

# Richard J. Fry

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**Areas of Specialization:** History of Modern Philosophy

**Areas of Competence:** Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind,  
Metaphysics

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## EDUCATION

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Georgetown University (2008-2013): Ph.D. in Philosophy

Dissertation: *Hume's Faculty-Based Account of Reasoning*

Tom L. Beauchamp (chair), James Mattingly, William Blattner

University of Arizona, B.A. in Creative Writing and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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'Skeptical Influences on Hume's View of Animal Reasoning.' Forthcoming. *Hume Studies*.

'Backwards Explanation and Unification.' 2016. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 6 (1), 55-70. DOI: 10.1007/s13194-015-0121-1

'Content Blocking and the Patron as Situated Knower: What would it take for an Internet filter to work?' with Emily Lawrence. 2016. *Library Quarterly* 86 (4), 403-418. DOI: 10.1086/688030

'Bayle's 'Rorarius,' Leibniz, and Animal Souls.' 2015. *Lo Sguardo: rivista di filosofia* 18 (2), 113-127.

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## PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

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Smith and Hume on Animal Minds.

Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy March 2018 Conference (03/18)

Naturalistic Explanation as Epistemological Firebreak for Hume and Boyle. (with James Mattingly)

Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy March 2017 Conference (03/17)

HOPOS 2016, the 11th International HOPOS Conference (06/16)

Montaigne and Hume on Animals.

43rd Annual International Hume Society Conference (07/16)

The 'Autism Objection' to Pretense Treatments of Mathematics.

2016 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (03/16)

Hume's Hermeneutic Fictionalism About Objects (and Selves).  
42nd International Hume Conference (07/15)  
Iowa Philosophical Association Conference (11/14)

Answers to Bayle on Animals: Leibniz and Hume.  
American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (03/15)

Bomb-Building, Pornography and Good Intentions: What would it take for an Internet filter to work? (with Emily Lawrence)  
Gender and Sexuality in Information Studies Colloquium 2014 (10/14)

Locke's Account of Animal Reasoning.  
Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (01/14)

Do Hume's Animals Demonstrate?  
For the symposium on the work of Julia Driver, Illinois Philosophical Association conference (11/13)

Problems in Locke's Account of Animal Inference.  
Northwest Philosophy Conference (10/13)  
Alabama Philosophical Society meeting (10/13)

Hume's Naturalistic Mind.  
2nd Annual Oxford Brookes International Hume Conference: Why Hume Matters (05/13)

Do Non-Human Animals Demonstrate?  
Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference (03/13)  
Georgetown University Philosophy Conference (04/13)

Hume's "Reasoning": both Sensation and Not.  
New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association (11/12)

The Purported Temporal Asymmetry of Explanation.  
Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy of Science Conference (11/12)

The Epistemic and Psychological Status of "Proof" in Hume.  
Central States Philosophical Association meeting (09/12)  
Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium (09/12)

Terminological Inexactitude in Hume on Human Reasoning.  
Wisconsin Philosophical Association meeting (04/12)

Hume's Argument Regarding Animal Reasoning.  
North Carolina Philosophical Society/South Carolina Society for Philosophy Joint Conference (02/12)

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## COMMENTS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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Comments on Hakkarainen Todd Ryan's 'Hume on Possible Duration without Possible Temporal Parts.'  
44th Annual International Hume Society Conference (07/2017)

Adam Smith on Animal Minds.  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series (02/17)

What's Necessary of Kant's Practical Reasoners: Comments for Courtney Morris.  
Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference (03/13)

The Cogito & Preconceptions: Comments for Patrick Epley.  
New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association (11/12)

Hume's "Reasoning": both Sensation and Not.  
Invited presentation to the Georgetown Philosophy Writer's Workshop (10/12)

Purported Temporal Asymmetry of Explanation.  
Invited presentation to the Georgetown Philosophy Writer's Workshop (03/12)

Accusations.  
Invited presentation to the Georgetown Philosophy Writer's Workshop, with Cassie Herbert (10/11)

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### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2016-7 Targeted Funding Initiative Grant Recipient  
*Internal competitive grant at SIUE.* The SIUE College of Arts and Sciences granted over \$750 to help defray expenses for the 2017 Early Modern—Saint Louis conference

Graduate Fellowship, Georgetown University (2008-2013)

Engelhard Fellow, Georgetown University (Fall 2010)

Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Undergraduate Prize for Outstanding Achievements in Philosophy and Remarkable Overall Performance, University of Arizona Philosophy Department (2008)

*Phi Beta Kappa* Academic Honor Society (inducted 2004)

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### COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville:

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

18th Century Philosophy (Spring 2016, Spring 2018)

17th Century Philosophy (Spring 2015)

Animal Cognition: Historical and Contemporary Views (Spring 2017)

Theories of Knowledge (Fall 2017)

(De)Constructing Difference: Race, Sex, Disability (Fall 2016, with Alyson Spurgas)

Reasoning and Argumentation (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

Georgetown University:

Disputes in Early Modern Philosophy (Spring 2014)  
Origins of Animal Rights (Fall 2013)  
Sex, Science, Society (Spring 2013, with Cassie Herbert)  
Enquiry: Science & Philosophy (Fall 2012)  
Clear & Critical Thinking (Summer 2012, Summer 2011)  
Introduction to Logic (Spring 2012)  
Substance Abuse: Monism/Dualism (Fall 2011)

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**SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Organizer and Program Committee Chair, Early Modern—Saint Louis Conference 2017, 2018 (2016-Present)

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2016-Present)

College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Plan Committee, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2017-Present)

Job Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2017)

Library Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, (2015-Present; chair, 2016-2017)

Explore C.A.S. Day Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2016-Present)

Annual Merit Review Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2015-Present)

Presenter, Sharing *Critical Thinking Assessment Data and Ideas for Improving Students' Critical Thinking Skills* workshop (2016)

Graphic Design Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2015-Present)

Colloquium Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2014-Present)

Program Review Committee for Curriculum and Instruction Elementary Education Program, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2015-2016)

Reviewer, *Polymath: An Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Journal* (2015-Present)

Reviewer, 45th Annual International Hume Society Conference (2017)

Fritz Marti Committee, Member, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2014-2015, 2018)

Student representative to the faculty, Graduate Philosophy Student Organization (GPSO), Georgetown University (2009-2011)

Cofounder, Georgetown Graduate Student Gender and Philosophy Group

Associate Editor, *Eudaimonia*, Georgetown undergraduate philosophy journal, Georgetown University (2009-2010)

Organizing Committee, Georgetown University Philosophy Conference (2012-2014)

Session Chair, Eastern APA meetings, Boston (2010), Washington (2011)

Member, Hume Society (2010-Present)

Member, American Philosophical Association (2009-Present)

Member, International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (2016-Present)

Member, American Society for 18th Century Studies (2015-Present)

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### **LANGUAGES**

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German (speaking & reading competence)

Japanese (advanced beginner)