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## COLIN McLEAR

- Appointments** CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
2012-13. Lecturer, Department of Philosophy.
- Education** CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
September, 2012 (Defended). PhD, Philosophy.  
HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN  
2011-12. DAAD, Visiting Scholar.  
HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITÄT  
2010-11. Visiting Student.  
KENYON COLLEGE  
May, 2000. BA, Philosophy, Music.
- AOS** History of Modern (especially Kant), Philosophy of Mind.
- AOC** Aesthetics, Epistemology, Ethics, German Idealism, Political Theory.
- Publications** 2013. "Two Kinds of Unity in the *Critique of Pure Reason*." *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (Forthcoming).  
2011. "Kant on Animal Consciousness." *Philosophers' Imprint* 11(15): 1-16.  
2010. "Three Sceptics and the Critique: Critical Notice of Michael Forster's *Kant and Scepticism*." Co-written with Andrew Chignell. *Philosophical Books* 51(4): 228-244.
- Dissertation Abstract** ESSAYS ON KANT ON PERCEPTION AND COGNITION  
The dissertation discusses five issues in Kant's theory of perception and cognition regarding (i) the nature of perception and its difference from hallucination; (ii) whether and what kind of representational capacities are needed for perception; (iii) how, with respect to Kant's epistemological views, perceptual experience grounds or justifies basic empirical belief; (iv) the independence of sensibility from the understanding; (v) the role of the understanding in cognition.

## Presentations

- 2013. "Animal Consciousness and Objectivity." Kant on Animals Conference, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. July.
- 2013. "Kant and McDowell on Perceptual Givenness." Central division of the American Philosophical Association. February.
- 2012. "Intellectualism and the Transcendental Deduction." Eastern division of the American Philosophical Association. December.
- 2012. Comments on Desmond Hogan's "Force Monism and Rationalism." Workshop on Force, Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy. December.
- 2012. Comments on Andrew Specht, "Rethinking the Neglected Alternative." Meeting of the Creighton Club: New York Philosophical Association, Hobart & William Smith Colleges. November.
- 2012. "Kant on Relation to an Object." Philosophy Workshop/Colloquium, Cornell University. November.
- 2012. "Form, Matter, and Relation to an Object." Kolloquium Prof. Dr. Tobias Rosefeldt, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. May.
- 2012. "Two Conceptions 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," Kolloquium Prof. Dr. Tobias Rosefeldt, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. November.
- 2011. "Kant and Perceptual Content: A Plea for Austere Relationalism." Conceptual Content: History and Prospects, Cambridge University. September.
- 2011. Comments on Lawrence Pasternack's "Kant on Opinion." 1st Biannual Meeting of the North American Kant Society. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. June.
- 2011. "Strands of Subjectivity: Kant on the Presentation and Projection of Sensible Qualities." Philosophy Workshop/Colloquium, Cornell University. February.
- 2011. "Kantian Aesthetics and the Problem of Sensory Communicability." Sinn und Sinnlichkeit: Uses and Abuses of Aesthetics Today, Cornell University. February.
- 2010. "Disjunctivism and Psychology." Philosophy Workshop/Colloquium, Cornell University. May.
- 2010. Comments on Adam Pautz's "Why Consciousness Cannot Just be in the Head: A New Argument against Biological Theories." Cornell University. March.

- 2010. "Descartes on Cognizing Material Particulars." Upstate New York Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University. March.
- 2008. "Descartes on Sensation: The Syntactic-Causation Model." 4th Biennial Margaret Dauler 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

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY:

- 2013. Lecturer – Technology and Society. Spring.
- 2013. Lecturer – Introduction to Philosophy. Spring.
- 2012. Lecturer – Politics and Human Nature. Fall.
- 2009. Teaching Assistant – Science and Human Nature, with Richard Boyd. Spring
- 2008. Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Ethics, with Terence Irwin. Fall.
- 2008. Teaching Assistant – History of Modern, with Andrew Chignell. Spring.
- 2008. Grader – Rationalism, with Andrew Chignell. Spring.
- 2007. Teaching Assistant – Moral Problems, with Peter Sutton. Fall.
- 2006. Grader – Kant's Critical Philosophy, with Michelle Kosch. Spring.

### LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE (LACONIA, NH):

- 1999. Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Philosophy

## Awards

- 2012-13. Philosophical Review Lectureship.
- 2011-12. DAAD Research Grant.
- 2010-11. Cornell/Heidelberg Exchange Fellowship.
- 2006/2009. Sage Fellowship, Cornell University.
- 2000. Virgil C. Aldrich Prize, Kenyon College.

## Coursework

("\*" = audit)

- HISTORY: Kant's Theoretical Philosophy (Michelle Kosch); Seminar on Kant's Critique of the Power of Judgment\* (Andrew Chignell); Empiricist Theories of Perception\* (Alex Klein); Early Modern Rationalism (Andrew Chignell); Independent Study on Leibniz (Derk Pereboom); History of Early Analytic Philosophy (Matti Eklund); Seminar on Kierkegaard\* (Michelle Kosch); Seminar on Aristotle and the Stoics (Terence Irwin).
- M&E: Seminar on Perception (Nicholas Silins); Seminar on Analytic Hegelianism\* (Andrew Chignell and Richard Boyd); Concepts (Andrew McGonigal); Seminar on Williamson's Knowledge and its Limits (Carl Ginet); Self-Knowledge\* (Nicholas Silins); Seminar on Realism and Anti-Realism (Matti Eklund); Seminar on Composition, Kinds, and Reductionism (Karen Bennett and Richard Boyd); The Philosophy of Mathematics\* (Harold Hodes); Foundations of Mathematics (Harold Hodes).

ETHICS & VALUE THEORY: Seminar on Kant and Autonomy\* (Michelle Kosch);  
Seminar on Particularism\* (Erin Taylor); Seminar on Relativism and Moral  
Realism (Nicholas Sturgeon).

Languages

German (reading and speaking).  
Latin (basic reading).

Service to the  
Profession

Referee for *Kantian Review*, *Mind*.  
2013. Co-organizer NAKS Biannual Meeting.  
2009. Philosophy Faculty Search Committee.  
2006-8. Graduate Student Representative.

References

Andrew Chignell, [chignell@cornell.edu](mailto:chignell@cornell.edu) – Cornell University, Philosophy.  
Michelle Kosch, [mak229@cornell.edu](mailto:mak229@cornell.edu) – Cornell University, Philosophy.  
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Lucy Allais, [lucy.allais@wits.ac.za](mailto:lucy.allais@wits.ac.za) – University of Witwatersrand/University of Sussex, Philosophy.  
Lawrence Pasternack, [l.pasternack@okstate.edu](mailto:l.pasternack@okstate.edu) – Oklahoma State University, Philosophy.  
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