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Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Medieval Philosophy, Kant

Employment

Lehigh University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Fall 2017 – Present

Iowa State University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Fall 2013 – Spring 2017

Visiting Position

Humboldt University of Berlin, Visiting Researcher

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Funded by Humboldt Foundation Fellowship

Host: Prof. Dominik Perler

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

forthcoming. "Susanna Newcome and the Origins of Utilitarianism" *Utilitas*

forthcoming. "Quantity and Place in Thomas White's Eucharistic Metaphysics" *History of Philosophy Quarterly*

2021. "Causation and Gravitation in George Cheyne's Newtonian Natural Philosophy" *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 85: 145-154.

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.

Journal Articles (cont.)

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

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, Pyrrard, 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.

Encyclopedia Articles

2014. "John Locke" *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* eds. J. Fieser & B. Dowden.

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

Isaac Newton on the Nature of Substance

Eastern APA, TBD

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

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.

Presentations (cont.)

The Faculties of Man in Locke and his Predecessors

NEH Reconsidering the Sources of the Self Conference, Texas A&M University, April 2-5, 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.

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.

Presentations (cont.)

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 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 Boeker's *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

Lehigh University (Instructor with full responsibility)

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

Native American Philosophy (Fall 2021)

Early Modern Philosophy (Spring 2020)

Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2020)

Humans and Other Animals (Fall 2019)

Medieval Philosophy (Spring 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: Spinoza (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

Thesis Supervision: Newton (Spring 2019-Fall 2019)

Iowa State University (Instructor with full responsibility)

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)

Teaching (cont.)

University of North Carolina (Instructor with full responsibility)

- 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

Steering Committee Member, John Locke Society 2016-present

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

Philosophy Associations Coordinator, International Berkeley Society, 2021-present

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

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

University Faculty Committee on Advancement, 2019-2020

Referee for:

2018-present: Cambridge University Press (book manuscript); *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (x3); *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-

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

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

Newberry Library (2019)

The Royal Society (2019)

The British Library (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)

Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford (2010, 2016)

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

European Hobbes Society

American Association of University Professors

References (available on request)