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## *Curriculum vitae*

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024-2025 Solmsen Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019-2024 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University New Orleans
- 2016-2018 Attaché temporaire d'enseignement et de recherche (ATER), Department of Philosophy, Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis

## EDUCATION

- PhD** Philosophy, Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis, 2019.  
Dissertation: *Spinoza's Substance Monism Contextualized (Le monisme spinoziste de la substance en contexte)*.  
Advisor: Charles Ramond (Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis)  
Jury: Valérie Debuiche (Université d'Aix-Marseille), Kim Sang Ong-Van-Cung (Université Bordeaux 3 Montaigne), Justin E. H. Smith (Université Paris 7 Diderot).  
Awarded with distinction (« Félicitations officielles et unanimes du jury »).
- MA** Philosophy, Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis, 2012.  
Thesis: *De la nature des choses singulières chez Spinoza*.
- BA** Comparative Literature and History, Cornell University, 2009.  
Semester at Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, Sénégal, 2008.

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy, Continental Philosophy (esp. French Philosophy)

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Film, Political Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

### Edited Volumes

2. *The Edinburgh Critical History of Early Modern and Enlightenment Philosophy*. Edited by Stephen Howard and Jack Stetter. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (forthcoming).
1. *Spinoza in Twenty-First-Century American and French Philosophy: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Moral and Political Philosophy*. Edited by Jack Stetter and Charles Ramond. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019.

“This is an extraordinary volume in both aim and execution. Designed to deepen the engagement between American and French approaches to Spinoza, it comprises thirteen essays by leading English-speaking scholars paired with probing responses by leading French-speaking scholars. The essays are rewardingly distributed across a broad range of important and fascinating topics in metaphysics, philosophy of mind, moral philosophy, and political philosophy. The contributions are of a very high quality and consistently advance our understanding of the issues under discussion. It is essential reading for anyone who wants a better understanding of Spinoza’s philosophy.”

- Don Garrett, NYU

### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

4. “Intuitive Science, Poetic Thought”. *Australasian Philosophical Review* (forthcoming).
3. “Spinoza’s Argument for Substance Monism”. *Revista Seiscentos* 1 (1): 193- 215 (2021).
2. “Spinoza and Judaism in the French Context: The Case of Milner’s *Le sage trompeur*”. *Modern Judaism* 20 (2): 227-255 (2020).
1. “François Lamy’s Cartesian Refutation of Spinoza’s *Ethics*”. *Journal of Modern Philosophy* 1:7 (2019).

### Contributions to Edited Volumes

6. “Spinoza and Kant on War and Peace”. *The Edinburgh Critical History of Early Modern and Enlightenment Philosophy* (forthcoming).
5. “Deleuze and Spinoza”. *The Deleuzian Mind*. Jeffrey Bell and Henry Somers-Hall (eds.) (London: Routledge) (forthcoming).
4. “Spinoza and Popular Philosophy”. *Blackwell Companion to Spinoza*. Yitzhak Melamed (ed.) (Oxford: Wiley Blackwell), 568-577 (2021).
3. “*Un homme ivre d’immanence: Deleuze’s Spinoza and Immanence*”. *Crisis and Critique* 8 (1): 388-418 (2021).
2. “La modulation spinoziste: Pour se purifier de la pureté”. *Modulation-Deleuze*. Tímea Gimsea (ed.) (Szeged: JATE Press), 49-58 (2017).

1. "L'État comme âme, le citoyen comme soumis et comme résistant". *Spinoza politique: Penser la puissance de la multitude*. Hugues Poltier (ed.), in *Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie*, no. 147 (Lausanne): 185-205 (2015).

### Encyclopedia Entries

1. "Spinoza". *Springer Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*. Dana Jalobeanu and Charles T. Wolfe (eds.) (Cham: Springer) (2021).

### Contributions to Magazines, Newspapers, etc.

2. "Spinoza and War". *The Philosopher* (1923) (forthcoming).
1. "La liberté spinoziste en temps de pandémie". *France Culture: "Coronavirus: une conversation mondiale"* (2020).

### Book Reviews

9. *Spinoza on Reason*, Michael LeBuffe (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XL, Archives de Philosophie* 2018/4 (81): 857-888.
8. *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, Michael Della Rocca (ed.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XL, Archives de Philosophie* 2018/4 (81): 857-858.
7. *Spinoza: Basic Concepts*, André Santos Campos (ed.) (Exeter: Imprint Academic, 2015). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVIII, Archives de Philosophie*, 2016/4 (79): 823-824.
6. *The Young Spinoza: A Metaphysician in the Making*, Yitzhak Melamed (ed.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVIII, Archives de Philosophie*, 2016/4 (79): 824-826.
5. *The Bloomsbury Companion to Spinoza*, ed. Krops, Steenbakkers, Van Bunge, and Ven (London: Bloomsbury, 2014). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVII, Archives de Philosophie*, 2015/4 (78): 750-751.
4. *Spinoza*, Giuseppe Rensi (Paris: Allia, 2014). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI, Archives de Philosophie*, 2015/4 (78): 766-767.
3. *Maimonides and Spinoza*, Joshua Parens (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI, Archives de Philosophie*, 2014/15 (77): 743-744.
2. *Spinoza's Spiritual Automaton*, Eugene Marshall. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013). *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI, Archives de Philosophie*, 2014/15 (77): 732-733.
1. *Le problème Spinoza*, Irvin Yalom (Paris: Galaade, 2012), *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXV, Archives de Philosophie*, 2013/14 (76): 748.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Department of Philosophy, Loyola University New Orleans (2019-2024):

#### Undergraduate courses:

- PHIL A410: History of Modern European Phil. Seminar (4 sections: F19, F20, F21, F22).
- PHIL A416: History of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Phil. Seminar (1 section: Spr21).
- PHIL H225: Introduction to Continental Phil. Seminar (4 sections: Spr21 and Spr23).
- PHIL H235: The Holocaust Seminar. (2 sections: Spr20).
- PHIL H295: The Philosophy of Play Seminar. (4 sections: Spr22 and Spr24).
- PHIL R122: Philosophy of the Human Person. (18 sections: F19-Spr24).
- PHIL U238: Imaginary Voyages: Fantasy and Reality in Cinema. (2 sections: F23).
- PHIL U240: European World-Views. (1 section: Sum23).
- PHIL W252: Making Moral Decisions. (8 sections: F2020-F2023).

### Department of Philosophy, Université Paris 8 (2016-2018):

#### Graduate courses:

- L'Éthique de Spinoza.* (2 sections, M.Phil.: F16 and F17).
- Le Traité Théologico-Polique de Spinoza.* (2 sections, M.Phil.: Spr17 and Spr18).

## AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

8. Solmsen Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2024-2025. Awarded for project: "Spinoza and the Philosophy of War."
7. James C. Carter Fellowship, Loyola, 2021-2022. Awarded for manuscript project: *Edinburgh Critical History of Early Modern and Enlightenment Philosophy.*
6. College of A&S Entrepreneurship Fellowship at the *Center for Entrepreneurship and Community Development*, Loyola, 2021-2023.
5. Mission Integrity Grant to fund *Ethics Bowl*, Loyola, 2020-2021.
4. Distinction ("Félicitations du jury") for PhD Dissertation, Université Paris 8.
3. Research and Teaching Fellowship ("Contrat Doctoral," 3 yrs. of teaching responsibilities w/ research funding), 2013-2016, Université Paris 8.

2. Distinction (“Mention très bien”) for MA Thesis, Université Paris 8.
1. Distinction (“Dean’s List”) for BA, Cornell University.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS, COMMENTS, AND CHAIRING

30. “Radical Idealism: Gueroult on Philosophical Systems and the His. of Phil”. French and Francophone Phil. Today, LSU, April 2024.
29. “Spinoza on War”. Tulane German Philosophy Workshop, March 2024.
28. Comments on Kahn paper, “Humanitarian military intervention”. APA Central Meeting, 2024.
27. Chair for Cunningham colloquium, “Reid’s aesthetics”. APA Central Meeting, 2024.
26. Chair for Forsman colloquium, “Teresa’s demons”. APA Pacific Meeting, 2023.
25. “Contemporary French Spinozism”. Honors College, Louisiana State University, March 2022.
24. “Spinoza’s Substance Monism”. Graduate Seminar in Metaphysics, Tulane University, February 2022.
23. “Spinoza’s Monism among the British Idealists: The Case of H. H. Joachim”. *Societas Spinozana* Seminar, December 2021.
22. “Spinoza’s Reign of Ignorance Thesis”. Spinoza and Early Modern Philosophy. A Virtual Workshop from Johns Hopkins, May 2021.
21. “Spinoza’s Reign of Ignorance Thesis”. Princeton-Bucharest Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, March 2021.
20. Chair for panel on “French Spinozism and its Discontents”. Virtual SPEP Conference September 2021.
19. Chair for invited symposium “Biopolitics and Covid-19”. Virtual APA Central March 2021.
18. Comments on Moauro, “The Value of the Affects in Spinoza”. UPenn Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, August 2020.
17. “Spinoza on Stupidity”. *North American Spinoza Society* at the APA Central 2020.
16. “Spinoza on Stupidity”. *Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Queensland, November 2019.

15. "Spinoza on Stupidity: Persistent Ignorance and the Power of False Ideas". *2nd Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Hamburg, June 2019.
14. "Spinoza on Stupidity: Persistent Ignorance and the Power of False Ideas". *6<sup>th</sup> Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Helsinki, June 2019.
13. "François Lamy : une réfutation cartésienne de *l'Éthique*". *Spinoza à Paris 8*, May 2019.
12. "Degrees of Freedom, Self-Determination, and Pessimism in Spinoza". *Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*, University College Dublin, September 2018.
11. "Spinoza and Judaism in the French Context". *Sixth Annual Franco-American Workshop on Modern Philosophy*, University of Michigan, June 2018.
10. "Spinoza's Account of Body-Body Causation in *DPP*". APA Central Meeting, February 2018.
9. Comments on Ferguson "Spinoza on the Priority of Part to Whole". APA Central Meeting, February 2018.
8. "Revisiting the Della Rocca-Garber Spinoza Debate". *La philosophie ventriloque*, Université Aix-Marseille, February 2018.
7. "Spinoza and the Transformation of Bodies". *Transforming Bodies Conference*, Cornell University, April 2017.
6. "In What Sense is Spinoza's Free Man Religious?". APA Central Meeting, March 2017.
5. Comments on Peterman, "Spinoza on Embodiment". *Spinoza France États-Unis*, Université Paris 1 and Université Paris 8, June 2016.
4. "Strauss on Spinoza's Ambiguity: Persecution of Truth, Truth of Persecution". *Spinoza politico tra antico e moderno*, Università degli Studi di Milano, January 2016.
3. "La modulation spinoziste: Pour se purifier de la pureté". *Modulation-Deleuze*, University of Szeged, December 2015.
2. "Gaddis et la volonté de puissance". *Littérature-Philosophie 2015*, Université Paris 8, 2015.
1. "Quand "Et" ne suffirait pas : À propos de l'usage d'un trait d'union dans le titre du *Tractatus Theologico-Politicus* de Spinoza". *Journées doctorales Franco-japonaises "Et"*, Université Paris 8, March 2014.

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

6. Organizer of international bilingual conference (w. D. Goldgaber and H. Bacon): *French and Francophone Philosophy Today* (LSU, 18-20 April 2024). <https://sites.google.com/view/frenchphilconference/home>
5. Assistant Director of Research Program: *Spinoza à Paris 8* (2014-present). [www.spinozaparis8.com](http://www.spinozaparis8.com)
4. Environment Roundtable w/ Harry Vorhoff (Deputy Director of Governor's Office of Coastal Activities), "Louisiana Climate Plan: Zero by Fifty", February 2022
3. John Protevi (LSU) Phil dpt. talk, *Rousseau and Contemporary Anthropology*, Loyola University New Orleans, March 2020
2. *Spinoza France États-Unis*. Joint project btwn. ENS Lyon (Pierre-François Moreau), Université Paris 1 (Chantal Jaquet), Université Paris 8 (w/ Charles Ramond), and Université Paris 12 (Pascal Sévérac), June 2016
1. *Crédit, Foi, Confiance*, Université Paris 8, June 2015

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee for: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, *Diametros*, *Epoché*, *Ergo*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Journal of Spinoza Studies*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

Leaf editor at PhilPapers for categories "Spinoza: Eternity of the Mind" and "Spinoza: Power".

Member of the *American Philosophical Association*, the *Association des Amis de Spinoza*, the *British Society for the History of Philosophy*, the *Descartes Society*, the *European Society for Early Modern Philosophy*, the *Leibniz Society of North America*, and the *North American Spinoza Society*

Loyola University Service: Organized the Summer in Copenhagen Loyola Program with the Center for International Education; Coach for the Philosophy Department's Ethics Bowl Team; Coach for the Brain Initiative Exercise; Faculty Fellow of the College of A&S with the Center for Entrepreneurship and Community Development; Service to Dean's Office.

## REFERENCES

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