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EDUCATION

- 2000-2007 **Yale University** – Ph.D., Philosophy (May 2007).
Dissertation: *Continuity and Consciousness in Leibniz's Philosophy of Mind*.
Committee: Michael Della Rocca (advisor), Robert Merrihew Adams, Keith DeRose, and
Kenneth Winkler.
M.Phil, Philosophy (May 2004); M.A., Philosophy (May 2002).
- Fall 2001 **Harvard University**, exchange scholar.
- 1998-2000 **University of South Carolina**, Columbia, SC – M.A. studies, Philosophy.
- 1988-1993 **Columbia International University**, Columbia, SC – B.A., *cum laude*, 1993.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind; Metaphysics; Epistemology; Logic

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- "Leibniz on Memory and Consciousness," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- "Russell's Leibnizian Concept of Vagueness," *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 28 (forthcoming, July 2011).
- "Seventeenth Century Theories of Consciousness," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (July 2010;
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/consciousness-17th/>), [12,500 words].
- "The Principle of Continuity and Leibniz's Theory of Consciousness," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*
47 (2009): 223-248. Winner of the *Leibniz Society Essay Competition*.

Edited Volumes

Metaphysics and the Good: Themes from the Philosophy of Robert Merrihew Adams, edited with
Introduction by Larry M. Jorgensen and Samuel Newlands (Oxford: Oxford University Press,
2009).

Reviews

Review of Antonia Lolordo's *Pierre Gassendi and the Birth of Early Modern Philosophy* (Cambridge:
Cambridge University Press, 2007), *Philosophical Review* 117 (2008): 615-617.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Leibniz's Appetite" (in full draft)
- "Mind the Gap: Reflection and Consciousness in Leibniz" (in preparation)
- Leibniz's Theodicy: Context and Content* (a volume of original papers on Leibniz's *Theodicy*, co-edited
with Samuel Newlands)

PRESENTATIONS

“Mind the Gap: Reflection and Consciousness in Leibniz,” *Early Modern Conceptions of Consciousness* (invited plenary speaker), Humboldt University Berlin (May 2011).

“*Theodicy* as a Reasonably Universal Religion,” commentary on Donald Rutherford’s “Justice and Circumstances: Theodicy as Universal Religion,” *Theodicy: Content and Context*, University of Notre Dame (September 2010).

“Leibniz’s Appetite,” *Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Marquette University, November 2008.

“The Principle of Continuity and Leibniz’s Theory of Consciousness,” *The First Annual Leibniz Society Conference*, Rice University in Houston, January 2008. Winner of the *Leibniz Society Essay Competition*.

Commentary on Daniel Garber’s “Leibniz on Activity and Causality,” *Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale*, December 2006.

“Reflection, Consciousness, and Self-Consciousness in Leibniz’s Theory of Substance,” *Third Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Conference*, San Diego, CA, June 2006.

“The Principle of Continuity and Leibniz’s Theory of Consciousness,” invited paper presented at the *Houston Early Modern Group*, February 2006.

“Leibniz: Not so HOT,” *Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Guelph, ON, October 2005.

“Art and Truth in Heidegger’s ‘The Origin of the Work of Art,’” *The American Society for Aesthetics Eastern Division Meeting*, April, 2000.

“Attending to Music: an analysis of Descartes’ contributions to musical aesthetics,” *The South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, February 1999.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009 - **Skidmore College**, Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy.

Course design and instruction for the following courses:

PH-101: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011)

PH-204: History of Philosophy: Early Modern (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010)

PH-241: Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2011)

PH-328: Metaphysics (Spring 2010)

PH-329: Seminar in Kant (Fall 2010)

Directed Independent Studies and Senior Theses on the following topics:

Free Will and Determinism (Senior Thesis, 2009-2010)

The Intersection of Kant’s Moral Philosophy and his Philosophy of Religion (Senior Thesis, 2010-2011)

2007-2009 **Valparaiso University**, Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy.

Course design and instruction for the following courses:

Phil 115: Experience and Existence (Spring 2009)

Phil 150: Logic and Critical Thinking (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008)

Phil 280: Early Modern Philosophy (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)

Phil 310: Theory of Knowledge (Fall 2007)

- Phil 375: Leibniz's *Theodicy* (Fall 2008)
Phil 450: Philosophy Seminar: Forgiveness (Spring 2008)
Valpo CORE (Freshman Program, Fall 2008)
- Summer 2004 **Yale University**, Instructor, Department of Philosophy.
Designed and taught "The Mind-Body Problem in Early Modern Philosophy."
- Summer 2003 **Yale University**, Instructor, Department of Philosophy.
Designed and taught "Introduction to Philosophy."
- 2002-2007 **Yale University**, Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

NEH Summer Stipend, Summer 2009.

Winner of the 2006 *Leibniz Society Essay Competition* for the essay, "The Principle of Continuity and Leibniz's Theory of Consciousness."

Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library Research Fellowship, Yale University, Summer 2006.

John F. Enders Fellowship and Research Grant, Yale University, Summer 2006 (declined).

Conference Travel Fund, Yale University Graduate Student Assembly, Fall 2005.

University of South Carolina, Master's Exams: Passed with Distinction, Fall 1999.

James W. Oliver Prize in Logic and its Philosophical Applications, University of South Carolina Department of Philosophy, Spring 1999.

Graduate Essay Prize, South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Spring 1999.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Co-organizer of *Leibniz's Theodicy: Legacy and Relevance*, a conference to be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the fall of 2012. Funded by the John Templeton Foundation and the Center for the Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame.

Manuscript/Proposal Review for Oxford University Press and MIT Press.

Organizer and Seminar Scholar for the *Templeton Summer Seminar for Evil in Early Modern Thought*, hosted by Skidmore College, June 2010; funded by the John Templeton Foundation and co-sponsored by the Center for the Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame.

Co-organizer for the *Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale*, 2006-2007.

Co-organizer of *Metaphysics, History, Ethics: A Conference in Honor of Robert Merrihew Adams* at Yale University, April 2005.

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Skidmore College Curriculum Committee (sabbatical replacement, 2010-2011).