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COLIN MCLEAR

- Appointments** UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA–LINCOLN
2013–present. Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy.
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
2012–13. Lecturer, Department of Philosophy.
- Education** CORNELL UNIVERSITY
2013. 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** Forthcoming. “[Kant on Perceptual Content.](#)” *Mind*.
Forthcoming. “[Two Kinds of Unity in the Critique of Pure Reason.](#)” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.
2011. “[Kant on Animal Consciousness.](#)” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 11(15): 1–16.
2010. “[Three Skeptics and the Critique: Critical Notice of Michael Forster’s Kant and Skepticism.](#)” Co-written with Andrew Chignell. *Philosophical Books* 51(4): 228–244.
- Dissertation** ESSAYS ON KANT ON PERCEPTION AND COGNITION
Abstract 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

- 2014. “Kant on Intuition and Hallucination.” Pacific division of the American Philosophical Association. April.
- 2013. “The Role of the Understanding in Kant’s Philosophy of Nature.” Contemporary Kantian Philosophy Workshop, University of Luxembourg. October.
- 2013. “Animals 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.
- 2013. “Kant on the Representation of an Object.” University of Michigan; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Illinois State University. January–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

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN:

- 2014. Assistant Professor – History of Modern Philosophy. Spring
- 2014. Assistant Professor – Introduction to Philosophy. Spring.
- 2013. Assistant Professor – Graduate Seminar on Conceptualism. Fall.
- 2013. Assistant Professor – Introduction to Philosophy. Fall.

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

Service to the Profession

- Referee for *Kantian Review*, *Mind*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Social Theory and Practice*.
- 2013-present. Subject-area Editor: Kant's Works, Philpapers.com
- 2013. Co-organizer NAKS Biannual Meeting.
- 2009. Philosophy Faculty Search Committee.
- 2006-8. Graduate Student Representative.

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