

CURRICULUM VITAE

Alison J. Simmons

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Academic Positions:

Harvard University, Samuel H. Wolcott Professor of Philosophy	2008-present
Harvard University, Interim Chair of Philosophy	2018-2019
Harvard University, Affiliate of the History of Science Department	2015-present
Harvard University, Harvard College Professor	2011-2016
Harvard University, Professor	2002-08
Harvard University, John L. Loeb Associate Professor of Philosophy	1999-02
Harvard University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy	1994-99

Education:

University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., philosophy	1988-94
Cornell University, Ph.D. degree candidate, psychology	1987-88
Bucknell University, B.A., psychology, <i>summa cum laude</i>	1983-87

Area of Research Specialization:

History of Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Teaching Competence:

Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Psychology; History of Medieval Philosophy

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships:

Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award, 2018
Star Family prize for Excellent in Advising Nominee, 2015, Awardee, 2016
Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Excellence in Teaching, 2014
Harvard College Professor, 2011-2016
Gordon Gray Faculty Grant for Writing Pedagogy, 2007
Levenson Teaching Award Nominee, 2005, 2006, 2007
Philosopher's Annual XXIV (2001), "Changing the Cartesian Mind" selected as one of the 10 best articles in philosophy to appear in 2001.
John L. Loeb Associate Professorship, 1999-2002
Career Development Award, Harvard University, 2000-2001
Lurcy Junior Faculty Research Grant, Harvard University, 1997-98
National Endowment for the Humanities Dissertation Fellowship, 1993-94
School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1993-94 (declined)
Dean's Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 1993
William Penn Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1988-93
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1987-90

Programs:

Embedded EthiCS @ Harvard. Co-Founder with Barbara Grosz. Co-Director in Philosophy with Jeff Behrends. <https://embeddedethics.seas.harvard.edu/>
Hum 10: A Humanities Colloquium. Co-Directed and developed with Amanda Claybaugh, 2015-16.

Academic Publications:

- "The Sense of Interoceptive Touch in Descartes," in *The Sense of Touch: Medieval and Modern Debates in Philosophy and Science*, eds., Chiara Benduce, Mattia Mantovani, and Denise Vincenti (Dordrecht: Springer, forthcoming).
- "Modernizing the Mind" (with Matthias Somers), in *Cartesianism and Philosophy of Mind*, eds. Vili Lähteenmaki, Jani Sinokki, and Oberto Marrama (London: Routledge, forthcoming).
- "It's All Alive! Cavendish and Conway Against Dualism," in *The Routledge Handbook for Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, eds. Karen Detlefsen and Lisa Shapiro (New York: Routledge, 2023): 87-111.
- "Causation and Cognition in Descartes," in *Causation and Cognition: Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. Sebastian Bender and Dominik Perler (New York: Routledge, 2020): 39-60.
- "Embedded EthiCS: Integrating Ethics Broadly Across Computer Science Education," *Communications of the ACM* 62(8) (2019): 54-61. With Barbara Grosz, David Gray Grant, Kate Vredenburg, Jeff Behrends, and Jim Waldo.
- "Mind-Body Union and the Limits of Cartesian Metaphysics" *Philosophers Imprint* 17 (14) (2017): 1-36.
- "Representation," *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Larry Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016): 645-654.
- "Perception in Early Modern Philosophy" in the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Perception*, ed. Mohan Matthen (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015): 81-99.
- "Sensory Perception of Body: Meditation 6.5" in *The Cambridge Companion to Descartes' Meditations*, ed. David Cunniff (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014): 258-276.
- "Cartesian Consciousness Reconsidered," *Philosophers' Imprint* 12(2) (January 2012): 1-21.
- "Leibnizian Consciousness Re-Considered" *Studia leibnitiana* 43(2) (2011): 196-215.
- "Re-Humanizing Descartes," *Philosophic Exchange* 41 (2010-2011): 53-71.
- "Sensation in the Malebranchian Mind" in *Topics in Early Modern Theories of Mind*, Studies in the History and Philosophy of Mind 9, edited by Jon Miller (Springer Press, 2009): 105-129.
- "Guarding the Body: A Cartesian Phenomenology of Perception" in *Contemporary Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Vere Chappell*, edited by Paul Hoffman and Gideon Yaffe (Broadview Press, 2008), 81-113.
- "Spatial Perception from a Cartesian Point of View" *Philosophical Topics* 31 (2003), 395-423.
- "Descartes on the Cognitive Structure of Sensory Experience," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 67, no. 3 (2003), 549-579.
- "Changing the Cartesian Mind: Leibniz on Sensation, Representation and Consciousness," *The Philosophical Review*, 110, no. 1 (January, 2001). Reprinted in *The Philosopher's Annual* XXIV, 2002.
- "Sensible Ends: Latent Teleology in Descartes' Account of Sensation," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 39 (2001), 49-75.
- "Are Cartesian Sensations Representational?" *Noûs* 33 (1999), 347-369.
- "Jesuit Aristotelian Education: The *De anima* Commentaries" in *The Jesuits: Culture, Learning and the Arts, 1540-1773*, ed. John W. O'Malley, S.J., Gauvin Alexander Bailey, Steven J. Harris, and T. Frank Kennedy (Toronto Univ. Press, 1999).
- "The Sensory Act: Descartes and the Jesuits on the Efficient Cause of Sensation" in *Meeting of the Mind: The Relations Between Medieval and Classical Modern European Philosophy*, ed. Stephen F. Brown (Brepols, 1998), 63-76.

Review of *Reason, Will, and Sensation: Studies in Descartes's Metaphysics*, ed. John Cottingham (Oxford, 1994), in *The Philosophical Review* 105 (1996), 536-8.

"Explaining Sense Perception: A Scholastic Challenge," *Philosophical Studies* 73 (1994), 257-275.

Public Facing Writing:

"Harvard Should Say Less. Maybe All Schools Should" (with Noah Feldman), *New York Times Opinion*, Guest Essay. May 28, 2024.

Edited Volumes:

Justin Broackes, Christopher S. Hill and Alison Simmons, eds., *Philosophical Topics: Modern Philosophy*, Volume 31, Nos. 1-2 (2003).

Invited Lectures:

"Our Bodies, Ourselves, Cartesian Style." Cornell University, October 18, 2024.

"Modernizing the Modern Mind." Early Modern Round Table, Cornell University, October 18, 2024.

"Modernizing the Mind." *The Nature of Knowledge Lecture*. University of Edinburgh, April 20, 2022.

"Beyond Dualism: The Case of Anne Conway." Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia, March 4, 202.

"Descartes and the Modern Mind." Temple University, November 6, 2015; University of Toronto, April 8, 2016; University of Ghent, May 28, 2016; University at Buffalo – SUNY, November 11, 2016; Notre Dame, March 24, 2017; Ohio State University, April 7, 2017; UMass, September 22, 2017; University of Oklahoma, November 3, 2017.

"Descartes: Old or New?" Rochester Institute of Technology, November 10, 2016.

"Reconceiving the Human Being." *Between Medieval and Modern*, NEH Summer Institute at UC Boulder, July 29-30, 2015.

"'Near a Contradiction': Unconscious Thought and the Rise of Scientific Psychology 1700-1900." Center for the Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, October 17, 2014.

"Intellectual and Cultural Changes in Liberal Education in the 21st Century." with Louis Menand, Bates College Board of Trustees Strategic Retreat, Charleston, SC, January 24, 2014

"Marking the Mental: The Unconscious in the 17th-19th Centuries." *Cognitive Theory and the Arts Seminar*, Harvard University, December 5, 2013.

"Representation." *FRIG*, Harvard MBB, October 27, 2013.

"Mind-Body Union and the Limits of Cartesian Metaphysics." Department of Philosophy and the Institute for the History of Philosophy, Emory University, March 7-8, 2013; Harvard Divinity School, April 22, 2013; University of Chicago Early Modern Workshop, April 26, 2013.

"The Liberal Arts and General Education." With Louis Menand, Faculty Seminar, Middlebury College, October 12, 2012.

"Cartesian Consciousness Re-considered." Philosophy Colloquium, University of Connecticut, March 2, 2012; Philosophy Colloquium, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 17, 2012; Modern Mind: Philosophical Conversations in Honor of Gary Hatfield, *University of Pennsylvania*, November 12, 2011; Perception Workshop, *University of Toronto*, April 7-8, 2011; Philosophy Colloquium *Brandeis University*, March 24, 2011; Early Modern Workshop, *Johns Hopkins University*, February 7, 2011; Harvard Early

- Modern Workshop, *Harvard University*, November 21, 2009; Philosophy Colloquium, *Columbia University*, April 23, 2009; Philosophy Colloquium, *Caltech*, May 14, 2009; Philosophy Colloquium, *Humboldt Universität*, June 23, 2009.
- "The Problem of General Education." *New York University*, November 10, 2011.
- "Re-Humanizing Descartes." Philosophy Colloquium, Texas A&M, April 19, 2012; Public Lecture, Skidmore College, April 6, 2012; Scientia Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, *University of California at Irvine*, November 4, 2011; Pfoho-Phorum, Pforzheimer House Lecture Series, *Harvard University*, February 3, 2011; Colloquium, Center for Philosophic Exchange, *SUNY Brockport*, October 7, 2010.
- "Leibnizian Consciousness Reconsidered." Early Modern Theories of Consciousness, *Humboldt Universität*, May 13-14, 2011; Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, *Yale University*, April 22, 2011.
- "General Education and its Discontents" and "Cartesian Consciousness Reconsidered," *Utah State University*, March 31, 2011.
- "Psychiatry, Literature and Philosophy: A Gen Ed Opportunit.," *Mind, Brain and Behavior Student Colloquium, Harvard University*, April 2, 2010.
- "Consciousness and the Unconscious." Philosophy Undergraduate Brown Bag Lunch Talk, *Harvard University*, March 5, 2010.
- "The Mind-Body Problem in Psychiatry, Philosophy and Literature" with Louis Menand, *Philosophy + Literature @ Stanford*, March 16, 2010.
- "Teaching Descartes' *Meditations*" *Columbia University Core Curriculum, Contemporary Civilization*, 17 November 2009
- "Meditations Cartesian Style," *Wheaton College*, November 12, 2009; *Purchase College Philosophy Society*, February 4, 2009.
- "General Education at Harvard," Address to the Class of 1975 Committee Meeting, *The Harvard Club of New York*, October 14, 2009.
- "The Gen Ed Difference," *Harvard University*, September 2, 2009. With Louis Menand.
- "Marking the Mental: Arguments for the Unconscious from Leibniz to Freud," *University of Nebraska*, March 6, 2009; *Cornell University*, March 27, 2009; March 13, 2008, *Rutgers University*;
- "Situating William James," Roundtable on Textual Contexts for the Philosophy and Literature Program at *Stanford University*, April 3, 2008. With Louis Menand.
- "Sensation in the Malebranchean Mind," October 19, 2007, *University of Michigan*.
- Selected papers, *New York University Seminar in Mind and Language*, January 17, 2006.
- "Malebranche on Sensation, Consciousness and Intentionality," *Duke University Early Modern Workshop*, September 19-21, 2005; *University of Western Ontario*, November 11, 2005; *University of Virginia*, April 14, 2006.
- Faculty Seminar on Teaching Descartes' *Meditations* in General Education, Boston University, October 26, 2004.
- "Guarding the Body: A Cartesian Phenomenology of Perception," *Brown University*, September 10, 2004; *Montreal Interuniversity Seminar in the History of Philosophy*, October 22, 2004; *University of California at Berkeley*, October 28, 2004; *Oxford University*, May 20, 2005.
- "Spatial Perception from a Cartesian Point of View," *University of Missouri at St. Louis Philosophy Colloquium*, December 7, 2001; *University of California at Davis Philosophy Colloquium*, November 9, 2001; *University of Toronto*, January 15, 2002; *University of Vermont*, January 21, 2002; *University of Colorado at Boulder*, January 28, 2002; *Reed College*, February 6, 2002; *University of Pittsburgh*,

- March 1, 2002; *University of Pennsylvania*, April 5, 2002; *Duke University*, April 11, 2003; *University of British Columbia*, March 13, 2004.
- "Seeing Things from Descartes' Perspective," *University of Michigan Philosophy Colloquium*, November 3, 2000; *Union College Colloquium*, October 27, 2000.
- "Changing the Cartesian Mind: Leibniz on Sensation, Representation and Consciousness," *Stanford University Philosophy Colloquium*, October 8, 1999; *New York University Philosophy Colloquium*, October 1, 1999; *Princeton University Philosophy Colloquium*, March 6, 1998.
- "Descartes: Discovering the Intellect." *University of Maine, Orono Philosophy Colloquium*, February 9, 1999.
- "Sensible Ends: Latent Teleology in Descartes' Account of Sensation," *University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Philosophy Colloquium*, November 13, 1998; Group meeting of the California Scholars in Early Modern Philosophy, *University of California at Berkeley*, September 11, 1998; *Notre Dame University Philosophy Colloquium*, September 12, 1997; *History of Early Science Colloquium*, Harvard University, April 17, 1997.
- "Are Cartesian Sensations Representational?" *Tufts University Philosophy Colloquium*, November 22, 1996; *Cornell University Philosophy Colloquium*, October 27, 1995.

Conference Presentations (Invited and Submitted)

- "Descartes and the Rejection of Animal Minds," *Animal Minds*, KU Leuven, Belgium, June 22, 2023.
- "In or Out: Descartes on the Sense of Touch," *The Sense of Touch*, Nijmegen, Netherlands, June 19, 2023.
- "Embedded EthiCS: The Buy-In," Stanford University, March 7, 2023.
- "Embedded EthiCS@Harvard." *Ethical Issues in AI and Computing*, Harvard University, June 3, 2022; Joint Harvard-Technion Embedded EthiCS Workshop, Technion (Haifa, Israel), June 27, 2022.
- "Beyond Dualism: The Case of Anne Conway." Keynote, *Teleology, Mechanism and the Mind-Body Problem*, Technion (Haifa, Israel), May 23, 2022.
- Women Empowering Women Leadership Conference, Panel on Women in Academia, Yale University, February 3, 2018.
- Comments on Walter Ott, *Descartes, Malebranche and the Crisis of Perception*. (Invited). Eastern APA, Savannah, January 4, 2018.
- Comments on Lukas Wolf, "Why did Samuel Clark Disavow Superadded Gravity?" Gröningen, July 14, 2017.
- "Descartes and the Modern Mind," OZSW Conference, Groningen, Netherlands, December 10, 2016; Central APA, Kansas City, March 3, 2017.
- Comments on Justin Smith, "Conway and Monadology," *New Narratives*, Duke University, April 16, 2016.
- "Being Human: Mind-Body Union and the Limits of Cartesian Metaphysics, or, Making Sense of the Mind-Body Union." (Invited). *The Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*. Jyväskylä University, October 12-13, 2014.
- "Being Human: Mind-Body Union and the Limits of Cartesian Metaphysics, or, Making Sense of the Mind-Body Union." (Invited). Pacific APA, San Diego, April 20, 2014.
- "Consciousness: The Philosopher's Leatherman Tool," *NYU Conference on Modern Philosophy*. NYU, November 8, 2013.
- "Being Human: Mind-Body Union and the Limits of Cartesian Metaphysics, or, Making Sense of the Mind-Body Union." (Invited). *(Ir)rationality and the Passions in Early Modern Thought*. Princeton University, December 15, 2012.

- Comments on Martha Bolton, "The Unpopular Resemblance Thesis of Locke and Leibniz" and Donald Ainslie, "Thinking the Unthinkable: Hume on False Philosophy," invited session on Early Modern Theories of Representation. Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 27, 2010.
- Roundtable panelist for *Workshop on Spatial Perception*, Harvard University, October 30-31, 2010.
- Comments on Klaas van Berkel, "Living in the Laboratory: The Descartes and the Dutch." (Invited.) *The Erasmus Lectures 2009: Descartes' Laboratory: Dutch Origins of Modern Science & Philosophy*. Harvard University, November 9, 2009.
- Panel Discussion on Philosophical Methodology. (Invited) Conference in Honor of Eileen O'Neill, *Barnard College*, October 3, 2009.
- Comments on Martin Lin, "Is Monadic Causation Teleological?" (Invited.) Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Networking Conference, August 9-11, 2009.
- Tasty Philosophers, Smelly Scientists*. Workshop on the philosophy and science of smell and taste, *Harvard University*. May 18, 2009.
- Columbia Workshop for the *Oxford Philosophical Concepts* series, April 24-25, 2009.
- "Cartesian Consciousness Reconsidered" (Invited) *American Philosophical Association*, Central Division Meeting, February 19-21, 2009.
- Comments on Marleen Rozemond's "Suarez and the Unity of Consciousness," University of Western Ontario Workshop: *Francisco Suárez, S.J. (1548-1617): Last Medieval or First Early Modern?*, September 12-13, 2008.
- Comments on John Carriero's "Meditation One," *Skepticism Conference*, New York University at La Pietra, Florence, June 9-11, 2008.
- Comments on Lisa Shapiro's "How we experience the world: passionate perception in Descartes and Spinoza," *Emotion and Cognition in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy*, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, May 7-9, 2008.
- "Marking the Mental," Yale Early Modern Workshop, March 9, 2008.
- "Teleology in Descartes," (Invited) *NY/NJ Research Group in Early Modern Philosophy*, November 26, 2007.
- Comments on "Descartes on the Extensions of Space and Time," by Tad Schmaltz, at *Understanding Space and Time: Third NYU Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy*, New York University, November 10-11, 2006.
- Pittsburgh-Princeton Descartes Day II*, invited workshop, May 6, 2006.
- Comments on "A Teleological Account of Cartesian Sensations?" by Raphaella da Rosa, *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, March 24, 2006.
- "Malebranche on Sensation, Consciousness and Intentionality," (Invited) *Mid-Atlantic Conference in Early Modern Philosophy*, October 28-29, 2005; (Invited) *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 24, 2005; (Submitted) *Second Annual Margaret Wilson Conference*, Grafton, VT, June 14, 2004.
- Comments on "Leibniz to Arnauld: Platonic and Aristotelian Themes on Matter and Corporeal Substance," by Martha Bolton. *Leibniz and his Correspondents*. Tulane University, March 16-18, 2001.
- "Seeing Things from Descartes' Perspective," (Invited) *Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, December 30, 2000.
- "Changing the Cartesian Mind: Leibniz on Sensation, Representation and Consciousness," (Submitted) *Midwest Seminar for Early Modern Philosophy*, Chicago, March 13-14, 1999.

Comments on "Cutting it up, Cartesian Style," by Alice Sowaal. Group meeting at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Los Angeles, March 28, 1998.

"Jesuit Psychology: Senses to Intellect." (Invited) The Jesuits: Culture, Learning and the Arts, 1540-1773, Boston College, May 30, 1997.

"Leibniz on Obscurity and Confusion." (Invited) Leibniz Society Meeting at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, December 28, 1996.

Comments on "Sensation and the Union of Mind and Body" by Marleen Rozemond and "Descartes's Ontology of Thought" by Alan Nelson. Symposium: The 400th Anniversary of the Birth of Descartes. Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, December 28, 1996.

"Descartes and the Jesuits on Sensation: Action or Passion?" (Invited) Conference of the Société internationale de la philosophie médiévale, Boston, June 15, 1996.

"Obscurity and Confusedness in Descartes' Theory of Sense," (Submitted) Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, Madison, October 31, 1993.

"Explaining Sense Perception: A Scholastic Challenge," (Submitted) Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, March 26, 1993.

Dissertations Advised (primary advisor)

Allison Aitken, "Everywhere Relations" (with P. Patil) (2020)

Tran "Jen" Nguyen, "Leibniz on Location" (with J. McDonough) (2020)

Lauren Kopajtic, "Sovereign Sentiments: Conceptions of Self-Control in David Hume and Adam Smith" (2017)

Colin Chamberlain, "The Self-Body Problem in Descartes and Malebranche" (2014)

Allison Kuklok, "Conceptualism and Objectivity in Locke's Account of Natural Kinds" (2013)

Melissa Frankel, "In Defense of Phenomenalism: Why Berkeley is Not all Wrong" (2008)

Bethany Hoffman, "The Nature of the Humean Mind" (2005)

Sean Greenberg, "Descartes and Malebranche on the Will" (2000)

Academic Service:

Academic Advisory Board

Marc Sander Foundation, Faculty Advisory Committee, 2019-
Berggruen Essay Prize, Advisory Committee, 2024
Berggruen Prize Jury 2016, 2017, 2018

External Review of Department or Program

Department of Philosophy, The John Hopkins University, October 9-10, 2023.

Department of Linguistic and Philosophy, MIT, March 3-4, 2020.

Department of Philosophy, Brown University, November 102, 2018.

Department of Philosophy, Tufts University, December 9-11, 2016.

Department of Philosophy, UC San Diego, February 4-5, 2008.

Decennial Review of the Humanities (Cultural Studies, English, History, and Philosophy), Claremont Graduate University, October 25-26, 2007.

Professional Mentoring

The Mentoring Project, June 2-4, 2013. Assigned 5 mentees. Work-shopped their papers and will follow them through their tenure reviews. Presented at panel discussion on Strategic Teaching and Work/Life Balance.

The New Faculty Institute, Harvard University, "Active Learning," August 2017 and 2023.

Selection Panels/Grant Reviewing

Leszek Kotakowski Honorary Scholarship, 2014-15
University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Fellows, January 2007 & 2008
NEH Dissertation Fellowship, 1995
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2009 & 2007

APA Committees

American Philosophical Association, Nominating Committee, 2010-2011
American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Program Committee, 2005-2007.
American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Advisory Committee, 2003-2005.

Conference Organizer

Co-Organizer, THouGHtS: International Consortium for Medieval and Modern Philosophy, September 29-30, 2018.
Co-Organizer, Harvard Workshop Retreat for Early Modern Philosophy, Lake Tahoe, CA, May 30-June 3, 2014.
Organizer, Oxford Philosophical Concepts Workshop on Consciousness, October 6-7, 2012, Harvard University
Organizer, Eleventh Annual Conference of the *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, May 18-20, 2012, Harvard University
Selection Committee, Tenth Annual Conference of the *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, May 27-29, 2011, Dartmouth University.
Co-Organizer, *Sensory Overload: A Radcliffe Institute Workshop*, May 20-11, 2011, with Alex Rehding and James McHugh
Organizer, *Harvard Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, 2010-2011
Co-Organizer, *Harvard Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, 2008-2009, 2009-2010
Eighth Annual Conference of the *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, May 31-June 2 2009 Harvard University.
Sixth Annual Conference of the *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, June 2-4, 2006 Harvard University.
Fifth Annual Conference of the *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, June 3-5, 2005, Harvard University.
Fourth Annual Conference of the *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, June 4-6, 2004, Harvard University.
Inaugural Conference of the *New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy*, November 6-7, 1999, Harvard University.

Academic Press Referee

Cambridge University Press
Cornell University Press
MIT Press
Oxford University Press (proposal, passions in early modern)

Journal Referee

Advisory Board Member, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
Editorial Board Member, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Journal of the History of Philosophy
Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy
Noûs
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly
The Philosophical Review
Philosophical Topics

Department & University Service:

Institutional Voice Working Group, co-chair, 2024
Provost's Faculty Advisory Committee, 2021-
[Embedded EthiCS @ Harvard](#), co-founder and co-director, 2016- (co-founder)
Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018-
Michael C. Rockefeller Fellowship Board, 2017-2023
Michael C. Rockefeller Fellowship Board, Chair, 2018-2021
Arts&Humanities Strategic Planning Process, focus group leader, 2022
Dean's Faculty Resource Committee, 2018-2020
Library Studies Committee, 2018-
Faculty Advisory Committee for the Presidential Search, 2017-2018
Publication Workshop, Reader, Department of Philosophy, 2017-2018
New Faculty Institute, Session Leader, Active Learning, 2017
Board of Overseers, Presentation on Faculty Mentoring, 2017
University Committee on Rights and Responsibilities, 2017-
PBK Awards Committee, Chair, 2016-
Harvard Library Studies Committee, 2016-
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2014
Humanities and Social Sciences graduate programs task force, GSAS, 2014
Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations, 2014-15
Capital Campaign Panel on the Future of Education, 2013
Promotion Committee, Rusty Jones Second Year Review, 2011-2012
Graduate Admissions, Department of Philosophy, annual
Director of Bok Center Advisory Committee, 2011-2012
Mind, Brain, and Behavior Departmental Advisor, 2011-2012
Standing Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid for Harvard College, 2011-2020
Mind, Brain, and Behavior Steering Committee, 2011-present
Mind, Brain, and Behavior Proseminar Sub-committee, 2010-2011
Humanities Center Post-Doc Committee, 2010-2011
Wendell Prize Committee, 2010-2011
Harvard College Integrity Committee, 2010-2011
Tanner Lecture Committee, 2009-2018
Chair, Promotion Committee, Jeff McDonough Associate Review, 2010-2011
Promotion Committee, Peter Koellner's Tenure Review, 2009-2010
Ancient Philosophy Junior Job Search, 2009-2010
Teaching Fellow Training Course (Department), 2009-2010, 2010-2011
Junior Faculty Institute, Session Leader, Leading Discussion, 2009
MBB Steering Committee, 2009-2010, 2010-2011
Language Requirement Subcommittee, 2008
Promotion Committee, Selim Berker's Second Year Review, 2008-09.
Chair, Graduate Admissions, 2008-09.

Head Tutor, Department of Philosophy, 2006-07
Freshman Advising Board, 2006-07
Committee on Undergraduate Education, 2006-07
Co-chair, General Education Committee, Harvard College Curricular Review, 2006-07
General Education Committee, Harvard College Curricular Review, 2004-06
Humanities General Education Steering Committee, 2006
Faculty Council, Harvard University, 2004-07
Mind, Brain, and Behavior Steering Committee, 2005-06
Placement Officer, 2004-05
MBB Advisor, 2004-05
Ombudsperson, 2004-05
Graduate Admissions, annual
Senior Job Search Committees, 1998-99, 2002-03, 2003-04
Junior Job Search Committees, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1998-99, 2002-03, 2004-05, 2005-06
Colloquium Committee, 2001-02, 2002-03
Standing Committee on the Study of Religion, 2001-02
Department Ombudsperson, 1998-2006
Organizer, Graduate Recruitment, 1995-96
French Exam Administrator, 1996-2004
Library Committee, 1995-96
Chair, Early Modern Visitor Committee, 1997
Selection Committee, Whiting and GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 1995-96
Advisor, Women in Philosophy, 1997-98, 1999-2000
Advisor, *The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, 2002-present

Courses Taught:

Harvard University

Lecture Courses

Hum 10: A Humanities Colloquium (interdisciplinary, team-taught lecture and seminar course for freshmen)

Early Modern Philosophy: Self and World

Continental Rationalists

British Empiricists

Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy

Undergraduate Tutorials (5-6 philosophy concentrators)

Locke's *Essay*

Color for Philosophers

Descartes' *Meditations*

Nagel's *The View from Nowhere*

Topics in Thomas Aquinas' Metaphysics

Neuroscience and the Philosophy of Mind (individual tutorial)

Undergraduate Proseminars

Freshman Seminar: Mind-Body Problems

MBB Proseminar: The Unconscious

MBB Proseminar: Theories of Perception

MBB Proseminar: Bodily Awareness

The Philosophy of Mary Shepherd (with J. McDonough)

Life and Death: A History

Beyond Dualism: Descartes and his Critics

Content and Consciousness (with R. Heck)

History of the Mind-Body Problem

The Metaphysics of Color (alone and with J. Pryor)

Graduate Seminars

Cartesian Man

Leibniz (with Jeff McDonough)

Psychiatry, Philosophy and Literature (GSAS Seminar) (with Louis Menand)

First Year Seminar: Epistemic Agency (with Ned Hall)

First Year Seminar: David Hume and David Lewis (with Ned Hall)

First Year Seminar: Causation Then and Now (with Ned Hall)

First Year Seminar: The Problem of Perception

Early Modern Theories of Causation

Topics in Rationalism: Descartes' Dualism

Early Modern Theory of Ideas

Aristotle, Aquinas and Descartes on the Soul

Hume's *Treatise on Human Nature* (with M. Barry)

Early Modern Theories of Mind

Graduate Tutorials

Hume's *Treatise* (2005-2006)

University of Pennsylvania

History of Early Modern Philosophy

History of Ancient Philosophy

Languages:

French (good reading ability)

Latin (good reading ability)

German (fair reading ability)