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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor: Philosophy, New College of Florida (2019–)

Visiting Assistant Professor: Philosophy, New College of Florida (2018–2019)

Visiting Assistant Professor: The Ethics Program, Villanova University (2017–2018)

Adjunct Professor: The Ethics Program, Villanova University (Fall 2013–Spring 2017)
Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies, Rowan University (Fall 2016)
Department of Philosophy, Villanova University (Fall 2009–Spring 2014)

EDUCATION

Villanova University. Ph.D. Philosophy (2016)
Dissertation: *The Soul as Spiritual Automaton in Leibniz's Synthetic Natural Philosophy*
Committee: Dr. Julie Klein (Director), Dr. Stephen Napier, Dr. Mogens Lærke (CNRS/ ENS-Lyon)

Villanova University. M.A. Philosophy (2009)

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Fulbright Research Fellow (2005-2006)

Boston College. B.A., Philosophy, German Studies (2005)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS & LANGUAGES

AOS: Early Modern Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Science

AOC: Continental Philosophy, Classical Chinese Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Ethics

Languages: English, German (speaking and reading), Latin (reading), French (reading)

AWARDS & GRANTS

Graduate Summer Research Fellow *Villanova University* (Summer 2015, \$3,000)

- Conducted archival research at the Leibniz Archiv in Hannover, Germany.

Fulbright Research Grant. *U.S. Department of State.* Freiburg, Germany (2005-2006)

- Research topic: “Gadamer’s Hermeneutical Model of Understanding.”

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- [4] “Leibniz on the Divine Preformation of Souls and Bodies.” *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 9, no. 2 (Fall 2019): 327–342.
- [3] “Immaterial Mechanism in the Mature Leibniz” *Idealistic Studies* 49, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 1–21.
- [2] “Self-Moving Machines and the Soul: Leibniz contra Spinoza on the Spiritual Automaton.” *The Leibniz Review* 27 (2017): 65–89.
- [1] “On Analogies in Leibniz’s Philosophy: Scientific Discovery and the Case of the Spiritual Automaton,” in *The Continuing Relevance of Leibniz*, ed. Charles Joshua Horn, special issue, *Quaestiones Disputatae*, 7, no. 2 (Spring 2017): 8–30.

Peer-Reviewed Book Reviews:

- [2] Review of *Leibniz and the Environment* by Pauline Phemister, Routledge (2016). *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 100, no. 2 (2018): 232–35.
- [1] Review of *Hans-Georg Gadamer: Hermeneutics Between History and Philosophy: The Selected Works of Hans-Georg Gadamer: Volume I* edited by Pol Vandavelde and Arun Iyer, Bloomsbury (2016). *Phenomenological Reviews* <http://reviews.ophen.org/2018/03/05/hans-georg-gadamer-hermeneutics-between-history-and-philosophy/>

Works in Progress:

Automata and the Soul from Descartes to Kant [book manuscript in preparation].

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conferences & Workshops:

- [18] “Leibniz on the Instincts of Machines of Nature and Souls.” *International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* (HOPOS), University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands (July 2018).
- [17] “Automata in Spinoza’s Critique of Descartes in the *Tractatus de Intellectus Emendatione*.” Summer School: *Collegium Spinozanum II*, University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands (July 2017).
- [16] “Understanding the Past through Past Historiography: The Case of Leibniz.” Summer School: *Understanding the Past Today: Methodology in the History of Philosophy*. University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands, (June 2017).
- [15] “The Spiritual Automaton in Deleuze.” *Theorizing at Rowan Summer Symposium: Deleuze and Guattari, Here and There, Then and Now*, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ (June 2017).
- [14] “The Soul as Spiritual Automaton in Spinoza and Leibniz.” *New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, Fordham University, New York, NY (May 2017).

- [13] “Leibniz, Plastic Natures, and Unknowing Activity in the *Essais de théodicée* ¶403.” *Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, (May 2016).
- [12] “On Analogies in Leibniz’s Philosophy: The Case of the Spiritual Automaton.” *The Continuing Relevance of Leibniz*, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH (April 2016).
- [11] “The Soul as Principle of Individuation in Leibniz.” *Superorganisms, Organisms and Suborganisms as Biological Individuals (First Interdisciplinary Summer School on Individuality in the Life Sciences)*, Siggen, Germany (July 2015).
- [10] “The Soul as Spiritual Automaton: Leibniz’s Natural Philosophy and the Construction of Concepts.” *Leibniz-Scientist, Leibniz-Philosopher*, University of Lampeter, Lampeter, Wales (July 2015).
- [9] “Leibniz’s Critical Appropriation of Hobbesian Materialism.” *Working Group on Contemporary Materialism: Workshop on Transcendental Materialism*, Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD (April 2015).
- [8] “‘Eminent Mechanism’ and the Soul in Leibniz,” *Leibniz Society of North America*, 8th Annual Meeting, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (November 2014).
- [7] “Leibniz’s Synthesis of Causal Powers and the Laws of Nature.” *Rotman Summer Workshop on Causal Powers*, University of Western Ontario, Grand Bend, ON, Canada (July 2014).
- [6] “Is Knowledge Necessary for Action? Leibniz and the Occasionalists.” *Leibniz Society of North America*, 7th Annual Meeting, Yale University, New Haven, CT (October 2013).
- [5] “Living Mechanism in Leibniz.” *Pittsburgh Summer Symposium in Contemporary Philosophy: Schelling and Naturphilosophie*, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (August 2013).
- [4] “Does it Matter if Deleuze is a ‘Post-Critical’ Philosopher?” *Deleuze Studies*, New Orleans, LA (July 2012).
- [3] “Leibniz’s Seashore: Individuation and Confused Perception in Leibniz and Deleuze.” *International Philosophy Colloquium Evian*, Evian, France (July 2011).
- [2] “Leibniz’s Comments on Spinoza’s Philosophy.” *Leibniz Society of North America*, 4th Annual Meeting, University of Houston, Houston, TX (December 2010).
- [1] “Material Critique and Ideology: Marx and Althusser on Social Transformation.” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Arlington, VA (October 2009).

Invited:

- [4] “Leibniz on the Public Morality and Natural Theology of China.” *Ethics for Lunch Lecture Series*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA (November 2017).
- [3] “‘To Condemn Nothing and Profit from Everything Good’: Leibniz and the History of Philosophy.” *Theorizing at Rowan Lecture Series*, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ (March 2017).
- [2] “Leibniz and Technology: What Automata, Mills, and Calculators Teach Us About Cognition.” *Colloquium in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, (October 2015).
- [1] “Leibniz’s Theory of Nature.” Graduate Philosophy Seminar: *The Rationalists* (Dr. Julie Klein), Villanova University, Villanova, PA (April 2015).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New College of Florida, Philosophy Program

- *The Philosophy of Leibniz* (Fall 2019)
- *Philosophy and/ of Film* (Fall 2019, co-taught with Prof. April Flakne)
- *Modern Philosophy* (Spring 2019)
- *Comparative History of Philosophy* (Spring 2019)
- *Philosophical and Utopian Literature* (Spring 2019)
- *Medieval Philosophy* (Fall 2018)
- *Classical Chinese Philosophy* (Fall 2018)

Villanova University, The Ethics Program

- *The Good Life: Ethics and Contemporary Moral Problems* (Fall 2013–Spring 2018)
23 sections in person; 1 section service learning; 2 sections online

Villanova University, Department of Philosophy

- *Introduction to Philosophy* (Fall 2009–Spring 2014)
17 sections
- *Logic and Critical Thinking* (Summer 2012)
1 section

Rowan University, Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies

- *World Philosophy II* (Fall 2016)
1 section

Teaching Assistant: Villanova University, Department of Philosophy

- *Introduction to Philosophy*, Dr. John Immerwahr (Spring 2009), Dr. Sally Scholz (Fall 2008)
- *History of Early Modern Philosophy*, Dr. Julie Klein (Spring 2008)
- *History of Ancient Philosophy*, Dr. Walter Brogan (Fall 2007)
- Villanova Writing Center Tutor (Fall 2006–Spring 2007)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Co-Founder and Member of Board of Directors of SEACT (Southeast Association for the Continental Tradition), (2019–), <https://seactphilosophy.wordpress.com/>

- Co-organize and plan annual conference (our inaugural meeting is in February 2020).

Philpapers.org Category Editor: “Leibniz: Philosophy of Science,” (November 2017–)

<https://philpapers.org/browse/leibniz-philosophy-of-science>

Judge, Delaware Valley Regional HS Ethics Bowl, Villanova University Ethics Program (2014–17)

- Observed discussion of ethical case studies and posed questions to facilitate further reflection.
- Evaluated teams on their overall presentation and depth of understanding of the ethical issues.

Graduate Student Representative to Faculty Search Committee, Villanova University Department of Philosophy (2014–15)

- Reviewed all applications for open position AOS: Kant and participated in candidate interviews.
- Acted as liaison between the Philosophy Graduate Student Union and the search committee.

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Graduate Student Faculty Representative, Villanova University Department of Philosophy, (2011–12)

- Represented Philosophy Graduate Student Union preferences at departmental faculty meetings.

German Reading Group Leader, Villanova University Department of Philosophy, (2008–09, 2012)

- Provided informal instruction in German reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary.
- Facilitated translation practice for graduate students preparing for German language exam.

Philosophy Graduate Student Union Co-Chair, Villanova University Department of Philosophy, (2007–08)

- Ran monthly meetings of the Philosophy Graduate Student Union.
- Organized 13th Annual Villanova Graduate Student Philosophy Conference: *Time, History, Memory*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Participant- Curriculum Development Workshop: *Catholic Social Teaching and Issues of Justice*, Villanova University Office for Mission and Ministry (May 2013)

- Participated in week-long faculty development workshop on Catholic Social Teaching.
- Incorporated resources from Catholic Social Teaching into syllabus for *The Good Life*.

Student Participant- Collegium Phenomenologicum: *The Subject of Politics* Citta di Castello, Italy (Summer 2009)

- Participated in three-week summer school on Political Philosophy.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

HOPOS- The International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science

The Leibniz Society of North America

REFERENCES

Dr. Julie Klein

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