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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., M.A., Philosophy, University of Iowa, 1999
Dissertation: *A Cartesian Sceptic: The Metaphysical Thought of Pierre Bayle*

Pensionnaire scientifique à titre étranger, Ecole Normale Supérieure de
Fontenay/Saint Cloud, France, 1996-1997

B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Trinity College, 2020-present
Associate Professor, Trinity College, 2007-2019
Assistant Professor, Trinity College, 2001-07
Visiting Assistant Professor, Trinity College, 1999-2001
Lecturer, Grinnell College, Spring 1999

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Logic, Philosophy of Religion

BOOK

Pierre Bayle's Cartesian Metaphysics: Rediscovering Early Modern Philosophy (New York: Routledge, 2009).

BOOK TRANSLATION

Leibniz on the Problem of Evil (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019). *La question du mal chez Leibniz: Fondements et élaboration de la Théodicée* by Paul Rateau.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Philo's Second Circumstance: Malebranche and the General Laws Theodicy in Hume's *Dialogues*," *Hume Studies* 46(1-2), 2020, 145-166.

"Les Maux innombrables de la vie: Bayle et Hume sur le Mal naturel," *Archives de philosophie* 81(4), 2018, 775-792.

“Hume’s ‘Malezieu Argument’,” *Hume Studies* Vol. 38(1), 2012, 105-118.

“Bayle et la controverse sur l’éternité du monde,” *Kriterion Revista De Filosofia* Vol. 50(2), 2009, 335-348.

“Bayle’s Critique of Lockean Superaddition,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 36(4), 2006, 511-534.

“A New Account of Berkeley’s Likeness Principle,” *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy* Vol. 14(4), 2006, 561-580.

“Bayle’s Defense of Mind-Body Dualism,” *Aufklärung* Vol. 16, 2004, 191-211.

“Hume’s Argument for the Temporal Priority of Causes,” *Hume Studies* Vol. 29(1), 2003, 29-41.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Cleanthes’ Challenge and the ‘Irregular’ Argument from Design” in *Hume’s Dialogues concerning Natural Religion: A Critical Guide*. Edited by Kenneth Williford (Routledge; forthcoming).

“A Cartésien Manqué: Pierre Bayle and Cartesianism” in *Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*, Steven Nadler, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Delphine Antoine-Mahut, eds, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), 737-754.

“The French Context of Hume’s Philosophy” in *The Humean Mind*, Angela M. Coventry and Alexander Sager, eds, (London and New York: Routledge, 2019), 37-49.

“Pierre Bayle and the Regress Argument in Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*” in *Libertinage et philosophie du 17e siècle*, 14, (Paris: Garnier, 2017), 161-188.

“Academic Scepticism and Mitigated Scepticism in Hume’s *Dialogues*” in Sébastien Charles and Plínio Junqueira Smith, eds, *Academic Scepticism in the Development of Early Modern Philosophy* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2017), 319-343.

“Hume’s Reply to Baylean Scepticism” in Sébastien Charles and Plínio J. Smith, eds, *Scepticism in the Eighteenth Century: Enlightenment, Lumières, Aufklärung* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2013), 125-138.

“Ceticismo e cartesianismo em Pierre Bayle” in Waldomiro Silva Filho and Plínio J. Smith, eds, *As consequências do ceticismo* (São Paulo: Alameda, 2012), 145-160.

“Évolution et cohérence du fidéisme baylien: le paradoxe du ‘fidéisme raisonnable’” in *Les “Éclaircissements” de Pierre Bayle*. Edited by Hubert Bost and Antony McKenna (Paris: Honoré Champion, 2010), 447-457.

“Bayle and Occasionalism: The Argument from Continuous Creation” in *Pierre Bayle (1647-1706), le philosophe de Rotterdam: Philosophy, Religion and Reception*. Edited by Wiep van Bunge and Hans Bots (Leiden-Boston: Brill 2008), 35-50.

“Pierre Bayle” in *A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy*. Edited by Steven Nadler (Oxford: Blackwell, 2002), 247-259.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Scepticism and Evil in Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*” (book manuscript)

“Infinite Divisibility and Scepticism with regard to Abstract Reason”

BOOK REVIEWS

Charles, Sébastien, *Berkeley au siècle des Lumières: Immatérialisme et scepticisme au XVIIIe siècle*. Paris: Vrin, 2003. For *Journal of the History of Philosophy* Vol. 42, No. 4, October 2004.

Richard Glauser, *Berkeley et Les Philosophes du XVII^e Siècle: Perception et Scepticisme*. Sprimont: Mardaga, 1999. For *Journal of the History of Philosophy* Vol. 40, No. 3, July 2002.

Genevieve Lloyd, *Spinoza and the Ethics*. London: Routledge, 1996. For *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XIX* in *Archives de Philosophie* Vol. 60, No. 4, 1997.

REFERENCE WORKS

“LeClerc, Jean” in *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Borchert, Donald, ed., 2nd edition. Detroit: Macmillan, 2006.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Infinite Divisibility and Scepticism with regard to Abstract Reason” 48th International Hume Society Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, July 4-8, 2022

“Philo on the ‘Incomprehensible Nature of the Supreme Being’ in *Dialogues 2*,” 47th International Hume Society Conference, Bogota, Columbia, July, 2021 (postponed from July, 2020).

“Comments on Michael Jacovides, ‘British Anti-Catholicism and Hume’s Essay on Miracles’”, 46th International Hume Society Conference, Reno, Nevada, July 22-26, 2019.

“Malebranche's General Laws Theodicy in Hutcheson's *Inquiry*,” New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, March 2-3, 2019.

"Philo's Second Circumstance: Malebranche and the General Laws Theodicy in Hume's *Dialogues*," 45th International Hume Society Conference, Budapest, July 23-27, 2018.

“Malebranche's General Laws Theodicy in Hutcheson's *Inquiry*,” Early Modern-Saint Louis, April 20-21, 2018.

“Infinite Divisibility and Scepticism with regard to Abstract Reason,” Recasting the *Treatise*, Institute of Philosophy, Budapest, March 15-16, 2018.

“Hume on Time and Steadfast Unchanging Objects,” 44th International Hume Society Conference, Brown University, July 17-21, 2017.

“Ceticismo nos *Diálogos sobre a Religião Natural* de Hume,” Grupo de Pesquisa em Filosofia da Religião, Universidade de Brasília, August 22, 2016.

“Bayle’s Regress Argument in the *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*,” International Congress for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Rotterdam, July 27, 2015

Comments on “True Piety in Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*,” 41st International Hume Society Conference, Portland, OR, July 24, 2014.

“Scepticism and Science in Hume’s *Dialogues*,” Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy, Spring Workshop, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 16, 2014.

“Hume’s Use of Stratonism in the *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*,” 40th International Hume Society Conference, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 21-28, 2013.

“Is Philo a Consistent Sceptic?” Fourth International Meeting on Skepticism, Curitiba, Brazil, May 22-24, 2013.

“Bayle and Leibniz on Faith and Reason,” Leibniz et Bayle : Confrontation et Dialogue, Paris, France, September 13-15, 2012.

“Hume’s Use of Stratonism in the *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*,” Hume’s French Conversation, Paris, France, September 6-8, 2012.

“Comments on Gianni Paganini’s ‘Hume on the Epistemic Status of Belief in God,’” 38th International Hume Society Conference, Edinburgh, July 18-23, 2011.

“Hume on Time and Steadfast Objects,” Hume’s Metaphysics and Humean Metaphysics, University of Tampere, Finland, June 20-22, 2011.

“Divine Goodness and Theodicy in Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*,”
Athéisme, déisme, scepticisme au siècle des Lumières : les Dialogues sur la religion
naturelle de David Hume, Sherbrooke, Québec, May 10, 2011.

“Berkeley on the Nature of the Soul,” International Workshop on Berkeley’s Theory of
Mind, University of Western Ontario, September 24-25, 2010.

“Skepticism and Cartesianism in Pierre Bayle,” Third International Conference on
Skepticism, Salvador, Brazil, August 24-26, 2010.

“Scholastic Antecedents of Hume’s Theory of Time,” Arctic Circle Seminar in Early
Modern Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Finland, April 13-17, 2010.

“Hume’s Reply to Baylean Skepticism” Scepticisme et Lumières, Colloque International,
Universidade Sao Judas Tadeu, São Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 2-4, 2009.

“Comments on Liz Goodnick’s ‘Hume on the Epistemic Status of Belief in God,’” 36th
International Hume Society Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 2-6, 2009.

“Fontenelle, Leibniz et la défense baylienne de l’occasionalisme,” Bayle, Historien et
Critique de la Philosophie, Belo Horizonte, Brasil, Oct. 22-24, 2008.

“Bayle, Malebranche and the Argument from Continuous Creation” Boston College,
September 7-8, 2007.

“Bayle and Occasionalism”, Pierre Bayle, le Philosophe de Rotterdam, Rotterdam,
Netherlands, December 7-8, 2006.

“Évolution et cohérence du fidéisme baylien dans ‘l’Éclaircissement sur les
pyrrhoniens’ et dans les écrits ultérieurs”, Les “Éclaircissements” de Pierre Bayle, Paris,
November 8-10, 2006.

“Malebranche and the Argument From Continuous Creation”, 10th California
Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, California State University Long Beach,
October 20-21, 2006

“The Role of Malebranche in Hume’s Account of Abstract Ideas” 33rd Annual Hume
Society Conference, Koblenz, Germany, August 7-10, 2006

“Bayle and the Rights of Errant Conscience”, American Renaissance Society,
Cambridge, UK, April 7-9, 2005

“Hume on Philosophical Relations”, 31st Annual Hume Society Conference, Tokyo,
August 2-7, 2004

“Bayle’s Critique of Lockean Superaddition”, New England Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University, June 5-6, 2004

“Bayle’s Critique of Lockean Superaddition”, Southeast Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, April 17-18, 2004

“Hume’s Theory of Relations,” American Philosophical Association Central Divisional Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 21, 2000

“A New Account of Berkeley’s Likeness Principle,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Divisional Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 27, 1998

“Bayle’s Defense of Cartesian Dualism,” Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Toronto, Canada, October 18, 1998

“Hume’s Argument for the Temporal Priority of Causes,” Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, Des Moines, IA, October 16, 1998

INVITED LECTURES

“Hume: Ciência e Religião,” UFABC, São Bernardo do Campo, São Paulo, Brazil, August 28, 2013.

“O Crítico Bayliano do mecanicismo do século XVII,” Universidade de São Paulo, August 19, 2011.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Early Modern Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, 2010-2011

2001 Colin and Ailsa Turbayne International Berkeley Essay Prize

NEH Summer Seminar, *Descartes and His Contemporaries*, Virginia Tech, 2000

Seashore/Ballard Dissertation Fellowship, University of Iowa, 1997-1998

Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Iowa, 1993-1994

COURSES TAUGHT

PHIL 205 Symbolic Logic

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PHIL 255 Philosophy of Logic

PHIL 282 Medieval Philosophy

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PHIL 312 Descartes

PHIL 316 Hume and the Limits of Reason

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PHIL 339 The Birth of Modern Ethics
PHIL 361 Metaphysics
PHIL 377 The Problem of Skepticism
PHIL 378 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 390 Advanced Logic
PARI 208 Paris in the Age of Sartre
FYSM 242 God Mind and World