

SEBASTIAN GERARD RAND

Associate Professor of Philosophy
Georgia State University

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University (2012 – Present)
Affiliate Faculty of the Blumenfeld Center for Ethics (2006 – Present)
Affiliate Faculty of the Neuroscience Institute (2007 – 2016)
Visiting Associate Professor, Abteilung Philosophie, Universität Bielefeld (SS 2019)
Erasmus Visiting Professor, Dipartimento di Filosofia e Beni Culturali, Università Ca' Foscari,
Venice (May 2018)
Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Emory University (Fall 2014)
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University (2006 – 2012)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Northwestern University (2006)
M.A. Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1997)
B.A. College of Letters, Wesleyan University (1995)

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION // AREAS OF COMPETENCE

German Idealism (especially Hegel) // Continental Philosophy; Philosophy of Science; Logic

ARTICLES

- “Hegel’s *Philosophy of Nature*,” pp. 384-407 in D. Moyar, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Hegel* (Oxford: OUP, 2017)
- “Hegel’s Anti-Ontology of Nature,” pp. 97-115 in: Kuperus G., & Oele M. (eds), *Ontologies of Nature: Continental Perspectives and Environmental Reorientations* [Series: *Contributions To Phenomenology*, vol. 92], Cham [CH]: Springer Nature, 2017.
- “What’s Wrong with Rex? Hegel on Animal Defect and Individuality,” *European Journal of Philosophy* 23:1 (March, 2015), pp. 68-86
- “Apriority, Metaphysics, and Empirical Content in Kant’s Theory of Matter,” *Kantian Review* 17:1 (March, 2012), pp. 109-134
- “Stimulus-Response Relations and Organic Unity in Hegel and Schelling,” *Internationales Jahrbuch des Deutschen Idealismus/International Yearbook of German Idealism*, Band 8 (January, 2012), pp. 185-206
- “Organism, Normativity, Plasticity: Canguilhem, Kant, Malabou,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 44:4 (November, 2011), pp. 341-357
- “Animal Subjectivity in Hegel’s Philosophy of Nature,” *Revista Eletrônica Estudos Hegelianos* 7:12 (June, 2010), pp. 32-51 [in Portuguese]
- “Apriority from the *Grundlage* to the *System of Ethics*,” *Philosophy Today* 52:3-4 (Fall/Winter 2008), pp. 348-354
- “The Importance and Relevance of Hegel’s *Philosophy of Nature*,” *Review of Metaphysics* 60:2 (December, 2007), pp. 379-400

CRITICAL REVIEW ESSAYS

- “Notes on Hegel’s ‘New Account of Conceptual Form’,” *Critique* online symposium on Sally Sedgwick’s *Hegel’s Critique of Kant; From Dichotomy to Identity*, published 01/09/2015 at:

<https://virtualcritique.wordpress.com/2015/01/09/sebastian-rand-on-sally-sedgwicks-hegels-critique-of-kant/>

TRANSLATIONS

What Should We Do with Our Brain?, Fordham University Press, 2008; translation of: Catherine Malabou, *Que faire de notre cerveau?* (Paris: Bayard, 2004)

BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTES

“James Kreines, *Reason in the World: Hegel’s Metaphysics and Its Philosophical Appeal*,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 54:3 (July 2016), pp. 508-9.

“Rebecca Comay, *Mourning Sickness: Hegel and the French Revolution*,” *The Owl of Minerva* 45:1-2 (2013-2014), pp. 103-112

“Sally Sedgwick, *Hegel’s Critique of Kant: From Dichotomy to Identity*,” *Philosophy in Review* XXXIV (2014) 3-4, pp. 164-166

“John McCumber, *Understanding Hegel’s Mature Critique of Kant*,” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 04/09/2014 (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/47448-understanding-hegel-s-mature-critique-of-kant/>)

“Michael Friedman, *Kant’s Construction of Nature*,” *Review of Metaphysics* 67:3 (March, 2014), pp. 635-637

“Hegel’s *Philosophy of Mind*, traduit par Wallace, Miller, et Inwood,” *Bulletin de Littérature hégélienne* XXII, *Archives de Philosophie* 75:4 (December, 2012)

“G.W.F. Hegel, *Philosophy of Mind*, translated by W. Wallace & A. V. Miller, revised with introduction and commentary by Michael Inwood,” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 10/08/2007 (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/23172-philosophy-of-mind/>)

“*Time in the Ditch: American Philosophy and the McCarthy Era*, par John McCumber,” *Questions de communication*, No. 3 (March 2003)

“*Time in the Ditch: American Philosophy and the McCarthy Era*, and *Philosophy and Freedom*, by John McCumber,” *Ethics*, Vol. 113, No. 1

PRESENTATIONS

“Recent Anglophone Hegel Scholarship”

Dipartimento di Filosofia e Beni Culturali, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice (5/2018)

“The Birth of Spirit: Hegel on Pregnancy and Self-Consciousness”

Dipartimento di Filosofia, Pedagogia e Psicologia Applicata, Università di Padova (5/2018)

Dipartimento di Discipline Umanistiche, Sociali e delle Imprese Culturali, Università di Parma (5/2018)

“Birth and Origin in Nietzsche’s *Birth of Tragedy*”

Workshop for high-school philosophy students organized by the Società Filosofica Italiana, Dipartimento di Filosofia e Beni Culturali, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice (5/2018)

“What Hegel Means by ‘Anthropology’”

Conference on Holistic Anthropology, Dipartimento di Filosofia e Beni Culturali, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice (5/2018)

“Remarks on Schelling on Illness”

Seminar on “Art, Science, and Nature in the Goethezeit and Beyond,” German Studies Association Annual Meeting (10/2015)

“The Birth of Spirit out of the Genius of Motherhood — Hegel, *Enzyklopädie*, §405”

Department of Philosophy/Undergraduate Philosophy Society, Purchase College-SUNY (11/2014)
Other Natures: Norm and Nature II, Université de Montréal (5/2014)

- “Universality and Particularity in Hegel’s Jena Writings: on Sedgwick’s *Hegel’s Critique of Kant*”
University of Illinois-Chicago/Chicago Area Consortium on German Philosophy (11/2013)
- “Comment on Dina Emundts, ‘Hegel’s Critical Concept of Consciousness’”
Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy, New York University (11/2013)
- “Comment on Wilson, Norris, and Bristow”
German Studies Association, Panel: “German Idealism and the Question of Freedom,” (10/2012)
- “What’s Wrong with Rex? Hegel on Animal Defect and Individuality”
Séminaire de recherche hégélienne, Université Paris-Sorbonne (5/2011)
Quante-Kolloquium, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (5/2011)
Department of Philosophy and English, United States Military Academy–West Point (4/2011)
Phi Sigma Tau Society, Agnes Scott College (4/2011)
Keynote Address, Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, University of Georgia (2/2011)
- “Comment on Bittner’s ‘Meeting the Challenges: Ethics Without Anthropological Commitments’”
Conference on Neuroscience, Ethics, and the Philosophy of Mind, Bielefeld (5/2011)
- “Animal Defect and Natural Norm in Hegel”
Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University (10/2010)
- “Animal Subjectivity in Hegel’s Philosophy of Nature”
Department of Philosophy, Universität Bielefeld (6/2010)
Rosefeldt-Kolloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (6/2010)
Plenary Session Speaker, 5th International Conference of the Hegel Society of Brazil (10/2009)
New York Idealism Workshop/New School for Social Research (2/2009)
Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (1/2009)
- “Form of Judgment and Form of Life: Thompson and Hegel”
Collegium Philosophicum, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (6/2010)
- “Normativity and Plasticity in Canguilhem and Malabou”
Philosophy Department, Universität Kassel (6/2010)
APA Pacific Meeting Group Session /Bay Area Continental Philosophy Association (4/2009)
- “A Hegelian Episode in the History of the Body”
Southeast German Studies Workshop (3/2010)
- “Redding’s Hegel: First Nature, Second Nature, and Syllogism”
APA Eastern Meeting Main Program: Author-Meets-Critics Panel on Paul Redding’s *Analytic Philosophy and the Return of Hegelian Thought* (12/2009)
- “Hegel on the Laws of Motion”
Georgia Philosophical Society Fall 2008 Meeting (11/2008)
- “Apriority from the *Grundlage* to the *System of Ethics*”
North American Fichte Society, Ninth Biennial Meeting (4/2008)
- “Hegel, Biology, and Contemporary Philosophy”
Department of Philosophy, American University of Beirut (5/2007)
- “Hegel’s Transformation of Kant’s Physics”
Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University (2/2006)
- “*Nachdenken* and the Transition from Empirical to Speculative Physics in Hegel’s *Naturphilosophie*”
Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis (2/2005)

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS, GRANT SUPPORT, AND PRIZES

- IGD Faculty Grant (4/2019 – 7/2019)
Host: Martin Carrier, Universität Bielefeld
- Erasmus+ Faculty Mobility Grant (5/2018)
Host: Stefano Maso, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice
- Alumni Re-Invitation Grant, DAAD/German Academic Exchange Service (6/2010)
Host: Anton Koch, Philosophisches Seminar, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
- Winner, Dissertation Essay Competition, Philosophy Education Society (2007)

Pensionnaire étranger, École normale supérieure, rue d'Ulm, Paris (2005 – 2006)
 Research Grant and Extension, DAAD/German Academic Exchange Service (2002 – 2004)
 Host: Rolf-Peter Horstmann, Institut für Philosophie, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
 Bourse Chateaubriand, Service Culturelle de l'Ambassade de France aux États-Unis (1999 – 2000)
 Host: Jacques Derrida, École des hautes études en sciences sociales

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANT SUPPORT

Course Development Grant, Global Education Initiative, Georgia State University (2012)
 Course Development Grant, Writing Across the Curriculum, Georgia State University (2008)
 Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University (2007)
 Graduate Fellowship, Dean's Office, Northwestern University (2005 – 2006)
 Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate School, Northwestern University (2004)
 Graduate Fellowship, Philosophy Department, Northwestern University (1997 – 1999; 2000 – 2002)

SELECTED UPPER-DIVISION COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Seminars on Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*, Hegel's *Science of Logic*, Hegel's *Philosophy of Mind*, Idealist Philosophy of Physics, and Continental Philosophy of Science
 Graduate/Undergraduate courses on Hegel's *Phenomenology*, Hegel's *Logic*, Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*, Aesthetics & Idealism, Benjamin & Agamben, Recent French Philosophy, Derrida, Philosophy of Science, and Formal Logic
 Senior Seminar in Philosophy: The Destruction of Experience

M.A. THESIS DIRECTION

Auj Kausar, "Hegel's Critique of Kant's Moral Theory" (in progress)
 Matthew Delhey, "Labor and the Transformation of Nature in Hegel's Social Theory" (2018)
 Daniel Schwartz, "The Intellectual Intuition of Hegel's Psychology" (2018)
 Peter Nennig, "Grammar, Truth, and Autonomy in Hegel's Philosophy of Mind" (2018)
 Matthew Schrepfer, "Hegel's Critique of *Homo Economicus*" (2018)
 De Yang, "Is Representational Content Determinable?" (2018)
 Joshua Bisig, "Hegel on the Importance of the Marriage Ceremony" (2015)
 Daniel Mendez, "Kant on Marriage" (2015)
 Hyoung Kim, "Kant on Disjunction and the Completeness of the Table of Judgments" (2014)
 Carson Monetti, "The Unity of Happiness and Reason in Hegel" (2014)
 Marcos Gonzales, "Natural Law in Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*" (2013)
 Becca Harrison, "The Failure of Desire: A Critique of Kantian Cognitive Autonomy" (2013)
 John Wood, "Hegel's Critique of Ancient Skepticism" (2012)
 Daniel Griffin, "Poetry, Language, and Art in Hegel's *Aesthetics*" (2011)
 Paul Tulipana, "Autonomy, *de facto* and *de jure*" (2011)
 Thomas Cudney, "Kant's Influence on Heidegger" (2010)
 Walter Glazer, "The Role of Affect in Hegel's Conception of Rationality" (2010)
 Ian Dunkle, "Foucault and the Endless Struggle of Genealogy" (2009)
 Michael Zander, "A Comparative Study of Korsgaard and Sartre" (2008)

SERVICE TO GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Senator, Georgia State University Faculty Senate (Spring 2015 – Present)
 Member, Senate Committee on Academic Programs (Spring 2017 – Present)
 Member, Graduate Council of CAP (Spring 2018 – Present)
 Member, Undergraduate Council of CAP (Spring 2017 – Spring 2018)
 Member, Senate Planning and Development Committee (Spring 2017 – Present)
 Member, Senate Committee on Sustainability (Spring 2016 – Spring 2017)
 Member, Senate Committee on Athletics (Spring 2015 – Spring 2017)
 Member, Senate Budget Committee (Spring 2015 – Spring 2016)

Member, Humanities Research Center Advisory Board (Fall 2017 – Present)
 Director, GSU/Université de Paris IV (La Sorbonne) Exchange Program (Spring 2017 – Present)
 Director, GSU/Universität Bielefeld MA Exchange Program (2008 – Present)
 Member, Philosophy Department Promotion and Tenure Committee (2012 – Present)
 Member, Philosophy Department Executive Committee (Fall 2016 – Present)
 Member, Faculty Search Committee (2006 – 7, 2007 – 8, 2008 – 9, 2009 – 10, 2010 – 11, 2017-2018)
 Member, Philosophy Department Assessment Committee (2013 – Present)
 Philosophy Department Library Liaison (2007 – Present)
 Chair, Philosophy Tenure and Promotion Committee (Fall 2014)
 Director, Philosophy Department Colloquium Series (2008 – 2012)
 Jury, International Education Foundation Scholarship Program (2009 – 2012)
 Member, Philosophy Department Graduate Committee (2006 – 7, 2009 – 10)
 Member, Philosophy Department Program Committee (2008 – 2016)
 Member, Committee to Review Senior Lecturer Policy (2009 – 2010)
 Philosophy Department Website Redesign Coordinator (2011 – 2012, 2014 – 2016)
 Philosophy Department Recording Secretary (2006 – 2009)
 Panelist, Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Ethics in Film Series (2006, 2007)
 Jury, Philosophy Department Graduate Student Conference (2007, 2010 – 2012)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Vice President, Hegel Society of America (2018 – Present)
 External Reviewer/Reader/Referee for *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Hegel Bulletin*, *Kantian Review*, *HOPOS*, *History of Political Thought*, *Phenomenology Yearbook*, Routledge, Yale University Press, Hackett Publishing, Fordham University Press, Northwestern University Press, Palgrave-MacMillan, Bloomsbury/Continuum, and others
 Program Jury, Hegel Society of America (2014, 2018)
 Program Jury, North American Kant Society (2016)
 Outside Dissertation Reader, University of Queensland (2016)
 Ambassador, Heidelberg Alumni International/Universität Heidelberg (2013 – Present)
 Program Committee, Georgia Philosophical Society (Fall 2012)
 President (2009 – 2010) and Vice President (2008 – 2009), Georgia Philosophical Society
 Program Jury, SSPP Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2010)