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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. “[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 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. "Objects and Objectivity in the Transcendental Deduction." 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:

- 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.

## References

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