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CURRICULUM VITAE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014-present: Chair of Department, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara

2011-present: Professor, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara

2007-11: Associate Professor, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara

2004-07: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara

2001-04: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Syracuse University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Philosophy, 2001
“The Antinomy of Material Composition,” Chair Professor Don Garrett

B.A., Hon. Oxford University, Philosophy, Politics & Economics, 1993

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Spectres of False Divinity: Hume’s Moral Atheism (Oxford University Press, 2010)

Reviews: John Tilley, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50.2 (2012), 297-8; David O’Connor, *Hume Studies* 36 (2010), 236-39; Kenneth R. Merrill, *Mind* 121 (2012), 825-30; Martin Bell, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 90 (2012), 198-204; Karl Hepfer, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 94.1 (2012), 110-13; Rico Vitz, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (5.10.2010); David A. Pailin, *The Journal of Theological Studies* 62 (2011); Gavin Hyman, *Theology* 114.2 (2011), 121-2; Charlotte Roberts, *Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies* 35.3 (2012), 451-2

The Architecture of Matter: Galileo to Kant (Oxford University Press, 2004)

Reviews: Michael Friedman, *Times Literary Supplement* 5331 (June 3 2005), 4; Catherine Wilson, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 13 (2005); Dennis Des Chene, *Renaissance Quarterly* 59 (2006), 1284-6; Richard Blackwell, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (6.12.2005); Justin Skirry, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44 (2006), 321-2; Ernan McMullin, *The Review of Metaphysics* 61 (2007), 137-40; Emilio Sergio, *Nuncius* 21 (2006), 208-9; Jan-Erik Jones, *Metascience* 14 (2005), 255-59

Papers

- “Berkeley on Inconceivability and Impossibility,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 98.1 (2019), 107-22
- “Hume on Religious Language and the Attributes of God,” in Angela Coventry and Alex Sager, ed., *The Humean Mind* (Routledge, 2019), 182-92
- “Hobbes on the Authority of Scripture,” *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* 8 (2018), 68-95
- “Hobbes on the Function of Evaluative Speech,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 46 (2016), 123-44
- “Hobbes’s First Cause,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 53.4 (2015), 647-67
- “Hume’s Absolute Necessity,” *Mind* 123 (2014), 377-413
- “‘The Modern Disciple of the Academy’: Hume, Shelley, and Sir William Drummond,” *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 9 (2011), 161-88
- “Hume on Religious Affect,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 89 (2007), 283-306
- “Robert Boyle on Things above Reason,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 15 (2007), 283-312
- “Religion and Moral Prohibition in Hume’s ‘Of Suicide,’” *Hume Studies* 31 (2005), 189-210
- “Bayle and the Case for Actual Parts,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 42 (2004), 145-64
- “Infinite Divisibility and Actual Parts in Hume’s *Treatise*,” *Hume Studies* 28 (2002), 3-25

Invited papers for anthologies, pending final review

- “Hume on the Function of Modal Discourse,” in Sam Newlands and Yitzhak Melamed, ed., *Necessity: A History*, Oxford Philosophical Concepts series, under contract with Oxford University Press
- “Hobbes on Love and Fear of God”, in Robin Douglass and Johan Olsthoorn, ed., *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Hobbes’s De Cive*, under contract with Cambridge University Press
- “Religion and the Perversion of Philosophy in Hume’s Second *Enquiry*”, in Jacqueline Taylor, ed., *Reading Hume on the Principles of Morals*, under contract with Oxford University Press

Reference articles

- “Philosophy” in *Europe 1450-1789: An Encyclopedia of the Early Modern Era*, ed. Jonathan Dewald (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003), vol. iv, 463-7

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited lectures

- “Hume on the Function of Modal Discourse,” at California State University Los Angeles, March 2019

- (forthcoming)
- Also presented at workshop conference on 'Necessity: A History,' at Johns Hopkins University, October 2018
- "Hobbes on Love and Fear of God," at presented at the Second Biennial Conference of the European Hobbes Society, University of Amsterdam, May 2018
- Also presented at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, February 2018
- "Stargazing: Fate, Fortuna, and Philosophy", at Generating the Future, University of Southern California 2017 Student Retreat, Santa Catalina Island, March 2017
- "Berkeley on Inconceivability and Impossibility", at 7th Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Memorial Conference, Northern Arizona University, June 2016
- "Hobbes's First Cause", presented at the University of Mississippi, October 2015
- "Hume on Religion and the Perversion of Moral Philosophy," keynote address at conference on Religion and Morality: Hume and His Context, University of Antwerp, April 2015
- "Hobbes's First Cause", at West Coast Hume Scholars Workshop, University of San Francisco, September 2014
- "Hume, Ancient and Modern Religion, and the Autonomy of Philosophy", for panel discussion on "Hume and the Ancients and Moderns", at the 40th Annual Hume Society Conference, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 2013
- "Hobbes on the Function of Evaluative Speech," at conference on Modern Influences in Contemporary Philosophy, American University of Beirut, May 2013
- "Machiavelli's Morality", panel discussion on Oliver Mayer's play *Fortune is a Woman*, University of Southern California, February 2012
- "Hume on Projection and Necessity," presented at Université du Québec à Montréal, October 2011
- Also presented at the University of Amsterdam, May 2011
- Also presented at Portland State University, May 2011
- "Religion and the Perversion of Philosophy in Hume's *Second Enquiry*" in workshop session for the anthology *Reading Hume on the Principles of Morals*, University of San Francisco, April 2011
- "Author's Response to Baillie and Traiger" in Author Meets Critics session on *Spectres of False Divinity*, presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, April 2011
- "Hume's Absolute Necessity", presented at New York University, February 2011
- Also presented at the University of California at Irvine, February 2010
- "Author's Response to Bell and Harris" in Author Meets Critics session on *Spectres of False Divinity*, presented at the 37th Annual Hume Society Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, July 2010
- "Religion and Morality in Hume's 'Of Suicide,'" presented at Claremont Graduate School, November 2006
- Also presented at the University of Colorado, Boulder, September 2006

“Hume on Religious Affect,” presented at the University of Western Ontario, October 2006
--- Also presented at the 3rd Biennial Margaret D. Wilson Conference, San Diego, June 2006

“‘Circumscrib’d Omnipresency’: More and Boscovich on Occupying Space,” presented at the Second Annual UCLA Conference in History and Philosophy of Science, November 2005

“Boyle’s ‘Unsociable Truths,’” presented at the University of California, Irvine,
January 2005

“Response to Karen Dunlop’s ‘Berkeley’s Metaphysical Criticisms of the Calculus’”, American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pasadena, March 2004

“Bayle on Actual and Potential Parts,” presented at the University of California at Santa Barbara,
January 2004

--- Also presented at the University of California at San Diego, January, 2004

“Parts and Wholes in Early Modern Metaphysics,” keynote address to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate Student Seminar, Cranberry Lake NY, August 2003

“Bayle and the Case for Actual Parts,” presented at the 1st Biennial Margaret D. Wilson Conference, Flagstaff Arizona, June 2002

“Kant and Boscovich on Atoms and Fields,” presented to the Royster Society of Fellows, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2001

“Hume, Infinite Divisibility and the Actual Parts Metaphysic,” presented at the following universities during December 2000-April 2001:

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| --University of Cambridge | --University of Pennsylvania |
| --Cornell University | --Syracuse University |
| --University of Texas at Austin | --Purdue University |
| --University of Florida at Gainesville | |

Refereed conference presentations

“Philo’s Divine Attributes,” 44th Hume Society Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, July 2017

“Berkeley’s Modal Epistemology,” South West Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Nevada-Reno, February 2017

“Hobbes on the Function of Evaluative Speech,” South Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, November 2012

“Hume’s Absolute Necessity,” presented at the 38th Annual Hume Society Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2011

“Mitigated Skepticism and Hume’s Liminal Natural Theology”, presented at the 36th Annual Hume Society Conference, Halifax, Canada, August 2009

“Hume on Religious Affect,” presented at the 34th Annual Hume Society Conference, Boston University, August 2007

“Hume on Determinism and the Theological Objection to Suicide,” presented at the 32nd Annual

Hume Society Conference, University of Toronto, July 2005
---- Also presented at the Southern California Philosophy Conference, University of California, Irvine, October 2004

“Baile on Matter,” presented at the Midwestern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, November 2003

“More and Boscovich on Extended Simples,” presented at the Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, November 2003
---- Also presented at the South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Loyola University, April 2002

“Hume on Matter,” presented at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 2002

“Hume, Infinite Divisibility and the Actual Parts Metaphysic,” presented at the 28th Annual Hume Society Conference, University of Victoria, British Columbia, July 2001
---- Also presented at the Southeast Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Wake Forest University, North Carolina, November 2000

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2014, Co-director for 41st Annual Hume Society Conference, Portland, Oregon

2009-2014, Executive Committee, Hume Society (elected for two terms)

2007-9, Program coordinator for Hume Society, Pacific APA Conferences

Refereeing for journals

Journal of the History of Philosophy, Ergo, Philosophical Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Hume Studies, Journal of the History of Ideas, Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy, Hobbes Studies, History of Philosophy Quarterly, The Modern Schoolman, Journal of Philosophical Research, Intellectual History Review, Ergo, Res Philosophica, Essays in Philosophy, International Journal of Philosophy and Theology

Refereeing for presses

Oxford University Press (Philosophy), Oxford University Press (Religion), Cambridge University Press, Blackwell Publishing, Broadview Press, Broadview Press, Routledge Press, Bloomsbury Press, University of Toronto Press

Refereeing for grant agencies and conferences

The Social Science and Humanities Council of Canada, Research Foundation Flanders, University of Amsterdam Graduate Conference, Hume Society Conferences (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2006, 2005)

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2014-present, Chair of Philosophy Department, UCSB

2014-present, Faculty Website Coordinator, UCSB
2016-17, Humanities and Fine Arts, UCSB, Dean Search Advisory Committee
2006-13, Teaching Assistant & Teaching Associate Coordinator, UCSB Philosophy
2007-8, Colloquium Officer, UCSB Philosophy
2002-4, Colloquium Officer, Syracuse Philosophy
2006-7, 2008-9, 2011-13, Library Officer, UCSB Philosophy

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

2018-19 University of California Humanities Research Institute 'Engaging Humanities' grant (\$15,000) and Supplemental Graduate Student Research Funds grant (\$15,000) for 'Ethics Bowl as a Platform for Educational Advancement', co-Principal Investigator (\$30,000 total)
2015-16, 2016-17 University of California Humanities Research Institute, Multi-Campus Graduate Working Group Award for "Philosophy and Inclusive Pedagogy," Principle Investigator, (\$10,000 total)
2018 University of California Santa Barbara Academic Senate travel grant (\$900), and previous UCSB Travel Grants (worth \$680-900) in 2017, 2016, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2005
2015, University of California Santa Barbara Office of Student Life Faculty Involvement Award
2011, Dean's award for research funds \$25,000 (across 5 years), University of California Santa Barbara
2011, Dean's award for programming funds \$25,000 (across 5 years), University of California Santa Barbara
2004, Dean's award for research funds \$8000 (across 4 years), University of California Santa Barbara
2001, University of North Carolina Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars (University wide award)
2000-2001, Royster and Henry Dissertation Fellowship, University of North Carolina, 2000-2001 (then UNC's highest award for graduate study, \$17,000)

ADVISING AND MENTORING

Chair, 5 PhD dissertation committees (UCSB)
Member, 12 PhD dissertation committees (UCSB, Syracuse University, University of Colorado, University of Western Ontario)
Chair, 9 MA committees (UCSB)

Member, 11 MA committees (UCSB, Syracuse University)

Ph.D. committees

Sam Zahn (chair, ongoing); Damien Barnes (chair, ongoing); Jason Collins (chair, ongoing); Zachary Rentz (chair, ongoing); Michael Augustin, UCSB, 2018 (member); Nicholas Nash, Ph.D. University of Western Ontario 2017 (external member); Robert McIntyre, Ph.D., UCSB, 2015 (chair); C. Daniel Dolson, Ph.D., 2014, UCSB (member); Albert Shin, Ph.D., UCSB, 2014 (member); Justin Clark, Ph.D., UCSB, 2013 (member); Eric Yang, Ph.D., UCSB, 2013 (member); Steven Huizenga, Ph.D., UCSB 2011 (member); Jacob Blair, Ph.D., UCSB 2009 (member); Jonathan Peeters, Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder 2009 (external member); David Corner, Ph.D., UCSB 2006 (member); John-Michael Kuczynski, Ph.D., UCSB, 2006 (member); Carol Quinn, Ph.D., Syracuse, 2002 (member)

M.A. committees

Patrick Norton, M.A. (chair, ongoing); Blake Kyler, M.A., 2019 (member); Sam Zahn, M.A., UCSB, 2016 (chair); Damien Barnes, M.A., UCSB, 2016 (chair); Jason Collins, M.A., UCSB, 2016 (chair); Zachary Rentz, M.A., UCSB, 2015 (chair); Robert McIntyre, M.A., UCSB, 2011 (chair); John Plimpton, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Albert Shin, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (chair); Thomas Curtin, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (chair), Alex Leibowitz, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (chair); Eric Yang, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Daniel Dolson, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Justin Clark, M.A., UCSB, 2010 (member); Brian Thomasson, M.A., UCSB History Department, 2010 (member); Steven Huizenga, M.A., UCSB, 2007 (member); Jacob Blair, M.A., UCSB, 2006 (member); Jennifer Scott, M.A., UCSB, 2005 (member); Michael Hannen, M.A., UCSB, 2005 (member); Matthew Sauffley, M.A., Syracuse, 2004 (member)