

Curriculum Vitae of Thomas C. Vinci

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University of Toronto B.A. 1971
University of Pittsburgh M.A. 1974
University of Pittsburgh Ph.D. 1977
Dissertation title: "The Causal Theory of Perception and Common-sense Knowledge Claims"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor, Dalhousie University (1977 - 1982)
Associate Professor, Dalhousie University (1982 - 1999)
Visiting Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University (Sept- Dec., 1985)
Full Professor, Dalhousie University (1999 – 2012.)
Visiting Professor, Tel Aviv University (Febr. – June, 2013)
Professor, Dalhousie University (Retired/FGS Adjunct in Dept.of Philosophy/Dept of German) 2013 --

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

History of Modern Philosophy (esp. Descartes, Leibniz and Kant); Epistemology;
Philosophy of Science

POST-GRADUATE ACADEMIC HONOURS

Woodrow Wilson Finalist (1971)
Mellon Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (1971-1972)
Graduate Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh (1972-77)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

BOOKS WRITTEN

(Single authored monograph unless otherwise indicated)

Cartesian Truth (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998)

Space, Geometry and Kant's Transcendental Deduction of the Categories (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015)

EDITED VOLUMES

Edited (with David Braybrooke), special issue of *The Dalhousie Review* [Science vs. Reality] Vol. 68, #3 (Fall 1984)

Edited (with Gordon McOuat and Neil Robertson), *Descartes and the Modern* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008)

SUBMITTED PAPERS PUBLISHED IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS (BLIND PEER-REFEREED) (SINGLE AUTHORED UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED):

"What is the Ground for the Identity of Indiscernibles in Leibniz's Correspondence with Clarke?" *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 12, (Jan. 1974), pp.95-101.

"The Truth-Relevancy of the Pragmatic Utility of Beliefs", (with N. Rescher) *The Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. XXVIII, #3, (Mar. 1975), pp.443-452.

"Reply to Odegard", *Dialogue*, Vol.II, (1980).

"Harman, Gettier-examples and Inference to the Best Explanation" (1979) *Philosophia*, Vol. 12, #1-2, (Dec. 1982), pp. 57-77.

"Sellars and the Adverbial Theory of Sensations", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. XI, #2, (June 1981), pp. 199-217.

"Why are Novel Predictions Important?" (With Richmond Campbell) *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, (April, 1982), pp. 111-121.

"The Importance of Novel Predictions", (with Richmond Campbell), *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 34 (1983) pp. 315-341.

"A Critical Notice of: Certainty: A Refutation of Skepticism", by Peter Klein, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol XIV, #1, (Mar. 1984) pp. 125-145.

"Skepticism and Doxastic Conservatism", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 64 (Oct. 1983), 341-350.

"Theoretical Models & the Theory of Sense-data", *Metaphilosophy* 15 (April 1984), pp. 112-129.

"A comment on J. Heils' 'Doxastic Incontinence' ", *Mind* 94 (1985) pp. 116 - 119.

"A Functionalist Interpretation of Locke's Theory of Simple Ideas", *History of Philosophy Quarterly* Vol. 2, #2 (April 1985), pp.179 – 194.

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"A Critical Notice of Stroud's The Significance of Philosophical Skepticism ", *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 16 #3 (Sept. 1986), pp. 559 - 574.

"Objective Chance, Indicative Conditionals and Decision Theory", *Synthese* 85 #1,(1988) pp. 1-23.

"Why Is There Analytic Epistemology?" *Dialogue* XXXIII (1994), 517 - 532.

"Reason, Mechanism and Imagination in Descartes's Theory of Perception," in D.Garber and S.Nadler, eds., *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, Vol. II (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), 35-74.

Tom Vinci and Jason Robert, "Aristotle and Modern Genetics" *Journal of the History of Ideas* Vol. 66, #2 (April 2005), 201-221.

"Mind-body Causation, Mind-body Union and the 'Special Mode of Thinking' in Descartes," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 16(3) 2008: 461-488.

"Solving the Triviality Problem in the B-Edition Transcendental Deduction", *Proceedings of the XIth International Kant Congress*, (de Gruyter, 2013), 471-482.

"Contemporary Analytic Philosophy and Bayesian Subjectivism: Why both are Incoherent", *Philosophy Study*, Oct. 2016, Vol. 6, No. 10, 578-85.

"The Missing Argument in Sellars's Case Against Classical Sense Datum Theory in 'Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind'", *Philosophy Study*, Number 10 (October 2017): 521-531.

**INVITED PAPERS OR REVIEW ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS;
BOOK CHAPTERS. (EDITORIALLY REVIEWED BUT NOT BLIND REVIEWED)**

"A Critical Notice of A. Brook *Kant and the Mind*", *Eidos XII*, #2 (June 1995).

"Braybrooke and the Structure of Moral Justification" in S. Sherwin, P.K. Schotch, eds., *Festschrift for David Braybooke* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2005), 303-324.

Review article of Wayne Waxman's *Kant and the Empiricists*," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2006.06.08 (7219 words)

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Review article of James R O'Shea: *Wilfrid Sellars: Naturalism with A Normative Turn*", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2008.04.31. (3970 words)

"Twists and Turns on the Road to Cartesian Deontology: Review of Noa Naaman-Zauderer's, *Descartes's Deontological Turn* (Cambridge, 2010)", *Iyyun: The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly*, 62 (January 2013): 1 – 23.

"Raffaella De Rosa's Descartes and the Puzzle of Sensory Representation", *Analytic Philosophy*, 54(1), (Mar., 2013): 197-106.

"Why the 'Concept' of Spaces is not a Concept for Kant", *ProtoSociology (Concepts: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives)*, Vol. 30, 2013: 241-53.

Review article of "Wayne Waxman's *Kant's Anatomy of the Intelligent Mind*" (New York: Oxford, 2014), *Kantian Review* 20, "1 (March, 2015) pp. 121-132.

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SHORT BOOK REVIEWS (INVITED: EDITORIALY OR PEER REVIEWED)

Review of Brian Skyrms, *Pragmatics and Empiricism*", in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* , V #9 (1985)

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Comment on "Rational Acceptance", Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, 1980.

"Why are Novel Predictions Important?" read to the Society for Exact Philosophy, June 1981, Halifax, (with R. Campbell).

Commentary on "Doxastic Incontinence" (John Heil); APA Western Division Meetings, April 1983.

"Contribution to a symposium on Ian Hacking's Representing and Intervening", C.P.A. Annual Meeting, June 11,(1983) Guelph, Ontario. (invited)

"Locke on Primary & Secondary Qualities", CPA Annual Meeting, June 1982.

"Folk Psychology, Functionalism and the Formality Condition", C.P.A. annual meeting, June 11, Guelph, (1984)

"Kant's Deduction of the Structure of Space and Time", read to the Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meetings. (Saskatoon. Fall 1986)

"Descartes' Perceptual Epistemology" read at the Annual Meetings of the C.P.A. (June, 1987)

Reply to "Nozick and the Skeptic" read at the Annual Meetings of the CPA (June, 1987)

"Distinct Ideas and the Benevolence Principle in Descartes" read at the Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association (Dec., 1987)

"A Kantian Theory of Representation" read at the Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association (April, 1988)

Comment on "Cartesian Imagination and the Unity of the Sciences" at Descartes Anniversary Conference (April, 1988) San Jose

"Descartes' Theory of Perceptual Representation", read at the Learned Societies Annual Conference (CPA), June 1989

"A Kantian Theory of Representation" read at The Learned Societies' Annual Conference (CPA), May 1990.

Commentary on "The Raven Paradox" , Learned Societies (CPA), May, 1992

Commentary on "Strong on Moore's Refutation of Idealism" , Learned Societies (CPA), May, 1992.

Commentary on "Form and Content in Semantically Non-singular Reference", Learned Societies (CPA), June 1993.

Paper in a Symposium on Brook A. *Kant and the Mind* (Cambridge, 1994), Learned Societies Annual Conference (CPA)(June, 1994). (invited)

"Teaching Logic in Large Classes with Interactive Groups" American Association of Philosophy Teachers Annual Meetings , August 1994.

"Is there a Logic of Statistical Inference", ARPA, Wolfville, N.S., Fall, 1996

"The Cogito and Descartes' Case for Substance Dualism", South Eastern Association for Early Modern Philosophy, Tampa, FL, April, 1997

Commentary on "Universal Accidents" at the Learned Societies (CPA), St. John's 1997

Paper in a symposium on Lorne Falkenstein's *Kant's Intuitionism* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1993), learned Societies Annual Conference (CPA), St. John's, June, 1997 (invited)

"There is no Ghost in the Machine", Symposium on Margaret Wilson's Work on Early Modern Philosophy, Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, Oct. 25, 1997.

Paper in a symposium on the work of Wilfrid Sellars, "Sellars and the Myth of the Given", Canadian Philosophical Ass'n Annual Meetings, Ottawa, May, 1998.

(invited)

"Why Analytic Philosophy is Probably Incoherent", ARPA, Antigonish, N.S., Fall, 1998 (not refereed)

"Wilson's Dilemma for Descartes", *The Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Milwaukee, December, 1999

"Stroud, Naturalized Epistemology and Skepticism", Aspects of the Philosophy of Barry Stroud, a conference held at Oviedo, Spain, June, 2000

"Why Analytic Philosophy is Probably Incoherent", CPA Annual Meetings, Edmonton, 2000.

A Commentary on "The Intuitive Cogito", CPA Annual Meetings, Edmonton, 2000

"Wilson's Dilemma for Descartes" Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science Annual Meetings, Edmonton, June, 2000

"The Argument Structure of Quine's 'Epistemology Naturalized'", CPA Annual Meetings, Quebec City, June, 2001

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"The Argument Structure of Quine's 'Epistemology Naturalized'", *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings*, San Francisco, March 29, 2003.

"Rozemond on Descartes on Mind-Body Interaction", Central Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Toronto, April 20, 2003

"Epistemology is Dead- long Live Epistemology" presented at *Metaphysica 2003* (The Second World Congress), Rome, July 2-5, 2003

"The Special Cognition in Descartes, Causality and the Problem of Mind-Body Unity," read at the South Eastern European Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Istanbul, August 8-11, 2005.

"Transcendental Realism and Transcendental Idealism," Atlantic Regional Philosophical Association, Memorial University, Oct. 28-30, 2006. (not refereed)

"Descartes and Modern Epistemology," read at *Descartes and Contemporary Philosophy*, Samobor, Croatia, May 22, 2007.

"The Rational Robustness of Belief and the Argument from Religious Experience", *Conference on the Argument from Religious Experience*, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 08 – 11, 2008.

"Kant vs. Descartes on Representation", Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Oxford University, Oct. 18-19, 2008.

"First Items of Knowledge and Rules of Truth in Cartesian Epistemology" at the *South Eastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Emory University, Atlanta, November, 2, 2008.

"Reflections on 'Reflections on Descartes's Action Test'": Comments on David Scott, CPA Annual Meetings, May 24-28, 2009, Carleton University, Ottawa.

"Solving the Triviality Problem in the B-Edition Transcendental Deduction", XI International Kant Congress, Pisa, Italy, May 22-26, 2010: May 26.

"Contribution to the Analytic Philosophy Symposium on Raffaella de Rosa's *Descartes and the Puzzle of Sensory Representation*", Pacific APA, San Diego, April 11, 2011. (invited)

"The Concept of Space is not a Concept", *Atlantic Regional Philosophical Association*, Mt. Allison University, Oct 10, 2011. (not refereed)

"Three Arguments One Might Have Thought Kant Used to Demonstrate the Topological Unity of Space and Time", *ARPA*, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, October 31, 2015.

"Max Planck on Leibniz, the Least Action Principle and Modern Physics", Conference: *Theology and the Philosophy of Science: Analytic, Scholastic, and Historical Perspectives*, Concordia University, Calgary, October 14, 2016.

"Ancient Catoptrics, Leibniz's Principle of Minimization in Physics and the Need for Divine Reason", *Ancient Philosophy in Early Modern Philosophy*, Princeton University, May 15, 2017.

"Leibniz' Minimization Principles in Physics: Natural Teleology vs. a Role for Divine Reason", *North American Leibniz Association Meetings*, University of Toronto, October 14, 2017.

Invited Papers Presented at other Universities

"The Myth of the Myth of the Given" read at the University of Toronto (Fall, 1984); The Ohio State University (Fall 1984); The University of Western Ontario (Fall 1984); the Philosophy Department at Simon Fraser University. (Fall 1985)

"Foundational Warrant Principles and Direct Semantic Realism", read to the Philosophy Department, University of Nebraska. (Fall 1985)

A draft of "Objective Chance, Indicative Conditionals and Decision Theory" read to the Philosophy Department at Simon Fraser University. (Fall 1985).

A draft of "A Critical Notice of Stroud's *The Significance of Philosophical Skepticism*", read to the Philosophy Department at the University of Calgary. (Fall 1985)

"Kant's Schematism as Unintended Interpretation" read to the Philosophy Department, University of Toronto (Fall 1987)

"A Kantian theory of Representation" read to the Philosophy Department of York University (Fall, 1987)

"Kant's Deduction of the Structure of Space and Time" read to the Philosophy Department at The University of Western Ontario (Fall 1987)

"The Cogito and Descartes' Case for Mind-body Dualism" read to the Philosophy Department, The University of Western Ontario. (Spring, 1995), the Philosophy Department of the University of Ottawa (Winter, 1996)

"Descartes' Account of the Sense Experience of Primary and Secondary Qualities" read to the Philosophy Department of York University. (Spring, 1995)

"Descartes' General Theory of Existential Reasoning" read to the Philosophy Department of The University of Toronto. (Spring, 1995), the Philosophy Department of Queen's University, (Winter, 1996)

"Is the Transcendental Deduction of the Categories Analogous to the Transcendental Exposition of the Concept of Space and Time?" read to the Philosophy Department of Carleton University. (Winter, 1996)

"Descartes's Relation to Contemporary Analytic Philosophy", King's Lecture Series on Descartes, April 1, 2004.

"Descartes: Causality, the Imagination and Mind-Body Unity," *Thinking, Imagination, Imaginative Thinking from Descartes to Leibniz*, Dominican University College, Ottawa, Nov., 25-26, 2006.

"Two 'First Items of Knowledge', Two Rules of Truth in Descartes," *New York/New Jersey Research group in Early Modern Philosophy*, New York, NY, May 05, 2008.

"The Robustness of Belief and the Argument from Religious Experience", Union College, Schenectady, New York, May 08, 2008.

"Kant and Descartes on Representation," New York/New Jersey Workshop on early Modern Philosophy, John Jay College/CUNY, Sept. 21, 2009.

"The Rational Robustness of Religious Belief", Philosophy Department Colloquium, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, May 08, 2013.

"Kant and Descartes on Substances and the Causal Principle of the Objective Reality of Ideas", *Causality in Early Modern Philosophy*, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Sept. 29, 2013.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE DALHOUSIE PHILOSOPHY DEPT. FRIDAY COLLOQUIA SINCE 2001 (NOT REFEREED)*/PRESENTATIONS AT THE ATLANTIC CANADA SEMINAR IN EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY (NOT REFEREED)

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"Problems for Classical Statistics", Philosophy of Statistics Interdisciplinary Working Group, August 2001.

"A Bayesian Treatment of the Paradox of the Ravens", Philosophy of Statistics Interdisciplinary Working Group, Fall, 2001

"Why not State Descriptions as Statistical Data?", Philosophy of Statistics Interdisciplinary Working Group, Winter, 2002.

"Analogies as Theoretical Models in Philosophy", Crosscurrents Series, FASS, Jan. 30, 2003.

"How Modern-Day Natural Teleology Might be True", Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 7, 2003.

"The Argument Structure of Sellars's 'Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind'", Philosophy Department Colloquium, Jan. 16, 2004.

"Kant vs. Descartes on Intentionality", *Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, July 13, 2007

"Cartesian Externalism and the Brain in a Vat", Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, March 07, 2008.

"The Robustness of Belief and the Argument from Religious Experience", Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University", April 25, 2008.

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“Kant’s Appearances vs. Things in Themselves: Dual Aspects of a Single Thing or Two Kinds of Entity”, Philosophy Department, Dalhousie University, Nov. 14, 2008.

“Prospectus for *An Essay on Kant’s Transcendental Deduction of the Categories*”, Friday Colloquium Series, Philosophy Department, Dalhousie University, Oct. 02, 2009

“Kant vs. Hume on Causality”, Friday Colloquium Series, Philosophy Department, Dalhousie University, May 14, 2010.

“Descartes and Kant on Reason and Representation”, *Israel-Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (Hebrew University), Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, May 20, 2013.

“Four Arguments One Might Have Thought Kant Used to Demonstrate the Topological Unity of Space and Time,” Friday Colloquium Series, Philosophy Department, Dalhousie University, October 02, 2015.

“Max Planck on Leibniz, the Least Action Principle and Modern Physics”, *ACSEMP*, Halifax, July 07, 2016

“Descartes on Sensibility and the Intellect”, *ACSEMP, Halifax, Aug. 03, 2017*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MANUSCRIPT AND TENURE/PROMOTION ASSESSMENTS

Book-project assessment for Broadview Press, 1998

Manuscript assessment for University of Toronto Press, 1999

Manuscript assessment for Routledge Press, 2001

Manuscript assessment for McGill-Queens, 2002

Book-project assessment for Acumen Press, 2003

Manuscript assessment for Oxford University Press, 2006

Manuscript assessment for Oxford University Press, 2008

Tenure assessment for Rutgers University (Newark), 2008

Tenure assessment for McMaster University, 2008

Book-project assessment for Broadview Press, 2008

Manuscript assessment for Cambridge University Press, 2009

Tenure and promotion assessment for the University of western Ontario, 2011

Book-project assessment for Bloomsbury Press, 2014.

Promotion assessment for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 2015

Promotion assessment for Rutgers University, 2015

Manuscript assessment for Oxford University Press, 2017

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Co-organizer, with David Braybrooke, Realism Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax, 1984.

Area Coordinator for the Programme Committee (Epistemology and Metaphysics) C.P.A annual meetings, 1985.
 Assistant Organizer, King's Descartes Lecture Series, 2003-2004
 Co-organizer and Editor (with Kathryn Morris), Atlantic Canada Seminar In Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie and King's Universities, Halifax, July, 2004, 2005.
 Organizer and Editor, Atlantic Canada Seminar In Early Modern Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
 Co-organizer and Editor (with Noa Naaman-Zauderer): Israel-Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 2013

MAJOR DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Coordinator of Graduate Studies (Internal) (1986 -92)
 Honours Advisor (1992 -2000)
 Ph.D Comprehensive Committee (Epistemology) Chair, 1988 -1997
 Undergraduate Advisor, 2001 - present
 Acting Chair: June, 2001
 Acting Chair: Jan. 01- June 30, 2002
 Chair, Jan. 01, 2007 – June 30, 2011.

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DFA Hon. Secretary: (1986-1987)
 DFA Committee member: Executive (1987-88)
 DFA Committee member: Drafting Committee (1987)

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Ph.D Dissertations supervised

Christina Behme, "Cartesian linguistics: from historical antecedents to computational modeling". Degree awarded: 2011.

Robert Paul, "The Philosophy and Physics of Relationality and Inherent Nature: *Śūnyatā* and *Svabhāva* in *Madhyamaka* Buddhist Philosophy, Western Analytic Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science and Physics ". Degree awarded: 2013

POST-DOCTORAL SUPERVISIONS

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