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Areas of research: early modern philosophy, philosophy of mind

Employment

2023- Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University College London
2021-2023 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Temple University
2014-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Temple University

Education

2006-2014 Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, Harvard University
Thesis Title: *The Self-Body Problem in Descartes and Malebranche*
Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2013-14
École Normale Supérieure Exchange Fellowship, 2012-13
Templeton Graduate Fellow at University of Notre Dame, 2011-12

2002-2006 B.A. in Philosophy, University of Toronto

Academics Prizes, Fellowships, and Grants

2023 History of Philosophy Forum Grant, University of Notre Dame
2019 NEH Fellowship for \$35,000; Project Title: “Our Bodies, Our Selves: Problems of Embodiment in Margaret Cavendish, Anne Conway, and Mary Astell”
2018 SSHRC Summer Institute, “Intensive Seminar in Teaching New Narratives in the History of Philosophy”
2016-2017 Temple Digital Scholarship Faculty Fellowship
2015-2016 Center for the Humanities at Temple Faculty Fellowship
2015 NEH Summer Institute, “Between Medieval and Modern: Philosophy from 1300 to 1700”

Publications

Journal Articles

Forthcoming The Duchess of Disunity: Margaret Cavendish on the Materiality of the Mind. *Philosophers' Imprint*.

2022 What Is It Like To Be a Material Thing? Henry More and Margaret Cavendish on the Unity of the Mind. *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* XI: 97-136.

2021 The Most Dangerous Error: Malebranche on the Experience of Causation. *Philosophers' Imprint*, 21(10): 1-23.

- 2020 “Let us imagine that God has made a miniature earth and sky”: Malebranche on the Body-Relativity of Visual Size. *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 6(2): 206-224.
- 2020 What Am I? Descartes’s Various Ways of Considering the Self. *Journal of Modern Philosophy* 2(1): 1-30.
- 2020 Our Body Is the Measure: Malebranche and the Body-Relativity of Sensory Perception. *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* IX: 37-73.
- 2019 Color in a Material World: Margaret Cavendish Against the Early Modern Mechanists. *Philosophical Review* 128(3): 293-336.
- 2019 The Body I Call “Mine”: A Sense of Bodily Ownership in Descartes. *European Journal of Philosophy* 27(1), 2019: 3-24.
- 2018 Our Bodies, Our Selves: Malebranche on the Feelings of Embodiment. *Ergo* 5(1): 508-539.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming* “A Decaying Carcass?”: Mary Astell and the Embodied Self. In J.L. Bermúdez and C. Conybear (eds.), *Reconsidering the Sources of the Self*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Forthcoming* Move Your Body! Margaret Cavendish on Self-Motion. In S. Bender and D. Perler (eds.), *Powers and Abilities in Early Modern Philosophy*. New York: Routledge.
- Forthcoming* The Senses and Sensation in Malebranche. In S. Greenberg (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Malebranche*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2022 Not a Sailor in His Ship: Descartes on Bodily Awareness. In A. Alsmith and M. Longo (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Bodily Awareness*. New York: Routledge.
- 2016 A Bodily Sense of Self in Descartes and Malebranche. In J. Kaukua and T. Ekenberg (eds.), *Subjectivity and Selfhood in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy*: 219-234.

Research In Progress

Malebranche and the Man in the Moon: Imagining Our Way to Survival
 Malebranche and the Problem of Passionate Action
 I See Your True Colors Shining Through: Malebranche’s Rainbow-Colored Soul
 Margaret Cavendish and the Disunity of Knowledge

Popular Philosophy

- 2020 Honey, I Shrunk the Philosophers. *Cambridge Core Blog*.
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/blog/2020/09/08/honey-i-shrunk-the-philosophers/>

Book Reviews

- 2019 *The Well-Ordered Universe: The Philosophy of Margaret Cavendish*, by. D. Boyle. *Hypatia Online Reviews*.
- 2013 *Occasionalism: Causation Among the Cartesians*, by. S. Nadler. *Philosophical Review* 122(1): 125-128. (with Jeff McDonough)

2007 *Arts and Minds*, by G. Currie. *Review of Metaphysics* 60(4): 860-861. (with Ronnie de Sousa)

Selected Talks and Presentations

Asterisks indicate that the talk has yet to take place.

2023 Birkbeck, UCL, Humboldt University, London Mind Group, British and Irish Postgraduate Philosophy Association, Harvard University, University of Notre Dame*

2022 University of Florida, Kansas University, Harvard University

2021 Queens University, Temple University

2020 Texas A&M, New York City Early Modern Workshop, Eastern APA

2019 Tokyo Society for Analytic Philosophy, Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting

2018 Tahoe Early Modern Workshop, Temple University Japan

2017 UC Irvine, Pacific APA, Lehigh University

2016 University of Rochester, Temple University

Teaching

Undergraduate Teaching

I have taught the following undergraduate course at University College London.

1st year *Early Modern Philosophy*: 1 time

I have taught the following semester-long undergraduate courses at Temple University.

2nd year *History of Philosophy: Modern*: 5 times

3rd year *Color and Morality/Color, Space, and Morality*: 3 times

3rd year *Saints, Sinners, and Heretics*: 1 time

3rd year *Philosophy of the Body*: 2 times

4th year *Continental Rationalism*: 2 times

4th year *British Empiricism*: 2 times

Across all these courses, my overall student evaluation is 4.75 out of 5.

Graduate Teaching

I have taught three graduate seminars at Temple University.

2021 Malebranche

2018 Our Bodies, Our Selves: Descartes, Malebranche, and Astell

2015 A Philosophical History of Perception

Ph.D. supervision: main supervisor

2021- Y. Wu, *Anti-Mechanist Explanations in Henry More, Anne Conway, and Margaret Cavendish*

2018- B. Sharp, *Margaret Cavendish: Figure, Motion, and Self-Knowledge*

2019-2021 Z. Zhang, *Malebranche on the Problem of Evil*

Ph.D. supervision: committee member

- 2018- J. Taplin, *Nietzsche on Education and Culture*
2017- S. Poust, *Hegel, 'Negative' Theories of Freedom, and the Institutions of Modern Society*
2017-2021 J. Martin, *Darwinism, Cognition, and Metaphysics* (left program)
2016-2019 B. Land, *Function and Goodness in the Work of Philippa Foot*
2014-2015 O. Barragan, *Why Worry About Co-Location?*

Ph.D. examining

- 2023 Internal examiner for Gabrielle Wyer (Birkbeck), *A Malebranchean Theory of Recognition?*
2020 External examiner for M. Tiller (University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill), *Locke's Ideas of Power*

Selected Administrative Roles at UCL

Philosophy Department

- 2023- Inclusion Lead
2023- MPhil Admissions

Selected Administrative Roles at Temple University

Philosophy Department

- 2020- Director of Graduate Studies
2014- Graduate Studies Committee (except when on research leave)
2014- Graduate Admissions Committee (except when on research leave)
2016-2017 Co-Director of Graduate Studies
2019-2020 Search Committee: Philosophy of Race ACLS Post-Doc
2018-2019 Search Committee: LEMM
2017-2018 Search Committee: Social and Political
2016-2017 Search Committee: Ethics
2015-2016 Search Committee: Post-Doc

Other Administrative Roles

- 2019- Faculty Senate
2021- College of Liberal Arts Graduate Committee
2021-2022 Chair of College of Liberal Arts Humanities Taskforce
Spring 2021 College of Liberal Arts Strategic Planning: Community Development

Service to the Profession

- 2020-2021 Co-Facilitator (with Karen Detlefsen), *Extending New Narratives: Monthly Work-in-Progress Seminar for Early Career Researchers: Group D.*
2019- Participant, *NEH Project on Reconsidering the Sources of the Self* (Directors: Catherine Conybeare and José Luis Bermúdez)

- 2019- Co-collaborator, *Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy* (Director: Lisa Shapiro), SSHRC Partnership Grant
- 2017 Co-Organized Workshop, “Malebranche: Creation, Perception, Knowledge.” Hosted by Wellesley College and Harvard University
- 2015 Organized Workshop, “Early Modern Philosophy.” Hosted by Temple University.

Refereeing

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophers' Imprint, Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, Ergo, European Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Modern Philosophy, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Hypatia, Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy and International Journal of Philosophical Studies