

James R. O'Shea

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

B.A. Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (*Magna cum Laude*; *Phi Beta Kappa*), 1985

M.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1987

Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1992.

PhD Thesis: Problems of Substance: Perception and Object in Hume and Kant.

(Supervisors: Professor Jay F. Rosenberg and Professor Simon Blackburn)

Primary Areas of Research

History of philosophy (Kant, Hume, American philosophy, Wilfrid Sellars); pragmatism, analytic epistemology and philosophy of mind, especially concerning scientific naturalism and the nature of normativity and reason.

Employment

Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, *University College Dublin* 2006 – present

College Lecturer in Philosophy, *University College Dublin* 1994 – 2006

Assistant/College Lecturer in Philosophy, *University College Dublin* 1992 – 1994

Reviews Editor, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 2003 – present

Publications

Books

Wilfrid Sellars: Naturalism with a Normative Turn (Cambridge: Polity Press), April 2007.

Reviewed by the following:

Professor Thomas C. Vinci, Dalhousie, Canada (in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2008: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=13004>).

Professor Jaraslov Peregrin, Prague, Czech Republic (in *Erkenntnis*, 2008).

Professor Willem deVries, New Hampshire, USA (in *Review of Metaphysics*, 2008).

Professor William Rottschaefer, Portland, USA (in *Teaching Philosophy* 32:1, 2009).

Daniel Fernandez, New School for Social Research, New York, USA (in *Philosophy Now*, April 2009).

Waking from Dogmatic Slumbers: An Introduction to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason
(Cheshire/Stocksfield, UK: Acumen Publishing Ltd.), forthcoming 2011.

Self, Language, and World: Problems from Kant, Sellars, and Rosenberg, edited and introduction by James R. O'Shea and Eric Rubenstein (Atascadero, CA: Ridgeview Publishing Company), forthcoming December 2010.

Reading Kant: The Critique of Pure Reason, co-authored with Dermot Moran, in the textbook series *Philosophy 2. Reading Philosophers*, for University Distance Learning Degree in Humanities. Oscail, Dublin: Dublin City University Publications, 1995.

Guest Editor of Special Issue:

Naturalism, Normativity, and the Space of Reasons, Guest Editor and Introduction by James R. O'Shea, a special issue of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, volume 18, issue 3, July 2010.

Articles

'Kant and Dennett On the Epistemic Status of Teleological Principles', in Fran O'Rourke (ed.), *Human Destinies. Philosophical Essays in Memory of Gerald Hanratty* (University of Notre Dame Press), forthcoming 2011.

'How to be a Kantian *and* a Naturalist about Human Knowledge: Sellars' Middle Way', *forthcoming* in the *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 2011.

'Conceptual Thinking and Nonconceptual Content: A Sellarsian Divide', James O'Shea and Eric Rubenstein (editors), *Self, Language, and World: Problems from Kant, Sellars, and Rosenberg* (Atascadero, CA: Ridgeview Publishing Company), *forthcoming* December 2010.

'Introduction: Naturalism, Normativity, and the Space of Reasons', in *Naturalism, Normativity, and the Space of Reasons*, a special issue of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, volume 18, issue 3, July 2010, pp. 313–15.

'Normativity and Scientific Naturalism in Sellars' 'Janus-Faced' Space of Reasons', in *Naturalism, Normativity, and the Space of Reasons*, a special issue of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, volume 18, issue 3, July 2010, pp. 459–71.

'Having a Sensible World in View: McDowell and Sellars on Perceptual Experience', in *Philosophical Books*, Vol. 51.2 April 2010, pp. 63–82.

'On the Structure of Sellars's Naturalism with a Normative Turn', in *Empiricism, Perceptual Knowledge, Normativity and Realism*, Willem deVries (ed.), Oxford University Press, December 2009, pp. 187–210.

- ‘American Philosophy in the Twentieth Century’ in *The Routledge Companion to Twentieth Century Philosophy*, Dermot Moran (ed.), (London: Routledge), 2008, pp. 204–253.
- ‘Conceptual Connections: Kant and the Twentieth-Century Analytic Tradition’, , *The Blackwell Companion to Kant*, Graham Bird (ed.), (Oxford: Blackwell), 2006, pp. 513–27.
- ‘Revisiting Sellars on the Myth of the Given,’ in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 10, No. 4, 2002, pp. 490-503.
- ‘Sources of Pluralism in William James,’ in *Pluralism: The Philosophy and Politics of Diversity*, Maria Baghramian and Attracta Ingram (eds.), (London: Routledge), 2000, pp. 17-43.
- ‘Fictitious Duration and Informative Identity in Hume’s *Treatise*’, in *Manuscrito: Revista Internacional de Filosofia*, Vol. XX, No.2, October 1997, pp. 169-211.
- ‘The Needs of Understanding: Kant on Empirical Laws and Regulative Ideals,’ in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 2, June 1997, pp. 216-254.
- ‘Kantian Matters: the Structure of Permanence,’ in *Acta Analytica* 15, 1996, pp. 67-88.
- ‘Hume’s Reflective Return to the Vulgar.’ in the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 4, No. 2, September 1996, pp. 285-315.

Reviews

- Review of Simon Blackburn, *Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, 1999), in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 9, 2001, pp. 261-264.
- Review of Jeffrey Edwards, *Substance, Force, and the Possibility of Knowledge: On Kant’s Philosophy of Material Nature* (University of California Press, 2000), in *Philosophy in Review* (Canada), Vol. 21, 2001.
- Review of Rae Langton, *Kantian Humility: Our Ignorance of Things in Themselves* (Clarendon, 1998), in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 7, 1999, pp. 253-257.
- Review of Ruth Anna Putnam, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to William James* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 6, 1998, pp. 162-165.
- Review of David Oderberg, *The Metaphysics of Identity over Time* (Macmillan, 1993), in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 4, 1996, pp. 190-193.
- Review of David Fate Norton, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Hume* (Cambridge University Press, 1993), in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 3, 1995, pp. 383-385.

Review of Galen Strawson's *The Secret Connexion: Causation, Realism, and David Hume* (Clarendon, 1989; paperback with corrections, 1992), in the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 1993, pp. 185-188.

Editorial Publications

Critical Notices and Reviews edited as Reviews Editor of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (IJPS) since 2004 (Vol. 18, Issue 5 in progress):

2010, Vol. 18, Issues <to be updated>

2009, Vol. 17, Issues <to be updated>

2008, Vol. 16, Issues 1 (pp. 85–137), 4 (pp. 581–628), & 5 (pp. 771–800), total pages: 128.

2007, Vol. 15, Issues 1 (pp. 125–167), 2 (pp. 289–323), & 4 (pp. 557–638), total pages: 155.

2006, Vol. 14, Issues 1 (pp. 117–157), 2 (pp. 255–305), & 4 (pp. 579–655), total pages: 166.

2005, Vol. 13, Issues 1 (pp. 95–139), 2 (pp. 245–298), & 4 (pp. 497–551), total pages: 151.

2004, Vol. 12, Issues 1 (pp. 61–103), 2 (pp. 197–241), & 4 (pp. 465–523), total pages: 144.

Conference Papers

International Conference Papers

‘The “Theory Theory” of Mind and the Aims of Sellars’ Original Myth of Jones’, international conference on *Intersubjectivity and Empathy* at the Royal Irish Academy, 5 May 2010.

‘Conceptualism, Perceptual Content, and Sensible Qualities’, University of Hertfordshire, conference on *Phenomenal Qualities*, 25 February 2010.

‘The Central Importance of Sellars’ Theory of Conceptual Change’, international conference on *Wilfrid Sellars : Science et Métaphysique* at the *Collège de France*, Paris, 18 May 2009.

‘Conceptual Thinking and Non-Conceptual Representation’, international conference on *Self, Language, and World* (in honor of the late Professor Jay F. Rosenberg) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 11 September 2008.

‘Normativity and Nonconceptual Representation: A Sellarsian Approach to Perceptual Experience’, Keynote Address to the conference on *Normativity* at the University of Amsterdam, sponsored by the *Institute for Logic, Language and Computation* (ILLC), 29 August 2008.

‘The Space of Reasons: Sellars on Naturalism and Normativity’, conference on *Normativity* at the University of Amsterdam, sponsored by the *Institute for Logic, Language and Computation* (ILLC), 30 August 2008.

- ‘Sellars’ Pragmatic Naturalism: Reasons, Causes, and the Janus-Faced Character of Language’, international conference on *Pragmatism and Naturalism*, Tilburg University, Netherlands, at the *Tilburg Center for Logic and Philosophy of Science*, 7 May 2008.
- ‘On the Structure of Sellars’ Naturalism with a Normative Turn’, *International Conference Celebrating Fifty Years of Sellars’ Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind*, *Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, University of London*, 28-30 June, 2006. (Available on the conference website: http://www.philosophy.sas.ac.uk/Empiricism_Mind_Sellars.htm.)
- ‘Sellars and McDowell on the Myth of Given’, *Fifth European Congress for Analytic Philosophy*, Lisbon, August 31, 2005.
- ‘The Clash Between the Philosophical and the Scientific Images of Mind in a Physical World’, *Annual Invited University Lecture in Philosophy* delivered to the College, Simpson College, Iowa, March 3, 2004.
- ‘Sellars and the Myth of the Given: Comments on Sosa and Williams’, *The Mind-Aristotelian Society Joint Session* international conference in Belfast, 19-21 July, 2003.
- ‘The Role of Reflection in Hume’, *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division, New York, 28 December, 2000.
- ‘Intentionality in William James.’ *Annual international conference* of the Irish Philosophical Club, Ballymascanlon, Dundalk, 13 February 1998.
- ‘Hume’s Attempt to Restore Reason,’ *Georg-August Universität*, Göttingen, Germany, 25 June, 1977.
- ‘Reflections on Sense and Science in Sellars and Kant’, Conference of the *British Society for the History of Philosophy* in conjunction with the *U.K. Kant Society*, Keele University, 5 April, 1977.
- ‘Reason’s Ideal of Systematic Unity and the Needs of Understanding.’ *U.K. Kant Society/Royal Irish Academy joint international conference*, Dublin, 16 May, 1996.
- ‘Kant’s Metaphysics of Material Substance.’ *Conference on Ontology*, Bled, Slovenia, 13 June, 1995.
- ‘Humean Scepticism and the Objects of Perception.’ *Royal Irish Academy International Conference in Philosophy*, Dublin, 5 May, 1993.
- ‘Hume and Kant on Duration and Identity.’ *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division, New York, 29 December, 1991.

Other Invited Papers

- 'Normativity and Scientific Naturalism in Sellars' 'Janus-Faced' Space of Reasons', Queens University Belfast, 29 October 2009.
- 'Sellars on Oughts and Rules: Naturalist or Anti-Naturalist (or Both)?', Symposium on Naturalism, Trinity College Dublin, 28 April 2009.
- 'A Priori Transcendental Laws and Contingent Empirical Realities: Causality and Kant's Two Regulative/Constitutive Distinctions', University of Galway, 23 January 2009.
- 'Wilfrid Sellars on Language and Thought: The Origins of Functionalism'. Keynote Speaker for a Graduate Conference sponsored by the Trinity College Dublin Metaphysical Society, March 1, 2008.
- 'Sellars' Original Normative Turn on Mind and Meaning', *Philosophy of Language Workshop*, University College Dublin, 1 June 2006.
- 'Mind in a Physical World: On the Manifest and Scientific Images of the Human Being', *University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College Invited Speakers Programme*, 4 April 2006.
- 'Sellars' Naturalism with a Normative Turn', Invited Speakers Seminar, *University College Cork*, 7 February 2006.
- 'Reflections on Sellars and the Synthetic *A Priori*?', Philosophy Colloquium, Trinity College Dublin, 4 March 2005.
- 'Philosophy of Science and the Social Sciences: the Conflict between Science and Common Sense', Humanities Institute of Ireland Invited Speakers Seminar, University College Dublin, October 27, 2004.
- 'Wilfrid Sellars on Perception and the Myth of the Given', Invited Speakers Seminar, , Queens University Belfast, March 14, 2002.
- 'Teleology in Kant's Third *Critique*.' Invited Speakers Seminar, University of Ulster at Coleraine, 29 February, 2000.
- 'Kant's Teleology and Dennett's Intentional stance Compared.' Philosophy Colloquium, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, 10 February, 2000.
- 'Kant's Conception of Matter and Permanent Substance,' Philosophy Colloquium, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, 25 November, 1995.
- 'Hume's Reflective Return to the Vulgar.' Invited Speakers Seminar, University of Ulster at Coleraine, 10 May, 1994.
- 'Kant's Other Response to Hume.' Invited Speakers Seminar, University College Cork, 6 November, 1992.

Grants and Awards

- University College Dublin *President's Fellowship* award for 2010–11.
- Award of Seed Funding in 2006 as part of the 'Normativity' project in the School of Philosophy, €8,000 of which was for my organization of a major international conference at UCD, 'Naturalism, Normativity, and the Space of Reasons' (March 2008).
- Successful sponsorship and primary supervision of over 10 major financial awards (including both Irish, US, and UK awards) to graduate students and post-doctoral students either attending or graduating from the School of Philosophy at UCD, financial details of which are available in my Teaching Portfolio. Overall awards all together amount to several hundred thousand Euros of financial support in awards for UCD graduate students at UCD and abroad.
- Award of two grants, along with international partners (Profs. Tim Crane and Paul Coates in Britain and Willem deVries, USA), as co-organizer of a major conference on Wilfrid Sellars at *University College London* and the *School of Advanced Study (SAS)* in July 2006: 1600.00 Sterling grant from the *British Academy* and a 600.00 Sterling grant from the *Mind Association*.
- Responsible for raising approximately €1000.00 every year since 2000 as Treasurer of the *Irish Philosophical Club*, from various universities and bodies in Ireland and the UK, to support an annual international conference in Ireland (and when possible to provide financial support to graduate students to attend the conferences).

Professional Activities (selected)

- Treasurer, and co-organizer of yearly international conferences for the *Irish Philosophical Club*, since 2000.
- Organizer of a major international conference at UCD, *Naturalism, Normativity, and the Space of Reasons*, March 28–29, 2008, with papers by Professors Robert Brandom (Pittsburgh), Michael Williams (Johns Hopkins), Jaroslav Peregrin (Charles University, Prague), Willem deVries (New Hampshire), Matthew Chrisman (Edinburgh), and Aude Bandini (Collège de France, Paris), and resulting in a Special Issue of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* to be published during 2009–10.
- Co-organizer (with Professors Tim Crane of UCL, Paul Coates of Hertfordshire, and Willem deVries, Univ. of New Hampshire) of a conference at University College London, June 28–30th, 2006 celebrating the philosophy of Wilfrid Sellars, involving eight speakers of worldwide reputation (including John McDowell, Robert Brandom, Paul

Snowden, and others).

- Currently *Elected Officer* (since 2001) and *Committee Member* (since 1996) of the international *UK Kant Society*, which promotes and organizes conferences related to the philosophy of Kant throughout the UK and Ireland.
- *Reviews Editor* of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* since January 2004, with particular success in increasing its international profile and publishing across the traditionally antagonistic divide between ‘Continental’ and ‘analytic’ styles of philosophy.
- Regular *referee* of articles for such international journals as *Hume Studies* and the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, among other journals when requested.
- *Royal Irish Academy*, Academy nominee serving on the Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science from 1999 to 2004, promoting national conferences and publications concerning science and society.
- Co-organizer of nine yearly international conferences of the cross-border *Irish Philosophical Club* (est. 1948), as Officer and Treasurer, from 1998 to present, involving at least one invited speaker of worldwide reputation each year.
- Active membership in the *American Philosophical Association*, the *Hume Society*, the *UK Kant Society*, *British Society for the History of Philosophy*, among other societies.
- Invited and served as publisher’s *referee* for the University of Toronto Press, to evaluate a major book on Hume for publication (Fred Wilson, *Hume’s Critical Realism*).
- *External Examiner* of PhD candidates:

Stephen Rainey, School of Politics, International Relations, and Philosophy, Queens University Belfast, October 2008.

Christopher Finlay, Department of Modern History, Trinity College Dublin, 2000.

(*External Examiner* of M.Litt. candidate, C. Llamas-Gómez, Department of Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, 1999.)

Examiner of PhD candidates outside UCD:

Georg Ulrich, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, March 2010.

Manfred Weltecke, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, January 2009

Examiner of PhD candidates within UCD since 2009:

Ruth Egan, School of Philosophy, November 2010.

Stan Erraught, School of Philosophy, December 2009.

- *External Assessor* for a Permanent Lectureship appointment, Dept. of Philosophy, TCD, 2000.
- Not included in the above are various professional activities internal to University College Dublin, for example: service on the College of Human Sciences Teaching and

Learning Committee from 2004–2009; the Modularization Subcommittee of the College from 2004–5; the College Graduate Teaching Board during 2007–2008; Graduate Research Committee (School of Philosophy), 2008–10; and work from 2005–2008 on developing a cooperative PhD programme in Philosophy with Trinity College Dublin, launched in 2010.