

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Michael Neil Forster

Date of Birth: December 9, 1957

Nationality: U.K./E.U. and U.S.A.

Employment:

From March 2013: Alexander von Humboldt Professor, Chair for Theoretical Philosophy, and Co- Director of the International Center for Philosophy, Bonn University. Also: Visiting Professor, The University of Chicago

October 2008-present Glen A. Lloyd Distinguished Service Professor in Philosophy and the College, The University of Chicago

June 1994-October 2008 Professor, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy

July 1994-July 2004 Chairman, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy

[This was the most successful period in the recent history of the Department. The following were some of the Department's main achievements during it: (1) Faculty recruitment – the Department added at the senior level James Conant, John Haugeland, David Finkelstein, Michael Kremer, and Charles Larmore, and at the junior level Rachel Barney, Michael Green, Jason Bridges, Jonathan Beere, and Gabriel Lear. (2) Successful integration into the Department of three prominent faculty members initially appointed to other units – Jonathan Lear, Martha Nussbaum, and Robert Pippin. (3) Graduate student admissions, recruitment, and funding – the size and quality of the applicant pool improved greatly during this period, as did the acceptance rate, as did the level of funding offered (reaching the present state in which all graduate students admitted receive full tuition plus a generous stipend for 5 years). (4) Graduate student placement – during this period the Department was regularly ranked first among all philosophy departments in the

nation by the *Lingua Franca* survey of graduate placement, and many of our students secured tenure-track positions in top departments, such as Yale and Princeton. (5) Office improvements – during this period the Department negotiated and initiated a major re-location from scattered quarters in the Classics Building and other parts of the University to its present unified and otherwise much improved quarters in the Stuart Building. (6) Cooperation with the Human Rights Program at The University of Chicago – this period saw the development of much closer cooperation between the Philosophy Department and the Human Rights Program, including joint hiring.]

October 1992-July 1994	Director of Graduate Studies, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy
May 1990-June 1994	Associate Professor, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy
October 1985-May 1990	Assistant Professor, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy
Autumn 1991	Visiting Associate Professor, Princeton University, Department of Philosophy
Autumn 1990	Visiting Associate Professor, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Department of Philosophy

Also shorter visiting professorships at Jena University (2010) and The University of Chicago (2014-present)

Main areas of research:

German philosophy, ancient philosophy, epistemology, philosophy of language

Languages:

German, Ancient Greek, French, Latin

Educational Institutions Attended:

1984-1985	Heidelberg University, Germany
1980-1984	Princeton University, U.S.A.
1977-1980	Magdalen College, Oxford University, England
1969-1977	The Lancaster Royal Grammar School, England

(Additionally, short stays at the University of Vienna, Goethe Institutes in Schwäbisch-Hall and Berlin, the Heidelberger Pädagogium, and Yale University for the purpose of learning German and Ancient Greek.)

Academic Qualifications:

1987	Ph.D. (Princeton) in Philosophy (dissertation on Hegel's interpretation of and responses to skepticism)
1983	M.A. (Princeton) in Philosophy
1980	B.A. (Oxon.), First Class, in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
1975	Four "A-levels" (History, English Literature, French, General Studies)
1973	Nine "O-levels"

Recent Honors:

April 2015: Keynote speaker, BJHP conference at York University

June 2014: Keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Swiss Philosophical Society, St. Gallen University

June 2013: Michael Frede Memorial Lecture, University of Athens

April 2012: Alexander von Humboldt Professorship, international prize for research from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (together with a “call” to the Chair in Theoretical Philosophy and to the Co-Directorship of the International Center for Philosophy at Bonn University)

December 2011: Keynote speaker at the conference “The Problem of Language within the Context of German Idealism,” The University of Brussels

October 2011: Keynote speaker, Dialogica, Argentina (invited but unable to attend)

July 2011: Keynote speaker at the International Summer School, Bonn University

April 2011: Keynote speaker for the 2011 graduate student conference, SUNY at Syracuse

September 2008–April 2009: Research fellowship at the Franke Institute for the Humanities, The University of Chicago

September 2008: Keynote speaker at the meetings of the Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft in Leuven, Belgium

2008–2013: Glen A. Lloyd Distinguished Service Professorship in Philosophy and the College, The University of Chicago

2008: “Socrates’ Profession of Ignorance,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 32 (2007) selected by *The Philosopher’s Annual 2008* as one of the “ten best articles published in philosophy in 2007”

2007 Humanities Institute Lecturer, Osaka

2004 Keynote speaker, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena

Prizes, Fellowships, Honors at School and University:

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| 1988 | Finalist (one of three) for the Council of Graduate Schools Distinguished Dissertation Award for the best dissertation in the U.S.A. in Humanities and the Fine Arts |
| 1984-1985 | D.A.A.D. Research Fellowship (awarded but declined due to alternative fellowship support) |
| 1984-1985 | King Edward VII British-German Foundation Fellowship |

1984-1985	Mrs. Giles Whiting Fellowship from Princeton University
1980-1984	William Alexander Fleet Fellowship held at Princeton University
1980	Henry Wilde Prize awarded by Oxford University (for the best final examinations papers in Philosophy)
1980	Degree awarded by Oxford University with formal congratulations from the examiners ("Congratulatory First")
1980	The Wheldon-Burkhardt Prize for work in the humanities from Magdalen College, Oxford
1977-1980	"Demyship" (i.e. open scholarship) at Magdalen College, Oxford
1969-1977	Various academic prizes in school (e.g. for best "O-levels" and for best "A-level" in English Literature)

Books published:

German Philosophy of Language: From Schlegel to Hegel and Beyond (Oxford University Press, 2011; second, paperback edition 2013)

After Herder: Philosophy of Language in the German Tradition (Oxford University Press, 2010; second, paperback edition 2012)

Kant and Skepticism (Princeton University Press, 2008)

Wittgenstein on the Arbitrariness of Grammar (Princeton University Press, 2004)

Herder: Philosophical Writings (Cambridge University Press, 2002)

Hegel's Idea of a "Phenomenology of Spirit" (University of Chicago Press, 1998)

Hegel and Skepticism (Harvard University Press, 1989)

Edited volumes published:

Oxford Handbook of German Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century (co-editor) (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Die Bildung der Moderne (co-editor) (Francke Verlag, 2013)

Die Aktualität der Romantik (co-editor) (LIT Verlag, 2012)

Articles published:

Review of Eugenio Coseriu, *Geschichte der Sprachphilosophie*, vols. 1 and 2, in *Historiographia Linguistica* 44:1 (2017)

“Anaximander’s thesis that *to apeiron* is the *archê*,” in *Welt und Unendlichkeit*, ed. Markus Gabriel, Csaba Olay, and Sebastian Ostritsch (Karl Alber, 2017)

“The Autonomy of Grammar,” in *A Companion to Wittgenstein*, ed. H.-J. Glock and J. Hyman (Wiley-Blackwell, 2017)

“Herder and Human Rights,” in *Herder: Philosophy and Anthropology*, ed. A. Waldow and N. DeSouza (Oxford University Press, 2017)

“Kritik”, in *Bonner Enzyklopädie der Globalität*, ed. L. Kühnhardt and T. Mayer (Springer VS, 2017). (An English version of this article will appear soon in an English edition of the same work.)

“Kants transzendentaler Idealismus. Das Argument hinsichtlich des Raumes und der Geometrie,” in *Raum erfahren*, ed. D. Espinet, T. Keilung, and N. Mirkovic (Mohr Siebeck, 2017)

“Nietzsche on Morality as a ‘Sign Language of the Affects,’” in *Inquiry* 60/1-2 (2017)

“Historicizing Genre: The German Romantic Rethinking of Ancient Tragedy,” in *Historisierung. Begriff – Geschichte – Praxisfelder*, ed. M. Baumstark and R. Forkel (J.B. Metzler)

Review of Charles Taylor, *The Language Animal*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016)

“Romanticism,” in *Debates in 19th-Century Philosophy*, ed. K. Gjesdal (Routledge, 2016)

“Ein Anfang der Metaphysik. Parmenides über den Widerspruch und das Paradoxon des Nichtseins”, in *Das neue Bedürfnis nach Metaphysik. The New Desire for Metaphysics*, ed. M. Gabriel, W. Högrefe und A. Speer (de Gruyter, 2015)

“Dogmatism, Skepticism, Criticism, and Toleration”, in *Studia philosophica* 74 (2015)

“Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?”, in *From Hegel to Windelband: Historiography of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. G. Hartung and V. Pluder (de Gruyter, 2015)

“Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge,” in *Friedrich Schleiermacher and the Question of Translation, 1813-2013*, ed. L. Cercel and A. Serban (de Gruyter, 2015)

Review of *The Impact of Idealism*, vol. 1, ed. N. Boyle, L. Disley, K. Ameriks, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2015)

“Ideology”, in *Oxford Handbook of German Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. M.N. Forster and K. Gjesdal (Oxford University Press, 2015)

“Herder’s Doctrine of Meaning as Use,” in *Linguistic Meaning: New Essays in the History of Philosophy of Language*, ed. M. Cameron and R. Stainton (Oxford University Press, 2015)

“Schelling and Skepticism”, in *Interpreting Schelling*, ed. L. Ostaric (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

“Romanticism and Language,” in *The Relevance of Romanticism*, ed. D. Nassar (Oxford University Press, 2014)

“Humboldts Bildungsideal und sein Modell der Universität,” in *Die Bildung der Moderne*, ed. M. Dreyer, M. Forster, K.-U. Hoffmann, and K. Vieweg (Francke Verlag, 2013)

Review of Frederick C. Beiser, *The German Historicist Tradition*, in *Mind*, 2013

“Hypothesis in Natural Science and Interpretation,” in *Naturalistische Hermeneutik: Zum Stand der Debatte*, ed. L.C. Madonna (Königshausen und Neumann, 2013)

“Dilthey’s Significance for Hermeneutics,” *Mythos-Magazin*, May 2012

“History of Philosophy,” in *Cambridge History of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. A.W. Wood (Cambridge University Press, 2012)

“Language,” in *Cambridge History of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. A.W. Wood (Cambridge University Press, 2012)

“Herder and Spinoza,” in *Spinoza and German Idealism*, ed. E. Förster and Y. Melamed (Cambridge University Press, 2012)

“Kant’s Philosophy of Language?” in *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, 74/3 (2012)
(reprinted in *The Linguistic Dimension of Kant’s Thought*, hrsg. von F. Schalow und R. Velkley (Northwestern University Press, 2014))

“Herders Beitrag zur Entstehung der Idee *romantisch*,” in *Die Aktualität der Romantik*, ed. M.N. Forster and K. Vieweg (LIT Verlag, 2012)

“Bildung bei Herder und seinen Nachfolgern,” in *Bildung und Freiheit: Ein vergessener Zusammenhang*, ed. K. Vieweg and M. Winkler (Schöningh, 2012)

“Hat jede wahre Philosophie eine skeptische Seite?” in *Skeptizismus und Metaphysik = Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Sonderband 28, ed. M. Gabriel (Akademie Verlag, 2012)

“Hermeneutik und Tiere,” in *Natur und Geist. Über ihre evolutionäre Verhältnisbestimmung*, ed. C. Tewes and K. Vieweg (Akademie Verlag, 2011)

“Genealogy and Morality,” in *American Dialectic* (online), 1/3 (2011)

“Concluding Overview,” in *Interdisciplinary Anthropology*, ed. W. Welsch et al. (Springer Verlag, 2011) (co-authored)

“Schlegel and Hegel on Skepticism and Philosophy,” in *Die Begründung der Philosophie im Deutschen Idealismus*, ed. E. Ficara (Königshausen und Neumann, 2011)

“Gadamer’s Hermeneutics: A Critical Appraisal,” in *Mythos-Magazin* (online), July 2011 [Also published in the *Yearbook of Philosophical Hermeneutics*, 5/2012, “50 Jahre Wahrheit und Methode.”]

“Herder on Interpretation and Imagination,” in *Inventions of the Imagination*, ed. R.T. Gray et al. (University of Washington Press, 2011)

“Genealogy,” in *American Dialectic* (online), 1/2 (2011)

“Ursprung und Wesen des Hegelschen Geistbegriffs,” in *Hegel-Jahrbuch* (2011)

“Wittgenstein on Family Resemblance Concepts,” in *Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations: A Critical Guide*, ed. A. Ahmed (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

- “Die Bewegung des Begriffs,” in *Der blaue Reiter*, 29 (2010) (co-authored)
- “A Wittgensteinian Anti-Platonism,” in *The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, 15 (2009)
- “Hegel and Hermeneutics,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel and Nineteenth-Century Philosophy*, ed. F.C. Beiser (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- “Das geistige Tierreich,” in *Hegels Phänomenologie des Geistes*, ed. K. Vieweg and W. Welsch (Suhrkamp Verlag, 2008)
- “Hermeneutics,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Continental Philosophy*, ed. B. Leiter and M. Rosen (Oxford University Press, 2008)
- “Menschen und andere Tiere,” in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, Heft 5 (2007)
- “Herder’s Importance as a Philosopher,” in *Von der Logik zur Sprache*, ed. R. Bubner and G. Hindrichs (Klett-Cotta, 2007)
- “Socrates’ Profession of Ignorance,” in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 32 (2007) [This article was selected by *The Philosopher’s Annual 2008* as one of the “ten best articles published in philosophy in 2007.”]
- “Socrates’ Demand for Definitions,” in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 31 (2006)
- “Socratic Refutation,” in *Rhizai*, 3/1 (2006)
- “Wittgenstein on Alternative Concepts and Grammars, and the Problem of Access,” in *Internationale Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 14/2 (2005)
- “Herder,” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition, ed. D.M. Borchert (Macmillan, 2005)
- “Hegelian vs. Kantian Interpretations of Pyrrhonism: Revolution or Reaction?” in *Kritisches Jahrbuch der Philosophie*, 10 (2005) (proceedings of 2004 conference “Skeptizismus um 1800” held in Jena)
- “Kant and Skepticism,” in *Kritisches Jahrbuch der Philosophie*, 10 (2005) (proceedings of 2004 conference “Skeptizismus um 1800” held in Jena)
- “Schleiermacher’s Hermeneutics: Some Problems and Solutions,” in *The Harvard Review of Philosophy* (July, 2005); reprinted in *The Space of Love and Garbage And Other Essays from ‘The Harvard Review of Philosophy,’* ed. S.P. Upham (Open Court Press, 2008)

“The Liberal Temper in Classical German Philosophy: Freedom of Thought and Expression,” in *Internationales Jahrbuch des Deutschen Idealismus / International Yearbook of German Idealism* (2004)

“Gods, Animals, and Artists: Some Problem Cases in Herder’s Philosophy of Language,” in *Inquiry* (March, 2003)

“Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?” in *Das Interesse des Denkens: Hegel aus heutiger Sicht*, ed. K. Vieweg and W. Welsch (Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2003)

“Herder’s Philosophy of Language, Interpretation, and Translation: Three Fundamental Principles,” in *The Review of Metaphysics* (December, 2002)

“Schleiermacher,” in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online; 2002; substantially expanded and revised version 2017)

“Herder,” in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online; originally 2001, substantially expanded and revised 2007; further substantially expanded and revised 2017)

“On the Very Idea of Denying the Existence of Radically Different Conceptual Schemes,” in *Inquiry* (June, 1998)

“Hegel on the Superiority of Ancient over Modern Skepticism,” in *Skeptizismus und spekulatives Denken in der Philosophie Hegels*, ed. H.F. Fulda (Klett-Cotta, 1996)

“Hegel’s Dialectical Method,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel*, ed. F.C. Beiser (Cambridge University Press, 1993)

Forthcoming books:

Herder’s Philosophy (Oxford University Press)

After Wittgenstein: Essays on Modern Philosophy of Language (Oxford University Press)

Forthcoming edited volumes:

Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics (co-editor) (Cambridge University Press)

Palgrave Companion to Russian Thought (co-editor) (Palgrave-Macmillan)

Forthcoming articles (selection):

“A.W. Schlegel’s *Kunstlehre* and Hegel’s *Ästhetik*,” in a volume of articles on A.W. Schlegel edited by M. Buschmeier

“Hermeneutics and the variability of the concept of meaning, or why accurate interpretation is even more difficult than you probably realized,” in a volume of articles on hermeneutics edited by Günter Figal

“Nietzsche on Free Will,” in a new *Cambridge Companion to Nietzsche*, edited by Tom Stern (Cambridge University Press)

“Kant’s Theory of Free Will in Historical Perspective,” in a volume on Kant and free will edited by C. Krijnen

“Les origines de la théorie de la traduction défamiliarisante chez d’Alembert, Abbt, Herder et Schleiermacher,” in a volume on the philosophy of translation edited by C. Berner

“Francophone Contributions to Hermeneutics,” in the *Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics*, edited by M.N. Forster and K. Gjesdal (Cambridge University Press)

“*Einfühlung* and Interpretation,” in *The Imagination in German Idealism and Romanticism* edited by Gerad Gentry (Cambridge University Press)

“The Origin and Character of Hegel’s Concept of Spirit,” in a volume on Hegel’s philosophy edited by M. Bykova (Cambridge University Press)

“German Philosophy of Language Before Kant,” in a volume on German philosophy before Kant edited by F.C. Beiser and B. Look (Oxford University Press)

“Friedrich Schlegel and Hegel,” in a volume edited by J. Korngiebel and K. Vieweg (Fink Verlag)

“Homeric Contributions to Skepticism,” in a volume on Skepticism edited by A. Bruno and A. Rutherford (Routledge)

“Forms of Reasoning in Western and Chinese Philosophy,” in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*

“Dilthey’s Importance for Hermeneutics,” in *Cambridge Companion to Dilthey*, ed. R. Nelson (Cambridge University Press)

“Protagoras Bildungstheorie im Rahmen seiner theoretischen Philosophie,” proceedings of Krickenbeck Castle conference on Werner Jaeger

“Skepticism,” in *The Cambridge Kant Lexicon*, ed. J. Wuerth (Cambridge University Press)

“Language,” in *The Cambridge Kant Lexicon*, ed. J. Wuerth (Cambridge University Press)

“Skepticism about Logic in Germany around the Turn of the Nineteenth Century,” in a Festschrift for Hans-Friedrich Fulda, ed. Jens Rometsch

Papers/Talks Delivered:

August 2017, summer school organized by King’s College, London at Renmin University in Beijing, 5 lectures: “The Herderian Tradition’s Revolution in Philosophy of Language, Hermeneutics, Translation Theory, and Linguistics”; “Herder and the Birth of Anthropology”; “Völkerpsychologie”; “Franz Boas”; and “Bronislaw Malinowski”

June 2017, Ringvorlesung organized by the Lehrstuhl Günter Figal at Freiburg University: “Hermeneutics and the variability of the concept of meaning, or why accurate interpretation is even more difficult than you probably realized”

June 2017, conference “Free Will in Historical and Cultural Perspective” at Bonn University: “Towards a Genealogy of the Idea of Free Will”

June 2017, conference on autonomy at Bonn University: “Kant’s Theory of Free Will in Historical Perspective”

June 2017, conference on “Humankind and Humanity in the Philosophy of the Enlightenment” at LMU in Munich: “Herder on Humanity”

May 2017, conference on A.W. Schlegel at Bonn University: “A.W. Schlegel’s *Kunstlehre* and Hegel’s *Ästhetik*”

April 2017, conference on translation at Nanterre University, Paris: “Les origines de la théorie de la traduction défamiliarisante chez d’Alembert, Abbt, Herder et Schleiermacher”

April 2017, conference on hermeneutics held at Bonn University in preparation for a forthcoming *Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics*: “Francophone Contributions to Hermeneutics”

March 2017, Humboldt-Kolleg on Kant and free will at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam: “The Ancient Origins and the Modern Consequences of the Idea of Free Will”

March 2017, conference on German Idealism and German Romanticism held at Jena University: “Friedrich Schlegel and Hegel”

March 2017, conference on A.W. Schlegel at the University of Chicago: “The German Romantic Rethinking of Ancient Tragedy”

February 2017, lecture at a Humboldt-Kolleg on the academic disciplines in Germany in the nineteenth century held at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem: “Philosophy, History of Philosophy, and Historicism”

December 2016, invited talk in the Philosophy Department at Istanbul University, Turkey: “Herder’s Philosophy of Language”

December 2016, invited talk in the Philosophy Department at Boşygy University, Istanbul: “Herder”

December 2016, conference on Nietzsche and the Greeks at the Nietzsche-Dokumentationszentrum in Naumburg: “Nietzsche: Three Genealogies of Christianity”

October 2016, Greek-Turkish Humboldt-Kolleg at the University of Thessaloniki: “Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?”

October 2016, conference on philosophy and the history of philosophy at Bonn University: “Some Reflections on Western and Non-Western Philosophy”

September 2016, conference of the Nietzsche Gesellschaft at the Nietzsche Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg, plenary lecture: “Nietzsche on Morality as a ‘Sign Language of the Affects’”

September 2016, conference on P.I. Novgorodtsev, Department of Philosophy of the Lomonossov University, Moscow: “Herder and Human Rights”

September 2016, invited talk at the Department of Philosophy of the Lomonossov University, Moscow: “*Einführung* und Interpretation”

September 2016, invited talk at the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow: “Genealogy and Morality”

July 2016, conference on “Understanding, Knowledge, and Truth” at Renmin University, Beijing: “Skepticism in Western and Chinese Philosophy”

July 2016, conference on “Theorien, Modelle und Simulationen” at Bonn University: “Naturalismus”

June 2016, inaugural conference of The International Society for Nietzsche Studies, held at Bonn University: “Nietzsche on Morality as a ‘Sign Language of the Affects’”

June 2016, conference on unity at Cambridge University, Department of Philosophy: “The Unity of Language? The Emergence and Prospects of Semantic Holism”

June 2016, conference on empathy at the Paris Center of The University of Chicago: “*Einführung* and Interpretation”

May 2016 workshop on the post-Kantian history of Logic, McMasters University, Canada: “Hegel on Skepticism about Logic and the Need for a New Logic”

May 2016, invited talk to Oxford University, Department of Philosophy: “Historicizing Genre: The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy”

April 2016, workshop on Nietzsche’s *The Birth of Tragedy* at Temple University, Philadelphia: “Romanticism and *The Birth of Tragedy*”

December 2015, Ringvorlesung, Institut français, Bonn: “Aufklärung und Sprache. Eine Revolution in der Sprachtheorie im 18. Jahrhundert”

November 2015, conference “Welt und Unendlichkeit,” Bonn University: “Anaximander’s Thesis that *to apeiron* is the *archê*”

October 2015, Nietzsche Forum, Birkbeck College, University of London: “Genealogy and Morality”

September 2015, Toulouse University journée d’études: “Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge”

July 2015, conference “Wozu Literatur-(wissenschaft)?” Bonn University: “Why Philosophers Can Learn By Taking Literature Seriously”

July 2015, conference “Modes of Reasoning – East and West,” Bonn University: “Forms of Reasoning in Western and Chinese Philosophy”

June 2015, conference “Raum erfahren” at Freiburg University: “Kants transzendentaler Idealismus. Das Argument hinsichtlich des Raumes und der Geometrie”

May 2015, Wissenschaftszentrum, Bonn: “Unsere Globalisierungsstrategie im Internationalen Zentrum für Philosophie NRW”

April 2015, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* conference, York University, keynote talk: “Dogmatism, Skepticism, Criticism, and Toleration”

March 2015, conference “Romanticism: Philosophy, Literature, and Music,” Bonn University: “Historicizing Genre: The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy”

January 2015, McMasters University, Canada, Workshop on “Logic after Kant”: “Skepticism about Logic after Kant”

December 2014, Bonn University, Conference on “The Coherence of Relativism”: “Protagoras’s Relativism”

December 2014, Institut français, Bonn, podium discussion on the European languages: „Das Problem der Sprachen im Rahmen des Internationalen Zentrums für Philosophie“

November 2014, Bonn University, Conference on “Skeptical Solutions”: “The Homeric Contribution to Skepticism”

October 2014, University of California at Berkeley, conference on „Global Philosophy?”: “Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?”

September 2014, Krickenbeck Castle, conference on Werner Jaeger: “Protagoras’ Bildungstheorie im Rahmen seiner theoretischen Philosophie”

September 2014, Chinese University of Hong Kong, conference on Reason: “Parmenides on Contradiction and the Paradox of Non-being”

St. Gallen University, Switzerland, Symposium of the Swiss Philosophical Society, Keynote address: “Criticism, Skepticism, Toleration”

May 2014, Halle University, lecture series on “Historisierung”: Comment on F.C. Beiser “Historicization and Historicism”

May 2014, Humboldt University, Berlin, Dept. of Philosophy: “Historicizing Genre: Voltaire, Herder, the Schlegel Brothers, and Boeckh”

April 2014, Halle University, lecture series on "Historisierung": "Historicizing Genre: Voltaire, Herder, the Schlegel Brothers, and Boeckh"

November 2013, Bildakt-Kolleg, Humboldt University in Berlin: "Herder und Hegel über Kunst und Sprache"

November 2013, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, "The Philosopher's Zone": interview (to be broadcast and podcast in the near future)

November 2013, Sydney University, "Sydney Ideas" series: "Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?"

November 2013, Sydney University, Dept. of Philosophy, conference on the history of anthropology: "Herder on Anthropology and Human Rights"

October 2013, Temple University, Dept. of Philosophy, conference on Schelling: "Schelling and Skepticism"

September 2013, Wuppertal University, conference Die Facetten der Philosophiegeschichte im 19. Jahrhundert: "Does Western Philosophy Have Non-Western Roots?"

June 2013, Michael Frede Memorial Lecture, University of Athens, Department of History and Philosophy of Science: "The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy"

June 2013, Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin: "Herder and Human Rights"

June 2013, Rotary Club, Bonn: "Humboldt und Chicago"

May 2013, Institute of Philosophy, Warsaw University: "Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge"

May 2013, Institute of Philosophy, Warsaw University: "The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy"

November 2012, Basel, Eikones: "Between Tradition and Subversion: Athenian Culture in General and Tragedy in Particular"

November 2012, Basel, Eikones: "Plato and Aristotle on the Nature of Tragedy"

November 2012, Basel, Eikones: "The German Romantic Re-thinking of Ancient Tragedy"

October 2012, Humboldt-Stiftung Preisträgerforum, Bonn: "A Beginning of Metaphysics: Parmenides on Contradiction and the Paradox of Not-Being"

September 2012, The Nida Institute of the American Bible Society, New York: "Remarks on Lawrence Venuti, 'Genealogies of Translation Theory: Locke and Schleiermacher'"

September 2012, Toulouse University, Department of Philosophy: "Eine Revolution in der Philosophie der Sprache, der Hermeneutik und der Übersetzungstheorie im späten 18. Jahrhundert: deutsche und französische Beiträge"

June 2012, University of Western Ontario, Canada, conference "Linguistic Meaning: History of the Philosophy of Language" (connected with the forthcoming volume *Linguistic Meaning* (OUP)): "Kant's Philosophy of Language?"

June 2012, University of Western Ontario, Canada, conference "Linguistic Meaning: History of the Philosophy of Language" (connected with the forthcoming volume *Linguistic Meaning* (OUP)): "Herder's Doctrine of Meaning as Use"

May 2012, UCLA, conference "Skepticism and Politics in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries": "Skepticism and Toleration"

December 2011, The University of Brussels, conference "The Problem of Language within the Context of German Idealism," keynote address: "Herder's Doctrine of Meaning as Use"

December 2011, The University of Leuven, Belgium, Department of Philosophy: "Kant's Philosophy of Language?"

December 2011, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy, conference "Bildung der Moderne": "Humboldts Bildungsideal und sein Modell der Universität"

November 2011, University of Chicago, conference "Concepts of *Bildung* around 1800 and Wilhelm von Humboldt's Idea of the University": "Humboldt's Ideal of *Bildung* and His Model of the Modern University"

July 2011, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, conference on "Die Aktualität der Romantik": "Herders Beitrag zur Entstehung des Begriffs *romantisch*"

July 2011, Bonn University, International Summer School, keynote address: "Why Hegel's Subjective Logic is Philosophically Interesting"

May 2011, University of Chicago, annual meeting of American Friends of the German Literary Archive Marbach: "The German Tradition in the Philosophy of Language and Its Importance Today"

April 2011, Bonn University, Germany: "Skeptische Zweifel an der Logik in der deutschen Philosophie um 1800"

April 2011, State University of New York at Syracuse, graduate student conference, keynote address: "Skepticism about Logic in Germany around the Turn of the Nineteenth Century"

February 2011, Monash University, Australia, interdisciplinary conference "The Actuality of Romanticism": "Schlegel and Hegel on the Law of Contradiction"

February 2011, University of Melbourne, Australia, Department of Philosophy: "Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?"

January 2011, Princeton University, Department of Philosophy, Symposium on Mark Johnston's *Saving God* and *Surviving Death*: "Mark Johnston's *Surviving Death*"

November 2010, New York University, Department of Philosophy, "Modern Philosophy Conference": "Comments on Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer, 'Reality as a Modal Notion'"

October 2010, University of Rome Tor Vergata/Italian Institute of German Studies, conference "50 Years *Truth and Method*": "Gadamer's Hermeneutics: A Critical Appraisal"

September 2010, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, conference on "Bildung": "*Bildung* bei Herder und seinen Nachfolgern: Drei Begriffe"

May 2010, Oslo University, conference on Herder across the disciplines: "Herder and Spinoza"

May 2010, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy, conference on Spinoza and German philosophy: "Herder and Spinoza"

February 2010, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: "Hegels 'Das geistige Tierreich' und Goethes 'Reineke Fuchs'"

February 2010, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: lectures on German philosophy of language, hermeneutics, and translation-theory in the context of an intensive course taught by myself and K. Vieweg

December 2009, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, conference on "The Continuity of Evolution and the Special Character of the Human": "Concluding Comments"

October 2009, Notre Dame University, Department of Philosophy: "Kant's Philosophy of Language?"

October 2009, The University of Chicago, Law School, conference on naturalistic approaches to ethics: "Genealogy and Morality"

April 2009, James Madison University, Dept. of Foreign Languages, Visiting Scholar Lecture: "Herder, Schleiermacher, and the Birth of Foreignizing Translation"

October 2008, Franke Institute for the Humanities, The University of Chicago: "Hermeneutics"

September 2008, Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft meetings held in Leuven, Belgium, keynote address: "Ursprung und Wesen des Hegelschen Geistbegriffs"

April 2008, Temple University, Department of Philosophy, conference on hermeneutics: "Herder, Schleiermacher, and the Birth of Foreignizing Translation"

March 2008, Marquette University, Department of Philosophy: "Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?"

February 2008, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy: "Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?"

January 2008, Heidelberg University, Germany, Department of Philosophy, conference "Metaphysics and Skepticism": "Does Every Genuine Philosophy Have a Skeptical Side?"

September 2007, Humanities Institute, Osaka, Japan: "Philosophy of Language, Interpretation, and Translation" (a series of three lectures delivered as the Humanities Institute Lecturer for 2007)

May 2007, Conference on "Inventions of the Imagination" held at The University of Washington, Seattle: "Herder's Importance as a Philosopher"

April 2007, The University of Chicago, Philosophy of Religion Club: "Herder's Importance as a Philosopher"

April 2007, Central Division APA: "Response to Paul Franks, *All or Nothing*"

March 2007, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of the Sciences, Berlin, international symposium "Gestalten des Bewusstseins. Genealogisches Denken im Kontext Hegels": "Phänomenologie als Genealogie"

January 2007, University of Chicago, Social Sciences Workshop: "Herder and the Birth of Modern Anthropology"

October 2006, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy, conference on Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*: "Das geistige Tierreich"

May 2006, Oslo University, Norway, conference on Herder and anthropology: "Herder and the Birth of Modern Anthropology"

April 2006, New York University, Department of Philosophy, seminar in the series "New York University Seminars on Mind and Language": "Kant, Hegel, and Skepticism"

May 2005, Meetings of the Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung, held in Stuttgart, Germany: "Hegel and Hermeneutics"

April 2005, The University of Chicago, Wittgenstein Workshop: "A Wittgensteinian Anti-Platonism"

February 2005, National Technical University, Athens, Greece: "Socratic Refutation"

February 2005, Anatolia College, Salonica, Greece: "Socrates' Demand for Definitions"

February 2005, Aristotle University, Salonica, Greece: "Hegel and Hermeneutics"

June 2004, University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science: "A Wittgensteinian Anti-Platonism" (delivered at an international conference held on the island of Aegina which focused on my then recently published book *Wittgenstein on the Arbitrariness of Grammar*)

May 2004, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: "Wittgenstein on the Arbitrariness of Grammar"

May 2004, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy, conference on "Skeptizismus um 1800": "Kantian vs. Hegelian Interpretations of Pyrrhonism: Reaction or Revolution?"

May 2004, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy, conference on "Skeptizismus um 1800," keynote address: "Kant and Skepticism"

March 2004, University of Crete, Greece, Department of Philosophy: "Herder's Importance as a Philosopher"

March 2004, University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science: "Herder, Schleiermacher, and the Birth of Foreignizing Translation"

June 2003, Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy: "Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access"

May 2003, University of Patras, Greece, Department of Philosophy: "The Liberal Temper in Classical German Philosophy: Freedom of Thought and Expression"

May 2003, University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science: "Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access"

April 2003, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy, conference "Von Kant bis Hegel": "Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?"

October 2002, Peking University, Institute of European Philosophy, "Beijing International Symposium on Wittgenstein and 20th Century Analytic Philosophy": "Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access"

April 2002, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Philosophy and German Departments: "Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?"

April 2002, University of California at Berkeley, Institute for European Studies: "Herder's Philosophy of Language, Interpretation, and Translation: Three Fundamental Principles"

January 2002, University of Chicago, Franke Institute for the Humanities: "Herder as a Philosopher"

December 2001, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: "Hegel and Some (Near) Contemporaries: Narrow or Broad Expressivism?"

December 2001, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Department of Philosophy: "Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access"

November 2001, New York University, Department of Philosophy: "Later Wittgenstein: Alternative Grammars and the Problem of Access"

June 2001, The University of Chicago, Wittgenstein Workshop: "Wittgenstein's Later Philosophy: The Question of the 'Arbitrariness of Grammar'"

April 2001, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Department of Philosophy: "Herder's Hermeneutical Theory: Foundations in the Philosophy of Language"

April 2000, Drew University, New Jersey, international conference on Schleiermacher: "Schleiermacher's Hermeneutics: Some Problems and Solutions"

December 1999, Eastern Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, held in Boston: "Hegel's Intellectual Debts to Herder" (delivered as part of a session on my then recently published book *Hegel's Idea of a "Phenomenology of Spirit"*)

April 1999, Columbia University, Department of Philosophy: "Herder on Language and Interpretation"

April 1999, University of Georgia, Department of Philosophy: "Herder on Language and Interpretation"

April 1998, University of Notre Dame, conference on philosophy in the 18th century: "Herder on Conceptual Change, Interpretation, and Translation"

March 1998, Mc'Gill University, Canada, Department of Philosophy: "Herder on Conceptual Change, Interpretation, and Translation"

March 1998, Mc'Gill University, Canada, Department of Philosophy: "On the Very Idea of Denying the Existence of Radically Different Conceptual Schemes"

March 1997, Princeton University, Department of Philosophy: "On the Very Idea of Denying the Existence of Radically Different Conceptual Schemes"

April 1996, Central Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, held in Chicago: "The Historicism of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*"

September 1995, Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung meeting, held in Pisa, Italy: "Hegel on the Superiority of Ancient over Modern Skepticism"

June 1995, The University of Chicago, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar: "The Motivation of Kant's Transcendental Idealism"

June 1993, Northwestern University, Department of Philosophy, conference on Hegel: "Curing Modern Culture: Hegel on the Ills of Modern Society"

April 1990, The University of Chicago, German Department: "The Historicism of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*"

March 1990, The University of Chicago, Ancient Philosophy Workshop: "Socrates' Demand for Definitions"

February 1990, University of Illinois, Chicago, Department of Philosophy: "Socrates' Demand for Definitions"

January 1990, Lincoln College, Oxford: "The Philosophical Tasks of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*"

January 1990, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Department of Philosophy: "Hegel's Dialectical Method"

October 1988, Princeton University, Department of Philosophy: "Kant and Skepticism concerning Metaphysics"

May 1988, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy, conference on Kant marking the retirement of Manley Thompson: "Kant and Skepticism concerning Metaphysics"

February 1988, Harvard University, Department of Philosophy: "The Philosophical Tasks of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*"

February 1988, Harvard University, Department of Philosophy: "Hegel and Skepticism"

May 1984, The University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy: "Hegel and the History of Skepticism"

Some upcoming talks:

October 4-6, 2017 Istanbul University, Turkey: "Hermeneutics and the Variability of the Concept of an Idea"

October 9, 2017 Humboldt-Forum, Berlin: "Humboldts Bildungsideal"

October 18-20 University of Poitiers, France: "L'herméneutique de Friedrich Schlegel"

November 2-4, 2017 Aarhus University, Denmark: "Meta-Ethics East and West"

December 15-17, 2017 Bonn University: "Denkt Kunst jenseits der Sprache?"

Former Ph.D. advisees who have gone on to academic positions:

David Brendel (Freud) – Harvard Medical School

Marc Djaballah (Foucault/Kant) – University of Memphis

Stephen Engstrom (Kant) – Pittsburgh University

Mihaela Fistioc (Plato/Kant) – Washington College; Yale University
Susan Hahn (Hegel) – Johns Hopkins University; Concordia University
Jim Kreines (Hegel) – Yale University; Pomona College
Alison Laywine (Kant) – McGill University
Jadran Lee (Bentham/animal rights) – University of Melbourne
Alyssa Luboff (Relativism) – Grand Valley State University
Wing Sze Leung (Rousseau/Kant/Wordsworth) – Fordham University
Barbara Montero (philosophy of mind) – Georgia State University; CUNY
Kurt Mosser (Kant) – University of Dayton
Ulf Nilsson (Marx) – Kenyon College
Jim Oates (Kant) – California State University
Gregg Osborne (Kant) – American University in Beirut; Washington and Jefferson
College
John Person (German Philosophy in pre-war Japan) – UCLA
Erich Reck (Wittgenstein) – University of California, Riverside
James Reid (Heidegger) – College of William and Mary
Miles Rind – Virginia Technical University; Cincinnati University; Boston University
Tim Rosenkoetter (Kant) – Dartmouth College; NYU
Irina Ruvinsky (Proust) – School of the Art Institute, Chicago
Motohide Saji (Kant) – International University of Japan
Justin Shaddock (Kant) – Williams College
Philip Shields (Wittgenstein) – Beloit College
Daniel Smith (Deleuze) – Purdue University
David Sussman (Kant) – Princeton University; University of Illinois, Champaign-
Urbana
Ben Vilhauer (Kant) – Claremont McKenna College; William Paterson University
Rachel Zuckert (Kant) – Bucknell University; Rice University; Northwestern
University

Philosophical Society Memberships:

American Philosophical Association
International Herder Society
Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft
Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie

Miscellaneous:

Have reviewed books, book proposals, and articles for various presses and journals, including Blackwell, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, University of Chicago Press, and *Synthese*

Have written external reviews for numerous appointment and promotion cases at various universities, including Princeton and NYU

Have reviewed prize nominees for funding agencies, including the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Have organized conferences at the University of Chicago as departmental chairman and in other capacities, most recently a 2011 conference supported by the Franke Institute for the Humanities and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, "Concepts of *Bildung* around 1800 and Wilhelm von Humboldt's Idea of the University."

Currently fund/organize conferences and other academic events in connection with my Professorial Chair and Alexander von Humboldt Professorship. Among the conferences and other events recently (co-)funded/organized:

2-4/10/13: conference on the contemporary relevance of Schelling's philosophy at Temple University

13-14/12/14: philosophical advisors to UN Global Citizenship Commission hosted at Bonn University (including public lecture by Jeremy Waldron)

20-21/5/14: conference "Ontologie des Sozialen," Bonn University

30/5/14: UN Global Citizenship Commission hosted at Bonn University (including public lecture by Anthony Appiah)

17-19/09/14: conference "Concepts of Rationality" at Chinese University of Hong Kong

2-3/10/14: conference "Global Philosophy" at the University of California, Berkeley

26-28/11/14: conference "Skeptical Solutions: Provocations of Philosophy" at Bonn University

13-14/12/14: conference "The Coherence of Relativism" at Bonn University

Dec. – Jan. 2014 Ringvorlesung on Romanticism, Institut français in Bonn

26-29/3/15: conference "Romanticism: Philosophy, Literature, and Music" at Bonn University

10-12/7/15: conference "Modes of Reasoning – East at West" at Bonn University

18/9/15: journée d'études at Toulouse University

26-27/11/15: conference "Welt und Unendlichkeit" at Bonn University

29-30/4/16 conference on Nietzsche and tragedy at Temple University, Philadelphia

6-9/5/16 conference on "Logic in Kant's Wake" at McMaster University, Canada

3/6/16 conference on empathy at the Paris Center of The University of Chicago in Paris

24-25/6/16 inaugural conference for the International Society of Nietzsche Studies at Bonn University

16-17/7/16 conference “Understanding, Knowledge, and Truth” at Renmin University, Beijing
5-7/10/16 conference on Philosophy and History of Philosophy at Bonn University
4-8/12/16 conference on “Nietzsche and the Greeks” at the Nietzsche-Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg
12-13/12/16 symposium with Tyler Burge and Ned Block at Bonn University
1/3/17 conference on A.W. Schlegel at The University of Chicago
3-4/3/17 second conference of the International Society of Nietzsche Studies at The University of Chicago
16-18/3/17 conference on German Idealism and German Romanticism at Jena University
28/3/17 “Gedenkfeier” for Josef Simon at Bonn University
5-7/4/17 conference on hermeneutics (in preparation for a forthcoming *Cambridge Companion to Hermeneutics*) at Bonn University
17-18/6/17 conference on “the unity of the object” at Bonn University (part of a DAAD-sponsored series of conferences on the concept of unity involving colleagues from the universities of Bonn, Cambridge, and San Diego)
22-25/6/17 conference on “Free Will in Historical and Cultural Perspective” at Bonn University
In addition, since 2013 for two weeks every June/July the International Summer School for German Philosophy (co-organized and -taught with Markus Gabriel). And since 2015, approx. 4 times annually the Deutsch-Französische Lesegruppe (co-organized with Christian Berner and François Thomas).

Board member, *The Philosophical Gourmet*, ed. B. Leiter et al. (2000-present)

Editorial board member and 19th Century editor for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2005-15)

Editorial board member for the *Internationales Jahrbuch des Deutschen Idealismus / International Yearbook of German Idealism* (2003-present)

External assessor, University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science (2004)

Member of the research group “Erklärende Hermeneutik” (University of Düsseldorf) (2010-present)

Co-editor of LIT Verlag series “Romantik heute” (2011-present)

Member of ACLS national selection committee (2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14)