

Department of Philosophy  
1003 Oldfather Hall  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln  
Lincoln, NE 68588-0321

☎ 607 216 8718  
☎ 402 272 0626  
✉ [mclear@unl.edu](mailto:mclear@unl.edu)  
🌐 <http://colinmclear.net>  
Updated: December 14, 2015

# COLIN MCLEAR

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Modern (especially Kant), Philosophy of Mind

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Aesthetics, Epistemology, Ethics, German Idealism, Political Theory

## Appointments

- 2013–present UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA–LINCOLN  
*Assistant Professor*  
Lincoln, NE
- 2012–13 CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
*The Philosophical Review Visiting Lecturer*  
Ithaca, NY

## Education

- 2013 **Ph.D, Philosophy**  
*Cornell University, Ithaca, NY*
- 2011–12 **DAAD, Visiting Scholar**  
*Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, DE*
- 2010–11 **Visiting Student**  
*Heidelberg Universität, Heidelberg, DE*
- 2000 **BA, Philosophy and Music**  
*Kenyon College, Gambier, OH*

## Publications

### ARTICLES

- Forthcoming “Kant on Perceptual Content.” *Mind*
- 2015 “Kant: Philosophy of Mind.” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- 2015 “Two Kinds of Unity in the *Critique of Pure Reason*.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53(1): 79–110
- 2014 “The Kantian (Non)-Conceptualism Debate.” *Philosophy Compass* 9(11): 769–90

2011 “Kant on Animal Consciousness.” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 11(15): 1–16

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming “Getting Acquainted with Kant.” In Dennis Schulting (ed.), *Kantian Nonconceptualism*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

Forthcoming “Animals and Objectivity.” In Lucy Allais, John Callanan (eds.), *Kant on Animals*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Forthcoming “Intuition and Prensence.” In Anil Gomes, Andrew Stephenson (eds.), *Kant on Animals*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

#### REVIEWS & CRITICISM

2016 “Review of Robert Brandom, *From Empiricism to Expressivism*.” *Ethics* 126(3)

2015 “Review of Lanier Anderson, *The Poverty of Conceptual Thought*.” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

2015 “Comments on Lucy Allais, *Manifest Reality*.” *Virtual Critique* author meets critics session

2014 “Comments on Stefanie Grüne, *Blinde Anschauung*.” *Virtual Critique* author meets critics session

2010 “Three Skeptics and the Critique: Critical Notice of Michael Forster’s Kant and Skepticism.” *Philosophical Books* 51: 228–244

## Presentations

#### INVITED

2016 “Concepts & Abilities.” *Symposium on Kant on Concepts. Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association*. April

2015 “Comments on Stefanie Grüne’s ‘Kant on the Object-Dependence of Intuition.’” *Workshop on Kant and the Mind, University of Oxford*. January

2014 “Definition & Essence in the Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science.” *Annual Meeting of the UK Kant Society, University of Oxford*. August

2013 “The Role of the Understanding in Kant’s Philosophy of Nature.” *Contemporary Kantian Philosophy Workshop, University of Luxembourg*. October

2013 “Animals & Objectivity.” *Kant on Animals Conference, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa*. July

2013 “Kant on the Representation of an Object.” *University of Michigan; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Illinois State University*. January–February

2012 “Comments on Desmond Hogan’s ‘Handedness, Idealism, and Freedom.’” *Workshop on Force, Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*. December

2012 “Comments on Andrew Specht’s ‘Rethinking the Neglected Alternative.’” *Meeting of the Creighton Club: New York Philosophical Association, Hobart & William Smith Colleges*. November

2012 “Comments on Lawrence Pasternack’s ‘Kant on Opinion.’” *1<sup>st</sup> Biannual Meeting of the North American Kant Society. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*. June

2010 “Comments on Adam Pautz’s ‘Why Consciousness Cannot Just be in the Head: A New Argument against Biological Theories.’” *Cornell University*. March

## REFEREED

- 2015 “Definition & Essence in the *Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science*.” *Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, BC.* April
- 2014 “Intuition & Presence.” *Midwest Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Washington University in St. Louis.* October
- 2014 “Priority Monism, Intuition, and Freedom.” *Conference on Kantian Freedom at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC.* October
- 2014 “Kant on Intuition and Hallucination.” *Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego.* April
- 2013 “Kant and McDowell on Perceptual Givenness.” *Central division of the American Philosophical Association, New Orleans.* February
- 2012 “Intellectualism and the Transcendental Deduction.” *Eastern division of the American Philosophical Association, Atlanta.* December
- 2012 “Two Kinds of Unity in Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*.” *Eastern Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Princeton University.* April
- 2012 “Kant and McDowell on Perceptual Givenness.” *Workshop on the Epistemology of Perception, Birkbeck University.* March
- 2011 “Kant and Perceptual Content: A Plea for Austere Relationalism.” *Conceptual Content: History and Prospects, Cambridge University.* September
- 2011 “Kantian Aesthetics and the Problem of Sensory Communicability.” *Sinn und Sinnlichkeit: Uses and Abuses of Aesthetics Today, Cornell University.* February
- 2010 “Descartes on Cognizing Material Particulars.” *Upstate New York Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University.* March
- 2008 “Descartes on Sensation: The Syntactic-Causation Model.” *4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Margaret Dauber Wilson Conference, Cornell University.* June
- 2008 “Identity and Transcendental Idealism (Graduate Prize Essay).” *East division of the North American Kant Society, City University of New York.* April

## Teaching

- 2013–present UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA–LINCOLN
  - PHIL 971 – Topics in Kant (biannually)
  - PHIL 871 – Graduate Survey of Kant’s Critical Philosophy (biannually)
  - PHIL 232 – History of Modern Philosophy (annually)
  - PHIL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy (every semester)
- 2012–13 CORNELL UNIVERSITY
  - WRITING SEMINAR – Politics and Human Nature
  - WRITING SEMINAR – Technology and Society
  - PHIL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy

## Service

UNL	History Area Committee; Placement Co-director; Speakers Committee; UNL Graduate Fellowship Committee
Referee Work	Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Cambridge University Press, Dialogue, European Journal of Philosophy, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Journal of Philosophical Research, Kantian Review (multiple times), Kant Studies Online, Mind (multiple times), Minds & Machines, Oxford University Press (multiple times), Philosophers' Imprint (multiple times), Philosophical Papers, Philosophy & Phenomenological Research, Res Philosophica, Social Theory & Practice, SSHRC of Canada, The Philosophical Review, The Philosophical Quarterly
Ongoing	Subject-area Editor: Kant's Works, Philpapers.org
2015-16	Program Committee member, Central Division APA
2015	Organizer, Chambers Conference, "Kant on Introspection, Self-Consciousness, and Self-Knowledge." University of Nebraska–Lincoln, May
2013	Co-organizer, Second NAKS Biannual Meeting. Cornell University, June

## Languages

*German* (reading and speaking)

*Latin* (basic reading)

## Awards

2015	International Travel Grant, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2012-13	<i>Philosophical Review</i> Lectureship
2011-12	DAAD Research Grant
2010-11	Cornell/Heidelberg Exchange Fellowship
2006/2009	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University

## References

[Lucy Allais](#) – University of Witwatersrand/University of California–San Diego  
[Andrew Chignell](#) – Cornell University  
[Michelle Kosch](#) – Cornell University  
[Derk Pereboom](#) – Cornell University  
[Tobias Rosefeldt](#) – Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.