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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

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

Reviews: Rico Vitz, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (5.10.2010), David A. Pailin, *The Journal of Theological Studies* 62 (2011)

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; Jan-Erik Jones, *Metascience* 14 (2005), 255-59

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

"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

PAPERS IN PROGRESS & UNDER REVIEW

"Hume Absolute Necessity" (under review)

"Religion and the Perversion of Systems in Hume's Second *Enquiry*" (invited for an anthology with Oxford University Press; in progress)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

INVITED LECTURES

- "Hume on Projection and Necessity," presented at the University of Amsterdam, May 2011
- ---- Also presented at Portland State University, May 2011
- "Religion and the Perversion of Systems in Hume's Second *Enquiry*" in workshop session for the projected 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
- "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
- "Hume's Absolute Necessity", presented at New York University, February 2011 ---- Also presented at the University of California at Irvine, February 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

- "Hume's Absolute Necessity," presented at the 38th Annual Hume Society Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2011 (forthcoming)
- "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

- --Executive Committee, Hume Society, 2009-2011
- --Program coordinator for Hume Society, Pacific APA Conferences 2007-9
- --Referee for Hume Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Journal for the History of Philosophy
- --Referee for Oxford University Press (both in Philosophy and Religion), Blackwell Publishing, Broadview Press, University of Toronto Press
- --Referee for the Social Science and Humanities Council of Canada, Hume Society Conferences