

Prof. John Hymers, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Record

Current Contact Data and Citizenship

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Canadian Citizen

Education and Academic Qualifications

1987-1991: BA in Mediaeval Studies, University of Waterloo, Canada

1992: BA in Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Louvain), Belgium

1992-95: MA in Philosophy, K.U.Leuven (Louvain), Belgium

2003 PhD, K.U.Leuven (Louvain), Belgium
Director: Prof. William Desmond
Title: "Ludwig Feuerbach's Inversion of the Ontological Argument"

Areas of Expertise and Competence

Expertise

Metaphysics
Modern Philosophy
Philosophical Anthropology

Competence

Ethics
Applied Ethics

Professional Activities

Teaching

1997 - 1998:	W006 – Ethics, K.U.Leuven
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2000 - 2001:	W006 – Ethics, K.U.Leuven
2001 - 2002:	W006 – Ethics, K.U.Leuven
2002 - 2003:	W006 – Ethics, K.U.Leuven
2003 - 2004:	W006 – Ethics, K.U.Leuven
2008 - 2009:	PHL 151 – Moral Choice (Ethics), La Salle University PHL 152 – The Human Person (philosophical anthropology), La Salle PHL 306 – Environmental Philosophy, La Salle University (course holder)
2009 - 2010	PHL 152 – The Human Person (philosophical anthropology), La Salle PHL 333 – Nietzsche: Master and Slave, La Salle
2010 – 2011	PHL 152 – The Human Person (philosophical anthropology), La Salle PHL 328 – Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant, La Salle (course holder) PHL 306 – Environmental Philosophy, La Salle University (course holder)
2011 – 2012	PHL 152 – The Human Person (philosophical anthropology), La Salle PHL 333 – Nietzsche: Master and Slave, La Salle PHL 306 – Environmental Philosophy, La Salle University (course holder)

2012 – 2013 PHL 152 – The Human Person (philosophical anthropology), La Salle
PHL 328 – Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant, La Salle (course holder)
PHL 306 – Environmental Philosophy, La Salle University (course holder)

Employment

2008 - : Assistant Professor, La Salle University (3/3 teaching load, tenure track)
2005 - 2008: European Centre for Ethics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
1997 - 2004: Research and Teaching Assistant to Prof. William Desmond (K.U.Leuven)
1997 - 2004: Assistant Academic Secretary, International Programme (K.U.Leuven)

Awards

1997 - 1998: Academic Assistantship, K.U.Leuven
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2000 - 2001: Academic Assistantship, K.U.Leuven
2001 - 2002: Academic Assistantship, K.U.Leuven
2002 - 2003: Academic Assistantship, K.U.Leuven
2003 - 2004: Academic Assistantship, K.U.Leuven

Value: \$1800 USD/month (1500 Euro / month)

Ontario Scholar, 1987

Funding awarded

2010: La Salle University Summer Research Grant, \$4000USD. Project: Translation of Baumgarten's Metaphysics (see Peer Reviewed Publications, below)

Peer Reviewed Publications

Book:

Alexander Baumgarten's Metaphysics. Translation and Interpretive Essays. With Courtney Fugate. Forthcoming (Continuum) 460 pp.

Articles:

"Food as art: poiesis and the importance of soft impacts." *Climate Change and Sustainable Development*. Ed. Thomas Potthast and Simon Meisch. Wageningen, 2012.295-300.

"Towards an Metaxological Ethics of Architecture," *Between System And Poetics: William Desmond And Philosophy After Dialectic*. Ed. Thomas Kelly. Ashgate: 2007.

"Verteidigung von Feuerbachs Moleschott Rezeption: Feuerbachs offene Dialektik." *Identitaet und Pluralismus in der globalen Gesellschaft. Ludwig Feuerbach zum 200. Geburtstag*. Ed. U. Reitemeyer, T. Shibata, and F. Tomasoni. Waxmann Verlag: Muenster / New York, 2006.

"Regrounding the Just War's 'Presumption Against Violence' in Light of George Weigel," *Ethical Perspectives* 11 (2004) 2/3: 111-121.

Review Article: Peter Sloterdijk, *Regeln für den Menschenpark. Ein Antwortschreiben zum Brief über den Humanismus*. Frankfurt a. M.: Suhrkamp, 1999, 59 pp. In: *Ethical Perspectives*

7 (2000) 4, 329-333.

"Not A Modest Proposal: Peter Singer and the Definition of Person," *Ethical Perspectives* 6 (1999) 2, 126-138.

Forthcoming:

"Our daily bread: Ludwig Feuerbach, St. Thomas, and the metaphysics of food." *Proceedings Metaphysics 2012 – 5th World Conference*. Fondazione Idente di Studi e di Ricerca, Rome. 2013.

Publications Under Review

"In defence of Feuerbach's Moleschott reception: Feuerbach's open dialectic." *The Owl of Miverva*. Under revision.

"From Illumination to Science. The Ontological Arguments of St. Anselm and Hegel." *Modern Theology*. One reviewer requested revisions; the other accepted it without revisions.

Book Reviews

Paul Gootenberg (ed.), *Cocaine: Global Histories*. London and New York, Routledge, 1999, xvi + 213. In: *Ethical Perspectives* 7 (2000) 1, 86.

Elisabeth Hildt and Sigrid Graumann (eds.), *Genetics and Human Reproduction*. Aldershot (UK), Ashgate, 1999, xvi + 320 pp. In: *Ethical Perspectives* 7 (2000) 1, 87-88.

Maureen Junker-Kenny (ed.), *Designing Life? Genetics, Procreation and Ethics*. Aldershot (UK), Ashgate, 1999, 160 pp. In: *Ethical Perspectives* 7 (2000) 1, 88-89.

Journal Introductions

"The guises of reciprocity." *Ethical Perspectives* 15 (2008) 3: 289-291.

"Religion, violence, and the West." *Ethical Perspectives* 15 (2008) 1: 1-5.

"The rich tapestry of identity." *Ethical Perspectives* 14 (2007) 3: 223-236.

"Introduction." *Ethical Perspectives* 14 (2007) 1: 1-2.

"Ethics and the ground." *Ethical Perspectives* 14 (2007) 2: 113-115.

"Science in a community of values." *Ethical Perspectives* 13 (2006) 1: 1-10.

"Moral impulse and critical citizenship." *Ethical Perspectives* 13 (2006) 4: 567-569.

"Some views on cosmopolitanism." *Ethical Perspectives* 12 (2005) 4: 419-423.

"Introduction." With Bart Pattyn. *Ethical Perspectives* 12 (2005) 3: 289-292.

Works in Progress

Article: "Ludwig Feuerbach's Anthropological Appropriation of the Ontological Argument in the *Essence of Christianity*."

Article: "On the epistemological reduction: Can knowledge save us?"

Conference and Seminar Presentations

"Our daily bread: Towards a metaphysics of food as fittingness." *Fifth World Congress of Metaphysics*. ARSO Conference Center, Rome. Nov. 8-11, 2012.

"Food as art: poiesis and the importance of soft impacts." *10th Congress of the European Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics*. Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. June 1, 2012

"You are how you eat." Explorer Café. La Salle University. Feb. 3, 2011.

"An inverted ontological argument: Feuerbach's Hegelian radicalization of the cogito." *ISRLC Conference*. Theology Faculty, University of Oxford. Sept. 25, 2010.

"From Leibniz to Kant: Feuerbach's Anthropological Appropriation of the Ontological Argument." *Religion and Enlightenment: The Young-Hegelian Perspective*. Centre for Philosophy of Culture of the University of Antwerp in collaboration with the Max Stirner Gesellschaft. May 12, 2010.

Paper respondent. *The Future of Food*. The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium. Free Library of Philadelphia. March 27, 2010.

"The Nature of Our Daily Bread: An Ontology of Food." Philosophy Spring Lecture Series, La Salle University, March 18, 2009.

"Nurturing Nature? Corporate Responsibility and Environmental Philosophy." Master of Energy and Environmental Law Programme (<http://www.law.kuleuven.be/imer/meel>) K.U.Leuven, December 9, 2008 (Invited lecture).

"The Ethos of Eating: The Dinner Table and Feuerbach's Social Ontology." *International Symposium of the Feuerbach-Society: Identity and Pluralism in the Global Society* (For Ludwig Feuerbach's 200th anniversary). Berlin, October 2004. (Invited paper).

"The Ethics of Metaxological Architecture," *Irish Philosophical Society Fortieth Anniversary Conference: 'Between System and Poetics. Themes Round the Work of William Desmond,'* University College Cork, November 29-30 2002 (November 29).

"From Illumination to Science. The Ontological Arguments of St. Anselm and Hegel," *Illumination: Reason, Revelation, Science*, Oxford University (UK) / University of Virginia. St. Stephen's House Oxford (UK), July 23-26 2002 (July 24).

"Overcoming Humanism? Peter Sloterdijk's Answer to Heidegger," *Philosophy and Technology*, University of Essex (UK), Feb., 24 2001.

"'More Human than Human': *Blade Runner* and the Death of Intersubjectivity," *Crossroads Conference*, University of Birmingham (UK), June 19-25 2000.

"In Imago Dei: the Reflection of the Catholic Concept of the Person in Bioethics," *Catholic Intellectual Traditions in the Humanities and the Social Sciences*, K. U. Leuven / University of Notre Dame, November 11, 2000.

"Ecotecture as Learning to Dwell," *Ethics of Building*, University of Central Lancashire (UK), April 10-12 1999 (April 11).

"Heidegger's Theses on Feuerbach," *Fifty Years of Heidegger's 'Letter on Humanism,'* University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), March, 1996.

Academic Translations (Dutch to English)

Book chapter: "The adoration of the Crucified: What could Freud and psychoanalysis have learned from this Christian prayer?" Ed. J. van Belzin. Amsterdam: Rodolpi (forthcoming). Author: Paul Moyaert.

Article: "Sovereignty, the nation state, and Islam." *Ethical Perspectives* 15 (2008) 1: 7-48. Author: Gerrit Steunebrink.

Article: "Against violence, but not at any price: Hannah Arendt's concept of power." *Ethical Perspectives* 15 (2008) 2: 169-192. Author: Remi Peeters.

Book: *The Blossom of Life: Aesthetics and Ethics in the Philosophy of Arthur Schopenhauer* (First published as *De Bloesem van het Leven: Esthetiek en ethiek in Arthur Schopenhauers filosofie*. Universitaire Pers Leuven: Leuven, 2001. + 300 pp.). Author: Bart Vandenabeele.

Essay: "Domi or Domi-no? The role of the genius loci in post-war reconstruction and interwar urbanism." (Titled in English). Author: Leen Meganic.

Service as a Reviewer (journals, conferences, book proposals, prizes)

Ethical Perspectives (ed. Bart Pattyn, K.U.L., Louvain, Belgium)

Modern Theology (ed. Frederick Bauerschmidt, Loyola College, Baltimore)

Canadian Philosophical Association – CPA Conference May 2010 (Montreal, Canada)

Lori Gruen et. al., *Reflection on Nature*, 2nd ed. (Oxford University Press)

Jury member for the Jan and Marie Huyge Prize for the Humanities, Academische Stichting Leuven, 2009 (a prize awarded to the best PhD thesis in the humanities at K.U.Leuven)

Professional Activities

Service as an Official at Departmental, Faculty or University Level

La Salle University:

Invited Participant, Using the City and Region as Instructional Resources (2010-)

Member, Academic Support and Well Being Committee, La Salle (2010-)

Member and report writer, Philosophy Dept. Internship Subcommittee (2010-)

Member, Athletics Committee, La Salle (2009-)

Contributor, Inter-departmental faculty meeting for developing the ThD proposal (2010)

Member, NCAA Certification Academic Sub-committee, La Salle (2009-10)

Member (guest), Fellowship Committee, La Salle (2009)

K.U.Leuven:

Member, Core Editorial Committee, *Ethical Perspectives* (1997-)

Charter Member, Editorial Committee and Staff Translator, *Campuskrant International*, K.U.Leuven (1999-2008)

Member and Secretary, Philosophy Faculty's Curriculum Committee (Curriculum Development), K.U.Leuven (1997-2004)

Editor, *The Leuven Philosophy Newsletter*, Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, vols. 6 (1997) and 7 (1998).

Projects with Budgetary Responsibilities

Conference Organizer: *Graduate Research in Continental Philosophy*. Keynote address: Prof. Jean-Luc Marion. March, 1997. Budget: 6 200 EUR (250 000 BEF)

Conference Organizer: *The Dialectic of Self-Mediation - The Logic of Self-Reflection*. Keynote address: Prof. Walter Jaeschke. Nov., 1999. Budget: 6 200 EUR (250 000 BEF)

Languages

English
Dutch
Latin
German (strong reading)
French (research ability)

Memberships in Professional Societies

American Philosophical Association
Internationalen Gesellschaft der Feuerbach-Forscher
The International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture

References

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