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Education

1993 Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.
Dissertation: "The Myth of Cartesian Rationalism" supervised by Thomas M. Lennon.
1988 M.A. Philosophy, University of Western Ontario
1983-87 Hons. B.A. Psychology/Philosophy, Glendon College, York University, Toronto, Canada

Professional Experience

2023- Professor of Humanities, Claremont Graduate University
2017-2022 Executive Vice President & Provost, Claremont Graduate University
2015-2016 Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services, Claremont Graduate University
2013-2015 Vice Provost of Student and Enrollment Services, Claremont Graduate University
2013-2017 Co-Director of Transdisciplinary Studies, Claremont Graduate University
2010-2013 Associate Provost for Academic Planning, Claremont Graduate University
2012-2013 Chair, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Claremont Graduate University
2011- Professor of Philosophy, Claremont Graduate University
2010-2012 Chair, Department of Philosophy, Claremont Graduate University
2008 (fall) Acting Chair, Department of Cultural Studies, Claremont Graduate University
2008-2009 Chair, Department of Philosophy, Claremont Graduate University
2002-2007 Dean, Arts & Humanities, Claremont Graduate University
2005-2007 Director, Kingsley Tufts Poetry Awards, Claremont Graduate University
2005-2007 Co-Director Arts Management Program, Claremont Graduate University
2002-2011 Associate Professor, Claremont Graduate University
1995-2001 Assistant Professor, Claremont Graduate University
1994-1995 Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario
1993-1995 Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto
1992-1993 Instructor in Philosophy, University of Western Ontario

Honors

2016 2016 George and Ronya Kozmetsky Memorial Medal Award Recipient
Summer 2010 NEH Summer Scholar, Princeton University, Directed by Daniel Garber
2007-2009 ACLS/Mellon Foundation, Final Judge, Dissertation Completion Fellowship
1992-94 SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto
1992-1993 Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship (declined)
1988-92 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship
1991 Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Western Ontario

1987-88	University of Western Ontario Entrance Scholarship
1987	Ontario Graduate Scholarship
1987	The Adele Kuperstein Memorial Scholarship for Research in the Social Sciences
1987	Glendon College Philosophy Book Prize
1984-1985	York University In-Course Scholarship

Grants

2019-2021	Mellon Foundation 1.5m 5-year grant to The Claremont Colleges. As a member of the Dean's Council I assumed the role of PI for the final two years of the grant.
2013-2015	Getty Foundation 1.95m 3-year grant to support the Getty Leadership Institute; served as PI on the renewal and transition grant for the Getty Leadership Institute at Claremont Graduate University.
2007-2009	Blais Foundation \$5,000 "Planning an all-Claremont College philosophy program," with Brian Keeley, Associate Professor, Pitzer College
2006, 2007	Norris Foundation \$30,000. for Consulting Clinics in the Arts/Non-profit sector
2006, 2007	CGS/Ford Foundation Implementation Grant \$60,000. Two-year grant for implementation of new programs in Museum Studies, Archival Studies, and Arts Administration
2004	CGS/Ford Foundation Planning Grant \$15,000. For planning new degree programs: "Professional Masters Program in Social Sciences and Humanities: A Proposal for the Arts and Humanities at Claremont Graduate University
2003-2006	Mellon Foundation IMPACT Grant \$190,000. Investigation of Multiple Pedagogies and Assessment of (online) Computer Technologies
2001-2003	Fletcher-Jones Research Grant \$5,000. For time and travel to work in archive at the Bibliothèque municipale d'Epinal, France.
2000	Borchard Foundation Scholar-in-Residence Grant \$12,500. Plus board for 3-month residency at Chateau de la Bretesche, Brittany, France.
1998-2001	Irvine Implementation Grant for Interdisciplinary Programs Implementation of the Early Modern Studies Program across the departments of Religion, English, History, and Philosophy
1997	Irvine Planning Grant for Interdisciplinary Programs Planning for Early Modern Studies Program across the departments of Religion, English, History, and Philosophy
1996-1997	CGU Internal Grant Dean of Faculty support for Descartes Web Site Development

Selected Publications

Edited and Co-authored Books

The Battle of the Gods and Giants Redux, edited by Patricia Easton and Kurt Smith (Brill, 2015)

The Descartes' Web Site: Passions de L'Ame and Passions of the Soul, a modernized edition, directed and edited by Patricia Easton (May 2000) URL = <http://www.cgu.edu/descartes/>

Logic and the Workings of the Mind: The Logic of Ideas and Faculty Psychology in Early Modern Philosophy, North American Kant Society Studies in Philosophy Series (Atascadero: Ridgeview Publishing, 1997)

The Cartesian Empiricism of François Bayle, with Thomas M. Lennon (New York: Garland Press, 1992)

Bibliographia Malebranchiana: An Annotated Bibliography of the Malebranche Literature into 1989, with Thomas M. Lennon and Gregor Sebba, *Journal of the History of Philosophy Monograph Series* (Carbondale & Edwardsville: Southern Illinois University Press, 1992)

Refereed Journal Articles

"The Cartesian Doctor, François Bayle (1622-1709), on Psychosomatic Explanation," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological & Biomedical Science*, Cambridge: Elsevier. Published online 05 February, 2011. doi locator: 10.1016/j.shpsc.2010.12.004 [6,700 words]

"What is at Stake in the Cartesian Debates on the Eternal Truths?" *Philosophy Compass* 4/2 (2009): 348–362, 10.1111/j.1747-9991.2009.00202.x [6,000 words]; companion piece invited by history editor: "Teaching & Learning Guide for: What is at Stake in the Cartesian Debates on the Eternal Truths?" *Philosophy Compass Teaching & Learning Guide*, *Philosophy Compass* 4/1 (2009): 1–5, 10.1111/j.1747-9991.2009.00240.x [1,500 words]

Refereed Electronic Publications

"Robert Desgabets," in *The Electronic Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Spring 2001 edition, Edward N. Zalta, general editor, Alan Nelson, early modern editor, URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/>; latest substantive revision, April 2023. [8,300 words]

"Antoine Le Grand," in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Summer 2001 edition, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/>; latest substantive revision April 2023. [4,800 words]

Chapters/articles in edited collections (invited)

"Lessons Learned in Transdisciplinary Graduate Education: Claremont Graduate University's Decade-Long Experiment." In: Gibbs P. (eds) *Transdisciplinary Higher Education*. (Springer, Cham, 2017)

"Louis de la Forge," co-authored with Melissa Gholamnejad, in *Early Modern Medicine and Natural Philosophy*, edited by Peter Distelzweig, Benjamin Goldberg, and Evan Ragland, History, Philosophy, and Theory of the Life Sciences Series, Springer Publishing, 2016.

"Cartesianism," article entry in: *Descartes Lexicon*, edited by L. Nolan, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. [2,075 words]

"Habit," article entry co-authored with Larry Nolan in: *Descartes Lexicon*, edited by L. Nolan, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. [1361 words]

"Sincerity and Skepticism: Tackling the Bayle Enigma," in *Gods and Giants in Early Modern Philosophy*, Patricia Easton (Ed.), Brill Publishing, 2015. [5,000 words]

"Robert Desgabets on the Physics and Metaphysics of Blood Transfusion," in *Cartesian Empiricisms*, edited by M. Dobre and T. Nyden, History & Philosophy of Science Series, Netherlands: Springer Publishing, 2013. [6500 words]

"Decoding Descartes' 'Myth' of Mind," in *Philosophy of Mind: The Key Thinkers*, edited by A. Bailey, New York: Continuum Books, 2013. [7100 words]

"Descartes on Moral Judgment and the Power of the Passions," in *Essays on Neuroscience and Political Theory: Thinking the Body Politic*, edited by F. Vander Valk, Routledge, 2012. [6,255 words]

"The Siren Song of Skepticism: Pierre Bayle's Non-fideistic Refrain," in *Skeptical Faith: On Faith, Belief, and Skepticism*, ed. I.U. Dalferth and M. Rodgers (Tubingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012). [5,200 words]

"Cartesian Matter: Desgabets' Indefectibility Thesis," edited by T. M. Schmaltz, *Receptions of Descartes: Cartesianism and Anti-cartesianism in Early Modern Europe* (Routledge, 2005) [6,500 words]

"Robert Desgabets: A Cartesian?" in *A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy*, edited by S. Nadler (Blackwell, 2002) [6,200 words]

Other Publications

"Francois Bayle," biographical entry in: *Cartesian Empiricisms*, edited by M. Dobre and T. Nyden, History & Philosophy of Science Series, Netherlands: Springer Publishing, 2013. [500 words]

"Robert Desgabets," biographical entry in: *Cartesian Empiricisms*, edited by M. Dobre and T. Nyden, History & Philosophy of Science Series, Netherlands: Springer Publishing, forthcoming, 2013. [500 words]

"René Descartes." *The Literary Encyclopedia*. 20 October 2009. [<http://www.litencyc.com/php/speople.php?rec=true&UID=1239>, accessed 26 October 2009.] [3,000 words]

"Jacques Rohault," Biographical Appendix in *The Cambridge History of Seventeenth Century Philosophy*, ed. by M. Ayers and D. Garber, 2 vols. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998) v. 2, p. 1460.

"Samuel Sorbière," in: *ibid.*, p. 1464.

"Rorty's History-of-philosophy-as-story-of-progress," in *Etudes Maritainiennes/Maritainian Studies*, XI (1995), pp.85-97.

Book Reviews

Roger Ariew. *Descartes Among the Scholastics*. Leiden/Boston: Brill Academic Publishing, 2011. *Isis*, 104:4 (2013).

Thomas M. Lennon, editor. *Cartesian Views: Papers Presented to Richard A. Watson*. (Leiden: Brill, 2003) *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, April 2008, Volume 46(2), pp. 320-21.

Margaret Cavendish, *Observations upon Experimental Philosophy*. Edited by Eileen O'Neill. (Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy, Cambridge University Press, 2001) in *The Philosophical Quarterly*, January 2004, vol. 54, no. 214: 175-77.

Elmar J. Kremer and Michael J. Latzer, editors. *The Problem of Evil in Early Modern Philosophy*. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001) in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, October 2003, Vol. XLI(4): 559-560.

Julien Offray de la Mettrie, *Man Machine and Other Writings*, translated and edited by Ann Thomson (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996) in: *Dialogue*, 38:3 (1999) pp. 627-630.

Margaret J. Osler, *Divine Will and the Mechanical Philosophy* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994); in *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 34:4(1996), pp. 614-616.

Nicholas Malebranche, *Treatise on Ethics*, translated by Craig Walton (Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1993); in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews*, 33:4 (1995), pp. 44-46.

Nicolas Malebranche, *Treatise on Nature & Grace*, translated by Patrick Riley (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992) and Nicolas Malebranche, *Philosophical Selections*, edited by Steven Nadler (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1992) in: *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 32:4 (1994), pp. 147-150

Works in Progress

Preparing a manuscript of my commentary and English translation of Robert Desgabets' *Supplement à la philosophie de M. Descartes* (c.1675)

"Malebranche's Early Critics" for the *Oxford Handbook of Malebranche*, edited by Sean Greenberg.

"Le Grand on Causality," for Brill Series, Scientific Learned Cultures and their Institutions, "Cartesian Physics and their Receptions: Intellectual and Institutional Contexts. Edited by M. Dobre, R. Garau, and P. Omodeo

Recent Invited Presentations & Workshops

Center for Canon Expansion and Change, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota. Second Annual Summer Program, June 4-10, 2023.

"Lessons Learned in Transdisciplinary Graduate Education: Claremont Graduate University's Decade-long Experiment," Invited lecture, The George and Ronya Memorial Lecture, The Atlas Conference: An International Transdisciplinary Conference, Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University, Suzhou, China, May 29-June 2nd, 2016.

"The Lost Daughter of Cartesian Science: Françoise-Marguerite de Grignan (1645-1705)," Women's History Month Lecture Series, Cerritos College, March 10th, 2016.

"The Birth of Science," Keynote Philosophy Student Conference, Cerritos College, October 15, 2015.

"Louis de la Forge on the generation and function of animal spirits," University of Pittsburgh (Oakland, PA) for the *Early Modern Medicine and Natural Philosophy* Conference, Nov. 2-4, 2012.

"More than an Occasion for a Cause: Louis De la Forge on Real Mind-body Interaction," invited talk, Department of Philosophy, University of California at San Diego, Philosophy Colloquium on Friday, April 20, 2012.

"Malebranche on the Immutability of the Divine Will," Malebranche Workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of California at San Diego, Saturday, November 5, 2011.

"Desgabets on the Senses, Science, and Certainty," panel on Experimentalism and the quest for certainty in Cartesian natural philosophy, Bi-annual Conference of the International Society for Intellectual History: "Passionate Minds: Knowledge and the Emotions in Intellectual History," University of Bucharest, Romania, 26-28 May 2011.

"Teaching History of Philosophy: History or Philosophy?" Panel on teaching the history of philosophy, Pacific APA Panel, Saturday, April 30, 2011

"The Cartesian Doctor, François Bayle (1622-1709), on curing "Wounded Imaginations"," work in progress session for NEH Summer Scholars, Princeton University, July 20, 2010.

"The Father of Cartesian Empiricism: Robert Desgabets on the physics and metaphysics of blood transfusion." International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS), Annual Conference, Panel on Cartesian Empiricism (June 26th), Budapest, Hungary, June 24-27, 2010.

"Sincerity and Skepticism in Pierre Bayle: Tackling the Bayle Enigma." Scientia Workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Irvine, May 14, 2010.

"Was Bayle a Religious Skeptic?" Danforth Philosophy of Religion Conference, School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, February 12-13, 2010.

"Descartes and the Colorless Rainbow: Constructing the Scientific Image," special lecture to the Friedman Seminar, Claremont Graduate University, February 9, 2009.

"Why Le Grand was not an Occasionalist," Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Marquette University, Milwaukee, November 7-9, 2008.

"Desgabets on the mind-body union," Pacific Northwest/Western Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Oct 17-19, 2008.

"Descartes and the Birth of Psychiatry: The Cartesian Doctor, Francois Bayle (1622-1709)," invited paper, South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tulsa, November 17, 2007. (Substantial rewrite of 1996 paper.)

"Cartesian Mechanism: the want of sense in birds and the bees," invited plenary speaker, Claremont Graduate University Early Modern Studies Symposium, "Envisioning the Early Modern World" April 14, 2007.

"Successful Approaches from Academia," grant panel member for American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, Friday, January 8th, 2010.

"Ethics in Arts Management," special lecture to Arts Policy students in AM303, November 20, 2009; November 20, 2008; November 19, 2007.

"Grant Writing for Success," special lecture to doctoral students, Thursday, April 16, 2009.

Invited Commentaries

On Monte Cook's "Body-body Occasionalism and the Conservation of Motion," Pacific American Philosophical Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 6, 2012.

On Kenneth Pearce's "A Leibnizian Theory of Miracles," 13th Annual Southern California Philosophy Conference, November 6, 2011, California Polytechnic University, Pomona, November 6, 2010.

On Kristen Irwin's "Bayle's Qualified Scepticism," Southern California Philosophy Conference, November 7, 2009, Pitzer College, California.

On Fred Ablondi's "François Lamy, Occasionalism, and the Mind-body Problem", American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, Friday, March 24, 2006.

On Ann Jacobson's "Hume and Representation: Understanding Duration and Abstraction" Hume Society Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, July 29th-August 2nd, 2003.

On Amy Schmitter's "Descartes and the Primacy of Practice: the Role of the Passions in the Search for Truth," March 30, 2001, Pacific American Philosophical Association, San Francisco.

On Klaas Kray's "Arguing with Cleanthes in His Own Way," Pacific American Philosophical Association Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 7, 2000

On Diane Steinberg's "Spinoza's Theory of Belief," Early Modern Philosophy Colloquium, Pacific American Philosophical Association Meeting, Berkeley, California, April 2, 1999. (Comments read by Charles M. Young due to family illness.)

On Deborah Brown's, "What's New in the *Passions* of 1649?" Early Modern Conference, University of California at Irvine, June 28-29, 1997.

On James Force's "Newton, Burnet and the Cosmogony of Comets," and M. J. Osler's, "Whose Ends? The Role of Final Causes in the Scientific Revolution," in Colloquium on Religion and Science 1660-1715, Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, University of California at Berkeley, February 15, 1997.

On Amy Schmitter's "Representation, Power and the Body in French Academic Art Theory," Colloquium on Aesthetics, Pacific American Philosophical Association Meeting, Seattle, Washington, April 6, 1996.

New Course Development

Spring 2024	HUM310	Recovering Voices from the Void: Writings by Non-Canonical Philosophers in the early modern period (1600-1800)	4 units
Spring 2024	TNDY312	Foundations of Transdisciplinary Research: From Modern thought to wicked problems	2 units
Spring 2024	PP469K	Special topics in Political Philosophy: Early Modern Readings on Equality	2 units

Academic Refereeing

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, journal article, report 2001, 2010, 2011

British Journal for the History of Philosophy, journal article, 2023

Canadian Journal of Philosophy, ms. Report submitted Feb. 2010

Canadian Philosophical Association, conference paper referee 2008

Canadian Philosophical Association, Learned conference papers 1994-1999

Canadian Journal of Philosophy, journal article, August 2000

Continuum Publishing, ms. submitted for publication, report August 2012

Danish Council, The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation, ^{SI}~~SEP~~Bredgade, Post-doc application, 2015

Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, journal article report, 2011, 2012, 2014

Journal of the History of Philosophy, journal articles, January 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2023

Lise Meitner-Program, Post-doctoral Fellowships, Austria, 2016

Oxford University Press, book manuscript, January 2004

Notre Dame Press, book ms, 2023

Philosophical Psychology, journal article, August 2012

Revue philosophique de Louvain, 2011, 2015

Routledge Philosoph, book ms, 2024

Stanford University Press, book ms. August 2012-10-24

Southern Journal of Philosophy, journal article, report submitted May 2011

Swiss National Science Foundation, book ms, 2021.

University of Ottawa Press, Book ms., report August 2012

University of Toronto Press, book manuscript submitted for publication, 1993, 1994

References available upon request