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APPOINTMENTS

Canada Research Chair (Tier I), McMaster University (2019 –)
Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, McMaster University (2019 –)
Director, Bertrand Russell Research Centre, McMaster University (2019 –)
Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Cal State Long Beach (2015 – 2019)
Fulbright Scholar, University of Sheffield, UK (2016 – 2017)
Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Cal State Long Beach (2009 – 2015)
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University (2008 – 2009)
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto (2006 – 2008)

EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington:

PHD (2007, Philosophy)
MA (2003, History and Philosophy of Science)
MA (2003, Philosophy)

Dissertation Advisor: Elisabeth Lloyd

Committee: Karen Hanson, Cheryl Misak (external), Fred Schmitt, Joan Weiner
The Rise of Empiricism: William James, T. H. Green, and the Struggle over Psychology

Wesleyan University:

BA, high honors (1998, Philosophy)
Thesis Advisor: Sanford Shieh

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History and Philosophy of Science (esp of Psychology), Early Analytic Philosophy,
American Pragmatism (esp James)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

British Empiricism (17th – 19th C.), Early Modern Philosophy, Theories of Perception,
General Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Biology

RESEARCH

Monograph

1. (Under Contract). *Consciousness Is Motor: Warp and Weft in William James*.
New York: Oxford University Press.

Edited Books

1. (Under Contract / In Press). *The Oxford Handbook of William James*. Alexander Klein, ed. New York: Oxford University Press. [23 out of a projected 29 chapters have been published online; the print volume will appear when the remaining chapters are finished.]
2. (Proposal Submitted). *Feminism & Philosophical Women in Russell's Circle*. Landon Elkind and Alexander Klein, ed. Palgrave MacMillan.

Scholarly Articles

1. (Forthcoming). "How American Is Pragmatism?" *Philosophy of Science*.
2. (Forthcoming). "History as a Weapon: T. H. Green, Early Modern Empiricism, and the New Science of Mind." In *Historiography and the Formation of Philosophical Canons*, eds. Sandra LaPointe and Erich Reck. Abingdon: Routledge.
3. (Forthcoming). "William James." *Routledge Handbook of Pragmatism*. Scott Aikin and Robert Talisse, eds. Abingdon: Routledge.
4. (2021). "Consciousness as Caring: William James's Evolutionary Hypothesis." *The Oxford Handbook of William James*. Alexander Klein, ed. New York: Oxford University Press. [DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199395699.013.4]
5. (2021). "Ernst Mach and William James." *Interpreting Mach: Critical Essays*. Ed. John Preston. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 103-122.
6. (2020). "The Death of Consciousness? William James's Case Against Psychological Unobservables." *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58(2): 293 – 323.
7. (2019). "Reconsidering William James's Evolutionary Objection to Epiphenomenalism." *Philosophy of Science* 86(5): 1179-90.
8. (2019). "Between Anarchism and Suicide: On William James's Religious Therapy." *Philosopher's Imprint* 19 (32): 1 – 18.
9. (2018). "The Curious Case of the Decapitated Frog: On Experiment and Philosophy." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 26 (5): 890 - 917.
10. (2018). "In Defense of Wishful Thinking: James, Quine, Emotion and the Web of Belief." *Pragmatism and the European Traditions: Encounters with Analytic Philosophy and Phenomenology*. Maria Baghramian and Sarin Marchetti, eds. London: Routledge, 228-250
11. (2017). "Russell on Acquaintance with Spatial Properties: The Significance of James." *Innovations in the History of Analytical Philosophy*. Christopher Pincock and Sandra Lapointe, eds. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 229 – 264.
12. (2016). "Was James Psychologistic?" *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* 4(5): 1 – 21.
13. (2015). "Science, Religion, and 'The Will to Believe.'" *HOPOS: Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 5(1): 72 – 117. [Featuring a response from Cheryl Misak.]
14. (2015). "Hatfield on American Critical Realism." *HOPOS* 5(1): 154 – 166.
15. (2013). "Who Is in the Community of Inquiry?" *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 49 (3): 413 – 423.

16. (2008). “*Divide et Impera!* William James and Naturalistic Philosophy of Science.” *Philosophical Topics*, 36 (1): 129–166. [actual publication date: 2010]
17. (2009). “On Hume on Space: Green’s Attack, James’s Empirical Response.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 47 (3): 415–449. Scholarly Articles

Scholarly Articles—Commissioned, In Progress

1. “Professionalism, Philosophy, and the Science of Mind: On Robertson and James.” *The Early Years of Mind: Making Contemporary Philosophy and Psychology*. Lukas Verburgt, ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2. “William James.” *Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie: Großbritannien und Amerika* [The *Outline of the History of Philosophy* was originally published in 1863 by Friedrich Ueberweg; general editors Laurent Cesalli and Gerald Hartung plan 30 new volumes, to be published in both German and English.] Kipton Jensen and Jennifer Keefe, eds. Basel: Schwabe Verlag.
3. “Russell’s Representationalism about Consciousness.” [Essay in preparation.]
4. “Introduction.” *Oxford Handbook of William James*. Alexander Klein, ed.

Popular Articles and Interviews

1. (2021). “William James, Where All Consciousness Is Motor” 3:16 AM. Interviewed by Richard Marshall. < <https://www.3-16am.co.uk/articles/william-james-where-all-consciousness-is-motor>>
2. (2020). “The Politics of Logic.” *Aeon*. <<https://aeon.co/essays/philosophy-at-war-nationalism-and-logical-analysis>>
[This essay generated twitter conversation in English, Italian, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, Persian (Farsi), Turkish, and Croatian, among other languages, and was shared on Facebook over 3,000 times.]
 - a. Arabic trans. by Juhayna Al-Arabi (2020)
سياسة المنطق: هل يجب أن تعبر الفلسفة عن الشخصية الوطنية للشعب؟ كانت فلسفة برتراند رسل "العلمية" حصناً ضد القومية
< <https://word-club.net/ترجمات-كلمة/سياسة-المنطق>>
 - b. One of ten “must-read” pieces in the Indian publication scroll.in
< <https://scroll.in/article/953282/the-weekend-fix-how-modi-has-erred-by-crushing-mainstream-kashmiri-politics-plus-nine-other-reads>>
 - c. Response by journalist Robert Wright <
<https://nonzero.org/post/bertrand-russell-war-logic>>
 - d. Promoted on *Philosophy Matters*, the *Leiter Report*, *Daily Nous*, *Arts & Letters Daily*.
3. (2017). “What Thomas Kuhn Can Teach us about Donald Trump and Roy Moore.” *Quartz.com*, November 30. <<https://qz.com/1143688>>
4. (2007). “Why Do they Do It? On Cheating.” *The New York Sun*, June 8.
<<http://www.nysun.com/opinion/why-do-they-do-it/56158/>>

Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Articles

1. (Commissioned). Review of *Pragmatism's Evolution: Organism and Environment in American Philosophy*, by Trevor Pearce, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.
2. (2018). Review of *Pragmatism, Pluralism, and the Nature of Philosophy*, by Scott F. Aikin and Robert B. Talisse, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (online), May 9.
3. (2013). "Pragmatism." In James E. Crimmins, ed. *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism* (London & New York: Bloomsbury Academic): 438 – 440.
4. (2012). Review of *Of Men and Manners*, by Anthony Quinton, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (online), September 11.
5. (2012). Review of *William James at the Boundaries: Philosophy, the Human Sciences, and the Geography of Knowledge*, by Francesca Bordogna. *HOPOS*, 2(1): 161 – 166.
6. (2007). Review of *Peirce's Pragmatic Theory of Inquiry: Fallibilism and Indeterminacy*, by Elizabeth Cooke, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (online), October 11.
7. (2005). Review of *The Philosophy of William James: An Introduction*, by Richard M. Gale, in *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter*, 101, June.
8. (2002). "The Human Meaning of Science," Review of *Labyrinth: A Search for the Hidden Meaning of Science*, by Peter Pesic, in *Essays in Philosophy*, 3 (1).

Selected Lectures, Conference Papers

1. *Erik Banks Memorial Lecture* [title tbd] (invited: Wright State University, March 2022)
2. "G. H. Lewes on Vitalism and Emergence" (invited: *Séminaire d'histoire et philosophie du vivant et des sciences de la vie*, Toulouse, France. January 2022)
3. "How American Was Pragmatism?" (refereed: *Philosophy of Science Association* biannual meeting. *Meeting Postponed to November 2021 due to covid*)
4. "From Willing to Meaning: William James on Mental Content" (invited: *Society for the History of Analytical Philosophy* annual meeting. July 2021)
5. "History as a Weapon" (invited: *Bertrand Russell Research Centre and Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy Online Seminar*. October 2020)
6. "Russell's Pragmatism? On his Representationalism about Consciousness" (refereed: HOPOS biannual meeting. Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. June 2020. *Meeting canceled due to COVID*)
7. "Russell's Pragmatism? On his Representationalism about Consciousness" (invited: Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting. Online, due to COVID. June 2020)
8. "Text Mining Bertrand Russell" (refereed: Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science annual meeting. York University, Canada. June 2020. *Meeting canceled due to COVID.*)

9. “Two Challenges for Digital Historians: Modeling Causes and Propositional Attitudes” (invited: Les Approches Numériques en Histoire et Philosophie des Sciences. UQAM. November, 2019)
10. “William James’s Objection to Epiphenomenalism” (refereed: Biannual Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association. Seattle. November, 2018)
11. “William James’s ‘Dangerous Argument’: His Dispute with Ernst Mach over the Physiology of Will” (refereed: HOPOS biannual meeting. Groningen, Netherlands. July 2018. *Appearance canceled due to temporary freeze on travel funds from college.*)
12. “A Cosmopolitan James: On Mach and other Central Europeans” (invited: European Pragmatism Conference. University of Vienna. April 2018)
13. “An ‘Icy Bath in the Waters of Uncertainty’: James and Mach on the Psychology of Will” (invited: Central APA. Chicago. February 2018)
14. *Four-Part Lecture Series on William James’s Theory of Consciousness* (refereed: École Normale Supérieure, Paris. June 2017)
15. “Emotion and the Web of Belief: James and Quine” (refereed: British Society for the History of Philosophy Conference. University of Sheffield. April, 2017)
16. “James and Herbart” (invited: *Völkerpsychologie und beschreibende Psychologie Tagung*, Vienna Circle Institute / University of Vienna. April, 2017)
17. “The Curious Case of the Decapitated Frog” (refereed, public lecture: Gresham College, London. December 2016)
18. “The Curious Case of the Decapitated Frog” (invited: University of Sheffield. November 2016)
19. “The Curious Case of the Decapitated Frog” (refereed: *International Society for the History of the Philosophy of Science [HOPOS] Biannual Meeting*; University of Minnesota. June 2016)
20. “Anarchism and Morbid Melancholy: Was Russell Right about James on God?” (invited: *Society for the History of Analytical Philosophy Annual Conference*; University of Denver. June 2016)
21. “Experimental Philosophy in the 19th Century” (invited: *Yale Workshop on the History of Experimental Philosophy*; New York University. February 2016)
22. “What Does ‘God Is Real’ Pragmatically Mean?” (invited: *NYU Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy*; New York University. November 2015)
23. “History as a Weapon: T. H. Green, Early Modern Empiricism, and the Struggle over Psychology” (invited: *Rethinking Modern Philosophy: Origins, Connections, and Traditions*; University of Sheffield, UK. June 2015)
24. “The Rise of Empiricism” (refereed: *Summer Institute for American Philosophy*, Dublin, Ireland. June 2015)
25. “The Death of Consciousness” (invited: Chapman University. Orange, CA. March 2015)
26. “William James in Dialogue with G. S. Fullerton” (refereed: Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy [SAAP] annual meeting. Grand Rapids, MI. March 2015)

27. "Russell on Acquaintance with Spatial Properties: The Significance of James" (invited: *Innovations in Analytical Philosophy* Conference. McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. January 2015)
 28. "Hypothetical Reasoning and 'The Will to Believe'" (refereed: *HOPOS Biannual Meeting*. Ghent, Belgium. June 2014)
 29. "On James on Spatial Perception." (invited: *History and Philosophy of Psychology Working Group*. UC San Diego. March 2013)
 30. "Science, Religion, and 'The Will to Believe'" (invited: *History of Philosophy Roundtable*. UC San Diego. March 2013)
 31. "Consciousness as a Challenge to the Unity of Science" (invited: Harvard University, October 2012)
 32. "Russell's External World Program and the Psychology of Spatial Perception: the Significance of James" (refereed: HOPOS biannual meeting. Halifax, Nova Scotia. June 2012)
 33. "What (Use) Did Russell Make of Functionalist Psychology?" (invited: Society for the History of Early Analytic Philosophy session, Pacific APA. Seattle. April 2012)
 34. Commentary on Gary Hatfield, "American Critical Realism: James and Sellars" (invited: *Pragmatism in the Philosophy of Science* Conference. University of San Francisco. March 2012)
 35. "Experiments in History: William James, T. H. Green, and David Hume on Spatial Perception (invited: UC Riverside. October 2010)
 36. "William James, Metaphysical Commitments, and the Object of Psychology" (invited: École Normale Supérieure, Paris. July 2010)
 37. "In Defense of Berkeley's Empiricism? Galton's Experiments Concerning Abstract Ideas" (refereed: HOPOS Conference. Central European University, Budapest. June 2010)
 38. "In Defense of Berkeley's Empiricism? The View from the Old School" (invited: *Upstate NY Early Modern Workshop: Berkeley Bonanza*. Cornell University. May 2009)
 39. "On the Rationality of Metaphysical Commitments in Immature Science" (refereed: *Integrated History and Philosophy of Science Conference*. Notre Dame. March 2009)
 40. "On Hume on Space" (invited: Cornell University. January 2009)
 41. "What Was Russell's Problem with Pragmatism? The Significance of Psychology" (refereed: HOPOS Conference. University of British Columbia. June 2008)
 42. "Why William James Is Not a Phenomenologist" (refereed: Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. University of Saskatoon. October 2007)
 43. "Empiricism's American Rebound" (refereed: HOPOS Conference. École Normale Supérieure, Paris. June 2006)
 44. "Empiricism's American Rebound: James's Response to Green" (refereed: Symposium Paper, Eastern APA Meeting; Boston. December 2004)*
- * *Winner of the William James Prize for the best paper in American philosophy written by someone within 5 years of the PHD.*

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

- Canada Research Chair (Tier I) at McMaster University, funded by the Government of Canada (\$1,400,000 CAD over seven years)
- Internal Research Funds (IRF) for establishing digital humanities laboratory for philosophers, McMaster University (\$46,700 CAD)
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Insight Development Grant (\$40,920 CAD)
- Four-Part Lecture Series, *La Notion de Conscience: A Partir de William James*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, June 2017 (€4,000)
- Fulbright Scholar, University of Sheffield, UK, 2016 – 2017 (£20,475)
- Sabbatical Award, CSULB, 2016 – 2017 (award turned down since Fulbright was awarded for the same period)
- Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2008-2009 (\$40,000 USD)
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Grant for Hosting International Conference, *The Future of Objectivity*, University of Toronto, 2007 (wrote successful grant proposal, \$25,000 CAD)
- NEH Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers, *Pragmatism: A Living Tradition*, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 2007
- Rodney G. Dennis Fellowship in the Study of Manuscripts, Houghton Library, Harvard University, 2005 (\$3,600 USD)
- APA Eastern Division, William James Prize [best paper on American Philosophy by a young scholar], Boston, 2004
- James B. Nelson Dissertation Fellowship, Philosophy Department, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2004 – 2005

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Doctoral Program Director, Philosophy Department, McMaster University (August 2021 –)
- Member, Curriculum Committee for the Faculty of Humanities, *Science, Health, and Society Program*, McMaster University (2021 –) [new interdisciplinary collaboration between the faculties of Humanities, Science, Social Science, Health Science]
- Journal of the History of Analytical Philosophy*, Special Issues Co-Editor, with Sandra Lapointe (2020 – 2021)
- Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Book Review Advisory Board Member (2020 – present)
- SSHRC CGS-M reviewer, McMaster University (2021, 2022)
- Colloquium Organizing Committee, Philosophy Department, McMaster University (2019 – 2021)
- Hiring Committee, Philosophy Department, McMaster University (2020 – 2021)
- William James Society, Nominating Committee: 2020 – 2021
- University Library Advisory Council, committee member, 2019 – present
- Philosophical Gourmet Report, Evaluator, 2011 – present (I declined the invitation in 2014 because of a controversy related to the Editor)

Graduate Advisor, Philosophy Department, CSULB: 2018 – 2019
 William James Society, Chair of Nominating Committee: 2018 – 2019
 Conference Program Committee Member, Post-Kant Division, HOPOS, appointed term:
 2016 – 2018
 William James Society, Young Scholar Award Referee: 2015 – 2017
 Student Philosophy Association Faculty Mentor, Cal State Long Beach, 2009 – 2016
 University Cycling Club Faculty Mentor, Cal State Long Beach, 2012 – 2014
 Faculty Council Representative, College of Liberal Arts, Cal State Long Beach, 2012 –
 2014
 Elections Committee, HOPOS, elected term: 2012 – 2014
 Undergraduate Advisor, Philosophy Department, Cal State, Long Beach, 2011 – 2013
 Conference Program Committee Member, Post-Kant Division, HOPOS, appointed term:
 2011 – 2012
 Department Colloquium Organizer, Philosophy Department, Cal State Long Beach,
 2010 – 2011
 Member, Committee for Public Philosophy, APA, 2005 – 2007
 President, Graduate Association of Student Philosophers, Indiana University,
 Bloomington, 2002 – 2003
 Research Assistant to Elisabeth Lloyd, Richard Lewontin's Lab, Department of
 Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University, 2002
 Research Assistant to Elisabeth Lloyd, History and Philosophy of Science Department,
 Indiana University, Bloomington, 2000 – 2002

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

Russell's Analysis of Mind at 100, McMaster University, 2022. Co-Organizer, with
 Donovan Wishon.
Feminism & Philosophical Women in Russell's Circle, McMaster University, 2021
 (held virtually). Co-Organizer, with Landon Elkind.
Pragmatism in the Philosophy of Science, University of San Francisco, 2012. Co-
 Organizer, with David Stump.
 Conference Assistant: *Self Consciousness and Personal Identity in Modern Philosophy*,
 New York University, 2004

TEACHING

*Graduate-Level Seminars: Cornell University, Cal State Long Beach, and McMaster
 University*

1. History and Philosophy of Physiology: On Consciousness
2. History and Philosophy of Perception (Descartes, Berkeley, Reid, Helmholtz,
 James)
3. Philosophy of Perception
4. Philosophy of Biology
5. William James Seminar (year-long and semester-long versions)
6. William James on Consciousness
7. James and Russell
8. History of Analytic Philosophy
9. Pragmatism

10. Naturalism and the A Priori
11. The Construction of the Empiricist Tradition
12. Early Analytic Philosophy

Undergraduate Courses: Cal State Long Beach (2009 – 2019) and McMaster University

1. Introduction to Philosophy
2. British Empiricism
3. American Pragmatism
4. History of Analytic Philosophy
5. Philosophy of Language
6. Philosophy of Science

Undergraduate-Level Seminars: University of Toronto (2006 – 2008)

1. Objectivity
2. Perception in the 18th and 19th Centuries: The Emergence of the Empiricist Tradition

PHD STUDENTS AT MCMMASTER

<u>Year</u>	<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2019	Paolo Camporese	Collingwood and Early Analytic Philosophy

MA STUDENTS AT MCMMASTER

<u>Year</u>	<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2020	Grant Mocker	Selfhood and Enactivism

MASTER'S STUDENTS AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH

<u>Year</u>	<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Chair or Supervisor?</u>	<u>Thesis or Exam?*</u>
2019	Jose Leiva	Chair	Exam
2018	Vincent del Prado		Thesis
2017	Brandon Lashmet		Exam
2017	Rebekah Ochoa-Chauvie		Exam
2016	Andrew Bollhagen ¹	Supervisor	Thesis
2016	Nathan Lackey ²		Thesis
2014	David Ybarra		Thesis
2014	Philip Cross		Thesis
2013	Uriel Barba		Exam
2013	Ken Wells	Chair	Exam
2013	Neil Richmond ³	Chair	Exam
2013	Kris Gay		Thesis
2012	David Smith		Exam
2011	Mark Shively		Exam
2010	Ross Idemoto		Exam

* *Cal State Long Beach offers master's students two options for completing their degree: a thesis or an exam option which typically involves writing three shorter essays,*

¹ Placement, 2017: Bollhagen accepted a five year SEED fellowship from the University of California, San Diego's Ph.D. program in philosophy. In 2020 he won the \$10,000 USD Isaac Levi Prize from the *Journal of Philosophy*.

² Placement, 2017: Lackey accepted a fully-funded offer from the University of Minnesota's Ph.D. program in philosophy.

³ Placement, 2013: Richmond was admitted to the Loyola School of Law, later graduating cum laude, making Order of the Coif, and receiving Honors and High Distinction in the LL.M. (he also received a J.D.).

each with a different faculty member. “Supervisor” means I directed the thesis; all other thesis work amounts to serving on the examination committee. All exam work involves supervising one essay project of three. When I am “chair” on an exam it means I am responsible for organizing various administrative details for the student as well.

REFEREE

Philosophy
Philosophy of Science
Philosophers Imprint
British Journal for the History of Philosophy
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review
HOPOS
International Studies in the Philosophy of Science
Journal of the History of Ideas
Journal of the History of Philosophy
Journal of Philosophical Research
Oxford University Press
Routledge
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Southwest Philosophy Review
Synthese
William James Society

LANGUAGES

French (basic reading, listening, speaking), German (basic reading)

MEMBERSHIP (PRESENT AND PAST)

American Philosophical Association
British Society for the History of Philosophy
International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS)
Philosophy of Science Association
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
Society for the History of Analytical Philosophy
William James Society
Bertrand Russell Society