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Area of Specialization:

Early Modern Philosophy (including metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, ethics, and political philosophy)

Academic Appointments:

New York University: Professor (2004-14) and Silver Professor (2014-)
(Department Chair, 2010–16)
New York University: Visiting Professor (2003-2004)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence (1999-2004)
University of Utah: Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor (1982–1999)
(Department Chair, 1996–1999)
The Johns Hopkins University: Visiting Associate Professor (1988)
Harvard University: Assistant Professor (1979–1982)
Yale University: Teaching Fellow (1978-79)

Education:

Yale University, 1975–1979: Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1979
Dissertation: *Identity, Necessity, and the Mind-Body Problem*
University of Utah, 1971–1975: B.A. (magna cum laude) in Philosophy, 1974

Teaching Honors:

Journal of the History of Philosophy Master Class (“Mary Shepherd: Causation, Perception, and Knowledge of the External World”), 2018
Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999-2004
University of Utah Council of Dee Fellows (for teaching excellence in Humanities and Fine Arts), 1995-98 (chair, 1997-98)
University of Utah Ramona W. Cannon Award for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities (1993)

Fellowships and Awards:

NYU Global Research Institute Fellowship, London (2017)
Carnegie Centenary Professor (awarded by the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland) University of Edinburgh (May-August 2011)
Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Fellowship, University of Edinburgh (2011)
Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (inducted 2009)
Tanner Humanities Center Fellowship (1995-96)
Faculty Fellow Award, University of Utah (1991)
Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Fellowship, University of Edinburgh (1984)
Mrs. Giles R. Whiting Fellowship (1978–79)

Books:

Nature and Necessity in Spinoza's Philosophy (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018)
Hume (New York and London: Routledge, 2015)
Cognition and Commitment in Hume's Philosophy (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997)
The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza, editor (New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996; revised second edition in progress)

Encyclopedias Edited:

The Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Second Edition, associate editor for the history of modern Philosophy (New York: Macmillan, 2005)
The Encyclopedia of Empiricism, co-editor with Edward Barbanell (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997)

Journals Edited:

Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, North American editor (2000-2004)
Hume Studies, co-editor (1993-2000)
Philosophical Studies, guest editor for issue 62.3 (March 1999)

Articles:

“Finding the Value in Hume’s Human ‘Sensible Creatures’,” in *The Value of Humanity*, edited by Nandi Theunissen and Sarah Buss (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
“Pyrrhonian Skepticism and Humean Skepticism: Belief, Evidence, and Causal Power,” in *Epistemology After Sextus Empiricus*, edited by Katja Vogt and Justin Vlasits (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
“Rocknak on Imagined Objects: What was Hume Thinking?” *Hume Studies* 41.2 (forthcoming 2018)

- “Hume’s System of the Sciences in *A Treatise of Human Nature*,” in *The Humean Mind*, edited by Angela Coventry and Alexander Sager (New York and London: Routledge, forthcoming 2018)
- “Hume’s Idea of Self,” in *The Self, A History* (*Oxford Philosophical Concepts* series), edited by Patricia Kitcher (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- “Hey, What’s the Big Idea? Berkeley and Hume on Extension, Local Conjunction, and the Immateriality of the Soul,” in *Berkeley’s Three Dialogues: New Essays*, edited by Stefan Storrie (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018): 191-204
- “What’s So Great About Hume?” in *What Makes a Philosopher Great?* edited by Stephen Hetherington (New York and London: Routledge, 2018): 148-68
- “The Indiscernibility of Identicals and the Transitivity of Identity in Spinoza’s Logic of the Attributes,” in *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Spinoza’s Ethics*, edited by Yitzhak Melamed (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017): 12-42
- “Millican’s ‘Abstract’, ‘Imaginative’, ‘Reasonable’, and ‘Sensible’ Questions about Hume’s Theory of Cognition” [book symposium on *Hume* 2015 above], *Hume Studies* 40.2 (dated November 2014; appeared 2016): 227-242.
- “Loeb’s ‘Standard’ Questions about Hume’s Concept of Probable Truth” [book symposium on *Hume* (2015) above], *Hume Studies* (dated November 2014; appeared 2016): 40.2: 279-300
- “Hume on Reason, Normativity, and the Title Principle,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Hume*, edited by Paul Russell (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016 [online 2014]): 32-53
- “Liberty and Suspension in Locke’s Theory of the Will,” in *A Companion to Locke*, edited by Matthew Stuart (Oxford: Blackwell, 2015): 260-78
- “Hume’s Theory of Causation: Inference, Judgment, and the Causal Sense,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hume’s Treatise*, edited by Donald C. Ainslie (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014): 69-100
- “Representation and Misrepresentation in Spinoza’s Philosophy of Mind,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, edited by Michael Della Rocca (New York: Oxford University Press, online 2013; print edition 2018): 190-203.
- “What’s True about Hume’s ‘True Religion?’” *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 10.2 (September 2012; “target article” for 2012-13): 199-220
- “Once More into the Labyrinth: Kail’s Realist Explanation of Hume’s Second Thoughts about Personal Identity” [book symposium], *Hume Studies* 36.2 (November 2010; appeared 2012): 77-88
- “A Reply on Spinoza’s Behalf,” in *Spinoza and German Idealism*, edited by Yitzhak Melamed and Eckart Förster (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012): 248-264
- “Rethinking Hume’s Second Thoughts About Personal Identity,” in *The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Essays for Barry Stroud*, edited by Jason Bridges, Niko Kolodny, and Wai-hung Wong (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011): 15-40
- “Reason, Induction, and Causation: A Dialogue Between Don Garrett and Peter Millican,” *University of Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Occasional Papers* (2011).
- “Feeling and Fabrication: Rachel Cohon’s *Hume’s Morality*” [book symposium], *Hume Studies*, 34.2 (November 2008; appeared in 2010): 257-266.

- “‘Promising’ Ideas: Hobbes and Contract in Spinoza’s Political Philosophy,” in *Spinoza’s Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, edited by Yitzhak Melamed and Michael Rosenthal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010): 192-209
- “Spinoza’s Theory of *Scientia Intuitiva*,” *Scientia in Early Modern Philosophy*, edited by Tom Sorrell, G.A.J. Rogers, and Jill Kraye (Springer, 2009): 99-116
- “Difficult Times for Humean Identity?” [contribution to a book symposium on Donald L. M. Baxter’s *Hume’s Difficulty: Time and Identity in the Treatise*], *Philosophical Studies* 146.3 December 2009): 435-443
- “The Essence of the Body and the Part of the Mind That Is Eternal,” in *A Companion to Spinoza’s Ethics*, edited by Olli Koistinen (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009): 284-302
- “The First Motive to Justice: Hume’s Circle Argument Squared,” *Hume Studies* 33.2 (November 2007; appeared in 2009): 257-288
- “Hume” in *The Oxford Handbook of Causation*, edited by Helen Beebe (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009): 73-91
- “Descartes, Spinoza, and Locke on Extended Thinking Beings,” *Topics in Early Modern Philosophy of Mind*, edited by Jon Miller (Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2009): 85-104
- “Representation and Consciousness in Spinoza’s Naturalistic Theory of the Mind and Imagination,” in *Interpreting Spinoza: Critical Essays*, edited by Charles Huenemann (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008): 4-25
- “Should Hume Have Been a Transcendental Idealist?” in *Kant and his Predecessors*, edited by Daniel Garber and Béatrice Longuenesse (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008): 193-208.
- “Hume’s Theory of Ideas,” *The Blackwell Companion to Hume*, edited by Elizabeth Radcliffe (Blackwell Publishing, 2008): 41-57
- “Reasons to Act and Reasons to Believe: Naturalism and Rational Justification in Hume’s Philosophical Project,” *Philosophical Studies* 132.1 (January 2007): 1-16
- “Hume’s Naturalistic Theory of Representation,” *Synthese* 152.3 (October 2006): 301-319
- “Hume’s Conclusions in ‘Conclusion of this book’,” *The Blackwell Companion to Hume’s Treatise*, edited by Saul Traiger (London: Blackwell, 2006): 151-175
- “Philosophy and History in the History of Modern Philosophy,” in *The Future for Philosophy*, edited by Brian Leiter (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004): 44-73
- “‘A Small Tincture of Pyrrhonism’: Skepticism and Naturalism in Hume’s Science of Man,” in *Pyrrhonian Skepticism*, edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004): 68-98
- “Hume as ‘Man of Reason’ and ‘Women’s Philosopher’,” in *Feminist Reflections on the History of Philosophy*, edited by Charlotte Witt and Lilli Alanen (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2004): 171-192
- “Locke on Personal Identity, Consciousness, and ‘Fatal Errors’,” *Philosophical Topics* 31.1-2 (Spring/Fall 2003): 95-125
- “The Literary Arts in Hume’s Science of the Fancy,” *Kriterion* 44.108 (July-December 2003)
- “Spinoza’s *Ethics*: The Metaphysics of Blessedness” in *The Blackwell Classics*, edited by Jorge Gracia and Greg Reichberg (London: Blackwell, 2003)

- “Spinoza’s *Conatus* Argument,” in *Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Central Themes*, edited by John I. Biro and Olli Koistinen (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002): 127-158
- “Hume on Testimony Concerning Miracles,” in *Reading Hume on Human Understanding: Essays on the First Enquiry*, edited by Peter Millican (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2002): 301-334
- “Précis” and “Reply to My Critics” [symposium with David Owen and Charlotte Brown on *Cognition and Commitment in Hume’s Philosophy*], *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 61.1 (January 2001): 185-189, 205-215
- “Owen on Humean Reasoning,” *Hume Studies* 26.2 (November 2000): 291-303
- “Benedict de Spinoza,” in *The Blackwell Guide to the Modern Philosophers: Descartes to Nietzsche*, edited by Steven Emmanuel (London: Blackwell, 2000)
- “Teleological Explanation in Spinoza and Early Modern Rationalism,” in *New Essays on the Rationalists*, edited by Charles Huenemann and Rocco J. Gennaro (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999): 310-335
- “Ideas, Reason, and Skepticism: Replies to My Critics [Margaret Wilson, Peter Millican, and Robert Fogelin; Hume Society symposium on *Cognition and Commitment in Hume’s Philosophy*],” *Hume Studies* 24:1 (April 1998): 171-194
- “Spinoza’s Ethical Theory,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza*, edited by Don Garrett (New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996): 267-314
- “Spinoza’s Theory of Metaphysical Individuation,” in *Individuation in Early Modern Philosophy*, edited by Jorge Gracia and Kenneth Barber (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1994): 73-101
- “The Representation of Causation and Hume’s Two Definitions of Cause,” *Noûs* 27.2 (June 1993): 167-190; reprinted in *The Empiricists*, edited by Margaret Atherton (Rowman and Littlefield, 1998)
- “Spinoza’s Necessitarianism,” in *God and Nature: Spinoza’s Metaphysics*, edited by Yirmiyahu Yovel (Leiden: Brill, 1991): 191-218; reprinted in *The Rationalists*, edited by Derk Pereboom (Rowman and Littlefield, 1999)
- “Truth, Method, and Correspondence in Spinoza and Leibniz,” *Studia Spinozana* 6 (1990): 13-43
- “‘A Free Man Always Acts Honestly, Not Deceptively’: Freedom and the Good in Spinoza’s Ethics,” in *Spinoza: Issues and Directions*, edited by Edwin Curley and Pierre-François Moreau (Leiden: Brill, 1990): 221-238
- “*Ethics* Ip5: Shared Attributes and the Basis of Spinoza’s Monism,” in *Central Themes in Early Modern Philosophy: Essays Presented to Jonathan Bennett*, edited by J. A. Cover and Mark Kulstad (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1990): 69–107
- “Truth and Ideas of Imagination in the *Tractatus de Intellectus Emendatione*,” *Studia Spinoza* 2 (1986): 56-86
- “Causal Empiricism and Mental Events,” *Philosophical Studies* 49.5 (May 1986): 393–403; reprinted in *David Hume: Critical Assessments*, edited by Stanley Tweyman (London: Routledge, 1995): 194-204.

- “Priority and Separability in Hume’s Empiricism,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 67.3 (September 1985): 270-288; reprinted in *Hume: General Philosophy*, The International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy, edited by David W. D. Owen (Aldershot: Dartmouth Publishing Company, 2000): 71-89
- “Hume’s Self-Doubts About Personal Identity,” *The Philosophical Review* 90.3 (July 1981): 337–358; reprinted in *Hume: General Philosophy*, The International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy, edited by David W. D. Owen (Aldershot: Dartmouth Publishing Company, 2000): 411-432
- “Spinoza’s ‘Ontological’ Argument,” *The Philosophical Review* 88.2 (April 1979): 198–223; reprinted in *Essays on Early Modern Philosophy: From Descartes and Hobbes to Newton and Leibniz*, Volume 10, *Baruch de Spinoza*, edited by Vere Chappell (Hamden: Garland, 1994): 130-155

Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles:

- “David Hume,” in *The Shorter Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* and *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online*, edited by Edward Craig (London: Routledge, 2005): 396-414
- “Ruth Barcan Marcus,” in *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers*, 4 volumes, edited by John Shook LePore (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2005)
- “Benedict de Spinoza,” in *The Scientific Revolution: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Wilbur Applebaum (New York: Garland Publishing, 2000): 612-613
- “Imagination,” in *The Encyclopedia of Empiricism*, edited by Don Garrett and Edward Barbanell (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1997): 177-180
- “Spinoza,” in *Encyclopedia of Philosophy Supplement* (New York: Macmillan, 1996): 551-553
- “Spinoza,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, edited by Robert Audi (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995): 759-762
- “Hume,” in *A Companion to Metaphysics*, edited by Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell: 1995): 214-218
- “Reason,” in *A Companion to Metaphysics*, edited by Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell: 1995): 437-438
- “Mode,” in *A Companion to Metaphysics*, edited by Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell: 1995): 337-339
- “Associationism,” in *A Companion to Metaphysics*, edited by Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa (Oxford: Basil Blackwell: 1995): 34
- “Spinoza,” in *A Companion to Epistemology*, edited by Ernest Sosa and Jonathan Dancy (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1992): 488-490

Introductions:

- “Introduction” to *The Philosophy of David Hume*, by Norman Kemp Smith (Houndmills, UK: Palgrave, 2005): xxvi-xxxix
- “Introduction” to *Ethics*, by Benedict de Spinoza, Wordsworth Classics of World Literature (Hertfordshire: Wordsworth Editions Limited, 2001): vii-xv

Book Reviews:

- Spinoza's Metaphysics*, by Yitzhak Melamed, *The Journal of Philosophy* 111.11 (November 2014): 641-647.
- Leibniz, God, and Necessity*, by Michael V. Griffin, *The Philosophical Review* 123.2 (April 2014): 234-238.
- Stability and Justification in Hume's Treatise and Reflections on the Stability of Belief: Essays on Descartes, Hume, and Reid*, by Louis E. Loeb, *Mind* 122.488 (October 2013): 1141-1146
- The Riddle of Hume's Treatise: Skepticism, Naturalism, and Irreligion*, by Paul Russell, *The Philosophical Review* 119.1 (January 2010): 108-112
- Meaning in Spinoza's Method*, by Aaron Garrett, *The Philosophical Review* 118.2 (April 2009): 241-244
- Spinoza's Ethics: An Introduction*, by Steven Nadler, *Times Literary Supplement* (19 October, 2007)
- Spinoza*, by Genevieve Lloyd, *Ethics* 112.3 (April 2002): 653-654
- The God of Spinoza*, by Richard Mason, *The European Legacy* 7.1 (February 2002): 115-116
- Space and the Self in Hume's Philosophy*, by Marina Frasca-Spada, *Mind* 110.438 (April 2001): 460-464
- Mind and Morality*, by John Bricke, *The Philosophical Review* 110.1 (January, 2001): 132-34
- The God of Spinoza*, by Richard Mason, *Mind* 110.437 (January 2001) 232-235
- Representation and the Mind-Body Problem in Spinoza*, by Michael Della Rocca, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 61.1 (July 2000): 223-226
- Hume's Defence of Causal Inference*, by Fred Wilson, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 38.1 (January 2000): 126-128
- Spinoza: The Enduring Questions*, edited by Graeme Hunter, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 34.3 (July 1996): 460-461
- Part of Nature: Self-Knowledge in Spinoza's Ethics*, by Genevieve Lloyd, *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 34.2 (April 1996): 299-301
- Modalities: Philosophical Essays*, by Ruth Barcan Marcus, *The Review of Metaphysics* 48.3 (March 1995): 668-669
- Spinoza*, by Alan Donagan, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 52.4 (December 1992): 952-955
- Spinoza*, by Roger Scruton, *Studia Spinozana* 7 (1991): 319-322
- Behind the Geometrical Method: A Reading of Spinoza's Ethics*, by Edwin Curley, *The Philosophical Review* 100.33 (July 1991): 512-514
- Spinoza and Moral Freedom*, by Paul Kashap, *Ethics* 99.2 (January 1989): 458
- Spinoza and the Sciences*, edited by Marjorie Grene and Debra Nails, *Philosophy of Science* 55.3 (September 1988): 481-482
- Spinoza*, by R. J. Delahunty, *The Philosophical Review* 96.4 (October 1987): 610-612
- Spinoza on Nature*, by James Collins, *The Philosophical Review* 95.2 (April 1986): 295-297
- The Sceptical Realism of David Hume*, by John P. Wright, *The Philosophical Review* 94.1 (January 1985): 131-133
- The Mental as Physical*, by Edgar Wilson, *Journal of Philosophy* 78.7 (July 1981): 416-422

Selected Presentations:

- “Finding the Founding of the Sciences in Hume’s ‘Foundational Project’ and Its Aftermath,” Plenary Lecture, International Hume Conference, Budapest (July 2018)
- “Skepticism Meets Dogmatism: Evidence and the Correction of Doubts in Hume’s *Enquiry*,” Recasting Hume’s *Treatise*, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Institute of Humanities (March 2018)
- “Dogmatism Meets Skepticism: Evidence and the Correction of Doubts in Hume’s *Enquiry*,” CUNY Graduate Center Philosophy Colloquium Series (November 2017)
- “Comments on ‘Curiosity and the Origin of the Sceptical Crisis in *Treatise* 1.4.7’ by Manuel Vázquez Villavicencio,” International Hume Conference, Brown University (July 2017)
- “Hume’s Self-Concept,” Oxford Forum, Oxford University (April 2017)
- “Making our Philosophy Courses More Inclusive” (panel discussion), Rethinking Philosophy’s Past, Columbia University (February 2017)
- “Probability and Obligation in Hume’s ‘Scepticism with Regard to Reason’,” Workshop on Hume’s Infinite Regress Argument, University of Groningen (December 2016); National University of Singapore (January 2017)
- “Hume on Belief, Causation, and Pyrrhonism,” Workshop on Epistemology After Sextus Empiricus, Columbia University (October 2016)
- “Fifty Years of the History of Philosophy,” Fiftieth Chapel Hill Philosophy Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (October 2016)
- “Rocknak on Imagined Objects: What Was Hume Thinking?” Invited Book Symposium, International Hume Society Conference, University of Sydney (July 2016)
- “Comments on Sarah Hutton’s ‘From Here to There and Back Again: Some Reflections on the Fortunes of Early Modern Women Philosophers’,” New Narratives in Philosophy: Rediscovering Neglected Works by Early Modern Women, Duke University (April 2016)
- “Finding Value in Hume’s Human Animals,” Workshop on the Value of Humanity, Johns Hopkins University (April 2016)
- “Comments on Kathryn Tabb’s ‘Experimental Philosophy and Mad-Folk Psychology: Methodological Considerations from Locke’,” Experimental Philosophy Through History Conference, New York University (February 2016)
- “Gill’s Humean Pluralism,” Invited Author Meets Critics Symposium, American Philosophical Association Eastern Meetings, Washington DC (January 2016)
- “The Rejection of Leibniz’s Law in Spinoza’s Logic of the Attributes,” Boston University Graduate Student Conference [keynote speaker] (October 2015); Princeton University Colloquium Series (April 2015)
- “Is That a Thing? Comments on ‘Hume on Spatial Composites’,” International Hume Conference, University of Stockholm (July 2015)
- “Hume and the Mind’s ‘I’,” Humean Readings Conference, University of Rome, La Sapienza (June 2015)
- “Hume’s System of the Sciences in *A Treatise of Human Nature*,” Kline Workshop: Philosophy and Science in the British Empiricist Tradition, University of Missouri (March 2015)

- “Hume’s Philosophical Ambitions: Aims and Outcomes,” Plenary Lecture, Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Annual Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary (March 2015)
- “Hume’s Causal Sense,” Conference on Humean Causation, Brandeis University (March 2014)
- “Hey, What’s the Big Idea? Extended Ideas and the Immateriality of the Soul in Berkeley and Hume,” International Berkeley Society, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (December 2013)
- “Liberty and Suspension in Locke’s Theory of the Will,” University of Toronto (October 2013)
- “Hume’s Sense of Probability,” Interamerican Philosophical Society Conference, Salvador, Brazil (October 2013); Yale University (November 2013); Penn/Princeton/Columbia Graduate Student Conference on the History of Philosophy; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (August 2014); George Washington University Elton Lecture (October 2014); University of Michigan (October 2014)
- Invited Book Symposium on my book *Hume*, International Hume Conference, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (July 2013)
- “Beauty and Probability, Altruism and Induction,” McCracken Lecture, Michigan State University: (March 2013)
- “Representation and Error in Spinoza’s Philosophy of Mind,” University of Washington Spinoza Symposium (keynote) (March 2012)
- “Hume’s Sense of Probability,” St. Andrews University (May 2011); Closing Plenary Address and Carnegie Centenary Lecture, Thirty-Eighth International Hume Conference, University of Edinburgh (July 2011); Hume Tercentenary Conference, University of British Columbia (October 2011); Wayne State University (April 2011)
- “What’s True About Hume’s ‘True Religion’,” On Occasion of the 300th Anniversary of David Hume’s Birth: Hume on God, Religion, and Morality, Assos Turkey (June 2011); Belief and Doubt in David Hume, Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic (September 2011); Portland State University (October 2011)
- “Hume’s Aesthetic Theory of Probability,” Invited Symposium on “Hume at 300,” International Eighteenth Century Studies Congress, Graz, Austria (July 2011); Columbia University Seminar in European Culture (November 2011)
- “Mary Astell and Margaret Cavendish,” Symposium on Women in Early Modern Philosophy, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (March 2011)
- “Helen Beebe’s *Hume on Causation*,” Hume Society Group Meeting, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (March 2011)
- “Liberty and Suspension in Locke’s Theory of the Will,” Invited Symposium on Locke and the Will, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Boston, MA (December 2010)
- “A Reply on Behalf of Spinoza” [concluding reply to all papers], Conference on Spinoza and German Idealism, Johns Hopkins University (May 2010)
- “Once More into the Labyrinth: The Realist Explanation of Hume’s Second Thoughts about Personal Identity” [invited book symposium on Peter Kail’s *Projection and Realism in*

- Hume's Philosophy*], Hume Society Group Session, American Philosophical Associations Central Division Meetings, Chicago, IL (February 2010)
- "Hume and Probability," New York/New Jersey Research Group in Early Modern Philosophy, New York, NY (December 2009); University of California at Irvine (January 2011); University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (March 2011); Lewis & Clark College (October 2011)
- "Rethinking Hume's Second Thoughts about Personal Identity," Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (Oxford University (October 2009); Universidade Federal Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (March 2011); Hume's Metaphysics and Humean Metaphysics, Tampere, Finland (June 2011)
- Panel on "Methodology and the History of Philosophy," Women, Philosophy, and History: A Conference Celebrating Eileen O'Neill and her Work, Barnard College (October 2009)
- "Feeling and Fabrication in Rachel Cohon's *Hume's Morality*," 36th International Hume Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia (August 2009)
- "Hume's Causal Sense" and "Hume's Sense of Probability," Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (June 2009)
- "'Promising' Ideas: Contract and Covenant in Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*," Thinking with Spinoza Conference, Birkbeck College, London (May 2009)
- "Representation and Misrepresentation in Spinoza's Philosophy of Mind," Conference on Philosophical Problems in Historical Context, Central European University, Budapest (May 2009)
- Skepticism, Naturalism, and Irreligion: Russell on the Riddle of Hume's *Treatise* [invited symposium on Paul Russell's *The Riddle of Hume's Treatise: Skepticism, Naturalism, and Irreligion*], American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia (April 2009)
- "Spinoza's 'Promising' Ideas: Contract and Covenant in the *Theological-Political Treatise*" [invited paper], Conference of Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*, Boston University (December 2008)
- "Hume's Causal Sense," Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona (November 2008), Ohio State University (October 2008)
- "Hume's Causal Sense and the Metaphysics of Causation" [invited paper] South Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy/Texas A&M Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University (October 2008)
- "Hume's Sense of Probability," Humean Readings, Università di Roma ("La Sapienza"), Rome (June 2008); Harvard University (April 2010); University of California at Irvine (January 2011); University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (February 2011)
- "Yale and Philosophy in the New Century," Yale Philosophy Alumni Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT (April 2008)
- "The First Motive to Justice: Hume's Circle Argument Squared," Department of Philosophy, Princeton University (February 2008)
- "Post-Play Talk-Back" (with Steven Nadler) for "New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation" (a play by David Ives), Classic Stage Company, New York, NY (January 2008)
- "Hume's Causal Sense," 34th Hume Conference, Boston University (August 2007)

- “Normative Properties and Rational Justification in Hume’s Naturalism,” Conference on Naturalism in Early Modern Philosophy, University of South Carolina (March 2007)
- “Descartes, Spinoza, and Locke on Extended Thinking Beings,” Conference on Topics in Early Modern Philosophy of Mind, Kingston, Ontario (November 2006)
- “Reasons to Act and Reasons to Believe: Naturalism and Rational Justification in Hume’s Philosophical Project,” Invited Symposium on Hume’s Naturalism, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings (March 2006)
- “Naturalism, Skepticism, and Rational Justification in Hume’s Epistemological Project,” Sprague and Taylor Lecture, Brooklyn College (May 2006)
- “Hume’s Naturalistic Theory of Representation,” (Hester Symposium on Hume’s Naturalism, Wake Forest University (April 2005); Cornell University (October 2005)
- “The First Virtuous Motive to Justice and Fidelity: Hume’s Circle Argument Squared,” Thirty-First International Hume Conference, University of Toronto (July 2005); Dartmouth College (October 2005); Morris Colloquium, University of Colorado at Boulder (March 2006); Philosophy in Assos Conference, Assos Turkey (July 2006); Georgia State University (October 2006); University of Massachusetts, Amherst (October 2006); Bowdoin College (November 2007); Princeton University (February 2008)
- “Representation and Consciousness in Spinoza’s Naturalistic Theory of the Imagination,” Texas A&M University (October 2005); University of Michigan (June 2007)
- “Spinoza’s *Treatise on the Emendation of the Intellect*, New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy discussion group, Wellesley College (November 2004)
- “Should Hume Have Been a Transcendental Idealist?” Conference on Kant and the Early Moderns, Princeton University (May 2004)
- “Spinoza’s Naturalistic Theory of Mind and Imagination,” Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science, Boston University (April 2004); Georgetown University (October 2004)
- “Hume’s Theory of Causation: Inference, Judgment, and the Causal Sense,” Invited Symposium, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, April 2004; Causation Conference, La Pietra, Florence, Italy (June 2006)
- “Hume on Representation,” Invited Symposium, Twenty-Ninth International Hume Conference, Las Vegas (July 2003)
- “The Essence of the Human Body and the Part of the Mind that is Eternal,” Invited Symposium on Spinoza, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings (March 2003); New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University (June 2004); Syracuse University (November 2006); Dubrovnik, Croatia (May 2007)
- “Skepticism and Naturalism in Hume’s Science of Man,” Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science November 2002)
- “Hume’s Skepticism, Hume’s Way,” Hume Coloquio, the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (August 2002)
- “Spinoza’s Imagination,” Invited Symposium on the Imagination in Early Modern Philosophy, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Atlanta (December 2001)

- “‘A Small Tincture of Pyrrhonism’: Hume’s Skepticism, Hume’s Way,” Conference on Pyrrhonism (in honor of Robert Fogelin), Dartmouth College (October 2001)
- “Why Freshmen Should Study Philosophy,” C-TOPS Parents Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (August 2001)
- “Hume as ‘Man of Reason’ and ‘Women’s Philosopher,’” Invited Symposium on Hume and Feminism, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, New York City (December 2000)
- “Owen on Humean Reasoning,” Twenty-Sixth International Hume Conference (Book Panel on David Owen’s *Hume’s Reason*), Williamsburg, Virginia (July 2000)
- “Induction: Reasonings that are Not Determin’d by Reason,” University of Rome (May 2000)
- “Locke on Transfer of Consciousness,” Invited Symposium on John Locke, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 2000); University of Pennsylvania (April 2000); New York University (October 2001), Yale University (February 2004)
- “Comments on ‘Spreading It Thick: Hume on the Impression of Necessary Connection,’” Twenty-Fifth International Hume Conference, Cork, Ireland (July 1999)
- “The Essence of the Human Body and the Part of the Mind that is Eternal,” Spinoza by 2000: *Ethica V: Love, Knowledge and Beatitude*, The Jerusalem Spinoza Institute, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (June 1999); Wake Forest University (October 2000)
- “Reply to My Critics [David Owen and Charlotte Brown],” Author Meets Critics Session on *Cognition and Commitment in Hume’s Philosophy*, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meetings, New Orleans (May 1999)
- “Spinoza’s *Conatus* Argument (or, Spinoza’s Twelve-Step Program for Saving Your Own Life)” University of California, San Diego (February 1997); Utah State University (February 1998); Yale University (March 1998); University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (May 1998); Turku University, Finland (August 1999); University of California at Irvine (August 2000); Princeton University (October 2000)
- “Hume’s Science of the Fancy,” Keynote Address, Western Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, University of Northern Arizona (February 1998)
- “Ideas, Reason, and Skepticism: Replies to My Critics [Margaret Wilson, Peter Millican, and Robert Fogelin],” Twenty-Fourth International Hume Conference, Monterey, California (July 1997)
- “Comments on ‘The History and Significance of Hume’s Burning Coal Example: Time, Identity, and Individuation,’” Twenty-Third Hume Conference, Nottingham, England (July 1996)
- “Teleology in Early Modern Rationalism,” Conference on Methodological Dualism in the Aristotelian–Leibnizian Heritage, University of the Saarland, Saarbrücken, Germany (May 1996)
- “Induction and Altruism,” University of Utah (March 1996)
- “Hume’s Inductive Skepticism,” Brigham Young University (March, 1995)
- “Laws of Nature and Competing Proofs in Hume’s ‘Of Miracles,’” Twenty-First International Hume Conference, Rome (June 1994)

- “Comments on ‘Yet Another Look at Cognitive Reason and Moral Action in Hume’s Ethical System,’” Twentieth International Hume Conference, Ottawa (July 1993)
- “Reason and Moral Evaluation in Hume,” Hume Society Symposium in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Francisco (March 1993)
- “Comments on ‘How a Morally Unsurpassable Being Can Create a Morally Surpassable World,’” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, San Francisco (March 1993)
- “Moral and Secondary Qualities in Hume’s Hotel: A Reply to Simon Blackburn’s ‘Hume on the Mezzanine Level,’” Workshop on Hume’s Ethics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (February 1993)
- “Comments on ‘Causation as a Natural and as a Philosophical Relation,’” Nineteenth International Hume Conference, University of Nantes (July 1992)
- “Miracles in the Cognitive Psychology of David Hume,” Hume Society Symposium on Hume’s Philosophy of Religion, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, New York City (December 1991)
- “The Representation of Causation and Hume’s Two Definitions of ‘Cause,’” Princeton University Colloquium (March 1991), and University of Cincinnati Annual Taft Lecture (April 1991)
- “Three New Theories of Hume’s Second Thoughts About Personal Identity,” Seventeenth International Hume Conference, Australian National University (August 1990)
- “Comments on ‘Locke on Reason and Probable Reason,’” Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Los Angeles, California (March 1990)
- “Comments on ‘The Idea Theoretic Basis of Locke’s Anti–Essentialist Doctrine of Nominal Essence,’” Conference on Ideas: Sensory Experience, Thought, Knowledge, and Their Objects in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy, University of Iowa (April 1989)
- “Truth, Method, and Correspondence in Spinoza and Leibniz,” Spinoza and Leibniz: Konfrontation zweier Philosophien am Beginn der Neuzeit,” Hannover, Germany (September 1989)
- “Understanding ‘Understanding’: Representations and the Goals of Philosophy,” Humanities Center Forum, University of Utah (March 1989)
- “Finding Problems in Philosophy,” Second Graduate Symposium, University of Utah (September 1988)
- “Comments on ‘Virtue, Beauty, and Supposed Wholes,’” Fifteenth International Hume Conference, University of Marburg, Germany (August 1988)
- “Comments on ‘Personal Identity and Survival: What Really Matters,’” Johns Hopkins University/University of Maryland Joint Colloquium (May 1988). “Intellect and Imagination: Cognitive Science and the Unity of British Empiricism,” Conference on Cognition in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy, Rice University (April 1988)
- “Comments on ‘Hume on Liberty and Necessity,’” São Paulo Hume Conference, University of São Paulo (August 1987)

- “Spinoza’s Necessitarianism,” Spinoza by 2000: The First Jerusalem Spinoza Conference, Hebrew University (April 1987)
- “Comments on ‘Hume and the Signification of Actions,’” Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association (March 1987)
- “‘A Free Man Always Acts Honestly, Not Deceptively’: Freedom and the Good in Spinoza’s Ethics,” Spinoza: Issues and Directions, Chicago, Illinois (April 1986)
- “‘Determination by Reason’ and Hume’s Inductive Skepticism,” Fourteenth International Hume Conference, University of Edinburgh (July 1986)
- “Comments on ‘The Gentle Murder Paradox Once More,’” Utah Academy of Arts of Sciences, Southern Utah State College (April 1986)
- “Causal Empiricism and Mental Events,” Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, Massachusetts (December 1985)
- “Comments on ‘Putnam’s New Identity Theory,’” Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, California (March 1984)
- “Induction and Altruism,” University of Utah (February 1984)
- “Locke on Essence and Identity,” University of Vermont (January 1984)
- “Comments on ‘The Logically Possible, the Ontologically Possible, and Ontological Proofs of God’s Existence,’” Utah Academy of Arts and Sciences, Utah State University (April 1983)
- “Priority and Separability in Hume’s Empiricism,” Vassar College (February 1982)
- “Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind,” Cognitive Science Society of Harvard University (October 1981), and University of California at Los Angeles (January 1982)
- “Does Hume Know What He Thinks?” University of Wisconsin at Madison (January 1979) and Columbia University (February 1979)
- “Necessity and the Mind–Body Problem,” University of California at Irvine (January 1979)

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Professional Service:

Philosophy Delegate, Oxford University Press USA (2013-)
Senior Editor, Oxford Research Reviews (2013-16)
Consulting Editor: *History of Scottish Philosophy* (Oxford University Press); *Oxford Philosophical Concepts: A Philosophical and Historical Analysis of Major Concepts in the History of Philosophy* (Oxford University Press); Oxford New Narratives in Philosophy (Oxford University Press)
Editorial Boards: *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Notre Dame Philosophy Reviews*, *Hume Studies*, *Kriterion*, *Tsinghua Studies in Western Philosophy*
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Program Committee Consultant (2014-)

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Executive Committee (2007-2010)
Hume Society Executive Committee (2000-2006)
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Conference Co-Director, NYU Conference on Issues in the History of Modern Philosophy, 2004-
Conference Co-Director, Skepticism: Ancient, Modern, and Contemporary, La Pietra, Italy (2008)
Program Director, Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Chapel Hill (2003)
Director, 35th Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy (2001)
Program Co-Director, 28th Hume Conference, Victoria, British Columbia (2001)
Program Director, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (1999-2000)
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Co-Director, 22nd Hume Conference, Park City, Utah (1995)
Hume Conference Program Committee (1991, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2004-2016)
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Reader: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Blackwell Publishers, Cornell University Press, University of Chicago Press, MIT Press, State University of New York Press, Wadsworth Publishing, Princeton University Press
Referee: *The Philosophical Review*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal for Philosophical Research*, *Hume Studies*, *Western Humanities Review*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*