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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Philosophy, College of Charleston (2013–present)
Harry Lightsey Associate Professor in Humanities (2010–2013) and Harry Lightsey Professor
in Humanities (2013–2016), Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston
Associate Professor of Philosophy, College of Charleston (2005–2010)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, College of Charleston (1999–2005)
Faculty Affiliate of Women’s and Gender Studies, College of Charleston (2007–present)

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh
Ph.D. in Philosophy (May, 1999)
Thesis: *The Treasure-House of the Mind: Descartes’ Theory of Innate Ideas*
Advisor: Stephen Engstrom
M.A. in Philosophy (1993)
Wellesley College (1985–1989)
B.A. *summa cum laude*, with honors in Philosophy (1989)
Oxford University, Somerville College (1987–88, Junior Year Abroad)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Mary Shepherd: A Guide. Forthcoming at Oxford University Press.
Margaret Cavendish: Philosophical Letters, Abridged. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, 2021.
Lady Mary Shepherd: Selected Writings. Library of Scottish Philosophy Series. Exeter: Imprint
Academic, 2018.
The Well-Ordered Universe: The Philosophy of Margaret Cavendish. New York: Oxford University
Press, 2018.
Descartes on Innate Ideas. London: Continuum Publishing, 2009.

Journal Articles:

“Elizabeth Hamilton on Sympathy and the Selfish Principle.” *The Journal of Scottish Philosophy*
19 (2021): 219–41.
“Elizabeth Hamilton’s *Memoirs of Modern Philosophy* as a Philosophical Text.” *British Journal for
the History of Philosophy* 29, no. 6 (December 2021): 1072–98.
“Mary Shepherd on the Meaning of ‘Life.’” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (special
issue on Women Philosophers of the Nineteenth Century) 21, no. 2 (March 2021):
208–225.

- “A Mistaken Attribution to Lady Mary Shepherd.” *Journal of Modern Philosophy* 2, no. 1 (June 2020), <http://doi.org/10.32881/jomp.100>
- “Mary Shepherd on Mind, Soul, and Self.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58, no. 1 (January 2020): 93–112.
- “Margaret Cavendish.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/> (September 2018).
- “Expanding the Canon of Scottish Philosophy: The Case for Adding Mary Shepherd.” *The Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 15 no. 3 (2017): 275–93.
- “Margaret Cavendish on Perception, Self-Knowledge, and Probable Opinion.” *Philosophy Compass* 10, no. 7 (July 2015): 438–50.
- “The Ways of the Wise: Hume’s Rules of Causal Reasoning.” *Hume Studies* 38, no. 2 (November 2012): 157–82.
- “Margaret Cavendish on Gender, Nature, and Freedom.” *Hypatia* 28, no. 3 (Summer 2013): 516–32.
- “Fame, Virtue, and Government: Margaret Cavendish on Ethics and Politics.” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 67, no. 2 (April 2006): 251–89.
- “Margaret Cavendish’s Nonfeminist Natural Philosophy.” *Configurations* 12 (2004): 195–227.
- “Hume on Animal Reason.” *Hume Studies* 29, no. 1 (April 2003): 3–28.
- “Descartes on Innate Ideas.” *The Modern Schoolman* 78 (November 2000): 35–51.
- “Descartes’s Tests for (Animal) Mind” (with Gerald J. Massey). *Philosophical Topics* 27, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 87–146.
- “Descartes’ Natural Light Reconsidered.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 37, no. 4 (October 1999): 601–12.
- “William James’s Ethical Symphony.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 34, no. 4 (Fall 1998): 977–1003.

Book Chapters:

- “Mary Shepherd: Metaphysics and Mathematics.” Forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of American and British Women Philosophers in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. Alison Stone and Lydia Moland.
- “Early Modern Women and the Metaphysics of Free Will.” Forthcoming in *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, ed. Karen Detlefsen and Lisa Shapiro.
- “Feminism and Early Modern Philosophy.” *The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Philosophy*, ed. Ásta Sveinsdóttir and Kim Q. Hall, 38–49. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.
- “Informed by ‘Sense and Reason’: Margaret Cavendish’s Theorizing about Perception.” *The Senses and the History of Philosophy*, ed. Brian R. Glenney and Filipe Pereira da Silva, 231–48. New York: Routledge, 2019.
- “Hume and Animal Ethics.” *The Humean Mind*, ed. Angela Coventry and Alex Sager, 470–80. London: Routledge, 2019.
- “Margaret Cavendish on the Eternity of Created Matter.” *Early Modern Women on Metaphysics*, ed. Emily Thomas, 111–30. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
- “Freedom and Necessity in the Work of Margaret Cavendish.” *Women and Liberty 1600–1800*, ed. Jacqueline Broad and Karen Detlefsen, 141–62. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

“Mary Astell and Cartesian ‘Scientia.’” *The New Science and Women’s Literary Discourse: Prefiguring Frankenstein*, ed. Judy Hayden, 99–112. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

“Spontaneous and Sexual Generation in Conway’s Principles.” *The Problem of Animal Generation in Modern Philosophy*, ed. Justin E. H. Smith, 175–93. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Book Reviews:

Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Scottish Philosophy*, 2nd edition, by Alexander Broadie and Craig Smith. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 29, no. 1 (January 2021): 188–91.

Review of *The Essential Leviathan: A Modernized Edition*, ed. Nancy Stanlick and Daniel Collette. *Teaching Philosophy* 42, no. 3 (September 2019): 300–304.

Review of *The Rise and Fall of Scottish Common Sense Realism*, by Douglas McDermid. *Hume Studies* 43, no. 2 (November 2017 [but published in 2020]): 107–109.

Review of *Love’s Enlightenment: Rethinking Charity in Modernity*, by Ryan Patrick Hanley. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. September 2017. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/loves-enlightenment-rethinking-charity-in-modernity/>

Review of *The Philosophy of Mary Astell: An Early Modern Theory of Virtue*, by Jacqueline Broad. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. August 2016. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00048402.2016.1199576>

Review of *Hume*, by Don Garrett. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. June 2016. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/hume/>

Review of *Margaret Cavendish: Gender, Science and Politics*, by Lisa Walters. *Hypatia Reviews Online*. 2015. <http://hypatiareviews.org/content/margaret-cavendish-gender-science-and-politics>

Review of *Argument and Persuasion in Descartes’ Meditations*, by David Cunning. *Philosophy In Review* 31, no. 5 (October 2011): 321–23.

Review of *The Natural Philosophy of Margaret Cavendish: Reason and Fancy during the Scientific Revolution*, by Lisa T. Sarasohn. *Isis* 102, no. 2 (June 2011): 360–61.

Review of *Feminist Interpretations of Benedict Spinoza*, ed. Moira Gatens. *Philosophy in Review* 30, no. 5 (October 2010): 341–44.

Review of *Feminist Interpretations of John Locke*, ed. Nancy J. Hirschmann and Kirstie M. McClure. *Philosophy in Review* 29, no. 6 (December 2009): 34–37.

Review of *Mary Astell: Theorist of Freedom from Domination*, by Patricia Springborg. *Philosophical Books* 48, no. 4 (October 2007): 359–60.

Review of *Descartes’s Method of Doubt*, by Janet Broughton. *Philosophy In Review* 23, no. 1 (February 2003): 3–5.

Review of *Reading’s Hume’s Dialogues: A Veneration for True Religion*, by William Lad Sessions. *Philosophy In Review* 23, no. 3 (June 2003): 230–32.

Web Resources and Magazines:

“Snapshot: Lady Mary Shepherd.” *The Philosopher’s Magazine*, no. 89 (2nd quarter 2020): 55–58.

- “Teaching Texts by Early Modern Women Philosophers to Undergraduates.” Project Vox “Revealing Voices” Blog Series. <http://projectvox.org/revealing-voices/revealing-voices-deborah-boyle/> (November 2018).
- “What Would Margaret Cavendish Say?” OUPblog. <https://blog.oup.com/2018/09/margaret-cavendish-21st-century-modern-day-debates-social-media/> (15 September 2018).
- “Lady Mary Shepherd.” Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy web site. <http://www.scottishphilosophy.org/philosophers/mary-shepherd/>
- “Snapshot: Margaret Cavendish.” *The Philosopher’s Magazine*, no. 60 (1st quarter 2013): 63–65.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Mary Shepherd on the ‘Only True Foundations’ of Knowledge.” The Nature of Knowledge Annual Lecture, University of Edinburgh; Zoom, November 17, 2021.
- “Shepherd on Personal Identity and the Afterlife.” Workshop on Locke, Hume and Shepherd on Personal Identity, University of Basel; Zoom, June 7, 2021.
- Commentator on Manuel Fasko’s “A Mind Like No Other? Mary Shepherd on the Difference between the Minds of Human Beings and Non-human Animals.” New Narratives Early Career Researcher Work-in-Progress Seminar sponsored by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Zoom, May 27, 2021.
- “Lady Mary Shepherd in Her Philosophical Context.” Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Work-in-Progress series, University of Edinburgh; Zoom, May 12, 2021.
- “Lady Mary Shepherd on Divine Causation.” Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Conference, Princeton, NJ; Zoom, August 5, 2020.
- “Mary Shepherd on Types of Reasoning.” Invited talk at Boston University, Boston, MA; November 9, 2019.
- “Mary Shepherd on Types of Reasoning.” Panel on Mary Shepherd and Hume. Hume Society meeting, Reno, Nevada; July 25, 2019.
- “Infants, Peasants, Brutes, and Wise Men: Mary Shepherd’s Account of Latent Reasoning.” International Conference on the Enlightenment, Edinburgh, Scotland; July 16, 2019.
- “Mary Shepherd on Latent Reasoning.” Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver; June 2, 2019.
- “Mary Shepherd on the Meaning of ‘Life.’” Invited talk at San Francisco State University; May 17, 2019.
- “Mary Shepherd on Philosophy of Mind.” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, NY; January 2019.
- “Mary Shepherd on Intuitive Beliefs.” Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ; March 9, 2018.
- “Margaret Cavendish and the Delusions of Sense.” Invited talk at Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC; December 5, 2017.
- “Mary Shepherd and the Mind-Brain Relationship.” Fifth Annual Lehigh University Philosophy Conference, Bethlehem, PA; October 19, 2017.
- “Mary Shepherd and the Abstract Self.” Early Modern-St. Louis Conference, St. Louis, MO; April 22, 2017.
- Commentator, Book Symposium on David Cunning’s *Cavendish*. Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, WA; April 12, 2017.

- “Margaret Cavendish on the Eternity of the World.” New Narratives in Philosophy Conference, Durham, NC; April 14, 2016.
- “Margaret Cavendish on the Eternity of the World.” Conference on Early Modern Women on Metaphysics, Religion, and Science, Groningen, Netherlands; March 22, 2016.
- “Margaret Cavendish on the Nature of Nature.” PhilosoFest, College of Charleston; October 10, 2015.
- “Hume on Natural Belief and Belief in God.” Hume Society Meeting, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, PA; December 28, 2014.
- “Cavendish on Freedom and Determinism.” Symposium on Women on Liberty, 1600-1800, Prato, Italy; June 30, 2014.
- Commentator, Symposium on the Philosophy of Mary Astell. Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA; April 16, 2014.
- “Cavendish on the Human Use of Animals.” Symposium on the Philosophy of Margaret Cavendish. Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD; December 30, 2013.
- “The Well-Ordered Body: Margaret Cavendish on Health and Disease.” Margaret Cavendish Society Conference, Sheffield, UK; June 30, 2007; read by Hilda Smith on my behalf)
- “Hume on Animal Reason.” South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Charleston, SC; February 9, 2002.
- “The Sixth Meditation and Material Falsity.” Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Winston-Salem, NC; November 18, 2001.
- “Descartes and the Social Context of Knowing.” South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Myrtle Beach, SC; March 2, 2001.
- “The Treasure-House of the Mind: Descartes on Innate Ideas.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, GA; April 21, 2000.
- Commentator on Geoffrey Gorham’s “Descartes on Continuous Creation and Simultaneous Causation.” Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, MA; December 29, 1999.
- “Descartes and the Social Context of Knowing.” Society for Analytical Feminism, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pittsburgh, PA; April 24, 1997.

GRANTS

- Dean’s Discretionary Fund Grant (\$1000) (Fall 2020)
- College of Charleston Research and Development Committee Faculty Research Grant (\$3548) (Fall 2020; declined due to Covid-19 travel restrictions)
- Dean’s Discretionary Fund Grant (\$750) (Fall 2017)
- College of Charleston Research and Development Committee Faculty Research Grant (\$3750) (Summer 2011)
- College of Charleston Nominee for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (2010)
- Dean’s Discretionary Fund Grant (\$500) (Summer 2010)
- Honors College Course Development Summer Stipend (\$750) (Summer 2007)
- College of Charleston Research and Development Committee Starter Grant (Summer 2000)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

American Philosophical Association Edinburgh Fellowship (2020–21)
Harry Lightsey Chair in Humanities (2010–16)
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, “Descartes and His Contemporaries” (Summer 2000)
Teaching Leadership Award, Pew Charitable Trusts (1997)
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh (1992–93 and 1997–98)
Teaching Assistantship and Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh (1993–97 and 1998–99)
Republic of China Ministry of Education 6-month scholarship to study Chinese (1991)
Mayling Soong Foundation Prize, for best paper on East/Southeast Asia, Wellesley College (1989)
Phi Beta Kappa (1989)
Mary F. C. Gross Scholarship, Wellesley College (1986–87)
First Year Distinction, Wellesley College (1985–86)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Series Editor, *Early Modern and Modern Women Philosophers*, Hackett Publishing (Fall 2020–)
Journal Editor, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (July 2020–)
Advisory Board Member, Project Vox (2020–)
Panelist, “Publishing in History of Philosophy.” American Philosophical Association Webinar; Zoom, May 25, 2021.
Chair, American Association for the Philosophic Study of Society group meeting session on bioethics, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Savannah, GA; January 4, 2018.
Chair, “Emilie Du Châtelet and the Metaphysics of Physics,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Savannah, GA; January 3, 2018.
External reviewer for Research Foundation – Flanders (2017)
Assessor for Australian Research Council (2013–18)
Grant proposal assessor for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2011)
External reviewer for tenure/promotion candidates (2013, 2016, 2019)
Referee for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2006, 2021); *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2015, 2017 [twice], 2020); *Criticism* (2019); *Faith and Philosophy* (2012); *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2012, 2015); *HOPOS* (2020); *Hume Studies* (2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2020, 2021); *Isis* (2012); *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (2019, 2021); *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* (2019); *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2017, 2018, 2019); *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2011, 2012, 2014, 2019); *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2018); *Modern Philology* (2013); *Society and Politics* (2015); *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* (2018); *Tulsa Studies in Women’s Literature* (2014); 46th International Hume Conference (2018).
Book manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press (2022 and 2021); Cambridge University Press (2016); Hackett Publishing (2016); Other Voice Series, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies (2013); Pearson Higher Education (2009)
Book proposal reviewer for Broadview Press (2016); University of Pittsburgh Press (2007); Wadsworth/Thomson (2006); W. W. Norton (2004)