

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: History of early modern philosophy & science (1600-1750)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: History of modern philosophy & science (1500-1900)

### EMPLOYMENT:

2009-present Professor of Philosophy, Utah State University  
2010-2014 Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University  
2002-2006 Department Head, Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies, Utah State University  
2000-2009 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Utah State University  
1994-2000 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Utah State University

### EDUCATION:

1994 Ph. D, Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago  
1989 M.A., Philosophy, University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee  
1987 B.A., Philosophy, University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (\* = peer-reviewed)

2023\* "Spinoza and Enlightened Pleasures," *Histories* 2023, 3(4), 371-380;  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/histories3040025>  
2023\* "Hume and the Disease of the Learned," *The Routledge History of Loneliness*  
(London: Routledge, 2023), pp. 88-101  
2022 (book) *Knowledge for Humans* (a textbook for epistemology), published under a  
Creative Commons license through the Utah Educational Network  
2021\* "Hobbes, automata, and autonomy," *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and  
the Philosophy of History*, volume 48(3), pp. 325-342.  
2018\* "Nietzsche and the Perspective of Life" *Nietzsche on Consciousness and the  
Embodied Mind*, edited by Manuel Dries (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter), pp.  
273-285.  
2017\* "But why was Spinoza a necessitarian?" *Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, edited by  
Michael Della Rocca (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 114-132.  
2013\* (book) *Spinoza's Radical Theology: Metaphysics of the Infinite*. Acumen  
Publishing; since 2014, Routledge.  
2013\* "Nietzsche's illness," *Oxford Handbook of Nietzsche*, edited by Ken Gemes and  
John Richardson (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 65-80.  
2010\* "Nietzschean Health and the Inherent Pathology of Christianity," *British Journal  
of the History of Philosophy*, volume 18(1), pp. 73-89.  
2009 (book) *Nietzsche: Genius of the Heart*. Self published.  
2008\* (book) *Understanding Rationalism*. Acumen Publishing; since 2014, Routledge.

- 2008\* (edited book) *Interpreting Spinoza: critical essays*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2004\* “Why Not to Trust Other Philosophers,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, volume 41(3), pp. 249-258.
- 2004\* “Spinoza and Prime Matter,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, volume 42(1), pp. 21-32.
- 2004\* “The Sage Meets the Zombie: Spinoza’s Wise Man and Chalmers’ *The Conscious Mind*,” *Studia Spinozana*, volume 14, pp. 21-33.
- 2001\* “The Middle Spinoza,” in *Spinoza: Metaphysical Themes*, edited by John Biro and Olli Koistinen (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 210-220.
- 1999\* (edited book) *New Essays on the Rationalists*. Rocco Gennaro & Charles Huenemann, eds. Oxford University Press.
- 1999\* “Spinoza and the Light of Scripture,” in *Piety, Peace, and the Freedom to Philosophize*, edited by Paul Bagley (The New Synthese Historical Library, vol. 47). Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, pp. 45-66.
- 1997\* “Spinoza’s Free Man,” *Journal of Neoplatonic Studies*, vol. VI, no. 1, pp. 105-135.
- 1997\* “Predicative Interpretations of Spinoza’s Divine Extension,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, volume 14(1), pp. 53-76.
- 1997 “Ernst Mach,” 4500-word article for *The Encyclopedia of Empiricism*, Don Garrett and Edward Barbanell, eds. Greenwood Publishing, pp. 225-236.
- 1996\* “Spinoza’s Corporeal Substance,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, volume 12(2), pp. 39-50.
- 1995\* “Modes Finite and Infinite in Spinoza’s Metaphysics,” *Monograph #3*, North American Spinoza Society, pp. 3-22.

### POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

- 2013-2023 Contributor of 67 essays to *3 Quarks Daily*, an online news aggregator and blog that curates commentary, essays, and multimedia, receiving 400k+ views each month. Titles include “Science and Magic”, “The Monas Hieroglyphica, Feynman Diagrams, and The Voynich Manuscript”, “Learning from Hume; or, Hume and Particle Physics”, and “Leibniz’s Stepped Reckoner, and a clock for the next 10,000 years”.
- 2022 “How to Read Philosophy” *Psyche* (31 August)
- 2021 “The Self in the Cloud” *IAI News* (issue 96, 14 April)
- 2018 “More than ‘know thyself’: on all the other Delphic maxims” *Aeon* (7 September). Republished in *The Week* (9/23/18). Interview with Radio New Zealand (9/23/18).
- 2017 “Why philosophers should hang out at the humanists’ parties” *Aeon* (24 November)
- 2017 “If I teleport from Mars, does the original me get destroyed?” *Aeon* (1 August). Interview with BBC Radio 4 “Naturebang” (6/18/19).
- 2017 “Who needs a perfect language?” *Aeon* (30 May)
- 2016 *Reality: a primer*, Amazon KDP (e-book)
- 2015 *How You Play the Game: A Philosopher Plays Minecraft* (Kindle Single)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\*=accepted competitively)

- 2019\* “Hobbes, automata, and agency”, Arctic Circle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Finland
- 2019\* “Enlightened Pleasures”, *Scientiae* 2019, Belfast UK
- 2017 “What hath Athens to do with Rotterdam? Philosophy and the other humanities” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Provo
- 2017\* “Philology vs. Philosophy? The Historically Uneasy Relation between Philosophy and the Humanities” Making of the Humanities VI, Oxford UK
- 2016 “Hegel and Nietzsche on History” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Ogden
- 2016\* “Comenius and Descartes: Grand vs. Targeted Attempts at Systematic Unity” *Scientiae* 2016, Oxford UK
- 2015\* “London, 1641” Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- 2011\* "Just How Real are Individuals in Spinoza's Metaphysics?" Spinoza workshop, University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium
- 2010\* "The Reality of Individuals," Spinoza 2010 conference, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario
- 2009\* "Nietzsche's Critical Psychological Naturalism," Nietzsche on Mind and Nature conference, Oxford UK
- 2008\* “Valuing from Life’s Perspective,” main program, American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 2007\* “Spinoza’s Theological Project,” North American Spinoza Society, Baltimore
- 2007 “Epistemic Autonomy in Spinoza,” *Interpreting Spinoza* conference, University of Michigan
- 2006 “Epistemic Autonomy in Spinoza (revised),” Utah Philosophical Association
- 2005\* “Epistemic Autonomy in Spinoza,” Pacific Northwest / Western Canadian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Simon Fraser University
- 2003 “Grief and Consolation in Early Modern Philosophy,” Southern California Philosophy Conference, UC-Riverside
- 2000 “Spinoza and Occasionalism,” North American Spinoza Society
- 2000\* “Spinoza’s Corporeal Substance as Substrate,” Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Wake Forest University
- 2000 “Cassirer, Einstein, and the Apriori,” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Alberta
- 2000 “Truth in philosophy,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, University of Idaho
- 2000 “Spinoza and Prime Matter,” Society for Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova University
- 1999 “Spinoza’s Eternity of the Mind (revised),” North American Spinoza Society
- 1999 “Mach’s Science of Functions as Kantian Architectonic,” Northwest Philosophy Conference, Washington State University
- 1998\* “Spinoza’s Eternity of the Mind,” Southeast Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic
- 1998 “The Middle Spinoza,” Intermountain Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Colorado

- 1997\* “Geometrical Containment in Spinoza’s Metaphysics,” main program, American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 1996\* “Spinoza’s Corporeal Substance: *Ethics*, Ip15s,” main program, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 1995 “Spinoza: Substance, Mode, Pantheism,” Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Rollins College
- 1994 “Modes Finite and Infinite in Spinoza’s Metaphysics,” North American Spinoza Society

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- 2018 “How to have a good time in Amsterdam: Worldly pleasures and Spinozistic freedom in the Dutch Golden Age” Workshop on part 5 of Spinoza’s *Ethics*, University of Washington.
- 2017 “Philosophy as enchantment?” keynote address, Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, Weber State University
- 2016 “Nietzsche and Hegel: History for our sake,” Nietzsche Society meeting at the Society for Phenomenology and Existentialist Philosophy
- 2015 “Jan Comenius in London, 1641,” keynote address, Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Idaho State University
- 2010 "Spinoza and the reality of the individual," Brigham Young University
- 2010 "Nietzsche vs. the sanctimonious snivelers," University of Utah
- 2009 Participation in Liberty Fund conference, “Liberty and Necessity in Emerson and Nietzsche”
- 2009 "Nietzsche's Natzschuralism," Utah Valley University. (Keynote address for Undergraduate Philosophy Conference)
- 2009 "Nietzsche's Natzschuralism," University of South Carolina
- 2008 Participation in Liberty Fund conference, “Religion, Freedom, and Citizenship in Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*”
- 2008 Commentator and panel participant, Spinoza miniconference, main program, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 2007 “Nietzschean Health,” Macalester College
- 2005 “Epistemic Authenticity,” Weber State University
- 1997 “Teaching Spinoza’s Political Works to Undergraduates,” panel discussion, North American Spinoza Society
- 1996 “Technology and Progress,” Boise State University
- 1994 “Spinoza and the Fixed and Eternal Things,” University of Utah

COMMENTARIES ON CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- 2013 Galen Strawson, "Hume on Personal Identity," Hume Society
- 2013 Michael Istvan, “Universal Properties in Spinoza’s God,” main program, American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 2005 Matthew Wion, “Spinoza’s Holism,” North American Spinoza Society
- 2004 Martin Lin, “Spinoza’s Proofs of the Existence of God,” main program, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division

- 1997 Paul Hoffman, "Descartes's Spinning Top," main program, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 1995 Olli Koistinen, "Weakness of Will in Spinoza's Theory of Human Motivation," North American Spinoza Society
- 1995 Steve Parchment, "The God/Attribute Distinction in Spinoza's Metaphysics: A Defense of Causal Objectivism," main program, American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 1993 Heidi Ravven, "Posing the Ethical Problem," North American Spinoza Society

**BOOK REVIEWS:**

- 2022 Stern, Tom. *The New Cambridge Companion to Nietzsche*, in *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*
- 2019 Garver, Eugene. *Spinoza and the Cunning of the Imagination*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- 2014 Kisner, Matthew, and Andrew Youpa (eds). *Essays on Spinoza's Ethical Theory*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- 2013 Melamed, Yitzhak. *Spinoza's Metaphysics*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- 2011 Baggini, Julian, *Ego Trick*, in the *Times Literary Supplement*
- 2010 Young, *Friedrich Nietzsche: A Philosophical Biography*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- 2008 Jones, *The Good Life in the Scientific Revolution*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*
- 2006 Damasio, *Looking for Spinoza*, in *Politics and the Life Sciences*
- 2005 Kołakowski, *The Two Eyes of Spinoza*, in *The Review of Politics*
- 2004 Henrich, *Between Kant and Hegel*, in *German Quarterly*
- 2003 Casebeer, *Natural Ethical Facts*, in *Politics and the Life Sciences*
- 2003 Beiser, *German Idealism*, in *German Quarterly*
- 2002 Rescher, *Kant and the Reach of Reason*, in *German Quarterly*
- 2002 Bayer, *Cassirer's Metaphysics of Symbolic Forms*, in *The Philosophical Review*
- 1994 Nadler, ed., *Causation in Early Modern Philosophy*, in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*

**PARTICIPATION IN SCHOLARLY PROGRAMS:**

- 2003 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute: "Emerson at 200: Literature, Philosophy, and Democracy"
- 1995 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar: "Central Themes in Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz"

**AWARDS:**

- 2009 Researcher of the Year, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
- 2007 Teacher of the Year, Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Speech Communication

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

Introduction to Philosophy, Humanities Breadth Course: Civilization, Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Intermediate Symbolic Logic, Deductive Logic, Social Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy, Kant and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy, History of Scientific Thought, Philosophy of Science, Existentialism, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, several “Special Topics” courses

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

- Member, USU Faculty Senate (2014-18)
- Executive Council, Phi Sigma Tau (national honor society) (2012-present)
- Consultant, Law School Admissions Council (2009-present)
- Member, USU Faculty Senate (2006-8)
- Consultant, US Student Fulbright Screening Committee (for Germany) (2006)
- Ombudsperson, College of Humanities, and Social Sciences (2006-present)
- Member, General Education Curriculum Committee (2005-present)
- External referee/reviewer for *Inquiry*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *Techne*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Routledge, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, others