

ALAN NELSON

Employment

- 2006 - Professor of Philosophy, UNC at Chapel Hill
- Fall 2004 Kenan Visiting Professor of Philosophy, UNC at Chapel Hill
- 1990-2006 Associate, Full Professor of Philosophy, UC, Irvine
Department Chair, 1998-2001
- Winter 1994 Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy and of History and Philosophy of
Science, Stanford University
- Fall 1992 Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 1988-1990 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UC, Irvine
- Fall 1987 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Southern California
- 1984-1988 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UCLA

Education

- S.B. 1978 MIT
- M.A. 1980 University of Illinois at Chicago Circle
- M.S. 1982 University of Wisconsin--Madison (Economics)
- Ph.D. 1984 University of Illinois at Chicago Circle

Areas of Specialization

History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science

Publications

a) peer reviewed

“Cartesian Innateness,” in Broughton and Carriero eds., *A Companion to Descartes*, Blackwell, 2007.

“Proofs for the Existence of God”, in Gaukroger, ed., *Descartes’ Meditations*, Blackwell, 2006.
(with Lawrence Nolan).

"Two Concepts of Idealisation in Economics", in *The Economic World View*, Uskali Maki, ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2001: 359-368.

"Cognition and Modality in Descartes", *Acta Philosophica Fennica*, 1999: 137-153. (with David Cunning).

"Circumventing Cartesian Circles," *Nous*, 1999: 370-404. (with Lex Newman)

"The Falsity in Sensory Ideas: Descartes and Arnauld", in *Interpreting Arnauld*, Kremer, ed. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. 1996: 13-32.
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"Micro-chaos and Idealization in Cartesian Physics", *Philosophical Studies*, 1995: 377-391.

Critical Study of *Cognitive Economy*, by Nicholas Rescher, *Philosophia*, 1994: 323-31.

"How Could Scientific Facts be Socially Constructed?" *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science*, 1994: 535-547.

"Cartesian Actualism in the Leibniz-Arnauld Correspondence", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 1993: 673-692.

"Human Molecules", in *Post-Popperian Methodology of Economics*, de Marchi, N. (ed.). 1992: 113-133. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

"Reply to Caldwell", in *Post-Popperian Methodology of Economics*, de Marchi, N. (ed.). 1992: 151-154. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

"Social Science and the Mental" *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. XV, 1990: 194-209.
[REPRINTED in *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Science*, Martin, M. and Lee McIntyre, eds. 1994: 515-528. Cambridge: MIT Press.]

"Are Economic Kinds Natural?", *Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, Vol. XIV, 1990: 102-135.

"Average Explanations", *Erkenntnis*, 1989: 23-42.
[REPRINTED in *Philosophy of Economics* 1989, Balzer and Hamminga eds., Hingham, MA: Kluwer Academic Publishers.]

"Economic Rationality and Morality", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 1988: 149-166.

"New Individualistic Foundations for Economics", *Nous*, 1986: 469-490.
[REPRINTED in *The Philosophers' Annual*, Volume IX, 1986, Athay, P. et al. eds., Atascadero,

CA: Ridgeview Publishing Co.]

"Explanation and Justification in Political Philosophy", *Ethics*, 1986: 154-176.

"Physical Properties", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 1985: 268-282.

"Some Issues Surrounding the Reduction of Microeconomics to Macroeconomics", *Philosophy of Science*, 1984: 573-594.

b) non-refereed articles and chapters

"Proust and the Rationalist Conception of the Self", (in [2005: Book 1], pp. 399-407).

"The Rationalist Impulse", (in [2005: Book 1], pp. 3-11).

"Leibniz on Modality, Cognition, and Expression", (in [2005: Book 1], pp. 282-301)

"Descartes' Ontology of Thought", *Topoi*, 1997: 163-178.

"Introduction: Descartes' Ontology", *Topoi*, 1997: 103-109.

c) Book edited with an introduction

[1] *A Companion to Rationalism* (2005). Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

d) reviews

Descartes Reinvented, by Tom Sorrell. *International Philosophical Quarterly*. 2006.
(With Cathay Liu)

Leibniz: Nature and Freedom, D. Rutherford and J. Cover (eds.). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. 2006: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=5442> (with John Whipple; 2,700 words)

Meaning in Spinoza's Method, by Aaron Garrett. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. 2005: 138-9 (with Noa Shein)

What am I?, by Joseph Almog. *Philosophical Books*. 2005: 261-2.

Substance and Individuation in Leibniz by Cover and Hawthorne, *The Philosophical Review*.

2004: 136-139.

“Methodology, Reality and Economic Orthodoxy.” *The Journal of Economic Methodology* 2003: 420-424.

Locke on Human Understanding, by E.J. Lowe, *Philosophia*, 1999: 665-668. (With Lawrence Nolan)

The Construction of Social Reality, by John Searle, *Ethics*, 1997: 208-210.

The Great Arnould, Elmar Kremer, ed., *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 1996.

Economics....., by Alexander Rosenberg, *Ethics*, 1994: 637-639.

Varieties of Social Explanation, by Daniel Little, *Ethics*, 1993: 404-406.

Marx's Theory of Scientific Knowledge, by Patrick Murray, *Archiv fuer Geschichte der Philosophie*, 1992: 347-349.

Meaning and Method in the Social Sciences, by Paul Roth, *The Philosophical Review*, 1992: 679-681.

Philosophy of Economics, by Subroto Roy, *Ethics*, 1991: 883-885.

Economics and the Philosophy of Science, by Deborah Redman, *Methodus*, 1991: 128-130.

Rene Descartes Meditations on First Philosophy, John Cottingham (trans.), in *Teaching Philosophy*, 1987: 353-355.

Descartes by Marjorie Grene, in *Ethics*, 1987: 489-491.

Equilibrium and Macroeconomics, by Frank Hahn, in *Economics and Philosophy*, 1986: 148-155.

d) Miscellaneous Publications

[1] "Booknotes" for *Ethics: The Rules of the Game*, by Klant, J.; *The Boundaries of Economics*, ed. by G. Winston, et al.; *Essays on Descartes' Meditations*, ed. by A. Rorty.; *Value, Exploitation and Class*, by J. Roemer.

[2] Articles entitled, "J.M. Keynes", "Social Choice Theory", "Perfect Competition", "Ideal Market", "Production Theory", "James Mill", and "Arrow's Theorem", in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*.

[3] Articles entitled, a) "Natural Kinds", and b) "Experimental Economics", in *The Handbook of Economic Methodology*.