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APPOINTMENTS

2026-present Professor, Department of Philosophy, University at Albany, SUNY
2025-present Chair, Department of Philosophy, University at Albany, SUNY
2020-2026 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University at Albany, SUNY
2014-2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University at Albany, SUNY

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh, History and Philosophy of Science, 2014
M.A. Western Michigan University, Philosophy, 2008
M.Div. Ashland Theological Seminary, High Honors, 2006
B.A. Lee University, *summa cum laude*, 2003

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION History of Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE Philosophy of Science, Bioethics, Ancient Philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS [selected since 2013]

ACLS Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (2020-2021)
Provost's Open Educational Resources Fellowship, University at Albany (2018)
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (2013-2014)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- 2025 *Hobbes's Two Sciences: Politics, Geometry, and the Structure of Philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Reviews by J.H. Spence, [Choice Reviews](#) 63.3 (2025); Kye Barker, [Review of Metaphysics](#) (2025): 417-418; Andrew Byrne, [History of European Ideas](#) (2026).

Edited Books

- In Contract Margaret Cavendish, *Philosophical and Physical Opinions*. Hackett Publishing. An edition of the 1663 text, introductory and contextualizing material, glossary, and text-critical footnotes.
- 2021 *A Companion to Hobbes*. *Blackwell Companions to Philosophy* series. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Review by Claudia Dumitru, [Hobbes Studies](#) (2024): 1-7.
- 2017 *Eppur si muove: Doing History and Philosophy of Science with Peter Machamer*, co-edited with Zvi Biener, Uljana Feest, and Jacqueline Sullivan. The Western Ontario Series in Philosophy of Science, vol. 81, Springer Publishing.
- Review by Lindley Darden, [Metascience](#) 27.1 (2018): 55-58.
- 2009 *Whiskey and Philosophy*, co-edited with Fritz Allhoff. Hoboken: Wiley. Audiobook release, Dreamscape Media, 2020 [now [on Audible.com](#)].
- Gourmand World Cookbook* Award nominee (2009). Review by Thom Olink in *Whiskey etc. magazine* 7.4 (Winter 2009), p. 37 (in Dutch). Review by Davin de Kergommeaux in *Malt Maniacs* 115 (2009), E-pistle 2009-34. Review by Hans Offringa and Becky Offringa in *Charleston Mercury*, January 19, 2010, p. 19. Review by Lew Bryson in *Malt Advocate*, Spring 2010, p. 28. Interview by Chris D'Amico in *Mutineer* 11 (May/June 2010), p. 28.

Articles and Chapters (* = anonymously peer reviewed; † = peer reviewed; ‡ = invited)

- Forthcoming “Cavendish’s Materialist Sense Perception,” *The Oxford Handbook of Margaret Cavendish*, Julie Crawford and Jacqueline Broad, eds. (Oxford University Press).† ‡

- Forthcoming “Hobbes’s *Dialogus physicus* and his Method of Demonstration,” *Hobbes in Dialogue: Historical and Philosophic Insights into Political Thought*, Peter Schröder and Samuel Zeitlin, eds. (Bloomsbury).† ‡
- 2026 “Hobbes’s Principles of Motion in *Leviathan*: Imagination and Curiosity,” *Critical Guide to Leviathan*, S.A. Lloyd, ed. (Cambridge University Press), 69-89.† ‡
- 2025 “Margaret Cavendish as Critic and Reviser of Hobbes on Matter and Motion,” *Hobbes Studies* 38.1 (peer-reviewed special issue on Hobbes and the Cavendish Circle edited by Oberto Marrama and Pietro Daniel Omodeo): 89-102.*
- 2022 “Natural Philosophy, Abstraction, and Mathematics among Materialists: Thomas Hobbes and Margaret Cavendish on Light,” *Philosophies* 7.2 (peer-reviewed special issue on Hobbes’s Philosophy of Science edited by Douglas Jesseph): 1-15.*
- 2021 “Motion as an Accident of Matter: Margaret Cavendish and Thomas Hobbes on Motion and Rest,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 59.4: 495-522.*
- 2021 “Margaret Cavendish and Molyneux’s Question: Patterning, Perception, and Touch,” in *Molyneux’s Question and the History of Philosophy*, Brian Glenney and Gabriele Ferretti, eds. (New York: Routledge), 94-108.† ‡
- 2021 “Explanations in Hobbes’s Optics and Natural Philosophy,” in *A Companion to Hobbes*, Marcus P. Adams, ed. (Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell), 75-90.
- 2021 “Introduction: The Presentation and Structure of Thomas Hobbes’s Philosophy,” in *A Companion to Hobbes*, Marcus P. Adams, ed. (Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell), 1-22.
- 2019 “Hobbes’s Laws of Nature in *Leviathan* as a Synthetic Demonstration: Thought Experiments and Knowing the Causes,” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 19.5: 1-23.*
- 2018 “Hobbes and Informed Consent in Medicine,” in *Hobbesian Applied Ethics and Public Policy*, Shane Courtland, ed. (New York: Routledge), 106-121.†
- 2017 “Natural Philosophy, Deduction, and Geometry in the Hobbes-Boyle Debate,” *Hobbes Studies* 30.1: 83-107.†
- 2017 “The Ethics of Organ Tourism: Role Morality and Organ Transplantation,” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 42.6: 670-689.*
- 2016 “Visual Perception as Patterning: Cavendish against Hobbes on Sensation,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 33.3: 193-214.*

- 2016 “Hobbes on Natural Philosophy as ‘True Physics’ and Mixed Mathematics,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 56: 43-51.*
- 2015 “Demarcating Aristotelian Rhetoric: Rhetoric, the Subalternate Sciences, and Boundary Crossing,” *Apeiron* 48.1: 99-122.*
- 2014 “The Wax and the Mechanical Mind: Reexamining Hobbes’s Objections to Descartes’s *Meditations*,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 22.3: 403-424.*
- 2014 “Descartes on Intuition and Ideas,” coauthored with Peter Machamer, in *Rational Intuition: Philosophical Roots, Scientific Investigations*, Lisa Osbeck and Barbara Held, eds. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 75-89.† ‡
- 2014 “Hobbes, Definitions, and Simplest Conceptions,” *Hobbes Studies* 27.1: 35-60.†
- 2013 “Explaining the Theory of Mind Deficit in Autism Spectrum Disorder,” *Philosophical Studies* 163.1: 233-249.*
- 2013 “Ethical Reflection on Battlefield Triage Priorities,” *Military Medical Ethics for the 21st Century*, Michael Gross & Don Carrick, eds. (London: Ashgate), 35-38.†
- 2011 “Modularity, Theory of Mind, and Autism Spectrum Disorder,” *Philosophy of Science* 78.5: 763-773.*
- 2009 “Empirical Evidence and the Knowledge-that/Knowledge-how Distinction,” *Synthese* 170: 97-114.*
- 2008 “The Alexandrinus Text of 4 Maccabees,” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 17.3: 209-233.*
- 2008 “Triage Priorities and Military Physicians,” in *Physicians at War: The Dual-Loyalties Challenge*, Fritz Allhoff, ed. (Dordrecht: Springer), 215-236. Reprinted in the *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Medicine* 8.1 (2008): 26-35.†
- 2006 “Seven Papyrus Fragments of a Greek Manuscript of *Exodus*,” coauthored with David A. deSilva, *Vetus Testamentum* 56.2: 143-70.*

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2023 “Hobbes’ Philosophy of Science,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hobbes-science/> (Substantive revision to 2019 version with new section).

- 2022 “Thought Experiments, Scientific and Philosophical,” *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Theory in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, James Mattingly, ed. (Sage).
- 2020 “Hobbes on Mixed Mathematics,” *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Dana Jalobeanu and Charles Wolfe, eds. (Springer).
- 2019 “Hobbes’ Philosophy of Science,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hobbes-science/>

Book Reviews

- 2024 Lisa Walters and Brandie R. Siegfried, eds. *Margaret Cavendish: An Interdisciplinary Perspective* (Cambridge University Press), *Impact: The Journal of the Center of Interdisciplinary Teaching & Learning* 13.1 (Winter).
- 2020 Alberto Vanzo and Peter Anstey, eds., *Experiment, Speculation, and Religion in Early Modern Philosophy* (Routledge), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58.4: 817-818.
- 2020 S.A. Lloyd, ed., *Interpreting Hobbes’s Political Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press), *Hobbes Studies* 33.1: 93-97.
- 2016 A.P. Martinich and Kinch Hoekstra, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Hobbes* (Oxford), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 11/19/16 (3,876 words).
- 2011 Chapters 34-35 on Thomas Hobbes’s Morality in Terence Irwin, *The Development of Ethics* (Oxford), *The Philosophical Forum* XLII: 294-295.
- 2011 William Poole, *John Aubrey and the Advancement of Learning* (Oxford), *HOPOS: Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 1.2: 375-377.

Commentaries

- 2014 “Dual Agency and Role Morality” (Open Peer Commentary), *American Journal of Bioethics* 14.9: 44-45.
- 2007 “Conflict and Conscience” (Open Peer Commentary), *American Journal of Bioethics* 7.12: 28-29.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY [selected since 2014]

Papers Presented (* = invited; all others accepted by peer review)

- 2026 “Hobbes’s criticisms of Boyle in the *Dialogus physicus* (1661) and Hobbes's Method of Demonstration,” HOPOS International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Columbus, Ohio, June 23.
- 2024 “Two Principles of Hobbes’s Epistemology,” Upstate New York Workshop in Modern Philosophy, Union College, Schenectady, NY, September 22.*
- 2024 “Hobbes’s Principles of Motion in *Leviathan*: Imagination and Curiosity,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern, International Hobbes Association, New York, NY, January 17.
- 2022 “Natural Philosophy and Abstraction among Materialists: Thomas Hobbes and Margaret Cavendish on Light,” HOPOS International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Irvine, CA. Hybrid conference due to COVID; presented virtually.
- 2021 “Hobbes’s Mechanico-Perspectivalist Epistemology,” International Hobbes Association, virtual conference (due to COVID-19), January 8.
- 2020 “Margaret Cavendish on Experiment and Unaided Experience in Natural Philosophy,” HOPOS International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Singapore, June 22-26. Accepted; canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “Margaret Cavendish on Experiment and Unaided Experience in Natural Philosophy,” TEMPO Early Modern Conference, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC, April. Accepted; re-scheduled due to COVID-19 and held online June 19-20.
- 2019 “Hobbes’s Conceptualism,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern, International Hobbes Association, New York, NY, January 8.
- 2018 “Hobbes’s Changing Mind,” Eighth Margaret Dauber Wilson Philosophy Conference, SUNY Buffalo, June 15.*
- 2017 “Materialist Accidents: Margaret Cavendish and Thomas Hobbes,” Women in Early Modern Philosophy conference, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, October 20.
- 2017 “Natural Philosophy, Geometry, and Deduction in the Hobbes-Boyle Debate,” Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science, Toronto, May 29.

- 2016 “Visual Perception as Patterning: Cavendish against Hobbes on Sensation,” HOPOS International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Minneapolis, MN, June 23.
- 2016 “Hobbes on the Laws of Nature,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern, International Hobbes Association, Washington, DC, January 6.
- 2015 “Hobbes on the Laws of Nature,” *Scientiae* conference, Victoria College, University of Toronto, May 28.
- 2015 “Hobbes on Natural Philosophy as ‘True Physics’ and Mixed Mathematics,” UAlbany/Moscow State University Annual Conference, May 21.*
- 2014 “Materialist Mixed Mathematics: Hobbesian Optics, Natural Philosophy, and Politics,” HOPOS International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Ghent, Belgium, July 5.
- 2014 “Hobbes on the Laws of Nature,” South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M, College Station, TX, May 30.*
- 2014 “The Wax and the Mechanical Mind: Reexamining Hobbes’s Objections to Descartes’s *Meditations*,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific, Descartes Society, San Diego, April 17.
- 2014 “The Wax and the Mechanical Mind: Reexamining Hobbes’s Objections to Descartes’s *Meditations*,” Southeast Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, USF, Tampa, FL, March 1.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE [Selected since 2014]

University at Albany, SUNY

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Philosophy of Law

Introduction to Philosophical Problems

Freshman Seminar on Philosophy of Happiness [First Year Experience Class]

Scientific Revolutions [Honors College Class]

Critical Thinking

17th-18th Century Philosophy

Introduction to Logic

Ancient Greek Philosophy

Graduate Courses Taught

Politics & Metaphysics in Margaret Cavendish, Robert Boyle, Thomas Hobbes and Henry More

Thomas Hobbes

Continental Rationalists: Descartes and Leibniz

British Empiricism

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE [selected]

Professional Service Appointments

2026-present Vice President, International Hobbes Society

Society website: <https://www.europeanhobbessociety.org/about-us>

2017-2023 Executive Secretary, International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS).

Society website: <http://www.hopos.org/>

2016-2018 Associate Editor, *Hobbes Studies*.

2013-2015 Assistant Editor, *Hobbes Studies*.

Journal website: <https://brill.com/view/journals/hobs/hobs-overview.xml>

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Latin, Ancient Greek, French (reading)