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EDUCATION

1986 Ph.D., Philosophy, Columbia University, New York.. Dissertation: *Perception, Knowledge and Intentionality in Arnauld: A Study in the Cartesian Philosophy of Ideas.*

1981 M.A., Philosophy, Columbia University.

1976-80 B.A., cum laude, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Major: Philosophy.

Area of specialization: early modern philosophy (especially seventeenth century)

Areas of competence: metaphysics; moral philosophy; ancient philosophy; Jewish philosophy

TEACHING POSITIONS (including honorary chairs)

William H. Hay II/WARF Professor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin - Madison  
(Assistant Professor, 1988-1992; Associate Professor with tenure, 1992-1998; Full Professor 1998-present).

Max and Frieda Weinstein-Bascom Professor of Jewish Studies (2004-2009).

“Spinoza Chair”, Visiting Professor, University of Amsterdam (Spring, 2007).

Professeur Invité, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris) (Spring, 2006).

Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago (Spring, 2005; Spring 2009).

Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University (Winter, Spring, 1993).

Tutor, St. John’s College (Annapolis, MD) (1986-1988).

Instructor, Humanities Core Program: "Masterpieces in Western Literature and Philosophy", Columbia University (1983-86).

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006-2010.

Co-Chair, Arts and Humanities Strategic Planning Council (UW-Madison), 2008-present.

Faculty Director, "Year of Humanities" (UW-Madison), 2009-2010.

Director, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (UW-Madison), 2003-2006

Founding Director, Center for the Humanities (UW-Madison), 1999-2003.

Executive Committee, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (UW-Madison), 1994-present.

Steering Committee, Program in Religious Studies (UW-Madison), 2000-present.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Current:

Editor, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

Board of Directors, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*

Editorial Boards: *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Hebraic Political Studies*.

Steering Committee, Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy (semi-annual conference).

General Editor, "Great Minds" series, Blackwell Publishers.

Membre permanent, "Centre d'études cartésiennes" (Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne).

Member of American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Program Committee, 2001 and 2006; Nominating Committee, 2003-2004)

Member of the Association for Jewish Studies.

Past:

Co-editor (with Daniel Garber), *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* (annual volume), volumes 1-6 (2003-2011).

Editor (for North America), *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 1995-2000.

Book Review Advisory Committee, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (1990-1995).

Awards referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipends, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006; National Humanities Center, 1998.

Conferences Organized (at the University of Wisconsin - Madison):

"Causation in Early Modern Philosophy" (May 1989)

"Spinoza and Judaism" (October 1999)

"Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy" (October 2003)

Co-director (with Donald Rutherford), NEH Summer Institute: "The Intersection of Philosophy, Science and Theology in the Seventeenth-Century", University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 2004.

Judge, Koret Jewish Book Award 2004-2005 (Philosophy and Thought).

Chair, Schnitzer Book Award Committee, Association for Jewish Studies, 2008.

Council Member, Wisconsin Humanities Council (2001-2006)

## PUBLICATIONS

Books authored:

*"A Book Forged in Hell": Spinoza's Scandalous Treatise* (Princeton University Press, forthcoming in 2011).

*Occasionalism: Causation Among the Cartesians* (Oxford University Press, 2010).

*The Best of All Possible Worlds: A Story of Philosophers, God, and Evil* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008; paperback, Princeton University Press, 2010). Translated into French (Bayard), Italian (Einaudi).

*Spinoza's Ethics: An Introduction* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

*Rembrandt's Jews* (University of Chicago Press, 2003), named a finalist for the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in general nonfiction.

*Spinoza's Heresy: Immortality and the Jewish Mind* (Oxford University Press, 2002).  
Translations in Italian, Dutch.

*Spinoza: A Life* (Cambridge University Press, 1999). Winner of the 2000 Koret Jewish Book Award. Translations in French, Dutch, Italian, Polish, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, Japanese, Hebrew, Chinese.

*Malebranche and Ideas* (Oxford University Press, 1992).

*Arnauld and the Cartesian Philosophy of Ideas* (Princeton University Press, 1989).

Volumes edited:

*The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: From Antiquity through the Seventeenth-Century*, co-edited with Tamar Rudavsky (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

*Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, co-edited with Daniel Garber (Oxford University Press), vol. 1 (2003); vol. 2 (2005); vol. 3 (2006); vol. 4 (2008); vol. 5 (2010).

Co-editor (with Manfred Walther and Elhanan Yakira) of *Studia Spinozana*, volume 13 (1997 [2003]), devoted to "Spinoza and Jewish Identity"

*A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy* (Blackwell Publishers, 2002).

*The Cambridge Companion to Malebranche* (Cambridge University Press, 2000).

*Causation in Early Modern Philosophy*, with introduction (Penn State Press, 1993).

*Malebranche: Philosophical Selections*, with introduction (Hackett Publishing, 1992).

#### Articles:

"Malebranche's Shadow: General Will and Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnauld Correspondence", in Michael Williams, ed., *The General Will* (forthcoming).

"Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy", in Patricia Easton, ed. (forthcoming).

"Consciousness", in Daniel Kaufman, ed., *The Routledge Companion to Seventeenth-Century Philosophy* (forthcoming).

"The Intellectual Love of God", in Michael Della Rocca, ed., *The Oxford Handbook to Spinoza* (forthcoming).

"Conceptions of God", in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy in Early Modern Europe*, Desmond Clark and Catherine Wilson, eds. (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

"Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of Philosophy", in Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti and Justin Smith, eds., *The Rationalists: Between Tradition and Innovation* (Springer, 2011).

"*Benedictus Pantheissimus*: The Problem of Spinoza's Reputation", in Jill Kraye, G.A.J. Rogers, Tom Sorrell, eds., *Insiders and Outsiders in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy* (Routledge, 2010).

"The Jewish Spinoza", invited review essay for *Journal of the History of Ideas* 70 (2009): 491-510.

"Gersonides", in Henrik Lagerlund, ed., *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy* (Springer, forthcoming).

"Baruch Spinoza", in Judith R. Baskin, ed., *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion and Culture* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

- “Spinoza and the Problem of Jewish Secularism”, in Zvi Gitelman, ed., *Religion or Ethnicity? Jewish Identities in Evolution* (Rutgers University Press, 2009), pp. 59-66.
- “Arnauld’s God”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46 (2008): 517-538.
- “Theodicy and Providence”, in Steven Nadler and Tamar Rudavsky (eds.), *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: From Antiquity through the Seventeenth Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).
- "Descartes", "Cartesianism", "Spinoza" and "Atheism" articles for the *Dictionary of Early Modern Europe*, ed. Jonathan Dewald (New York: Scribners, forthcoming).
- “Spinoza and Consciousness”, *Mind* 117 (2008): 575-601.
- “Spinoza en het jodendom”, invited essay for ‘*Libertas philosophandi*’: *Spinoza als gids voor een vrije wereld*, Cis van Heertum, ed. (Amsterdam: Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica, 2008).
- "The Bible Hermeneutics of Baruch de Spinoza", *Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: The History of Its Interpretation. Vol. 2, Part 1: From the Renaissance to the Enlightenment*. Magne Saebo, Michael Fishbane, Jean-Louis Ska, eds. (Gottingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2008).
- “‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, in Charles Huenemann, ed., *Interpreting Spinoza* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).
- "Spinoza and the Naturalization of Judaism", in *The Cambridge Companion to Modern Jewish Philosophy*, ed. Michael Morgan (Cambridge University Press, 2007).
- “Causalité et nécessité”, in Jean-Luc Marion and Michel Fichant, eds., *Descartes en Kant* (Presses Universitaires de France, 2006).
- "Rationalism in Jewish Philosophy", in Alan Nelson, ed., *A Companion to Rationalism* (Blackwell Publishing, 2005).
- "Descartes's Doctrine of Ideas", in Stephen Gaukroger, ed., *The Blackwell Guide to Descartes's Meditations* (Blackwell Publishing, 2005).
- "Hope, Fear and the Politics of Immortality in Spinoza", in *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*, ed. Tom Sorrell and G.A.J. Rogers (Oxford University Press, 2005).
- “Spinoza’s Theory of Divine Providence: Rationalist Solutions, Jewish Sources”, *Mededelingen vanwege Het Spinozahuis*, no. 87 (2005).
- "Cordemoy and Occasionalism", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43 (2005): 37-54..
- "Descartes’ Soul, Spinoza’s Mind", in *Receptions of Descartes*, ed. Tad Schmaltz (Routledge, 2005).
- “Baruch Spinoza”, for the *Encarta* encyclopedia (London: Websters International Publishing, 2005).
- "Gersonide, Spinoza et les vérités éternelles", *Les études philosophiques* (2004)

“Louis de la Forge”, for the *Thoemmes Dictionary of Philosophy* (London: Thoemmes, 2004).

"Is Spinoza a Jewish Philosopher?", *Studia Spinozana* 13 (1997 [2003]).

"Spinoza and the Downfall of Cartesianism", in Thomas Lennon, ed., *Cartesian Views* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2003).

"Spinoza and Philo: On the Alleged Mysticism in the *Ethics*", in B. Inwood and J. Miller, eds., *Hellenistic Philosophy and the Early Modern Period* (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

"Eternity and Immortality in Spinoza's *Ethics*", *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 26 (2002).

"Spinoza", in Steven Nadler, ed., *A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy* (Blackwell Publishers, 2002).

"Baruch de Spinoza", in Edward Zalta (ed.), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/spinoza/>).

"Gersonides on Providence: A Jewish Chapter in the History of General Will", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 61 (2001): 37-57.

"Spinoza in the Garden of Good and Evil", in Elmar Kremer, ed., *The Problem of Evil in Early Modern Philosophy* (University of Toronto Press, 2001). A French version appears in *Philosophiques* (2002).

"Malebranche", for *The Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2nd edition, ed. Lawrence Becker (Routledge, 2001).

"The Excommunication of Spinoza: Trouble and Toleration in the 'Dutch Jerusalem'", *Shofar* 19 (2001): 40-52.

"Baruch Spinoza: Lense Grinder, Heretic", invited essay for the *Journal of Ophthalmology*, October 2000.

"Nicolas Malebranche", for *The Blackwell Guide to Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Nietzsche*, ed. Steven Emmanuel (Blackwell Publishers, 2000).

"Antoine Arnauld", in *The Encyclopedia of the Scientific Revolution* (Garland Publishing, 2000).

"Connaissance et causalité: Esquisse d'une histoire", *XVIIIème Siècle* 51 (1999), 335-45.

"Knowledge, Volitional Agency and Causation in Malebranche and Geulincx", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 7 (1999), 263-274..

"Continuous Creation and the Activity of the Soul: Louis de la Forge and the Development of Occasionalism", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 36 (1998): 215-231.

"Doctrines of Explanation in Late Scholasticism and in the Mechanical Philosophy", invited essay for *The Cambridge History of Seventeenth Century Philosophy*, M. Ayers, D. Garber, and A. Gabbey, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 1998).

Articles on Antoine Arnauld, Nicolas Malebranche, Louis de la Forge, Géraud Cordemoy, and Simon Foucher, for the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Routledge, 1998).

"Descartes' Demon and the Madness of Don Quixote", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 58 (1997), 41-55. A French version appears in *Laval théologique et philosophique* 53 (1997), 605-616.

Critical Notice of Gordon Baker and Katherine Morris, *Descartes' Dualism in Philosophical Books* 38 (1997), 157-164.

"Occasionalism and the Mind-Body Problem", *Oxford Studies in the History of Philosophy*, vol. 2: Studies in Seventeenth Century European Philosophy, M.A. Stewart, ed. (Oxford University Press, 1997).

"'No Necessary Connection': The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", *The Monist* 79 (1996), 448-466.

"'Tange montes et fumigabunt': Arnauld face aux théodicées de Leibniz et Malebranche", *Chroniques de Port-Royal* 44 (1995), 323-334; English version published in *Interpreting Arnauld*, edited by E. Kremer (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1996).

"Malebranche's Occasionalism: A Reply to Clarke", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 33 (1995), 505- 8.

"Occasionalism and the Question of Arnauld's Cartesianism", in *Descartes and His Contemporaries*, R. Ariew and M. Grene, eds. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995), 129-144.

Articles on Malebranche, Occasionalism, Arnauld, and Port-Royal Logic, invited submissions for the *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, R. Audi, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 1995).

"Choosing a Theodicy: The Leibniz-Malebranche-Arnauld Connection", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 55 (1994), 573-589. (This paper won the Forkasch Prize for best article published in the *Journal of the History of Ideas* in 1994.)

"Descartes and Occasional Causation", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 2 (1994), 35-54.

"Dualism and Occasionalism: Arnauld and the Development of Cartesian Metaphysics", *Revue Internationale de philosophie* 48 (1994), 421-440.

"Malebranche's Theory of Perception", in *The Great Arnauld and Some of His Philosophical Correspondents*, E. Kremer, ed. (University of Toronto Press, 1994).

"Intentionality in the Arnauld-Malebranche Debate", in *Minds, Ideas, and Objects: Essays on the Theory of Representation in Modern Philosophy*, P. Cummins and G. Zoeller, eds., North American Kant Society Studies in Philosophy (Ridgeview Publishing, 1993).

"The Occasionalism of Louis de la Forge", in *Causation in Early Modern Philosophy*, S. Nadler, ed. (Penn State Press, 1993), 57-73.

"Occasionalism and General Will in Malebranche", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 31 (1993), 31- 47.

"Malebranche and the Vision in God: A Note on *The Search After Truth* III.2.iii", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 52 (1991), 309-314.

"Berkeley's Ideas and the Primary-Secondary Distinction", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 20 (1990), 47-61.

"Deduction, Confirmation, and the Laws of Nature in Descartes' *Principia Philosophiae*", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 28 (1990), 359-383.

"Cartesianism and Port-Royal", *The Monist* 71 (1988), 573-581.

"Ideas and Perception in Malebranche", *Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* 2 (1988), 41-60.

"Arnauld, Descartes, and Transubstantiation: Reconciling Cartesian Metaphysics and Real Presence", *Journal of the History of Ideas* 49 (1988), 229-246.

"Scientific Certainty and the Creation of the Eternal Truths: A Problem in Descartes", *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 25 (1987), 175-192.

"Reid, Arnauld, and the Objects of Perception", *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 3 (1986), 165-173.

"Probability and Truth in Plato's *Apology*", *Philosophy and Literature* 9 (1985), 198-201.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Michael LeBuffe, *From Bondage to Freedom: Spinoza on Human Excellence*, for *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 18 (2010).

Review of Helen Hattab, *Descartes on Forms and Mechanisms*, for *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 48 (2010).

Review of Michael Della Rocca, Spinoza, and Charles Huenemann, *Understanding Rationalism*, for the *Times Literary Supplement* (October 9, 2009).

Review of J. Freudenthal, *Die Lebensgeschichte Spinozas*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by Manfred Walther, for the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2009).

Review of Catherine Chalier, *Spinoza Lecteur de Maïmonide*, for the *Revue philosophique de Louvain* (2009).

Review of Denis Moreau, *Malebranche*, for the "Bulletin Cartésien", *Archives de Philosophie* (2007).

Review of M.-F. Pellegrin, *Le Système de la loi de Nicolas Malebranche*, for the "Bulletin Cartésien", *Archives de Philosophie* (2007).



- Review of Christia Mercer and Eileen O'Neill (eds.), *Early Modern Philosophy*, for *Mind* (2006).
- Review of Fokke Akkerman and Piet Steenbakkers, eds., *Spinoza to the Letter: Studies in Words, Texts and Books*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2006).
- Review of Stephen Gaukroger, *Descartes' System of Natural Philosophy*, for the "Bulletin Cartésien", *Archives de Philosophie* (2006).
- Review of Denis Kambouchner, *Les Méditations métaphysiques de Descartes*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2006).
- Review of Vincent Carraud, *Causa sive ratio. La raison de la cause, de Suarez à Leibniz*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2004).
- Review of Aaron Garrett, *Meaning in Spinoza's Method*, in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2004).
- Review of Richard Watson, *Cogito, Ergo Sum: A Biography of Descartes*, for *Metascience* (2004).
- Review of Heidi Ravven and Lenn Goodman, eds., *Jewish Themes in Spinoza's Philosophy*, for *Boletín de Bibliografía spinozista* (2004).
- Review of Tad Schmaltz, *Radical Cartesianism*, for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2003).
- Review of Ami Bouganim, *Le Testament de Spinoza*, for *Studia Spinozana* (2003).
- Review of James Franklin, *The Science of Certainty*, for *Mind* (2003).
- Review of Theo Verbeek, *Spinoza's Theologico-Political Treatise*, in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2003).
- Review of Adam Sutcliff, *Judaism and Enlightenment*, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2003).
- Review of Oli Koistinen and John Biro, eds., *Spinoza: Metaphysical Themes*, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2003).
- Review of Jonathan Israel, *Radical Enlightenment*, for the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2002).
- Review of Wiepe van Bunge, *From Stevin to Spinoza*, for the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2002).
- Review of Denis Moreau, *Deux Cartésiens: La polémique Arnauld-Malebranche*, for the "Bulletin Cartésien", *Archives de Philosophie* (2001).
- Review of Thomas M. Lennon, *Reading Bayle*, for *Dialogue* (2001).

Review of Charles Huenemann (ed.), *New Essays on Rationalism*, for *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2001).

Review of Jean-Luc Marion, *Cartesian Questions*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2000).

Review of Genevieve Lloyd and Moira Gatens, *Collective Imaginings: Spinoza Past and Present*, for *Mind* (2000).

Review of Kenneth Clatterbaugh, *The Causation Debate in Modern Philosophy*, in *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (1999).

Review of Nicolas Malebranche, *Dialogues on Metaphysics and Religion*, edited by Nicholas Jolley, translated by David Scott, in *International Studies in Philosophy* (1999).

Review of Stephen Menn, *Descartes and Augustine*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 36 (1998).

Review of Steven Smith, *Spinoza. Liberalism and the Question of Jewish Identity*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 36 (1998).

Review of Richard Mason, *The God of Spinoza*, in *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* 6 (1998).

Review of John Yolton, *Perception and Reality: A History from Descartes to Kant*, in *Isis* (1998).

Review of Richard A. Watson, *Representational Ideas: From Plato to Patricia Churchland*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 35 (1997).

Reviews of Don Garrett, *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza*, and Samuel Shirley (trans.), *Spinoza: The Letters*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 35 (1997), 140-2.

Review of Yirmiyahu Yovel, *Spinoza on Knowledge and the Human Mind*, in *International Studies in Philosophy* (1997).

Review of John Cottingham (ed.), *Reason, Will and Sensation: Essays in Descartes's Metaphysics*, in *International Studies in Philosophy* 24 (1997).

Review of Gabriel Albiac, *La synagogue vide: Les sources marranes du spinozisme*, in *The European Legacy* 2 (1997), 926-928.

Review of Stephen Gaukroger, *Descartes: An Intellectual Biography*, in *Journal of Philosophy* 93 (1996).

Review of Pierre-François Moreau, *Spinoza: L'expérience et l'éternité*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 34 (1996), 143-145.

Review of Graeme Hunter (ed.), *Spinoza: The Enduring Questions in History of European Ideas* (1995).

Review of Gareth Matthews, *Thought's Ego in Augustine and Descartes*, in *The Philosophical Review* 103 (1994).

Review of Tom Sorrell, *The Rise of Modern Philosophy*, in *Isis* 85 (1994), 322-23.

Review of Theo Verbeek, *Descartes and the Dutch*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 32 (1994), 672-73.

Review of Thomas M. Lennon, *The Battle of the Gods and Giants: The Legacies of Descartes and Gassendi*, in *Isis* 85 (1994), 695-6.

Review of G.W. Leibniz, *De Summa Rerum: Metaphysical Papers, 1675-1676*, translated by G.H.R. Parkinson (The Yale Leibniz), in *Isis* 84 (1993), 577-78.

Review of Patricia Easton, Thomas Lennon, and Gregor Sebba, *Bibliographia Malebranchiana*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 31 (1993), 633-34.

Review of A.-R. Ndiaye, *La philosophie d'Antoine Arnauld*, in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 1 (1993); and for the "Bulletin Cartésien", in *Archives de philosophie* 57 (1994).

Review of Antoine Arnauld, *On True and False Ideas*, trans. by Stephen Gaukroger; and Antoine Arnauld, *On True and False Ideas. New Objections to Descartes' Meditations and Descartes' Replies*, trans. by Elmar J. Kremer, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 30 (1992), 140-2; and for the "Bulletin Cartésien", in *Archives de philosophie* 57 (1994).

Review of Nicholas Jolley, *The Light of the Soul: Theories of Ideas in Leibniz, Malebranche, and Descartes*, in *Isis* 82 (1991), 747-8.

Review of Daisie Radner and Michael Radner, *Animal Consciousness*, in *Environmental Ethics* 13 (1991), 187-191.

Review of R.C. Sleigh, Jr., *Leibniz and Arnauld: A Commentary on Their Correspondence*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 29 (1991), 494-6.

Review of Desmond Clarke, *Occult Powers and Hypotheses: Cartesian Natural Philosophy Under Louis XIV*, in *Isis* 81 (1990), 772-3.

Review of Richard A. Watson, *The Breakdown of Cartesian Metaphysics*, in *International Studies in Philosophy* 22 (1990), 153-4.

Review of John Yolton, *Perceptual Acquaintance From Descartes to Reid*, in *Synthese* 77 (1988), 409- 413.

Review of Francis X.J. Coleman, *Neither Angel Nor Beast: The Life and Work of Blaise Pascal*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 26 (1988), 489-90.

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## MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

“Scripture and Truth: A Problem in Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*”, for conference on Spinoza at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands), October 2010.

“Who Will Write the Lives of the Philosophers? Reflections on Spinoza (and Others)”, invited speaker for conference on “Philosophical and Intellectual Biography and Autobiography”, Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Boston University, March 2010.

“Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy”, invited keynote speaker for Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of New Mexico, February 2010.

“Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy”, invited for Bradshaw Conference: A Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, Claremont Graduate University, December 2009.

“Malebranche’s Shadow: Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnould Correspondence”, invited for New England Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University, May 2009.

“Malebranche’s Shadow: Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnould Correspondence”, invited for South Central Seminar for Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, October 2008.

“Malebranche’s Shadow: Divine Providence in the Leibniz-Arnould Correspondence”, invited for conference “The General Will (A Conference in Honor of Patrick Riley)”, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2008.

“Spinoza and Secular Judaism”, for the Academy for Jewish Philosophy, at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meetings, Baltimore, December 2007.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, for a conference “Leibniz and Spinoza”, Princeton University, September 2007.

“Spinoza and Consciousness”, Humboldt University Spinoza Workshop, Berlin, Germany, June 2007.

“Spinoza and the Science of Consciousness”, for a conference “Spinoza and the Sciences”, Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences, June 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, for a conference “Interpreting Spinoza”, University of Michigan, May 2007.

“Spinoza and Consciousness”, for “Spinoza Day”, Princeton University, January 2007.

“Spinoza and Religious Fundamentalism”, invited presentation for a conference “Beyond Belief: Science, Religion, Reason and Survival”, Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA, November 2006.

“Is Spinoza an Atheist?”, Association for Jewish Studies meetings, Washington DC, December 2005.

“Causalité et nécessité”, invited for a conference “Descartes e Kant”, in Lecce, Italy, November 2004.

“Reply to Edwin M. Curley and Tad Schmaltz”, in an “Author Meets Critics” session devoted to *Spinoza’s Heresy*, at the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) meetings, Pasadena, CA, March 2004.

"Eternal Truths and the World-to-Come: Spinoza's Jewish Roots", invited for a conference on "Eternal Truths in Early Modern Philosophy", University of Calgary, May 2003.

"Spinoza's Theory of Divine Providence", invited for a conference "Spinoza: Between Jerusalem and Athens", UCLA, February 2003.

"Does Jewish Studies Take Philosophy Seriously?", invited panelist for "Jewish Studies and the University", Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Stanford University, April 2002.

"Les vérités éternels et l’autre monde: les racines juives de Spinoza", invited paper for the Centre Nationale de la recherche scientifique, Paris, February 2002.

"Descartes’s Soul, Spinoza’s Mind", invited paper for a conference "Receptions of Descartes", Duke University, March 2002.

"Spinoza and Gersonides on Immortality", Association for Jewish Studies meetings, Washington, D.C., December, 2001.

"Spinoza vs. the Rabbis", invited paper for a conference "Rabbinic Culture and its Critics: Jews, Heretics, Apostates and Others in Medieval and Early Modern Times", Ohio State University, October 2001.

"Knowledge and Causation", Symposium on Early Modern Philosophy, University of California-Irvine, July 2000.

"Spinoza in the Garden of Good and Evil", invited paper for a conference "The Theodicy Problem in Early Modern Philosophy", University of Toronto, September 1999.

"Why Was Spinoza Excommunicated?", invited paper for a symposium, "New Perspectives on Spinoza", at the Eastern Division meetings of the American Philosophical Association, December 1998.

"Connaissance et causalité: esquisse d’une histoire", invited paper for a meeting of the Equipe Cartésienne, Sorbonne, Paris, May 1997.

"The Excommunication of Spinoza: Trouble and Toleration in the Dutch Jerusalem", invited paper for a conference on "Toleration in Early Modern Europe", University of Chicago, April 1997.

"The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", invited paper presented to a conference "The Medieval Legacy in Early Modern Philosophy", University College, London, November 1996.

"Cartesianism and the Activity of the Soul", invited paper for the Seventeenth Century Philosophy Study Group, British Society for the History of Philosophy, London, November 1996.

"Descartes et Cervantes: Le malin génie et la folie de Don Quichotte", invited paper presented to a conference on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Descartes' birth, Université de Laval, Quebec, September 1996.

"Les Cartésiens et l'activité de l'âme", invited paper for a conference honoring the work of Henri Gouhier, at the Sorbonne, Paris, May 1996.

"Tange montes et fumigabunt': Arnauld face aux théodicées de Leibniz et Malebranche", invited paper presented to a conference commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Arnauld's death, Sorbonne, Paris, October 1994.

"Tange montes et fumigabunt': Arnauld and the Theodicy Problem", invited paper presented to a conference commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Arnauld's death, University of Toronto, September 1994.

"Choosing a Theodicy: The Leibniz-Malebranche-Arnauld Connection", paper invited by the Leibniz Society presented at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division (meetings in Kansas City, May, 1994).

"Descartes and Occasional Causation", Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Chicago, December 1992.

"Ideas and Representation in Malebranche", invited paper for symposium, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (meetings in Portland, Oregon, March, 1992).

"Arnauld and the Fourth Set of Objections", presented to the Descartes conference "Six Objectors to Six Meditations: 350 Years Later", at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (March, 1992).

"Occasionalism and Mechanism", Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Chicago, December 1990.

"Occasionalism and General Will in Malebranche", invited paper presented to a conference on Early Modern Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (May, 1989).

"Intentionality in the Arnauld-Malebranche Debate", presented to the conference "Ideas: Sensory Experience, Thought, Knowledge and their Objects in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy", University of Iowa (April, 1989).

"Is There a Primary/Secondary Distinction Among Berkeley's Ideas?", presented to the International Berkeley Society, at the Eastern Division meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C. (December, 1988).

"Reid and Arnauld", presented at the Thomas Reid Conference, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland (September, 1985).

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## INVITED LECTURES

“Spinoza and Toleration”, Department of Philosophy, Catholic University of America, November 2010.

“Spinoza and Toleration”, The Golden Age Lecture, Center for the Study of the Dutch Golden Age, University of Amsterdam, October 2010.

“Spinoza, Maimonides and Prophecy”, University of Amsterdam, October 2010.

“Maimonides on Providence, Theodicy and Moral Luck”, University of Stockholm, September 2010.

“Maimonides on Providence, Theodicy, and Moral Luck”, University Seminar, Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Columbia University, April 2009.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, Elton Lecture, George Washington University, April 2009.

“The Spinoza Problem”, Hendrix College and Jewish Cultural Center, April 2009.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, Duke University, November 2008.

“The Spinoza Problem”, The Solomon-Tenenbaum Lecture, University of South Carolina, September 2008.

“Spinoza, Leibniz, and the Gods of the Philosophers”, University of Cincinnati, April 2008.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of God and Substance”, University of Rome-La Sapienza, March 2008.

“Spinoza and Consciousness”, University of Notre Dame, October 2007.

“The Gods of the Philosophers”, Indiana University, October 2007.

“The Gods of the Philosophers”, University of Amsterdam, June 2007.

“Three Myths About Spinoza”, University of Amsterdam, June 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, June 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, University of Amsterdam, May 2007.

“The Excommunication of Spinoza”, Melinda Rosenblatt Lecture, National Yiddish Book Center, April 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2007.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, Brandeis University, February 2007.

“Three Myths About Spinoza”, University of California-San Diego, February 2007.

“Arnauld’s God”, McGill University, November 2006.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, University of Illinois-Chicago, November 2006.

“On Spinoza’s God”, Luther College, October 2006.

“Spinoza’s Alleged Pantheism”, University of Iowa, October 2006.

“Spinoza’s Alleged Pantheism”, U.C.L.A., May 2006.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, Arizona State University, April 2006.

“Spinoza et la philosophie Juif”, three lectures given at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, March 2006.

“Le cherem de Spinoza, après 350 ans”, Musée de l’art et de l’histoire du Judaïsme, Paris, March 2006.

“Spinoza, est-il vraiment Panthéiste?”, Université de Nantes, March 2006.

“‘Whatever is, is in God’: Substance and Things in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”, University of California-San Diego, February, 2006.

“Is Spinoza an Atheist?”, Northwestern University (debate with Kenneth Seeskin), April 2005.

“Spinoza and Divine Providence”, University of Arizona, March 2005.

“Four Myths About Spinoza”, Emory University, October 2004.

“Spinoza and Divine Providence”, Marquette University, October 2004.

“Spinoza on Divine Providence: Rationalist Solutions, Jewish Sources”, Stanford University, February 2004.

“Four Myths About Spinoza”, Rice University, February 2004.

"Descartes's Soul, Spinoza's Mind", Universiteit van Utrecht (The Netherlands), November 2003.

"Spinoza on Divine Providence: Rationalist Solutions, Jewish Sources", Vereniging het Spinozahuis, Utrecht, November 2003.

"Four Myths About Spinoza", The Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture, University of Toronto, September 2003.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Northwestern University, February 2003.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Loyola University (Chicago), April 2002.



"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", University of Illinois-Chicago, March 2002.

"Sur la biographie de Spinoza", Association des amis de Spinoza, Sorbonne (Paris), February 2002.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", University of Ottawa, January 2002.

"The Real and Imaginary Spinoza", Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies, Chicago, November 2001.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Columbia University, October 2001.

"Is Spinoza a Jewish Philosopher?", Koret Foundation Symposium, San Francisco Jewish Community Center, November 2000.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Washington University in St. Louis, September 2000.

"Spinoza on Eternity and Immortality", Philosophy Dept. and Program in Jewish Studies, Princeton University, February 2000.

"Knowledge and Causation: Aristotelian and Cartesian Intuitions", University of California-Irvine, July 2000.

"Aristotelian and Cartesian Intuitions About Causation", as part of the Keeling Colloquium, University College London, November 1999.

"Eternity and Immortality in Spinoza's Ethics", University of Toronto, April 1999.

"Why Was Spinoza Excommunicated?", Ohio State University, March 1998.

"The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", Cambridge University, November 1996.

"The Excommunication of Spinoza and the Jews of Seventeenth Century Amsterdam", King's College, London, November 1996.

"The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", University of Iowa, October 1996.

"The Medieval Roots of the Occasionalist Roots of Hume", Northern Illinois University, February 1996.

"Causation Among the Cartesians", University of Oklahoma, April, 1995.

"Causation Among the Cartesians", Southern Methodist University, October, 1993.

"La théorie des idées chez Malebranche", Ecole pratique des hautes études, Sorbonne, Paris, November 1992.

"La théorie des idées chez Malebranche", Université de Caen, November, 1992.

"Malebranche's Direct Realism", University of Toronto (November, 1990).

"Occasionalism and Mechanism", University of Western Ontario (November, 1990).

"Force, Mechanism, and Divine Causation", University of Wisconsin - Madison (History of Science, September, 1990).

"Occasionalism: How God Acts", University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (February, 1990).

"Occasionalism and the Mind-Body Problem", University of Wisconsin - Madison (November, 1988).

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Resident Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Spring 2011).

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) Named Professorship, awarded in 2008 (\$75,000 research award, plus named professorship: William H. Hay II Professor of Philosophy).

Pulitzer Prize Finalist, 2004 (for general non-fiction), for *Rembrandt's Jews*.

Max and Frieda Weinstein-Bascom Professor of Jewish Studies, 2004-2009.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, co-director (with Donald Rutherford): "Philosophy, Science, and Theology in the Seventeenth Century", University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipends: 1988, 1994, 2001.

Kellett Midcareer Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, awarded in 2000-2001 (\$60,000 research award).

2000 Koret Jewish Book Award, in the category of Biography, for *Spinoza: A Life*.

1995 Selma V. Forkasch Prize for best article published in the *Journal of the History of Ideas* in 1994 (awarded for "Choosing a Theodicy: The Leibniz-Arnauld-Malebranche Connection").

Romnes Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, awarded 1995 (\$40,000 research award).

Weinstein Course Development Research Award, Jewish Studies Program, University of Wisconsin - Madison, May 1994.

Resident Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin - Madison (Fall, 1991).

Council for Philosophic Studies/National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute on Early Modern Philosophy, Brown University, 1988.

Summer Research Grants, Graduate School Research Committee, University of Wisconsin - Madison: 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1999.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (does *not* include committee work for Philosophy Department or Jewish Studies):

Review Committee for Dean of the College and Letters and Science (spring 2010)  
Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on the Graduate School Restructuring Plan (2009-2010)  
Committee on Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2009-present)  
Chair, Department of Philosophy (2006–2010)  
Faculty Director, “Year of the Humanities” (2009-2010)  
Co-Chair, Arts and Humanities Strategic Planning Council (2008-present)  
Faculty Compensation and Economic Benefits Commission (2008-2009)  
Search Committee for Director, Center for the Humanities (fall 2008)  
University of Wisconsin Press Committee (2005-2008)  
Chair, Program Review Committee: University of Wisconsin Press (fall 2007)  
Search Committee for Director, Institute for Research in the Humanities (spring 2007)  
Search Committee for Director, Center for the Humanities (fall 2007)  
College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Scholarships Committee (2006-2007)  
Director, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (2003-2006)  
Humanities Division Executive Committee (2003-2006)  
Chair, Program Review Committee: Department of Art History (2005-2006)  
Ethnic Studies Implementation Committee (2003-2004)  
Anonymous Fund Committee (2000-2003)  
Founding Director, Center for the Humanities (1999-2003)  
Hilldale/Holstrom Undergraduate Research Awards Committee (1999, 2002, 2003)  
Undergraduate Adviser, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (1995-2002)  
Memorial Library Committee (1997-2002)  
Executive Committee, Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (1994-present)  
Executive Committee, Program in Religious Studies (1999-present).  
Program Review Committee: Department of History (2001).  
Search Committee for Director, Institute for Research in the Humanities (2000)  
Graduate School Research Committee, Arts and Humanities (1997-2000).  
CIC Fellow (1999-2000)  
Chair, Committee to establish a Center for the Humanities (1999)  
Chair, Program Review Committee: Department of Comparative Literature (1998-99)  
Sesquicentennial Hiring Initiative (for Humanities Division) (Fall 1998).  
Interdepartmental Search Committees:  
    modern Islam (for History/Religious Studies, Spring 1999)  
    medieval Jewish intellectual history (for Hebrew and Semitic Studies/History/Jewish Studies).  
Steenbock Awards Committee (1997, 1998)  
Graduate Fellowships Committee (1994-95, 1995-96)  
Faculty Advising Service (1990-1995)

LANGUAGES

French (fluency); Latin, Ancient Greek, German, Dutch, Hebrew and Yiddish (reading knowledge).