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Employment

Loyola University, New Orleans

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2019-present

Université Paris VIII Vincennes-Saint Denis

Lecturer of Philosophy (“ATER” then “Vacataire”), 2016-2018

Université Paris VIII Vincennes-Saint Denis

Research and Teaching Fellow of Philosophy (“Contrat Doctoral”), 2013-2016

Education

Université Paris VIII Vincennes-Saint Denis

Ph.D., Philosophy, (2019) with distinction (“Félicitations Unanimes du Jury”)

Dissertation title: *Spinoza’s Substance Monism Contextualized*

Committee: Valérie Debuiche, Kim Sang Ong-Van-Cung (chair), Charles Ramond (advisor), Justin E. H. Smith

Université Paris VIII Vincennes-Saint Denis

M.A., Philosophy (2012), w/ distinction (“Mention Très Bien, Félicitations du Jury”)

Master’s thesis title: *De la nature des choses singulières chez Spinoza*

Committee: Pierre Cassou-Noguès, Charles Ramond (advisor)

Cornell University

B.A., Comparative Literature and History (2009), with distinction (“Dean’s List”)

Minor in Romance Studies (French)

Semester abroad at the Université Cheik Anta Diop de Dakar, Sénégal (2008)

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Research Areas

Area of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, Nineteenth and Twentieth Century French and German Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophical Anthropology

Teaching Interests

Ancient Philosophy, Ethics, Jewish Philosophy

Forthcoming Projects

1. *Edinburgh Critical History of Early Modern and Enlightenment Philosophy*. Volume Co-editor, w/ Stephen Howard. Series editors Howard Caygill and David Webb: <https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/series-the-edinburgh-critical-history-of-philosophy.html>
2. "Spinoza and Popular Philosophy". *Blackwell Companion to Spinoza*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed. Draft available on personal website, Philpapers, or by email.
3. "Substance Monism and British Idealism: Spinoza's Anglophone Present Prefigured in the Past". *Spinoza Today*, ed. Agon Hamza and Frank Ruda, special issue of *Crisis and Critique*. Draft available by email.
4. "Cavendish's Utopianism and Philosophy in the Domestic Realm". *Revista Seiscentos*, inaugural issue, ed. Ulysses Pinheiro, Carmel Ramos, Monique Guedes.

Edited Volumes

1. *Spinoza in Twenty-First-Century American and French Philosophy: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Moral and Political Philosophy*, ed. Jack Stetter and Charles Ramond (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019).
TOC & Endorsements: <https://www.bloomsburycollections.com/book/spinoza-in-twenty-first-century-american-and-french-philosophy-metaphysics-philosophy-of-mind-moral-and-political-philosophy/>
Brief video presentation: <https://hpb3.hypotheses.org/977>



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Papers in Journals

1. "Spinoza and Judaism in the French Context: The Case of Milner's *Le sage trompeur*". *Modern Judaism*, 20 (2), 2020: 227-255. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1093/mj/kjaa004>
2. "François Lamy's Cartesian Refutation of Spinoza's *Ethics*". *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, 1 (1), 2019. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.32881/jomp.44>

Chapters in Edited Volumes & Papers in Special Issues

1. "Spinoza". *Springer Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, ed. Dana Jalobeanu and Charles T. Wolfe (Cham: Springer, 2020). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_576-1
2. "A Puzzle in Spinoza's Views on the Mind-Body Problem". *Spinoza in 21st-Century American and French Philosophy* (see ed. vol. below). Also in French translation in *Spinoza transatlantique: Les interprétations américaines de Spinoza aujourd'hui*, ed. Chantal Jaquet, Pierre-François Moreau, and Pascal Sévérac (Paris: Presses Universitaires Paris Sorbonne, 2020).
3. "La modulation spinoziste: Pour se purifier de la pureté". *Modulation-Deleuze*, ed. Timea Gimsea (Szeged: JATE Press, 2017), 49-58.
4. "L'État comme âme, le citoyen comme soumis et comme résistant". *Spinoza politique: Penser la puissance de la multitude*, ed. Hugues Poltier, special issue of the *Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie*, no. 147 (Lausanne: 2015): 185-205.

Conference Talks

1. "Spinoza's Reign of Ignorance Thesis"
Spinoza and Early Modern Philosophy. A Virtual Workshop from Johns Hopkins, org. Yitzhak Y. Melamed, May 2021.
2. Comments on Leonardo Moauro's "The Value of the Affects in Spinoza"
UPenn Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, org. Tyler Re, Zach Agoff, John Roman, Karen Detlefsen, August 2020.
3. "Democracy and Ignorance in Spinoza's *Tractatus Politicus*"
TEMPO 2020 in Washington D.C., org. Richard Fry, April 2020. (Postponed due to COVID-19.)



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4. "Spinoza on Stupidity"
North American Spinoza Society at the APA Central in Chicago, org. Christopher Martin, February 2020.
5. "Spinoza on Stupidity"
Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Queensland, org. Deborah Brown, November 2019.
6. "Spinoza on Stupidity"
Philosophy Department Research Group, Loyola University, New Orleans, org. Drew Chastain, November 2019.
7. "Spinoza on Stupidity: Persistent Ignorance and the Power of False Ideas"
2nd Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Hamburg, org. Stephan Schmid, June 2019.
8. "Spinoza on Stupidity: Persistent Ignorance and the Power of False Ideas"
6th Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Helsinki, org. Vili Lähteenmäki, June 2019.
9. "Degrees of Freedom, Self-Determination, and Pessimism in Spinoza" (Comments on Daniel Schneider's "Spinoza, Borges and Frankfurt cases: A Necessitarian theory of Agency")
Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, University College Dublin, org. Ruth Boeker, September 2018.
10. "Spinoza and Judaism in the French Context"
Sixth Annual Franco-American Workshop on Modern Philosophy, University of Michigan, org. Tad Schmaltz, June 2018.
11. "Spinoza's Account of Body-Body Causation in *DPP*"
Descartes Society at the APA Central in Chicago, org. Stephen Wagner, February 2018.
12. Comments on Daniel Ferguson's "Spinoza on the Priority of Part to Whole"
APA Central Division Meeting in Chicago, chair Anat Schechtman, February 2018.
13. "Revisiting the Della Rocca-Garber Spinoza Debate"
La philosophie ventriloque, the CNRS Centre Gilles Gaston Granger at the Université Aix-Marseille, org. Valérie Debuiche, February 2018.
14. "Spinoza and the Transformation of Bodies"
Transforming Bodies Conference, Cornell University, chair Paul Yachnin, org. Kathleen Long w/ the Early Modern Conversions Project, April 2017.



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15. "In What Sense is Spinoza's Free Man Religious?"
North American Spinoza Society at the APA Central in Kansas City, org. Ericka Tucker, March 2017.
16. Comments on Alison Peterman's "Spinoza on Embodiment"
The 2016 Paris Spinoza Conference Spinoza France États-Unis, Université Paris 1 and Université Paris 8, chair Edwin Curley, June 2016.
17. "Strauss on Spinoza's Ambiguity: Persecution of Truth, Truth of Persecution"
Spinoza politico tra antico e moderno, Università degli Studi di Milano, org. Raffaella Colombo and Gianfranco Mormino, January 2016.
18. "La modulation spinoziste: Pour se purifier de la pureté"
Modulation-Deleuze, University of Szeged, org. Timea Gimsea, December 2015.
19. "Gaddis et la volonté de puissance"
Littérature-Philosophie 2015, Université Paris 8, org. Yves Abrioux, March 2015.
20. "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, org. Christian Doumet, March 2014.

Conference Organization

1. Organizer of *North American Spinoza Society* sessions ("Spinoza's Reception" and "The *Tractatus Politicus*") at the 2021 APA Central in New Orleans. (Postponed due to COVID-19.)
2. Organizer of *Rousseau and Contemporary Anthropology*, talk by John Protevi, Loyola University New Orleans, March 2020. Postponed due to COVID-19.
3. Program Director of *Spinoza à Paris 8 – Séminaire International et Interdisciplinaire de Recherches Spinozistes*. Monthly Spinoza talks and workshop, org. w/ Charles Ramond, held at Paris 8, 2014–2019. Seminar videos available online at: www.spinozaparis8.com/
4. Organizer of the 2016 Paris Spinoza Conference *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.
5. Organizer of *Crédit, Foi, Confiance*, Université Paris 8, June 2015.



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Teaching Experience

1. 'History of 19th-Century Philosophy'. 400-level Phil. Majors and minors course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section. Loyola University, New Orleans, Spring term 2021, "Hyflex" course structure.
2. 'Philosophy of the Human Person'. 100-level Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 3 sections. Loyola University, New Orleans, Spring term 2021, "Hyflex" course structure.
3. 'History of Modern European Philosophy'. 400-level Phil. Majors and minors course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section. Loyola University, New Orleans, Fall term 2020, "Hyflex" course structure.
4. 'Making Moral Decisions'. 200-level Undergraduate course, required for Business school students. Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 3 sections. Loyola University, New Orleans, Spring term 2019, "Hyflex" course structure.
5. 'The Holocaust'. 200-level Honors program Ethics requirement, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 2 sections. Loyola University, New Orleans, Spring term 2020. Online after week 8 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
6. 'Philosophy of the Human Person'. 100-level Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 2 sections. Loyola University, New Orleans, Spring term 2020. Online after week 8 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
7. 'History of Modern European Philosophy'. 400-level Phil. Majors and minors course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section. Loyola University, New Orleans, Fall term 2019.
8. 'Philosophy of the Human Person. 100-level Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 3 sections. Loyola University, New Orleans, Fall term 2019.
9. 'Spinoza's *Ethics*'. Graduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 15 students. Université Paris 8, Spring term 2017.
10. 'Leibniz contra Locke'. Graduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 15 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2016.
11. 'Le *Traité Théologico-Polique* de Spinoza : contenu et contexte'. Upper-level Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 25 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2015.



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12. 'Introduction à la philosophie politique'. Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 40 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2014.
13. 'Introduction à la philosophie moderne'. Undergraduate course, Instructor of record, Syllabus my own. 1 section, 40 students. Université Paris 8, Fall term 2013.
14. Tutor for Cornell University's *Prison Activism Coalition*, 2006-2007.

Fellowships, Grants, Honors

1. James C. Carter A&S Dean's Office Fellowship, Loyola University New Orleans, funding to attend ASEMP 2019 at Queensland University, Brisbane.
2. Summa cum laude ("Félicitations Unanimes du Jury") for PhD Dissertation.
3. University of Hamburg (Phil. Dpt.), funding to attend the *2nd Berlin-Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*, June 2019.
4. As Assistant Program Director, awarded a multiannual Research Grant by the University Research Board to fund the Séminaire *Spinoza à Paris 8*, 2014–2019, Université Paris 8.
5. University College Dublin (Phil. Dpt.) funding to attend the *Agency in Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*, September 2018.
6. University of Michigan Ann-Arbor (Phil. Dpt.) funding to attend the *Sixth Annual Franco-American Workshop in Modern Philosophy*, June 2018.
7. Johns Hopkins University (Phil. Dpt.) funding to attend a Masterclass on the philosophy of Hasdai Crescas, Spring term 2018.
8. Université Paris 8 (ED 31) travel grant to attend the APA Central 2018 in Chicago.
9. Université Aix-Marseille (Centre Gilles Gaston Granger) funding to attend the *Philosophie ventriloque* conference, February 2018.
10. Université Paris 8 (ED 31) travel grant to attend the APA Central 2017 in Kansas City.
11. Research and Teaching Fellowship ("Contrat Doctoral," 3 yrs. of teaching responsibilities w/ research funding), 2013-2016, Université Paris 8.
12. Summa cum laude ("Mention Très Bien, avec les Félicitations du Jury") for MA Thesis.

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13. Mention on Cornell University's "Dean's List" awarded for academic excellence upon graduation.

Service to the Profession

1. Faculty advisor to Loyola University *Philosophy club*.
2. External referee for: *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, *Epoché*, *Ergo*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*.
3. Chair for Invited Symposium "Biopolitics and Covid-19" at the 2021 APA Central in New Orleans.
4. Contributor ("La liberté spinoziste en temps de pandémie") to *France Culture* series "Coronavirus : une conversation mondiale", dir. Emmanuel Laurentin, April 2020: <https://www.franceculture.fr/philosophie/jack-stetter-nous-navons-pas-vraiment-perdu-notre-liberte-au-contraire-nous-la-soutenons>
5. Faculty advisor to Loyola University *Brain Exercise Initiative* student organization.
6. Faculty guest speaker to Loyola University *Phi Sigma Tau* Philosophy Honors Club, April 2020. (Postponed due to COVID-19.)
7. Faculty coach to Loyola University's *Ethics Bowl* team.
8. Elected graduate student representative to the Paris 8 Humanities Laboratory LLCP EA 4008, 2013-2017 and to the Doctoral School ED 31, 2013-2016.

Sample Graduate Coursework

1. Seminar "*Philosophie des sciences du vivant*". Led by Justin E. H. Smith. Université Paris Diderot – Paris VII, Spring 2019.
2. Masterclass on the philosophy of Hasdai Crescas. Led by Warren Zev Harvey, org. Yitzhak Y. Melamed. Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2018.
3. Seminar on Kant's critical philosophy. Led by Charles Ramond, Université Paris 8, Fall 2013-Fall 2015.
4. Seminar on Spinoza. Led by Bernard Pautrat. ENS rue d'Ulm, Fall 2009-Spring 2015.



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Book Reviews

1. *Spinoza on Reason*, Michael LeBuffe (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XL, Archives de Philosophie* 2018/4 (81): 857-889.
2. *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, ed. Michael Della Rocca (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XL, Archives de Philosophie* 2018/4 (81): 857-889.
3. *Spinoza: Basic Concepts*, ed. André Santos Campos (Exeter: Imprint Academic, 2015), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVIII, Archives de Philosophie*, 2016/4 (79): 823-824.
4. *The Young Spinoza: A Metaphysician in the Making*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVIII, Archives de Philosophie*, 2016/4 (79): 824-825.
5. *The Bloomsbury Companion to Spinoza*, ed. Krops, Steenbakkens, Van Bunge, and Ven (London: Bloomsbury, 2014), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVII, Archives de Philosophie*, 2015/4 (78): 750-751.
6. *Spinoza*, Giuseppe Rensi (Paris: Allia, 2014), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI, Archives de Philosophie*, 2015/4 (78): 766-767.
7. *Maimonides and Spinoza*, Joshua Parens (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI, Archives de Philosophie*, 2014/15 (77): 743-744.
8. *Spinoza's Spiritual Automaton*, Eugene Marshall. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXVI, Archives de Philosophie*, 2014/15 (77): 732-733.
9. *Le problème Spinoza*, Irvin Yalom (Paris: Galaade, 2012), in *Bulletin de Bibliographie Spinoziste XXXV, Archives de Philosophie*, 2013/14 (76): 748.

Published Translations

1. Seven Chapters in *Spinoza in Twenty-First-Century American and French Philosophy*.

Languages

English (native), French (fluent), German (intermediate), Latin (research), Spanish (research), Italian (research), Ancient Greek (beginner), Wolof (beginner)



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Active Professional Memberships

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

References

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