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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2021 – current Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Tenure-Track) – Vanderbilt University

2020 – 2021 Visiting Scholar of Philosophy – Vanderbilt University

2018 – 2019 Visiting Graduate Scholar – Johns Hopkins University

2016 – 2018 Teaching Assistant – Birkbeck College, University of London

2016 – 2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant – King’s College London

**EDUCATION**

2019 – Ph.D. Birkbeck College, University of London

2015 – M.A. King’s College London

2014 – M.A. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano – *summa cum laude*

2012 – B.A. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano – *summa cum laude*

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

History of Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics.

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Renaissance Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Edited Volumes and Journal Issues**

2023 “Expression in Spinoza’s Philosophy”, *Journal of Early Modern Studies* (12:1).

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

2022 “Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Freedom and Its Essential Paradox”, in *Rivista di Filosofia Neo-Scolastica* (forthcoming).

2020 “Discrimination, Othering, and the Political Instrumentalizing of Pandemic Disease: Two Case Studies”, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History of Ideas* (9:18) [with M. Baradel].

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.13135/2280-8574/5248>

2016 “Leibniz on Relations: From (Soft) Reductionism to the Expression of the Universe”, in *Journal of Early Modern Studies* (5:1), pp. 143–167.

2014 “A Systemic Spinoza: A Gateway to a Systemic Interpretation of Spinoza’s Thought”, in *Rivista di Filosofia Neo-Scolastica* (106:3), pp. 525–535.[[1]](#footnote-2)

2013 “Spinoza, Jonas, and the Theory of Organicism”, in *Interpretationes: Studia Philosophica Europeanea* (3:2), pp. 63–70.

**Book Chapters**

Forthcoming “Transcendence and Immanence in Anne Conway”, in L. Bastos Andrade and R. Casales Garcia (eds.), *Dios y la filosofía. Una aproximación histórica al problema de la trascendencia, Vol. 2. De la Modernidad a la actualidad*.

Forthcoming “Reflection:Necessity in the Cosmology of Tommaso Campanella”, in Y. Melamed and S. Newlands (eds.), *Necessity: A Conceptual History*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2021 “Spinoza and Scholastic Philosophy”, in Y. Melamed (ed.), *A Companion to Spinoza*, London: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 47-55.

2021 “Whole-Part Relations in Early Modern Philosophy”, in C. Wolfe and D. Jalobeanu (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Dordrecht: Springer.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_609-1>

2011 “On Spinoza’s Anthropology”, in E.S. Storace (ed.), *Estetica del Desiderio*, Milan: Mimesis, pp. 29–66.[[2]](#footnote-3)

**Encyclopedia and Archive Entries**

Forthcoming “Anne Finch Conway (1631-1679)”, in *The Archive of Women Philosophers*, edited by the Society for Women in Philosophy (Italy).

**Book Reviews**

In press “Review of M. Della Rocca, *The Parmenidean Ascent*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2020”, in *Philosophy*.

In press “Review of P.R. Hardie, V. Prosperi, and D. Zucca (eds.): *Lucretius Poet and Philosopher*, Berlin: De Gruyter 2020”, in *Rivista di Filosofia Neo-Scolastica*.

2020 “Review of F. Benigni: *Itinerari dell’anti-spinozismo. Spinoza e le metafisiche cartesiane in Francia (1684-1718)*, Firenze: Le Lettere 2018”, in *Rivista di Filosofia Neo-Scolastica* (112:1), pp. 301–303.

2019 “Review of S. Newlands: *Reconceiving Spinoza*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2018”, in *Philosophy* (95:1), pp. 139–141.

**Translations and Scholarly Editions**

2020 *La metafisica di Spinoza: sostanza e pensiero*, by Y. Melamed. Edited and translated into Italian by E. Costa, Milan: Mimesis.[[3]](#footnote-4) ISBN: 9788857565835.

**Public Philosophy Engagement**

2021 “Inventing the New World: Can AIs Have Intellectual Property?”, *Daily Philosophy*, August 16th. <https://daily-philosophy.com/emanuele-costa-ai-intellectual-property/>

2020 “Spinoza: The Rebel or the Enemy?”, *The Square – Mediterranean Centre for Revolutionary Studies*; November 12th. <http://www.thesquarecentre.org/2020/11/12/spinoza-the-enemy-or-the-rebel/>

**Manuscripts in Preparation** (Titles altered to preserve blind review)

“Weak Individuals: A Spinozist Perspective”.

“Spinoza’s Use of Jewish Self-Description”.

“Deleuze Reading Spinoza”.

“Spinoza and the Distinction of Attributes”.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2021 “New Voices on Women in the History of Philosophy” invited fellowship – Center for the History of Women Philosophers, Paderborn University.

2021 “Panentheism and Religious Life” Fellowship – John Templeton Foundation.

2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Honorable Mention – King’s College London.

**GRANTS AND FUNDING**

2019 Conference Support Funding – British Society for the History of Philosophy.

2019 SSHP Postgraduate Support Funding – Birkbeck College, University of London.

2019 Conference Support Funding – Department of Philosophy, Birkbeck College, University of London.

2019 Translation Project Funding – Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University.

2019 Lecture Funding – The Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Program in Jewish Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

2018 SSHP Postgraduate Support Funding – Birkbeck College, University of London.

**SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Presentations**

2021 “The Best Possible Doctrine: Coleridge, Spinoza, and Leibniz”, paper presented at the *Societas Spinoziana*, Roma Tre University; December (?).

2021 “A Spinozian turned Leibnizian: Samuel Coleridge and Divine Utopias”, paper presented at the Washington Spinoza Society; November 15th.

2021 “Towards Linguistic Responsibility: The Harm of Speech Acts”, paper presented at the Universidade Federal do Paraná (Curitiba, Brazil); May 29th.

2021 “On Locke’s *Conduct of Understanding*”, presentation hosted by the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Rome, Italy); April 30th.

2021 “Spinoza’s True Prophecies: Justified Good Belief”, paper presented at the conference *Spinoza’s TTP: Politics, Power, and the Imagination*, hosted by The Open University (London, UK); March 30th.

2021 “Spinoza and Trope Theory”, paper presented at the Florida Philosophical Association, March 5th.

2021 “Spinoza and Trope Theory”, paper presented at Johns Hopkins University; February 21st.

2020 “Spinoza and the Hybrid Distinction of Attributes”, paper presented at the University of Catania; October 12th.

2020 “Mereology and Relationality in Spinoza’s *Letter 32*”, paper presented at Vanderbilt University; January 16th.

2020 “Maria Gaetana Agnesi on Women’s Equality”, paper presented at the Society for the Study of Women Philosophers (Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association), Philadelphia; January 9th.

2020 “Mereology and Relationality in Spinoza’s *Letter 32*”, paper presented at Johns Hopkins University; January 3rd.

2019 “Weak Individuals: A Spinozist Perspective”, presentation for the London Spinoza Circle, University of London; November 21st.

2019 “Mereology and Relationality in Spinoza’s *Letter 32*”, paper presented at the Washington Spinoza Society; October 7th.

2019 “Weak Individuals: A Spinozist Perspective”, paper presented at the Collegium Spinozanum III, University of Groningen; July 2nd.

2019 “A brief history of the distinction of reasoned reason from Aquinas to Spinoza”, paper presented at the École Normale Supérieure, Paris; June 22nd.

2019 “Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Freedom and Its Essential Paradox”, paper presented at the Hammond Society Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University; March 15th.

2019 “Hebrews, Jews, and Israelites: A textual study of Spinoza’s use of ethnonyms”, paper presented at the Stulman Program in Jewish Studies, Johns Hopkins University; February 8th.

2016 “Individuation and Relations in Spinoza”, paper presented at the Corrente Foundation, Milan; March 17th.

2016 “Spinoza: Attributes and Field Metaphysics”, guest lecture at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan; March 15th.

**Departmental Presentations**

2021 “Transcendence and Immanence in Anne Conway”, paper presented at the Philosophy Colloquium Series, Vanderbilt University; October 1st.

2017 “Spinoza’s *Letter 32*: Alternative Mereologies”, paper presented at the Birkbeck Philosophy Research Seminar, University of London; October 26th.

2017 College respondent for the paper “Aiming at the truth and aiming at success”, presented by L. Radoilska; Birkbeck Philosophy Department Workshop; June 3rd.

2016 “Spinoza: Attributes and Field Metaphysics”, paper presented at the Birkbeck Philosophy Research Seminar, University of London; February 24th.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Vanderbilt University**

Theories of Passions (First-Year Writing Seminar), Spring 2022.

Neglected Traditions in Early Modern Philosophy, Spring 2022.

Spinoza’s *Ethics* (Graduate Seminar), Fall 2021.

History of Modern Philosophy, Fall 2021.

**King’s College London, Department of Philosophy (GTA)**

Modern Philosophy (Locke and Berkeley), Spring 2018.

Modern Philosophy (Spinoza and Leibniz), Fall & Spring 2017.

Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*, Fall 2016.

**Birkbeck College, University of London, Department of Philosophy (TA)**

History of Modern Philosophy (Western and Islamic), Spring 2018.

Introduction to the History of Modern Philosophy, Spring 2018 & 2017.

Introduction to the History of Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2017 & 2016.

History of Ancient Philosophy (Greek and Indian), Fall 2017.

The Philosophy of Kant, Fall 2016.

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

2020-2021 Programming Committee Member; Philosophy Dept., Vanderbilt University.

2020-2021 Secretary of the Philosophy Department; Vanderbilt University.

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

2021 Symposium session Chair for the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association; online, February 26th.

2021 Peer reviewer for *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (x2), *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophy*, *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (x2), and *Forum – Supplement to Acta Philosophica*.

2020 Peer reviewer for *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Tópicos*, *Metafísica y Persona*, and *Dialexicon*.

2020-present Co-Founder and Organizer of VAMP – Vanderbilt Modern Philosophy group.

2020 Co-organizer of the symposium “Spinoza and 17th Century Rationalism: Contemporary Interpretations”, University of Catania; October 12th.

2019 Peer reviewer for *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* and *Forum – Supplement to Acta Philosophica*.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

2018 “Integrating Research and Teaching” – Higher Education Academy (UK).

2017 “Teaching and Supporting Learning” – Higher Education Academy (UK).

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Italian (native speaker).

French (fluent reading and translating).

Spanish (conversational level, fluent reading and translating).

Portuguese (reading and translating only).

Latin (reading and translating).

Ancient Greek (reading with dictionary).

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Founding Member of the Vanderbilt Modern Philosophy Group (VAMP), since 2020.

“Mentor” role within the Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP), since 2020.

Member of the North American Spinoza Society, since 2020.

Member of the American Philosophical Association, since 2019.

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (UK), since 2018.

Member of the “London Spinoza Circle”, since 2016.

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2. Published in Italian. Original title: “Sull’antropologia di Spinoza”. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Original edition: Y. Melamed, *Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Substance and Thought*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)