

COLIN MCLEAR

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

German Idealism (especially Kant), History of Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Aesthetics, Epistemology, Ethics, Political Theory

Appointments

2018– Nov. 2025	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA–LINCOLN <i>Associate Professor</i> Lincoln, NE
2013–2018	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA–LINCOLN <i>Assistant Professor</i> Lincoln, NE
2017	OXFORD UNIVERSITY <i>Visiting Fellow (Trinity Term), Trinity College</i> Oxford, UK
2012–13	CORNELL UNIVERSITY <i>The Philosophical Review Visiting Lecturer</i> Ithaca, NY

Education

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

Publications

BOOKS

Forthcoming 2025	<i>Kant's Fundamental Assumptions</i> . Co-edited with Colin Marshall. Oxford: Oxford University Press <i>Kant's Order of Reason</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press
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ARTICLES

- 2023 "Rationality: What Difference Does it Make?." *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*: 10.1111/phpr.12905
2020 "'I Am the Original of All Objects' – Apperception and the Substantial Subject." *Philosophers' Imprint* 20(26): 1–38
2020 "Kantian Conceptualism/Nonconceptualism." *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
2020 "On the Transcendental Freedom of the Intellect." *Ergo* 7(2): 35–104
2018 "Motion and the Affection Argument." *Synthese* 195(11): 4979–4995
2016 "Kant on Perceptual Content." *Mind* 125(497): 95–144
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 "Functional Unity in German Idealism & The Contemporary Model of Mind." In James Conant, Jonas Held (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of German Idealism and Analytic Philosophy*. London: Palgrave Macmillan
Forthcoming "Letting the Dead Speak: On Sellars' Kant." In Luz Christopher Seiberth, Mahdi Ranaee (eds.), *Reading Kant with Sellars*. New York: Routledge
Forthcoming "Kant on Time and Receptivity." In Colin McLear, Colin Marshall (eds.), *Kant's Fundamental Assumptions*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
2024 "The Unity of Nature and Freedom." In Anil Gomes, Andrew Stephenson (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Kant*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
2023 "Kant on Transcendental Freedom, Priority Monism, & the Structure of Intuition." In Dai Heide, Evan Tiffany (eds.), *The Idea of Freedom: New Essays on the Kantian Theory of Freedom*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (co-authored with Derk Pereboom)
2020 "Animals and Objectivity." In Lucy Allais, John Callanan (eds.), *Kant on Animals*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
2017 "Intuition and Presence." In Anil Gomes, Andrew Stephenson (eds.), *Kant and the Philosophy of Mind*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
2016 "Getting Acquainted with Kant." In Dennis Schulting (ed.), *Kantian Nonconceptualism*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

CRITICISM

- 2019 "Kant and the Demands of Reflection: Merrit's on *Kant on Reflection and Virtue*." *SGIR Review* 2(1): 42–59
2019 "The Mind's 'I': On Béatrice Longuenesse's, *I, Me, Mine: Back to Kant, and Back Again*." *European Journal of Philosophy* 27(1): 255–265
2018 "Waxman on Intuition and Apperception." *Critique*, Author meets critics session
2016 "Acquaintance and Cognition: Comments on Lucy Allais, *Manifest Reality*." *Critique*, Author meets critics session
2014 "Comments on Stefanie Grüne, *Blinde Anschauung*." *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 (co-authored with Andrew Chignell)

REVIEWS

- 2025 "Review of Jessica Leech, *Thinking of Necessity: A Kantian Account of Modal Thought." *The Philosophical Review*
- 2025 "Review of Markus Kohl, *Kant on Freedom & Rational Agency*." *The Philosophical Review*
- 2022 "Review of Henry Allison, *Kant's Conception of Freedom*." *Kantian Review* 27(1): 159-65 (co-authored with Yoon Choi)
- 2021/22 "Review of Mathias Birrer, *Kant und die Heterogenität der Erkenntnisquellen*." *Studi Kantiani* 34:221-25
- 2020 "Review of Christine Korsgaard, *Fellow Creatures*." *European Journal of Philosophy* 28(1): 258-262
- 2018 "Review of Nicholas Stang, *Kant's Modal Metaphysics*." *The Philosophical Review* 127(4): 523-528
- 2017 "Review of Henry Allison, *Kant's Transcendental Deduction*." *European Journal of Philosophy* 25(2): 546-554
- 2016 "Review of Robert Brandom, *From Empiricism to Expressivism*." *Ethics* 126(3): 808-816
- 2015 "Review of Lanier Anderson, *The Poverty of Conceptual Truth*." *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Presentations

INVITED

- 2025 "TBA." *University of Kansas*.
- 2025 "Seminar on Kant on Experience & Rationality." *University of Wisconsin Madison*.
- 2023 "Kant and Contemporary Models of the Mind." *Beijing Normal University*. December
- 2022 "Kant on Control & Rationality." *Keynote speaker, Graduate Conference on Freedom, Action, and Control: Conceptions of Rational Agency in Kant and the European Enlightenment*; *University of Bucharest (online)*. June
- 2022 "Reason's Order: Kant on the Conditions of Rational Agency." *Book workshop, University of Toronto*. May
- 2021 "Self-Consciousness & Rationality." *Kantian Rationality Lab, Kaliningrad; Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Conference on Kant on the Self, Princeton University*. May, October
- 2021 "Kant on the Receptivity of Time." *Kant's Fundamental Assumptions, online workshop*. August
- 2019 "Rationality: What Difference Does It Make?" *Boston Area Kant Colloquium, Boston MA*. December
- 2019 "Self-Consciousness and the Freedom of Thought." *Chinese Kant Society, Peking University, Beijing, China*. June
- 2019 "Comments on Abaci, 'Kant's Amodalism about Noumena and Freedom'." *Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver CA*. April
- 2019 "Comments on Melissa Merritt, *Kant on Reflection and Virtue*." *Central division of the American Philosophical Association, Denver CO*. February
- 2018 "On the Transcendental Freedom of the Intellect." *Colloquium, University of Nebraska-Omaha*. November
- 2018 "Comments on McSweeney, 'Abstract Amodal Perception'." *Kant and Analytic Metaphysics Conference, University of Toronto*. April
- 2018 "Self-Consciousness, Spontaneity, and the Freedom of Thought." *Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego CA*. March
- 2018 "Comments on Nunez, 'Kant's Pure General Logic'." *Central division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago IL*. February
- 2018 "Animals & Objectivity." *Harvard University*. January
- 2017 "I am the Original of All Objects: Kant on Apperception & the Substantial Subject." *University of Toronto*;

- UNC-Chapel Hill; Post-Kantian Seminar, Oxford. February, May
- 2017 “The Conceptualism Debate.” *Guest lecture, Graduate Seminar on Kant. The Ohio State University.* March
- 2016 “Concept, Intuition, & Structure.” *Brown University History of Philosophy Roundtable.* October
- 2016 “Apperception & the Substantial Subject.” *Philosophy Colloquium, Rhode Island College.* September
- 2016 “Self-Knowledge & Knowledge of Nature.” *Colloquium for Classical German Philosophy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.* July
- 2016 “Concepts & Abilities.” *Symposium on Kant on Concepts. Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association.* April
- 2015 “Animals & Objectivity.” *Colloquium for Classical German Philosophy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.* December
- 2015 “Comments on Stefanie Grün’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 Re2025ation 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.’” *1st 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

Teaching

- 2013–2025 UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA–LINCOLN
- PHIL 971 – Graduate Seminar on Topics in Kant (biennially)
 - PHIL 880 – Classical German Idealism (triennially)
 - PHIL 871 – Graduate Survey of Kant’s Critical Philosophy (biennially)
 - PHIL 232 – History of Modern Philosophy (annually)
 - PHIL 105 – The Philosophy of Food (biannually)
 - PHIL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy
- 2017 (spring) OXFORD UNIVERSITY
- Topics in Kant (with Anil Gomes, Trinity Term)
- 2012–13 CORNELL UNIVERSITY
- WRITING SEMINAR – Politics and Human Nature
 - WRITING SEMINAR – Technology and Society
 - PHIL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy

Service

UNL	Faculty Senate (2024); the College of Arts and Sciences Research Advisory Council (2018-25); Committee on Graduate Teaching (2018-25); History Area Committee (2013-25); UNL Graduate Fellowship Committee (2013-19); Placement Director (2015-23); Director of Transfer Credit (2017-19); Speakers Committee (2013-22)
Referee Work	Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie (multiple times), Australasian Journal of Philosophy (multiple times), British Journal for the History of Philosophy (multiple times), Cambridge University Press, Canadian Journal of Philosophy (multiple times), Dialogue (multiple times), De Gruyter, Ergo (multiple times), Erkenntnis, European Journal of Philosophy (multiple times), Idealistic Studies, History of Philosophy Quarterly (multiple times), HOPOS, Journal of the History of Philosophy (multiple times), Journal of Modern Philosophy (multiple times), Journal of Philosophical Research, Kantian Review (multiple times), Kant Studies Online, Mind (multiple times), Minds & Machines, Oxford University Press (multiple times), Pacific Philosophical Quarterly (multiple times), Philosophical Quarterly (multiple times), Philosophers' Imprint (multiple times), Philosophical Papers, Philosophy & Phenomenological Research (multiple times), Res Philosophica (multiple times), Social Theory & Practice, South African Journal of Philosophy, Southern Journal of Philosophy, SSHRC of Canada, Studi Kantiani (multiple times), Synthese (multiple times), The Philosophical Review (multiple times), The Philosophical Quarterly (multiple times)
2018-25	Area editor (Kant/Post-Kantian Philosophy), <i>Ergo</i>
2012-25	Philpapers.org Subject-area Editor: Kant's Works, Kant Phil Mind
2020	Fifth Biennial NAKS Conference Peer Review Committee
2016	Third Biennial NAKS Conference Peer Review Committee
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 Biennial Meeting. Cornell University, June

Languages

German (reading and speaking)

Latin (basic reading)

Awards

2016-17	CAS International Research Collaboration Grant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2016	ENHANCE CAS Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2015	International Travel Grant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2012-13	<i>Philosophical Review</i> Lectureship
2011-12	DAAD Research Grant
2010-11	Heidelberg Exchange Fellowship