret Wilson Conference, Dartmouth College, June 22-24, 2012

New England Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University, May 18-20, 2012

KCL/UNC Joint Conference on "Theories of Ideas in Early Modern Philosophy", University of North Carolina, May 13-15, 2011
Comments by Antonia LoLordo

Travel Literature, the New World, and Locke's Philosophy

Pacific APA, Seattle, WA, April 4-7, 2012
Comments by Jan-Erik Jones

Newton and God's Sensorium

New York City Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, February 25-27, 2011

Locke and the Oxford Scientific Communities of the 1660s

North Carolina Colloquium in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, UNC, February 18-19, 2011

Comments

Comments on Stewart Duncan's *Materialism from Hobbes to Locke*
Eastern APA, New York, NY, January 15-18, 2023

Comments on Shelley Weinberg's "Locke's Epistemology of Traditional Revelation"
John Locke Society Conference, American University in Bulgaria, June 21-23, 2022

Comments on Scott Harkema's "Berkeley on True Motion"
Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC, April 13-16, 2022

Comments on Katharine Loevy's "Tracking the Non-Western Plato"
Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, November 12-13, 2021

Comments on Antonia LoLordo's "Powers in Britain, 1689-1827"
Workshop on *Powers: A History*, Human Abilities Research Center, Berlin, June 23-24, 2021

Comments on Geoffrey Gorham's "Locke on Space, Time, and God" and Stewart Duncan's "Locke, God, and Materialism" (with Jessica Gordon-Roth)
Eastern APA, New York, NY, January 7-10, 2019

Comments on James Harris' "Locke vs. Fulmer Revisited"
Locke Workshop, University of Oxford, July 16-18, 2018

Comments on Ruth Boeker's "Locke and His Early Critics and Defenders"
Workshop on Boekers' *Locke on Persons and Personal Identity*, Columbia University, March 12-13, 2018

Comments on Shelley Weinberg's "Locke on Reason, Faith, and Miracles"
Pacific APA, Seattle, WA, April 12-15, 2017

Comments on Simona Vuciu's "Medieval Views on Causal Powers: The Case of Henry of Ghent"
Central APA, Kansas City, MO, March 1-4, 2017

Comments (cont.)

Comments on Jan-Erik Jones' "Locke, Essences and Ontology"

Locke Workshop, Washington and Lee University, October 26-27, 2012

Comments on Kurt Smith's "Was Hobbes an Idealist?"

Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, University of North Carolina, March 16, 2012

Awards and Fellowships

Lehigh University Paul J. Franz, Jr. Faculty Fellowship (2021)

Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (2020-2021)

(Humboldt-Forschungsstipendium für erfahrene Wissenschaftler)

Held at Humboldt University of Berlin Host: Prof. Dominik Perler

NEH Summer Stipend (2020)

Lehigh University Provost Faculty Research Grant (2019)

ISU College of Arts and Sciences Early Achievement in Teaching Award (2017)

ISU Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities Research Grant (2015)

ISU College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Small Grant (2014)

UNC Medieval and Early Modern Studies Conference Travel Award (2012)

UNC Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship (2012)

UNC Medieval and Early Modern Studies Research Award for research on Locke manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, Oxford (2011)

UNC Medieval and Early Modern Studies Conference Travel Award (2011)

Mellon Fellowship for Early Modern English Paleography Institute at the Folger Shakespeare Library (2009)

UNC Horace Williams Fellowship (2007-2008)

Teaching

Johns Hopkins University

Philosophical Issues in Newton and Newtonianism (Fall 2023)

History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2023)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

History of Modern Philosophy (Fall 2022)

Introductory Ethics (Fall 2022)

Lehigh University

Early Modern Philosophy (Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

Bioethics (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2021)

American Indian Philosophy (Fall 2021)

Medieval Philosophy (Spring 2019)

Humans and Other Animals (Fall 2019)

Descartes and Newton (Spring 2018)

Ethics (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

Independent Study: Political Philosophy of Spinoza and Locke (Spring 2019)

Independent Study: Bioethics in Developing Nations (Spring 2018)

Thesis Supervision: Carceral Justice (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)

Thesis Supervision: Spinoza (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

Thesis Supervision: Newton (Spring 2019-Fall 2019)

Teaching (cont.)

Iowa State University

Medieval Philosophy

Spring 2015, Spring 2017

Moral Theory and Practice (First-Year Interest Group on Happiness)

Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017

Moral Theory and Practice

Fall 2013 (2 Sections), Spring 2014 (2 Sections), Fall 2014 (2 Sections), Fall 2015 (3 Sections)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Introduction to Mathematical Logic (Summer 2013)

Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense (Spring 2012)

History of Modern Philosophy (Summer 2011)

Introduction to Philosophy: Main Problems (Summer 2010)

Bioethics – Online Course (Spring 2010)

Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2009)

Bioethics (Summer 2009)

Service

Executive Committee Member, John Locke Society 2016-present

Philosophy Associations Coordinator, International Berkeley Society, 2021-present

Subject Editor, PhilPapers (John Locke: Philosophy of Religion), 2015-2022

Governing Council Member, Gipson Institute for Eighteenth Century Studies, 2017-2022

Lehigh Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society Faculty Advisor, 2019-2020, 2021-2022

Scientific Committee Member, 2022 John Locke Conference

University Faculty Committee on Advancement, 2019-2020

Referee for:

2018-present: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*; *Berkeley Studies*; *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*; Cambridge University Press (book manuscript); *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Intellectual History Review*; *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (x4); *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (x2); *Locke Studies*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Science in Context*; Springer (book proposal); *Studi Lockiani*

2013-2017: *American Historical Review*; Cambridge University Press (chapter manuscript); *Ergo*; *Forum Philosophicum*; *History and Anthropology*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; *Journal of the History of Philosophy*; *Locke Studies*; *Oxford Bibliographies Online*; Routledge (book manuscript); *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*

Philosopher-in-Residence, George Berkeley's Whitehall Museum House, July 2019 and July 2017

Co-Organizer, 2017 Lehigh University Conference on "Women in Early Modern Philosophy"

PhD Committee Member

Cal Parks, History Department, Lehigh University, 2019-2022

Steven Dezort, Philosophy Department, Texas A&M University, 2017-2018

MA Committee Member 2016-2017

Benjamin Nelson, History Department, Iowa State University

Co-President, Iowa Philosophical Society 2014-2017

Organizer, 2016 Iowa Philosophical Society Conference

Organizer, 2015 Iowa Philosophical Society Conference

Faculty Advisor, ISU Philosophy Club 2014-2016

Service (cont.)

Committee Chair, Department Majors Recruitment & Retention Committee 2015-2017

Committee Member, ISU Socrates Prize 2014-2017

Local Organizing Committee Member, Midwest Conference on British Studies 2016

Philosophy Department Outreach Coordinator 2010-2011

Co-Organizer, 2011 Joint King's College London/University of North Carolina Conference on "Theories of Ideas in Early Modern Philosophy"

Graduate and Professional Student Federation Representative to UNC Faculty Senate 2009-2010

Archival Research Experience

Columbia University Special Collections (2023)

Union Theological Seminary Special Collections (2023)

The British Library (2019, 2022, 2023)

Lambeth Palace Library (2023)

University of Illinois, Special Collections (2023)

Georgetown University, Special Collections (2023)

University of Chicago, Special Collections (2022)

Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford (2010, 2016, 2021)

Newberry Library (2019)

The Royal Society (2019)

American Antiquarian Society (2019)

Folger Shakespeare Library (2009, 2018, 2019)

University of Edinburgh, Centre for Research Collections (2018)

University of Glasgow, Special Collections (2016, 2018)

Newport Historical Society (2017)

Surrey History Centre (2016)

University of Nottingham, Special Collections (2016)

Memberships

American Philosophical Association

John Locke Society

International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS)

International Berkeley Society

American Association of University Professors

References

Available on request