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PERSONAL DATA

Date of birth: March 7, 1942
Place of birth: Boksburg, South Africa
Citizenship: British (Resident Alien status in U.S.A)
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EDUCATION

University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 1960-2
Vacuum Kariba Scholarship
First Class, General B.A. (London), 1962
New College, Oxford, 1963-6
Rhodes Scholarship
Honorary College Scholarship
First Class, Literae Humaniores, 1965; B.A., 1965; M.A., 1969

APPOINTMENTS

Temporary Assistant Lecturer in Classics, University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 1963
Junior Research Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, 1966 (appointment not taken up)
Fellow and Praelector in Philosophy, University College, Oxford, 1966-1986; Emeritus Fellow, 1988-
University Lecturer (C.U.F.) in Philosophy, Oxford University, 1967-1986; Special Lecturer, 1978-81
James C. Loeb Fellow in Classical Philosophy, Harvard University, 1969
Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan, 1975
Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles 1977
Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, 1982
Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India, 1983
Senior Fellow, Council of the Humanities, and Old Dominion Fellow in Philosophy, Princeton University, 1984

Professor of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 1986-8; University Professor, 1988-

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

Fellow of the British Academy, 1983-
Radcliffe Philosophy Fellow, 1985-6
Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1992-

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Former member, Thyssen Philosophy Group of Great Britain
Former member, Analysis Committee
Former editor, with Philip Pettit and Crispin Wright, of Blackwell's Philosophical Theory Series
Editorial Board, Journal of the History of Philosophy
Editorial Board, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Reviewer for various journals and publishers

PUBLICATIONS

- "Identity Mistakes: Plato and the Logical Atomists", Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society lxx (1969-70), 181-95
- Plato, Theaetetus, translated with notes (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1973)
- "Comment" (on a paper by F.B. Fitch), in Stephan Körner, ed., Philosophy of Logic (Blackwell, Oxford, 1976), pp. 196-201
- (With Gareth Evans) "Introduction", in Gareth Evans and John McDowell, eds., Truth and Meaning (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1976), pp. vii-xxiii; translated into Spanish: "Introducción a Verdad y Significado", Cuadernos de Crítica 37 (1984)
- "Truth Conditions, Bivalence, and Verificationism", *ibid.*, pp. 42-66
- "On the Sense and Reference of a Proper Name", Mind lxxxvi (1977), 159-85; reprinted in Mark Platts, ed., Reference Truth and Reality (Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1980), pp. 141-66, and in A. W. Moore, ed., Meaning and Reference (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1993), pp. 111-36; translated into Spanish: "Sobre el Sentido y la Referencia de un Nombre Propio", Cuadernos de Crítica 20 (1983)
- "On 'The Reality of the Past'", in Christopher Hookway and Philip Pettit, eds., Action and Interpretation (CUP, Cambridge, 1978), pp. 127-44

- “Are Moral Requirements Hypothetical Imperatives?”, Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume lii (1978), 13-29
- “Physicalism and Primitive Denotation”, Erkenntnis xiii (1978), 131-52; reprinted in Platts, ed., op. cit., pp. 111-30
- “Virtue and Reason”, The Monist lxii (1979), 331-50; reprinted in Stanley G. Clarke and Evan Simpson, eds., Anti-Theory in Ethics and Moral Conservatism (SUNY Press, Albany, 1989), pp. 87-109
- “Quotation and Saying That”, in Platts, ed., op. cit., pp. 206-37
- “Meaning, Communication, and Knowledge”, in Zak van Straaten, ed., Philosophical Subjects: Essays on the Work of P. F. Strawson (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1980), pp. 117-39
- “The Role of Eudaimonia in Aristotle’s Ethics”, Proceedings of the African Classical Associations xv (1980), 1-14; reprinted in Amélie Oksenberg Rorty, ed., Essays on Aristotle’s Ethics (University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London, 1980), pp. 359-76
- “Anti-Realism and the Epistemology of Understanding”, in Herman Parret and Jacques Bouveresse, eds., Meaning and Understanding (De Gruyter, Berlin and New York, 1981), pp. 225-48
- “Non-Cognitivism and Rule-Following”, in Steven Holtzman and Christopher Leich, eds., Wittgenstein: To Follow A Rule (Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1981), pp. 141-62
- “Falsehood and Not-Being in Plato’s Sophist”, in Malcolm Schofield and Martha Craven Nussbaum, eds., Language and Logos: Studies in Ancient Greek Philosophy presented to G. E. L. Owen (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1982), pp. 115-34
- “Truth-Value Gaps”, in Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science VI (North-Holland, Amsterdam, 1982), pp. 299-313
- “Reason and Action, III”, Philosophical Investigations v (1982), 301-5
- (Editor) Gareth Evans, The Varieties of Reference (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1982)
- “Criteria, Defeasibility, and Knowledge”, Proceedings of the British Academy lxxviii (1982), 455-79; reprinted in part in Jonathan Dancy, ed., Perceptual Knowledge (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988)

- “Aesthetic Value, Objectivity, and the Fabric of the World”, in Eva Schaper, ed., Pleasure, Preference and Value (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1983), pp. 1-16
- “Wittgenstein on Following a Rule”, Synthese 58 (1984), 325-363; reprinted in Moore, ed., Meaning and Reference, pp. 257-93
- “De Re Senses”, Philosophical Quarterly xxxiv (1984), 283-94; also in Crispin Wright, ed., Frege: Tradition and Influence (Blackwell, Oxford, 1984), pp. 98-109
- “Values and Secondary Qualities”, in Ted Honderich, ed., Morality and Objectivity (Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1985), pp. 110-29
- “Functionalism and Anomalous Monism”, in Ernest LePore and Brian McLaughlin, eds., Actions and Events: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Donald Davidson (Blackwell, Oxford, 1985), pp. 387-98
- “Critical Notice: Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy, by Bernard Williams”, Mind xcv (1986), 377-86
- (With Philip Pettit) “Introduction”, in Philip Pettit and John McDowell, eds., Subject, Thought and Context (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1986), pp. 1-15
- “Singular Thought and the Extent of Inner Space”, *ibid.*, pp. 137-68
- “In Defence of Modesty”, in Barry Taylor, ed., Michael Dummett: Contributions to Philosophy (Martinus Nijhoff, Dordrecht, 1987), pp. 59-80
- “Projection and Truth in Ethics” (1987 Lindley Lecture), published by the University of Kansas
- “Comments on T. H. Irwin’s ‘Some Rational Aspects of Incontinence’”, Southern Journal of Philosophy xxvii, Supplement (1988), 89-102
- “One Strand in the Private Language Argument”, Grazer Philosophische Studien 33/34 (1989), 285-303
- “Mathematical Platonism and Dummettian Anti-Realism”, Dialectica 43 (1989), 173-92
- “Wittgenstein and the Inner World” [abstract], Journal of Philosophy lxxxvi (1989), 643-4
- “Peacocke and Evans on Demonstrative Content”, Mind xcix (1990), 311-22
- “John Leslie Mackie, 1917-1981”, in Proceedings of the British Academy lxxvi (1990), 487-98

- “Intentionality De Re”, in Ernest LePore and Robert van Gulick, eds. John Searle and His Critics (Blackwell, Oxford, 1991), pp. 215-25
- “Intentionality and Interiority in Wittgenstein”, in Klaus Puhl, ed., Meaning Scepticism (De Gruyter, Berlin and New York, 1991), pp. 148-69
- “Putnam on Mind and Meaning”, Philosophical Topics xx (1992), 35-48
- “Meaning and Intentionality in Wittgenstein’s Later Philosophy”, in Peter A. French, Theodore E. Uehling, Jr., and Howard K. Wettstein, eds., Midwest Studies in Philosophy Volume XVII: The Wittgenstein Legacy (University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, 1992), pp. 40-52
- “Knowledge by Hearsay”, in B. K. Matilal and A. Chakrabarti, eds, Knowing from Words (Kluwer, Dordrecht, 1993; Synthese Library vol. 230), pp. 195-224
- “The Content of Perceptual Experience”, Philosophical Quarterly xlv (1994), 190-205
- Mind and World (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1994; reissued with a new introduction, 1996) [also translated into German and Italian]
- “Might there be External Reasons”, in J. E. J. Altham and Ross Harrison, eds., World, Mind, and Value: Essays on the Ethical Philosophy of Bernard Williams (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1995), pp. 68-85
- “Eudaimonism and Realism in Aristotle’s Ethics”, in Robert Heinaman, ed., Aristotle and Moral Realism (University College London Press, London, 1995), pp. 201-18
- “Knowledge and the Internal”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lv (1995), 877-93
- “Deliberation and Moral Development in Aristotle”, in Stephen Engstrom and Jennifer Whiting, eds., Aristotle, Kant and the Stoics (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1996), pp. 19-35
- “Two Sorts of Naturalism”, in Rosalind Hursthouse, Gavin Lawrence, and Warren Quinn, eds., Virtues and Reasons: Philippa Foot and Moral Theory (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1996), pp. 149-79; translated into German (“Zwei Arten von Naturalismus”), Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie v (1997), 687-710
- “Précis of Mind and World”, in Enrique Villanueva, ed., Perception: Philosophical Issues, 7 (Ridgeway, Atascadero, 1996), pp. 231-9

- “Reply to Gibson, Byrne, and Brandom”, *ibid.*, pp. 283-300
- “Reply to Price”, Philosophical Books 38 (1997), 177-81
- “Brandom on Representation and Inference”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lvii (1997), 157-62
- “Another Plea for Modesty”, in Richard Heck, Jr., ed., Language, Thought, and Logic: Essays in Honour of Michael Dummett (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1997), pp. 105-29
- “Reductionism and the First Person”, in Jonathan Dancy, ed., Reading Parfit (Blackwell, Oxford, 1997), pp. 230-50
- Mind, Value, and Reality (a collection of papers) (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1998)
- Meaning, Knowledge, and Reality (a collection of papers) (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1998)
- “Some Issues in Aristotle’s Moral Psychology”, in Stephen Everson, ed., Companions to Ancient Thought: 4: Ethics (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1998), pp. 107-28
- “Referring to Oneself”, in Lewis E. Hahn, ed., The Philosophy of P. F. Strawson (Open Court, Chicago and Lasalle, 1998), pp. 129-45
- “Response to Crispin Wright”, in Crispin Wright, Barry C. Smith, and Cynthia Macdonald, eds., Knowing Our Own Minds (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1998), pp. 47-62.
- “Précis of Mind and World” and “Reply to Commentators”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lviii (1998), 365-8 and 403-31
- “The Constitutive Ideal of Rationality: Davidson and Sellars”, Crítica xxx (1998), 29-48
- “Having the World in View: Sellars, Kant, and Intentionality” (The Woodbridge Lectures, 1997), The Journal of Philosophy xcv (1998), 431-91
- “Comment on Hans-Peter Krüger’s paper”, Philosophical Explorations i (1998), 120-5 (comment on Hans-Peter Krüger, “The Second Nature of Human Beings: an Invitation for John McDowell to discuss Helmuth Plessner’s Philosophical Anthropology”, *ibid.* 107-19).
- “Sellars’s Transcendental Empiricism”, in Julian Nida-Rümelin, ed., Rationality, Realism, Revision (Proceedings of the 3rd international congress of the

Society for Analytical Philosophy), Walter de Gruyter, Berlin and New York, 1999, pp. 42-51.

“Scheme-Content Dualism and Empiricism”, in Lewis E. Hahn, ed., The Philosophy of Donald Davidson (Open Court, Chicago and Lasalle, 1999), pp. 87-104

“Comment” on Robert B. Brandom, “Some Pragmatist Themes in Hegel’s Idealism”, European Journal of Philosophy vii (1999), 190-3.

“Evans, Gareth (1946-80)”: entry in the new Routledge and Kegan Paul Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.

“Towards Rehabilitating Objectivity”, in Robert B. Brandom, ed., Rorty and His Critics (Blackwell, Malden, Mass. and Oxford, 2000), pp. 109-23

“Experiencing the World” and “Responses”, in Marcus Willaschek, ed., John McDowell: Reason and Nature: Lecture and Colloquium in Münster 1999 (LIT Verlag, Münster, 2000), pp. 3-17, 93-117

“Comment on Richard Schantz, ‘The Given Regained’”, in Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lxii (2001), 181-5

“Comments”, in The Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology xxi (2000), 330-43 (a special issue devoted to my work)

“Scheme-Content Dualism and Empiricism”, in Petr Kotatko, Peter Pagin, and Gabriel Segal, eds., Interpreting Davidson (Stanford: CSLI Publications, 2001), 143-54. (This is a shorter version of the paper previously published in the Davidson LLP volume.)

“L’idealismo di Hegel come radicalizzazione di Kant”, in Iride 34 (2001), 527-48. (Translation of the paper I gave at the Venice Hegel conference in May 2001.)

“Knowledge and the Internal Revisited”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lxiv (2002), 97-105.

“Moderne Auffassungen von Wissenschaft und die Philosophie des Geistes”, in Johannes Fried und Johannes Süssmann, Herausg., Revolutionen des Wissens: Von der Steinzeit bis zur Moderne (München: C. H. Beck, 2001), 116-35. (Previously published in Philosophische Rundschau.)

“Gadamer and Davidson on Understanding and Relativism”, in Jeff Malpas, Ulrich Arnschwald, and Jens Kertscher, eds., Gadamer’s Century: Essays in Honor of Hans-Georg Gadamer (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2002), 173-94.

- “Responses” in Nicholas Smith, ed., Reading McDowell: Mind and World (London and New York: Routledge, 2002), pp. 269-305. (Responses to the contributions.)
- “How not to read Philosophical Investigations: Brandom’s Wittgenstein”, in R. Haller and K. Puhl, eds., Wittgenstein and the Future of Philosophy: A Reassessment after 50 Years (Vienna: Holder, Pichler, Tempsky, 2002), pp. 245-56.
- “Non-cognitivism et règles”, in Archives de Philosophie 64 (2001), 457-77. (Translation of my old paper “Non-cognitivism and rule-following”.)
- “Knowledge and the Internal Revisited”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lxiv (2002), 97-105.
- Wert und Wirklichkeit: Aufsätze zur Moralphilosophie (Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, 2002). (Translation by Joachim Schulte, with an Introduction by Axel Honneth and Martin Seel, of seven of the papers in my Mind, Value, and Reality.)
- “Hyperbatologikos empeirismos”, Defkalion 21/1, June 2003, 65-90. (Translation into Greek of “Transcendental Empiricism”, paper delivered at the Pitt/Athens symposium in Rethymnon, Crete, in 2000.)
- “Subjective, intersubjective, objective”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lxvii (2003), 675-81. (Contribution to a symposium on a book by Donald Davidson.)
- Mente y Mundo (Spanish translation of Mind and World), Salamanca: Ediciones Sígueme, 2003.
- “L’idealismo di Hegel come radicalizzazione di Kant”, in Luigi Ruggiu and Italo Testa, eds., Hegel Contemporaneo: la ricezione americana di Hegel a confronto con la traduzione europea (Milan: Guerini, 2003). (Previously in Iride for December 2001.)
- “Naturalism in the philosophy of mind”, in Mario de Caro and David Macarthur, eds., Naturalism in Question (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2004), 91-105. (Previously published in German translation as “Moderne Auffassungen von Wissenschaft und die Philosophie des Geistes”, see above.)
- “Reality and colours: comment on Stroud”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research lxviii (2004), 395-400. (Contribution to a symposium on a book by Barry Stroud.)
- “The apperceptive I and the empirical self: towards a heterodox reading of ‘Lordship and Bondage’ in Hegel’s Phenomenology”, Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain 47/48, 2003, 1-16.

“Hegel and the Myth of the Given”, in Wolfgang Welsch und Klaus Vieweg, Herausg., Das Interesse des Denkens: Hegel aus heutiger Sicht (München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2003), pp. 75-88.

REVIEWS

Michael Dummett, Frege: Philosophy of Language (Times Literary Supplement, 30 November, 1973: unsigned, as was then the custom in the TLS); reprinted (still anonymously) in TLS 12 (OUP, London, 1974), pp. 217-224

John Searle, Expression and Meaning: Studies in the Theory of Speech Acts (London Review of Books, 17 April, 1980)

Saul A. Kripke, Naming and Necessity (Times Literary Supplement, January 16, 1981)

Andrew Woodfield, ed., Thought and Object (Times Literary Supplement, July 16, 1982)

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Biographies of Gareth Evans and J. L. Mackie in the New Dictionary of National Biography, to be published by Oxford University Press

Responses to the contributions to an issue of Theoria (Sweden) devoted to my work

“Are meaning, understanding, etc. definite states?”, for a volume of proceedings of a symposium on Wittgenstein held in Girona, Spain, under the auspices of the Ferrater Mora Chair.

“Dummett on meaning and truth-conditions”, to appear in the Dummett volume in the Library of Living Philosophers.

“Putnam on natural realism”, to appear in the Putnam volume of the Library of Living Philosophers.

“Self-determining subjectivity and external constraint”, to appear in German translation in a collection of papers from the 2003 Münster conference on Hegel’s Legacy and Contemporary Theoretical Philosophy; and also, in a

slightly different version, in English in the Yearbook for German Idealism for 2003.

“Evans’s Frege”, to appear in a volume of essays on Gareth Evans edited by José Bermudez, to be published by Oxford University Press.

“Motivating inferentialism”, to appear in a special issue of Pragmatics and Cognition on the work of Bob Brandom, edited by Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer and Marcelo Dascal.

“Replies”, to appear in a volume of proceedings from the Pécs, Hungary conference on my work in 1998, edited by János Boros and Zsolt Garai.

INVITED LECTURES, etc.

9th International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science,
Hanover, West Germany (1979)
Henriette Hertz Annual Philosophical Lecture, The British Academy (1982)
Princeton University Annual Philosophical Lecture Series (1982)
Notre Dame Perspectives Lecture Series (1984, 2000)
New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association (Keynote Address: 1984)
A. N. Whitehead Lecture, Harvard University (1986)
Lindley Lecture, University of Kansas (1987)
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (1987; 1992)
University of Pittsburgh, inaugural lecture (1989)
Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, symposium with Hilary Putnam
(1989)
University of Pittsburgh, Center for Philosophy of Science Lecture Series (1990)
Gareth Evans Memorial Lecture, Oxford (1990)
John Locke Lectures, Oxford (1991)
Jacobsen Lecture, University of London (1991)
Nelson Visiting Philosopher, University of Michigan (1991)
Keeling Colloquium on Ancient Philosophy, University College, London (1994)
The Creighton Society (1995)
American Philosophical Association, Central Division: “Author Meets Critics”
session (1996)
A. I. Melden Lecture and Matchette Lecture, University of California, Irvine
(1996)
Woodbridge Lectures, Columbia University (1997)
Invited Lecture, Third Congress of the Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie,
Munich, Germany (1997)
Deutsche Bank Lecture Series, J. W. Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany
(1999)
Münsteraner Vorlesung (1999)
Philosophy Department, University of Essex, England, Distinguished Lecture
(2000)

Gustav Bergmann Lecture, University of Iowa (2003)
 Charles McCracken lecture, Michigan State University (2003)

COLLOQUIA, etc.

In Britain:

Oxford Philosophical Society
 Oxford, Ockham Society
 Cambridge Moral Sciences Club
 University College, London
 King's College, London
 Birkbeck College, London
 St. Andrews University
 Stirling University
 Edinburgh University
 Glasgow University
 Scots Philosophical Society
 Leeds University
 Durham University
 Bradford University
 University of Warwick
 University of East Anglia
 University College of Swansea
 Keele University
 Hegel Society of Great Britain

Elsewhere in Europe:

Conference on Meaning and Understanding, Cérisy-la-Salle, France (1979)
 Conference on Knowledge and Belief, Albi, France (1981)
 University of Tilburg, Netherlands (1982)
 Conference on Wittgenstein, Collège Internationale de Philosophie, Paris, France (1985)
 Institut de la Méthode Conference on Realism, Neuchâtel, Switzerland (1988)
 Centre de Recherche en Épistémologie Appliquée, Paris, France (1991)
 Katolieke Universiteit te Leuven, Belgium (1994; again, as holder of the Cardinal Mercier Chair, in 2003)
 Conference on Self-Knowledge, St. Andrews, Scotland (1995)
 Drittes Göttinger philosophisches Kolloquium, Göttingen, Germany (1996)
 Invited participant for Richard Rorty's tenure of the Ferrater Mora Chair in Contemporary Thought, Girona, Spain (1996)
 Fifth Karlov Vary Symposium on Analytic Philosophy, Karlov Vary, Czech Republic (1996)
 Konstanz-Pittsburgh-Potsdam-Warsaw Workshop on Human Nature, Berlin (1997)
 Lectures at the Universities of Oslo and Bergen, Norway (1997)

Conference on Mind and World, Leiden, Netherlands (1997)
 Pécs (Hungary) conferences, on my work (1998), and on the work of Michael Williams (1999)
 National Technical University, Athens (1999)
 Pittsburgh-Athens conference, Rethymnon, Crete (2000)
 Conference on Wittgenstein, Delphi, Greece (2001)
 University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy (2001)
 Jena, Germany: lecture in a series commemorating the bicentennial of the start of Hegel's academic career (2001)
 Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany (2001)
 SIFA congress, Bergamo, Italy (2002)
 University of Genoa, Italy (2002)
 Wittgenstein symposium, Girona, Spain (2002)
 Hegel conference, Münster, Germany (2003)
 Pittsburgh-Athens conference, Delphi, Greece (2003)
 Université Paris-I (Sorbonne), Paris, France (2003)
 Workshop on Hegel, Leipzig, Germany (2003)
 University of Aarhus, Denmark (2003)
 Conference on disjunctivism, Frankfurt, Germany (2004)
 SEFA workshop on philosophy and cognitive science (keynote speaker), Murcia, Spain (2004)
 University of Granada, Spain (2004)

In the USA:

Conferences, etc.:

Spindel Conference on Aristotle's ethics, Memphis State University (1988)
 Workshop on propositional attitudes, University of Minnesota (1988)
 Griffin workshop on issues in ethics, Lake Arrowhead, California (1989)
 Commentator at APA symposium on the thought of Wittgenstein, Eastern Division (1989)
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, annual colloquium (1993)
 Conference on Duty, Interest, and Practical Reason: Aristotle, Kant, and the Stoics; University of Pittsburgh (1994)
 GPPC summer institute on Mind and World and Brandom's Making it Explicit; Haverford College (1996)
 Commentator at APA symposium on secondary qualities, Eastern Division (1997)
 Transatlantic Collegium conference, Emory University (2002)
 Participant in an APA symposium on Donald Davidson, Subjective, Intersubjective, Objective (2002)
 Conference on German Idealism and analytic philosophy, Notre Dame University (2002)
 Von Kant bis Hegel conference, Johns Hopkins University (2003)
 Columbia/NYU graduate students conference (2003)
 Workshop on Kant and Hegel, University of Chicago (2004)

Colloquia:

Princeton University (1969; 1993; 2002, as Whitney J. Oates short-term Fellow in
 the Council for the Humanities)
 Wayne State University (1975)
 University of California, Berkeley (1977; 1987; 1993; 2001, as Townsend Visitor)
 University of California, San Diego (1977; 1992)
 University of California, Riverside (1977)
 University of Southern California (1977; 1990)
 University of Michigan (1977; 1984)
 University of Maryland (1980)
 Johns Hopkins University (1984; 2002)
 University of Pittsburgh (1984)
 University of Illinois at Chicago (1984)
 City University of New York (1984)
 Columbia University (1984)
 Rutgers University (1984)
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1984; 1988)
 University of Pennsylvania (1984; 1989)
 University of Miami (1986)
 Lehigh University (1986; 1988)
 Cornell University (1987; 1996; 2004)
 University of Virginia (1987; 1993; 1998)
 Temple University (1987)
 University of Utah (1988)
 Yale University (1988; 1993)
 Ohio State University (1989)
 Haverford College (1989; 1998; 2004)
 University of Southern California (1990)
 University of Arkansas (1993)
 University of Nebraska (1993)
 University of Chicago (1993; 2004)
 New York University (1994)
 Syracuse University (1995; 2003)
 Ohio University (1995)
 Williams College (1996)
 University of Kansas (1996)
 Indiana University (1996; 2004)
 Bowling Green State University (1997)
 Rice University (1999)
 University of Houston (1999)
 Texas A and M University (1999)
 University of Texas (1999)
 Vanderbilt University (1999)
 Duke University (1999)
 Georgetown University (2000)
 Washington University, St. Louis (2000)
 St. Louis University (2000)
 Tufts University (2000)
 University of Kentucky (2000)

Pennsylvania State University (2001)
 Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio (2003)

Elsewhere in North America

Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de
 México, Mexico City (1977)
 University of Western Ontario (1987)
 McGill University (1987; 1999)
 Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (1989; 1999)
 Conference on perceptual experience, University of Toronto (1991)
 Conference on Normativity and Naturalism: Explaining the Mind, University of
 Toronto (1993)
 SOFIA conference on perception, Cancún, Mexico (1995)
 University of Toronto colloquium (1997)
 Davidson conference, Mexico City (1997)