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Employment

Loyola University, New Orleans

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2019-2020.

Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis

Lecturer of Philosophy (“ATER” then “Vacataire”), 2016-2018.

Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis

Research and Teaching Fellow of Philosophy (“Contrat Doctoral”), 2013-2016

Education

Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis

Ph.D., Philosophy, (2019) with distinction (“Félicitations Unanimes du Jury”)

Dissertation title: *Spinoza’s Substance Monism Contextualized*

Committee: Valérie Debuiche, Kim Sang Ong-Van-Cung, Charles Ramond (advisor), Justin E. H. Smith

Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis

M.A., Philosophy (2012), with distinction (“Mention Très Bien, Félicitations du Jury”)

Master’s thesis title: *De la nature des choses singulières chez Spinoza*

Committee: Pierre Cassou-Noguès, Charles Ramond (advisor)

Cornell University

B.A., Comparative Literature and History (2009), with distinction (“Dean’s List”)

Minor in Romance Studies (French)

Semester abroad at the Université Cheik Anta Diop de Dakar, Sénégal (2008)

Research Areas

Area of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence

History and Philosophy of Science, Jewish Studies, Metaphysics.

Peer-Reviewed Papers, Book Chapters, Edited Volumes

1. “Spinoza and Judaism in the French Context: The Case of Milner’s *Le sage trompeur*”. *Modern Judaism* (**forthcoming**).
2. “Spinoza and Popular Philosophy”. *Blackwell Companion to Spinoza*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (**forthcoming**).
3. “Spinoza”. *Springer Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, ed. Dana Jalobeanu and Charles T. Wolfe (**forthcoming**).
4. “François Lamy’s Cartesian Refutation of Spinoza’s *Ethics*”. *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, 1 (1), 2019. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.32881/jomp.44>
5. **Edited Volume:** *Spinoza in Twenty-First-Century American and French Philosophy: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Moral and Political Philosophy*, ed. Jack Stetter and Charles Ramond (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019). Author of Chapter (see 4. below) and Gen. Intro, Front and Back Matter. Translator of Seven Chapters. Endorsements and Table of Contents available online at Bloomsbury Academic website: <https://bloomsbury.com/us/spinoza-in-21st-century-american-and-french-philosophy-9781350067318/>
6. “A Puzzle in Spinoza’s Views on the Mind-Body Problem”. *Spinoza in 21st-Century American and French Philosophy* (see 1. above). To appear in French translation in *Spinoza transatlantique: Les interprétations américaines de Spinoza aujourd’hui*, ed. Chantal Jaquet, Pierre-François Moreau, and Pascal Sévérac (Paris: Presses Universitaires Paris Sorbonne, forthcoming).
7. “Revisiting the Della Rocca-Garber Spinoza Debate”. *La philosophie ventriloque*, ed. Valérie Debuiche (Aix-en-Provence: Presses Universitaires AMU, forthcoming).
8. “La modulation spinoziste: Pour se purifier de la pureté”. *Modulation-Deleuze*, ed. Timea Gimsea (Szeged: JATEPress, 2017), 49-58.
9. “L’État comme âme, le citoyen comme soumis et comme résistant”. *Spinoza politique: Penser la puissance de la multitude*, ed. Hugues Poltier, special issue of the *Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie*, no. 147 (Lausanne: 2015): 185-205.

Presentations & Talks

1. Participant in panel on “God’s Attributes”
Meeting of the *North American Spinoza Society* at the APA Central in Chicago, org. Christopher Martin, February 2020.
2. “The First Refutation of Spinoza’s *Ethics* in French: Dom François Lamy’s *Le nouvel athéisme renversé* (1696)”
Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Queensland, org. Deborah Brown, November 2019.

3. "Spinoza on Stupidity: Persistent Ignorance and the Power of False Ideas"
2nd Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Hamburg, org. Stephan Schmid, June 2019.
4. "Spinoza on Stupidity: Persistent Ignorance and the Power of False Ideas"
6th Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Helsinki, org. Vili Lähteenmäki, June 2019.
5. "Degrees of Freedom, Self-Determination, and Pessimism in Spinoza" (On Daniel Schneider's "Spinoza, Borges and Frankfurt cases: A Necessitarian theory of Agency")
Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, University College Dublin, org. Ruth Boeker, September 2018.
6. "Spinoza and Judaism in the French Context"
Sixth Annual Franco-American Workshop on Modern Philosophy, University of Michigan, org. Tad Schmaltz, June 2018.
7. "Spinoza's Account of Body-Body Causation in *DPP*"
Meeting of the Descartes Society at the APA Central in Chicago, org. Stephen Wagner, February 2018.
8. On Daniel Ferguson's "Spinoza on the Priority of Part to Whole"
APA Central Division Meeting in Chicago, chair Anat Schechtman, February 2018.
9. "Revisiting the Della Rocca-Garber Spinoza Debate"
La philosophie ventriloque, the CNRS Centre Gilles Gaston Granger at the Université Aix-Marseille, org. Valérie Debuiche, February 2018.
10. "Spinoza and the Transformation of Bodies"
Transforming Bodies Conference, Cornell University, chair Paul Yachnin, org. Kathleen Long w/ the Early Modern Conversions Project, April 2017.
11. "In What Sense is Spinoza's Free Man Religious?"
Meeting of the North American Spinoza Society at the APA Central in Kansas City, org. Ericka Tucker, March 2017.
12. On Alison Peterman's "Spinoza on Embodiment"
The 2016 Paris Spinoza Conference Spinoza France États-Unis, Université Paris 1 and Université Paris 8, chair Edwin Curley, June 2016.
13. "Strauss on Spinoza's Ambiguity: Persecution of Truth, Truth of Persecution"
Spinoza politico tra antico e moderno, Università degli Studi di Milano, org. Raffaella Colombo and Gianfranco Mormino, January 2016.
14. "La modulation spinoziste: Pour se purifier de la pureté"
Modulation-Deleuze, University of Szeged, org. Timea Gimsea, December 2015.
15. "Gaddis et la volonté de puissance"
Littérature-Philosophie 2015, Université Paris 8, org. Yves Abrioux, March 2015.

16. “Quand “Et” ne suffirait pas : À propos de l’usage d’un trait d’union dans le titre du *Tractatus Theologico-Politicus* de Spinoza”
Journées doctorales Franco-japonaises “Et”, Université Paris 8, org, Christian Doumet, March 2014.

Conference Organization

1. Assistant Program Director of *Spinoza à Paris 8 – Séminaire International et Interdisciplinaire de Recherches Spinozistes*. Monthly Spinoza talks and workshop org. w/ Charles Ramond held at Paris 8, 2014–present. Seminar videos available online at: www.spinozaparis8.com/
2. Co-organizer of the 2016 Paris Spinoza Conference *Spinoza France États-Unis*. Joint project btwn. ENS Lyon (Pierre-François Moreau), Université Paris 1 (Chantal Jaquet), Université Paris 8 (w/ Charles Ramond), and Université Paris 12 (Pascal Sévérac), June 2016.
3. Co-organizer of *Crédit, Foi, Confiance*, Université Paris 8, June 2015.

Teaching Experience

1. ‘Early Modern Philosophy’. Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section. Loyola University, New Orleans, Fall term 2019.
2. ‘Philosophy of the Human Person. Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 3 sections. Loyola University, New Orleans, Fall term 2019.
3. ‘Spinoza’s *Ethics*’. Graduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 15 students. Université Paris 8, Spring term 2017.
4. ‘Leibniz contra Locke’. Graduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 15 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2016.
5. ‘Le *Traité Théologico-Polique* de Spinoza : contenu et contexte’. Upper level undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 25 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2015.
6. ‘Introduction à la philosophie politique’. Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 40 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2014.
7. ‘Introduction à la philosophie moderne’. Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 40 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2013.
8. Tutor for Cornell University’s *Prison Activism Coalition*, 2006-2007.

Fellowships, Grants, Honors

1. Summa cum laude (“Félicitations Unanimes du Jury”) for PhD Dissertation.
2. University of Hamburg (Phil. Dpt.), funding to attend the 2nd *Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, June 2019.

3. As Assistant Program Director, awarded a multiannual Research Grant by the University Research Board to fund the Séminaire *Spinoza à Paris 8*, 2014–2019, Université Paris 8.
4. University College Dublin (Phil. Dpt.) funding to attend the *Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*, September 2018.
5. University of Michigan Ann-Arbor (Phil. Dpt.) funding to attend the *Sixth Annual Franco-American Workshop in Modern Philosophy*, June 2018.
6. Johns Hopkins University (Phil. Dpt.) funding to attend a Masterclass on the philosophy of Hasdai Crescas, Spring term 2018.
7. Université Paris 8 (ED 31) travel grant to attend the APA Central 2018 in Chicago.
8. Université Aix-Marseille (Centre Gilles Gaston Granger) funding to attend the *Philosophie ventriloque* conference, February 2018.
9. Université Paris 8 (ED 31) travel grant to attend the APA Central 2017 in Kansas City.
10. Research and Teaching Fellowship (“Contrat Doctoral,” 3 yrs. of teaching responsibilities w/ research funding), 2013–2016, Université Paris 8.
11. Summa cum laude (“Mention Très Bien, avec les Félicitations du Jury”) for MA Thesis.
12. Mention on Cornell University’s “Dean’s List” awarded for academic excellence upon graduation.

Service to the Profession

1. Referee for the *Intellectual History Review* special issue on ‘Spinoza and Literature’.
- 2.. Elected graduate student representative to the Laboratory LLCP EA 4008, 2013–2017.
3. Elected graduate student representative to the Doctoral School ED 31, 2013–2016.

Graduate Coursework

1. Masterclass on the philosophy of Hasdai Crescas. Taught by Warren Zev Harvey, org. Yitzhak Y. Melamed. Johns Hopkins University, Spring term 2018.
2. Graduate seminar on Kant’s *Critique of Judgement*. Taught by Charles Ramond, Université Paris 8, Fall term 2015 and Spring term 2016..
3. Graduate seminar on Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*. Taught by Charles Ramond. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2014 and Spring term 2015.

4. Graduate seminar on Spinoza. Taught by Bernard Pautrat. ENS rue d'Ulm, Fall term 2011 to Spring term 2015.
5. Graduate seminar on Descartes. Taught by Charles Ramond. Université Paris 8, Spring term 2011.

Book Reviews

1. *Spinoza on Reason*, Michael LeBuffe (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XL*, *Archives de Philosophie* (forthcoming).
2. *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, ed. Michael Della Rocca (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XL*, *Archives de Philosophie* (forthcoming).
3. *Spinoza: Basic Concepts*, ed. André Santos Campos (Exeter: Imprint Academic, 2015), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVIII*, *Archives de Philosophie*, 2016/4 (79): 823-824.
4. *The Young Spinoza: A Metaphysician in the Making*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVIII*, *Archives de Philosophie*, 2016/4 (79): 824-825.
5. *The Bloomsbury Companion to Spinoza*, ed. Krops, Steenbakkers, Van Bunge, and Ven (London: Bloomsbury, 2014), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVII*, *Archives de Philosophie*, 2015/4 (78): 750-751.
6. *Spinoza*, Giuseppe Rensi (Paris: Allia, 2014), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI*, *Archives de Philosophie*, 2015/4 (78): 766-767.
7. *Maimonides and Spinoza*, Joshua Parens (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI*, *Archives de Philosophie*, 2014/15 (77): 743-744.
8. *Spinoza's Spiritual Automaton*, Eugene Marshall. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI*, *Archives de Philosophie*, 2014/15 (77): 732-733.
9. *Le problème Spinoza*, Irvin Yalom (Paris: Galaade, 2012), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXV*, *Archives de Philosophie*, 2013/14 (76): 748.

Published Translations

1. Seven Chapters in *Spinoza in Twenty-First-Century American and French Philosophy* (see Publications).

Languages

English (native), French (fluent), German (intermediate), Latin (reading)

Professional Memberships

Member of the *American Philosophical Association*, the *Association des Amis de Spinoza*, the *Descartes Society*, the *Leibniz Society of North America*, and the *North American Spinoza Society*.

References

Professor Edwin Curley

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