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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2011-present: Professor, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara

2007-11: Associate Professor, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara

2004-07: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara

2001-04: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Syracuse University

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Philosophy, 2001

B.A., Hon. Oxford University, Philosophy, Politics & Economics, 1993

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS

*Spectres of False Divinity: Hume's Moral Atheism* (Oxford University Press, 2010)

Reviews: David O'Connor, *Hume Studies* 36 (2010), 236-39; John Tilley, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50.2 (2012), 297-8; Martin Bell, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 90 (2012), 198-204; Karl Hepfer, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 94.1 (2012), 110-13; Rico Vitz, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (5.10.2010); David A. Pailin, *The Journal of Theological Studies* 62 (2011); Gavin Hyman, *Theology* 114.2 (2011), 121-2; Charlotte Roberts, *Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies* 35.3 (2012), 451-2; Kenneth R. Merrill, *Mind* (2012), early publication online 12.6.12

*The Architecture of Matter: Galileo to Kant* (Oxford University Press, 2004)

Reviews: Michael Friedman, *Times Literary Supplement* 5331 (June 3 2005), 4; Catherine Wilson, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 13 (2005); Dennis Des Chene, *Renaissance Quarterly* 59 (2006), 1284-6; Richard Blackwell, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (6.12.2005); Justin Skirry, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44 (2006), 321-2; Ernan McMullin, *The Review of Metaphysics* 61 (2007), 137-40; Emilio Sergio, *Nuncius* 21 (2006), 208-9; Jan-Erik Jones, *Metascience* 14 (2005), 255-59

### PAPERS

"Hume's Absolute Necessity", forthcoming in *Mind*

"Religion and the Perversion of Philosophy in Hume's Second *Enquiry*", in Jacqueline Taylor, ed., *Reading Hume on the Principles of Morals* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

"'The Modern Disciple of the Academy': Hume, Shelley, and Sir William Drummond", *Journal of*

*Scottish Philosophy* 9 (2011), 161-88

"Hume on Religious Affect," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 89 (2007), 283-306

"Robert Boyle on Things above Reason," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 15 (2007), 283-312

"Religion and Moral Prohibition in Hume's 'Of Suicide'," *Hume Studies* 31 (2005), 189-210

"Bayle and the Case for Actual Parts," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 42 (2004), 145-64

"Infinite Divisibility and Actual Parts in Hume's *Treatise*," *Hume Studies* 28 (2002), 3-25

## REFERENCE ARTICLES

"Philosophy" in *Europe 1450-1789: An Encyclopedia of the Early Modern Era*, ed. Jonathan Dewald (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003), vol. iv, 463-7

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED LECTURES

"Hume, Ancient and Modern Religion, and the Autonomy of Philosophy", for panel discussion on "Hume and the Ancients and Moderns", at the 40th Annual Hume Society Conference, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (forthcoming, July 2013)

"Hobbes on the Language of Good and Evil", at a conference on "Modern Influence in Contemporary Philosophy", American University of Beirut, Lebanon (forthcoming, May 2013)

"Machiavelli's Morality", panel discussion on Oliver Mayer's play *Fortune is a Woman*, University of Southern California, February 2012

"Hume on Projection and Necessity," presented at Université du Québec à Montréal, October 2011

---- Also presented at the University of Amsterdam, May 2011

---- Also presented at Portland State University, May 2011

"Religion and the Perversion of Philosophy in Hume's Second *Enquiry*" in workshop session for the anthology *Reading Hume on the Principles of Morals*, University of San Francisco, April 2011

"Author's Response to Baillie and Traiger" in Author Meets Critics session on *Spectres of False Divinity*, presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, April 2011

"Hume's Absolute Necessity", presented at New York University, February 2011

---- Also presented at the University of California at Irvine, February 2010

"Author's Response to Bell and Harris" in Author Meets Critics session on *Spectres of False Divinity*, presented at the 37th Annual Hume Society Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, July 2010

"Religion and Morality in Hume's 'Of Suicide'," presented at Claremont Graduate School, November 2006

---- Also presented at the University of Colorado, Boulder, September 2006

"Hume on Religious Affect," presented at the University of Western Ontario, October 2006

---- Also presented at the 3rd Biennial Margaret D. Wilson Conference, San Diego, June 2006

“‘Circumscrib’d Omnipresency’: More and Boscovich on Occupying Space,” presented at the Second Annual UCLA Conference in History and Philosophy of Science, November 2005

“Boyle’s ‘Unsociable Truths,’” presented at the University of California, Irvine, January 2005

“Response to Karen Dunlop’s ‘Berkeley’s Metaphysical Criticisms of the Calculus’”, American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pasadena, March 2004

“Bayle on Actual and Potential Parts,” presented at the University of California at Santa Barbara, January 2004

---- Also presented at the University of California at San Diego, January, 2004

“Parts and Wholes in Early Modern Metaphysics,” keynote address to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate Student Seminar, Cranberry Lake NY, August 2003

“Bayle and the Case for Actual Parts,” presented at the 1st Biennial Margaret D. Wilson Conference, Flagstaff Arizona, June 2002

“Kant and Boscovich on Atoms and Fields,” presented to the Royster Society of Fellows, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2001

“Hume, Infinite Divisibility and the Actual Parts Metaphysic,” presented at the following universities during December 2000-April 2001:

--University of Cambridge

--University of Pennsylvania

--Cornell University

--Syracuse University

--University of Texas at Austin

--Purdue University

--University of Florida at Gainesville

#### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Hobbes on the Function of Evaluative Speech,” South Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, November 2012

“Hume’s Absolute Necessity,” presented at the 38th Annual Hume Society Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2011

“Mitigated Skepticism and Hume’s Liminal Natural Theology”, presented at the 36th Annual Hume Society Conference, Halifax, Canada, August 2009

“Hume on Religious Affect,” presented at the 34th Annual Hume Society Conference, Boston University, August 2007

“Hume on Determinism and the Theological Objection to Suicide,” presented at the 32nd Annual Hume Society Conference, University of Toronto, July 2005

---- Also presented at the Southern California Philosophy Conference, University of California, Irvine, October 2004

“Bayle on Matter,” presented at the Midwestern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, November 2003

“More and Boscovich on Extended Simples,” presented at the Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, November 2003

---- Also presented at the South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Loyola University, April

2002

“Hume on Matter,” presented at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 2002

“Hume, Infinite Divisibility and the Actual Parts Metaphysic,” presented at the 28th Annual Hume Society Conference, University of Victoria, British Columbia, July 2001

---- Also presented at the Southeast Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Wake Forest University, North Carolina, November 2000

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Executive Committee, Hume Society, 2009-2011, reelected for 2012-2014

Co-director for 41st Annual Hume Society Conference, Portland, Oregon, scheduled for 2014

Program coordinator for Hume Society, Pacific APA Conferences 2007-9

Referee for *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Hume Studies*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *The Modern Schoolman*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Oxford University Press (Philosophy), Oxford University Press (Religion), Blackwell Publishing, Broadview Press, University of Toronto Press, the Social Science and Humanities Council of Canada, University of Amsterdam Graduate Conference, Hume Society Conferences

## **UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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Teaching Assistant & Teaching Associate Coordinator, UCSB Philosophy 2006-12

Colloquium Officer, UCSB Philosophy 2007-8

Colloquium Officer, Syracuse Philosophy 2002-4

Library Officer, UCSB Philosophy 2006-7, 2008-9, 2011-12

## **SELECTED AWARDS**

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University of North Carolina Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars  
(University wide award, 2001)

Royster and Henry Dissertation Fellowship, UNC, 2000-2001  
(UNC's highest award for graduate study, \$17,000)

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

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### **Ph.D. COMMITTEES**

Robert McIntyre, ongoing Ph.D. (chair); Rick Stoody, ongoing Ph.D., UCSB (member); Eric Yang, ongoing Ph.D., UCSB (member); Michael Hannen, ongoing Ph.D., UCSB (member); Justin Clark, ongoing Ph.D., UCSB (member); Steven Huizenga, Ph.D., UCSB 2011; Jacob Blair, Ph.D., UCSB 2009 (member); Jonathan Peeters, Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder 2009 (member); David Corner, Ph.D., UCSB 2006 (member); John-Michael Kuczynski, Ph.D., UCSB, 2006 (member); Carol Quinn, Ph.D., Syracuse, 2002 (member)

## **M.A. COMMITTEES**

Robert McIntyre, M.A., UCSB, 2011 (chair); John Plimpton, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Albert Shin, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (chair); Thomas Curtin, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (chair), Alex Leibowitz, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (chair); Eric Yang, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Daniel Dolson, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Justin Clark, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Brian Thomasson, M.A., UCSB History Department, 2010 (member); Steven Huizenga, M.A., UCSB, 2007 (member); Jacob Blair, M.A., UCSB, 2006 (member); Jennifer Scott, M.A., UCSB, 2005 (member); Michael Hannen, M.A., UCSB, 2005 (member); Matthew Sauffley, M.A., Syracuse, 2004 (member)