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SPECIALIZATION Philosophy of Mind, Early Modern Philosophy (esp. 17th-century)

COMPETENCE Metaphysics, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Logic

EDUCATION **New York University** (2004-2009)

PhD, Philosophy, September 2009
Committee: N. Block, D. Garrett, J. Pryor and S. Schiffer (chair)
Dissertation: *Causation, Conception and Color*

University of Pittsburgh (2001-2004)

PhD Student, Philosophy Department, Fall 2001 until Spring 2004
MA, Philosophy, May 2004

Williams College (1997-2001)

BA, Philosophy and Mathematics, May 2001

EMPLOYMENT **Barnard College, Columbia University** (2009-present)

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department

Paris 1: Pantheon-Sorbonne University (December 2015)

Visiting Professor, Philosophy Department

ARTICLES “Perceptual Variation and Structuralism”

Noûs, forthcoming

“Perceptual Confidence and Categorization”

Analytic Philosophy, v.58, p.71–85

“Perceptual Confidence”

Analytic Philosophy (2016), v.57, p.15–48

*Winner of the 2015 Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Mind

“Triangulating How Things Look”
Mind & Language (2015), v.30, p.140–161

“Anti-Atomism about Color Representation”
Noûs (2015), v.49, p.94–122

“Restricting Spinoza’s Causal Axiom”
Philosophical Quarterly (2015), v.65, p.40–63

“Relation Between Causation and Conception in Spinoza’s Metaphysics”
Philosophers’ Imprint (2013), v.13, p.1–17

“Colour in a Physical World”
Mind (2012), v.121, p.333–73

CHAPTERS

“Two Puzzles about Thought and Identity in Spinoza”
Cambridge Critical Guide to Spinoza’s Ethics, Melamed (ed.) (2017),
Cambridge University Press, p.56–81

“Truth in the *Emendation*”
Young Spinoza, Melamed (ed.) (2015), Oxford University Press, p.67–91

REVIEWS

Valtteri Viljanen’s *Spinoza’s Geometry of Power*
British Journal for the History of Philosophy (2013), v.21, p.610–27

Raffaella De Rosa’s *Descartes and the Puzzle of Sensory Representation*
Mind (2014) v.123, p.1187–1191 (with Elliot Paul)

DRAFTS

“Perceptual Variation and Relativism”
(approx. 15,500 words)

“Perceptual Variation and Ignorance”
(approx. 12,500 words)

“Three Medieval Aristotelians on Numerical Identity and Time”
(approx. 10,500 words)

“Descartes and Spinoza on Numerical Identity and Time”
(approx. 11,700 words)

“Spinoza on Mind, Body, and Numerical Identity”
(approx. 15,000 words)

All drafts posted at <http://www.columbia.edu/~jrm2182/>

TALKS

“Perceptual Confidence: Implications for Consciousness and Content”
UC Berkeley, March 2017 (conference, invited)
Ryerson University, May 2017 (conference, applied)
Institut Jean Nicod, Ecole Normale Supérieure, July 2017 (colloquium)
University of Toronto, September 2017 (group talk, invited)

“Perceptual Structuralism: Objects, Kinds, and Qualities”
UC San Diego, February 2016 (conference, invited)
UC Los Angeles, February 2016 (informal workshop, invited)
University of Bristol, May 2016 (colloquium)
U of London’s Institute of Philosophy, May 2016 (LEM colloquium)
Oxford University, May 2016 (informal workshop, invited)
Johns Hopkins University, February 2017 (colloquium)
Institut Jean Nicod, Ecole Normale Supérieure, July 2017 (conference)
Eastern APA, January 2018 (symposium, invited)

“Two Puzzles about Thought and Identity in Spinoza”
Pantheon-Sorbonne University, December 2015 (colloquium)

“Spinoza on Mind, Body, and Numerical Identity”
University of Colorado at Boulder, July 2015 (NEH institute, invited)
University of Texas at Austin, October 2015 (conference, applied)
Pantheon-Sorbonne University, December 2015 (colloquium)
UC Irvine February 2016 (scientia colloquium)
UC Los Angeles, February 2016 (informal workshop, invited)
University of Toronto, September 2017 (conference, invited)
Princeton University, April 2018 (conference, invited)

“Perceptual Structuralism”
(Formerly “A New Approach to Perceptual Variation”)
Union College, May 2014 (philosophy club)
Pantheon-Sorbonne University, June 2014 (conference, invited)
New York University, November 2014 (graduate seminar)
Yale University, November 2014 (ELLMM colloquium)
Rutgers University, March 2015 (graduate seminar)
University of Gothenburg, June 2015 (conference, invited)

“Perceptual Confidence”
Oxford University, November 2012 (colloquium)
University of Antwerp, August 2013 (conference, invited)
University of Texas at Austin, October 2013 (colloquium)
Duke University, June 2015 (SPP conference, applied)
University of Oslo, June 2015 (colloquium)
Cornell University, July 2015 (conference, invited)
New York University, December 2015 (conference, invited)

“Spinoza on the Nature of Truth”

Johns Hopkins University, September 2011 (conference, invited)

“Knowing How Things Look”

CUNY, February 2011 (cognitive science colloquium)

Comments on Della Rocca’s *Spinoza*

APA, Eastern Division, Author Meets Critics, December 2010 (invited)

“Spinoza on Causation and Conception”

Johns Hopkins University, April 2010 (conference, applied)

Oxford University, October 2010 (conference, applied)

TEACHING

Format: year, semester, title, course number, enrollment (when available)

2016-17

Fall: Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Mind (GR9658)(4)

Fall: Perception (GU4495)(17)

Spring: Introduction to Logic (V1401)(71)

Spring: History of Philosophy II: From Aquinas to Kant (V2201)(80)

2015-16

Spring: Introduction to Logic (V1401)(78)

Spring: History of Philosophy II: From Aquinas to Kant (V2201)(40)

Summer: History of Philosophy II: From Aquinas to Kant (S2201)(10)

2014-15

Summer: Psychology and Philosophy of Human Experience (S2400)(9)

2013-14

Fall: Introduction to Logic (V1401)(85).

Fall: Majors’ Seminar: Metaphysics (C3912)(11)

Summer: Metaphysics (S3601)(12)

2012-13

Fall: Introduction to Logic (V1401)(78)

Fall: Psychology and Philosophy of Human Experience* (V2400)(58)

Spring: History of Philosophy II: From Aquinas to Kant (V2201)(47)

Spring: Topics in Metaphysics† (G9515)(5)

Spring: History of Early Modern (at NYU)(80)

Summer: History of Philosophy II: From Aquinas to Kant (S2201)(12)

2011-12

Fall: Introduction to Logic (V1401)(81)
Fall: Psychology and Philosophy of Human Experience* (V2400)(56)
Spring: History of Philosophy II: From Aquinas to Kant (V2201)(58)
Spring: Perception (G4495)(9)
Summer: Introduction to Logic (S1401)(5)

2010-11

Fall: Introduction to Logic (V1401)
Fall: Topics in Early Modern Philosophy (G9670)
Spring: History of Philosophy II: From Aquinas to Kant (V2201)
Spring: Thesis Preparation Seminar (G9990)
Summer: Late Medieval and Modern Philosophy (S3237)

2009-10

Fall: Introduction to Logic (V1401)
Fall: Works-in-Progress Seminar (G9890)
Spring: Topics in the Philosophy of Mind (G4660)

*=co-taught with Josh New (Barnard)

†=co-taught with Shamik Dasgupta (Princeton)

ADVISING

Graduate

Vincent Legeay (Paris 1 - Pantho Sorbonne, committee)
James Schelberg (Johns Hopkins, committee)
Simon Brown (Columbia, committee)
Nemira Gasiunas (Columbia, dissertation adviser for five years)
Jorge Morales (Columbia, dissertation adviser)
Jeremy Wolos (Columbia, dissertation adviser, PhD 2016)
EJ Green (Rutgers, external examiner, PhD 2016)
Chloe Layman (Columbia, external examiner, PhD 2013)

Undergraduate

1 undergraduate thesis
15 major advisees
11 first-year and second-year advisees

GRANTS

Columbia-PSL Collaboration: The Sources of Perceptual Intentionality, with Uriah Kriegel (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Jean Nicod Institute), approx. \$12,000

Funds for events at Columbia in November 2016, and at Institut Jean Nicod in July 2017

2015 Sanders Prize in the Philosophy of Mind, \$10,000

Annual essay competition open to scholars who are within fifteen years of receiving a Ph.D.

Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges, with Yuval Avnir (Scripps) and Troy Cross (Reed), approx. \$20,000

Funds for a conference on teaching courses in “core philosophy” in liberal arts colleges in Portland, Oregon in August 2016.

Columbia’s Alliance Program, approx. \$3,000

Funds to visit Pantheon-Sorbonne University in December, 2015.

The Alliance Program, with Akeel Bilgrami (Columbia), Chantel Jaquet (Pantheon-Sorbonne University), and Laurent Jaffro (Pantheon-Sorbonne University), 2013, \$12,000

Funds for a conference entitled “Values and Agency. A Franco-American Philosophical Symposium” held at Pantheon-Sorbonne University in June, 2014.

National Endowment for the Humanities, 2012, \$50,400

Funds for a sabbatical in 2014-5 to write a series of connected papers on Spinoza’s metaphysics.

Barnard Mini-Grant, with Josh New (Psychology Dept.), 2012, \$4,000

Funds for a computer programmer to implement a series of experiments about temporal perception.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association (APA), 2009-
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), 2015-

REFEREE

Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie (x3)
European Journal of Philosophy
Journal of Philosophy (x9)
Mind & Language
Noûs
Oxford Studies in Metaphysics
Philosophers’ Imprint (x4)

Philosophical Review (x3)
Philosophical Studies (x3)
PPR (x2)
Philosophy Compass
Synthese
Theoria
Thought (x2)

ORGANIZER

2017 Rutgers-Barnard-Columbia Mind Workshop

Co-organizer: Brian McLaughlin (Rutgers)

Speakers: Derek Brown (Glasgow), Rosa Cao (Stanford), Hedda Hassel Mørch (NYU, Oslo), Chris Peacocke (Columbia), Jake Quilty-Dunn (CUNY), and Sebastian Watzl (Oslo)

2016 Rutgers-Barnard-Columbia Mind Workshop

Co-organizer: Brian McLaughlin (Rutgers)

Speakers: John O'Dea (Tokyo), Carla Merino-Rajme (UNC Chapel Hill), David Rosenthal (CUNY), Bence Nanay (Antwerp), John Simon (NYU), E.J. Green (NYU/MIT)

2015 Columbia & Pantheon-Sorbonne Modern Workshop

Speakers: Chantal Jaquet (Pantheon-Sorbonne), Christia Mercer (Columbia), Elliot Paul (Barnard), Kathryn Tabb (Columbia), Andrew Janiak (Duke), Don Garrett (NYU), Eric Marquer (Pantheon-Sorbonne), Nicolas Bouteloup (Pantheon-Sorbonne), Sandrine Roux (Pantheon-Sorbonne)

2015 Rutgers-Barnard-Columbia Mind Workshop

Co-organizer: Brian McLaughlin (Rutgers)

Speakers: Nicolette Orlandi (UC Santa Cruz), Liz Camp (Rutgers), Neil Mehta (Yale NUS), Robert Briscoe (Ohio University), Chris Hill (Brown), Michelle Montague (Texas)

2014 Spinoza's Metaphysics Workshop

Speakers: Don Garrett (NYU), Karolina Huebner (Toronto), Martin Lin (Rutgers), Alison Peterman (Rochester), Alex Silverman (Chicago)

2014 Barnard-Columbia Perception Workshop

Speakers: Gabe Greenberg (UCLA), Brian McLaughlin (Rutgers), Ian Philips (Oxford), Adrienne Prettyman (Bryn Mawr College), Helen Yetter-Chappell (Bowling Green)

2013 Barnard-Columbia Perception Workshop

Speakers: Berit Brogaard (Missouri, St. Louis), Alex Byrne (MIT), Jonathan Cohen (San Diego), Geoff Lee (Berkeley), Susanna Schellenberg (Rutgers), Nico Silins (Cornell/Yale NUS), James Stazicker (Reading)

2012 Barnard-Columbia Perception Workshop

Speakers: Mazviita Chirumuuta (Pittsburgh), Benj Hellie (Toronto), Eric Mandelbaum (Yale), Farid Masrour (Harvard), Declan Smithies (Ohio State), Wayne Wu (CMU)

2011 Barnard-Columbia Perception Workshop

Speakers: John Bengson (Wisconsin), Geoff Lee (Berkeley), Adam Pautz (Texas, Austin), Susan Schneider (Penn), Susanna Siegel (Harvard)

2010 Barnard-Columbia Perception Workshop

Speakers: Geoff Lee (Berkeley), Chris Frey (U. Chicago), Benj Hellie (U. Toronto), Adam Pautz (Texas, Austin), Susanna Siegel (Harvard), Nico Silins (Cornell)

COMMITTEES

2017-2018

Emergency Management Committee, Barnard
Committee on Medal of Distinction, Barnard

2016-17

Pre-Health Professions Committee, Barnard
Committee on Medal of Distinction, Barnard
Colloquium Committee, Columbia

2015-16

Placement Officer for Graduate Students, Columbia (spring only)
Pre-Health Professions Committee, Barnard (spring only)

2012-13

New CourseWorks Advisory Committee, Barnard
Graduate Admissions Committee, Columbia

2011-12

Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor, Barnard

2010-11

Colloquium Committee, Columbia
Graduate Admissions Committee, Columbia
Placement Officer for Graduate Students, Columbia
Philosophy Department Webmaster, Barnard

2009-10

Colloquium Committee, Columbia
Graduate Admissions Committee, Columbia
Placement Officer for Graduate Students, Columbia
Senior Thesis Committee, Columbia
Philosophy Department Webmaster, Barnard

MISC

“Philosophy of Robots”

Center on Brand Leadership, Columbia Business School, March 2015

Comments on the color of “the dress,”

NOW with Alex Wagner, MSNBC, March 2015

“Perceptual Variation”

Talk for MFA students, Visual Arts Program, Columbia School of the Arts, October 2014

“Minds and Machines” with Karen Lewis,

Raising the Bar, Housing Works Bookstore Cafe, April 2014

“Spinoza for Smarties,”

Barnard Alumnae Association, London, October 2010

Center for Science and Society, Columbia, Core Faculty, 2015-

Evaluator, Philosophical Gourmet Report, 2014-

Area co-editor (with Colin Marshall) for PhilPapers: Spinoza, 2013-