

Hannah Laurens
academic CV

Education

- 2016- to date PhD in Philosophy, University of St Andrews, UK
supervisor: Prof. Sarah Broadie in Ancient Philosophy
- 2013 - 2015 BPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford, UK
supervisor: Prof. Terence Irwin in Ancient Philosophy
- 2012 - 2013 MA Political, Legal and Economic Philosophy (distinction), University of Bern, CH
supervisor: Dr. Dominic Roser in Environmental Ethics
- 2008 - 2012 BA in Philosophy (distinction), Birkbeck College, University of London, UK
supervisor: Prof. Anthony Price in Ancient Philosophy

Prizes

- 2018 Graduate Essay Prize of the British Society for the History of Philosophy, UK
- 2012 Cyril Joad award for top BA results, Birkbeck College, University of London, UK

Conference Presentations

- 2018
20. *'Spinoza and the European Enlightenment: Spinoza and British Empiricism'*
▪ (invited) seminar for the Dutch Spinoza Association's annual summer school, NL
19. *'Concepts, Principles and Nous in Aristotle's Posterior Analytics 2.19'*
▪ (invited) Northern Association of Ancient Philosophy, University of Nottingham, UK
18. *'Aristotle on Political Knowledge: a Socratic Dialogue'* (with Amy Westwell)
▪ Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy, University of St Andrews, UK
17. *'Aristotle's nous: a purely potential actuality'*
▪ Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities Symposium, Glasgow, UK
- 2017
16. PG Session, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Soc. and the Mind Ass., University of Edinburgh, UK
- 2016
15. *'An Eternal Part of the Body? Spinoza on Human Existence beyond Life and Death'*
▪ Life and Death in Early Modern Philosophy, Conf. of the ESEMP/BSHP, King's College London, UK
14. *'The Acquisition of Knowledge: Alteration and Activity Intertwined'*
▪ World Congress of Philosophy 2016 on Aristotle, University of Athens, GREECE
13. *'Functions as Essences: an Aristotelian Analysis of Aesthetic Artefacts'*
▪ 3rd Women in Philosophy Conference, Vrije Universiteit, NL
12. Conference of the European Society for Aesthetics, University of Barcelona, SPAIN
11. 2nd British Society for Aesthetics Postgraduate Conference, University of Southampton, UK
10. Aristotelian Themes in Metaphysics, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, TURKEY
- 2015
9. *'Reconsidering Spinoza's Rationalism: Overcoming the Passions through Scientia Intuitiva'*
▪ 6th Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of St Andrews, UK
8. 6th Princeton-Penn-Columbia Grad. Conf. in Early Modern Phil., Princeton University, USA
7. 1st Collegium Spinozanum, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, NL
6. 15th Bucharest-Princeton Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Bran, ROMANIA
5. *'Attention determines Action'*
▪ 18th British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Conference, University of Southampton, UK
4. 22nd Kent State Graduate Philosophy Conference, Kent State University, USA
3. *'Extending the Circle of Vital Categories'*
▪ 5th Workshop in the Philosophy of Biology and Cognitive Science, UNED, SPAIN
- 2012
2. *'Finite in Infinity: Spinoza's Conception of Human Freedom Explained through his Metaphysics'*
▪ 1st Liverpool Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Liverpool, UK
- 2011
1. *'Aristotle and Functionalism'*
▪ Cumberland Lodge Philosophy Workshop, Birkbeck College, UK

Publications

- 2019 2. *'Adriaan Koerbagh: Enlightening the Dutch Republic'*, short monograph, commissioned by the Dutch Spinoza Society, publication date: 15 November 2019.
- 2012 1. 'Finite in Infinity: Spinoza's Conception of Human Freedom Explained through his Metaphysics,' in: *Stance*, international undergraduate philosophy journal, Ball State University, USA
http://www.bsu.edu/libraries/beneficencepress/stance/2012_spring/10laurens.pdf

Funding

- 2019 8. Student Development Fund (SGSAH), Ancient Greek language course at King's, UK
7. Scholarly Activity Grant, BSHP, research collaboration Belgium & Switzerland on Koerbagh, UK
- 2016-9 6. Arts & Humanities Research Council studentship for PhD, UK
- 2016 5. British Society for History of Philosophy conference participation bursary, UK
4. British Society of Aesthetics, postgraduate travel stipend for four conference visits, UK
- 2015 3. Corpus Christi College travel stipend for USA conference visit, University of Oxford, UK
2. Faculty of Philosophy travel stipend, University of Oxford, UK
1. University of Southampton stipend for BPPA conference, UK

Outreach

- 2019 3. *'Adriaan Koerbagh: the tragical story of a true philosophical hero'*
 ▪ curator of exhibition on 17th century enlightenment philosopher Adriaan Koerbagh organised by the Dutch Spinoza Society (3-month internship funded by the SGSAH, £5800): to be on display in 3 musea:
 'Het Spinozahuis' (Rijnsburg), NL
 'Embassy of the Free Spirit' (Amsterdam), NL
 'Elisabeth Weeshuis Museum' (Culemborg), NL
 responsible for:
 funding applications; loan of exhibits (includes various 17th century manuscripts); speakers' series; hand printing press for visitors; writing of short monograph on Koerbagh's philosophy
- 2018 2. *'Adriaen Koerbagh: radicaal Spinozist in vrijstad Culemborg'* (in Dutch)
 ▪ public talk at cultural society 'De Roos van Culemborg', NL
- 2016 1. *'Aristotle's Ethics and Contemporary Virtue Ethics: a Comparison'*
 ▪ invited talk, 6th form, Cokethorpe School, Oxfordshire, UK

Service to Academic Community

- 2018 3. co-organizer conference 'Spinoza & British Idealism', University of St Andrews, UK
 ▪ secured funding from the Scottish Philosophical Association (£1800); website; poster design
2. co-organizer Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy, University of St Andrews, UK
 ▪ secured funding (£3000 total) from the Analysis Trust, CAPOD, the Mind Association, the Classical Association, and the Aristotelian Society; website
1. student representative for AHRC Cohort Development Fund, SGSAH, UK
 ▪ review student and staff applications for Cohort Development Fund

Languages

English, Ancient Greek, Latin, Dutch