

## Curriculum Vitae

**Kara Richardson**  
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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University, August 2008 –

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Medieval Philosophy  
Classical Arabic Philosophy  
Descartes

### **AREA OF COMPETENCE**

Early Modern Philosophy

### **EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

Ph.D. (Philosophy), Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2001-2008

Dissertation Title: *The Metaphysics of Agency: Avicenna and his Legacy*

Dissertation Advisors: Deborah Black and Marleen Rozemond

M.L.I.S., McGill University, 1996-1998

B.A., University of Waterloo, 1990-1995

### **PUBLICATIONS**

1. ‘Two arguments for natural teleology from Avicenna’s *Shifā*’ in *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, in press.
2. ‘Formal Causality: giving being by constituting and completing,’ in *Suárez on Aristotelian Causality*, ed. Jakob Leth Fink. Leiden: Brill, in press.
3. ‘Averroism’ in *The Routledge Companion to the Sixteenth Century*, eds. Benjamin Hill and Henrik Lagerlund. London: Routledge, forthcoming.
4. Review of *Philosophical Psychology in Arabic Thought and the Latin Aristotelianism of the 13<sup>th</sup> century*, eds. Luis Xavier López-Farjeat and Jörg Alejandro Tellkamp in *Vivarium*, forthcoming.

5. 'Efficient Causation from Ibn Sīnā to Ockham' in *Oxford Philosophical Concepts: Efficient Causation*, ed. Tad Schmaltz. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, 105-131.
6. 'Avicenna and the Principle of Sufficient Reason' in *Review of Metaphysics* 67.4 (2014): 743-768.
7. 'Avicenna's Conception of the Efficient Cause' in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 21.2 (2013): 220-239.
8. Review of *The Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy*, eds. Robert Pasnau and Christina Van Dyke in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2011.11.24.
9. Review of Walter Ott, *Causation and Laws of Nature in Early Modern Philosophy* in *Review of Metaphysics* 65.1 (2011): 177-179.
10. 'Avicenna and Aquinas on Form and Generation' in *The Arabic, Hebrew and Latin Reception of Avicenna's Metaphysics*, eds. Dag Hasse and Amos Bertolacci. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2011, 251-274.
11. Review of Averroes (Ibn Rushd) of Cordoba, *Long Commentary on the De Anima of Aristotle*, trans. Richard C. Taylor in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 48.3 (2010): 398-99.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

1. 'Descartes on Substantial Form, Active Qualities and Causality,' revised and resubmitted to *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*
2. 'Causation in Arabic and Islamic Thought,' for *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
3. 'Agent Intellect and Human Understanding in Avicenna and Aquinas,' for *The History of the Philosophy of Mind*. Vol. 2: Boethius to Scotus, ed. Margaret Cameron, Routledge. (6 vol. series edited by Rebecca Copenhaver and Christopher Shields)
4. 'Descartes' Argument for Divine Conservation,' *in progress*
5. 'Avicenna on Determinism and Human Freedom,' *in progress*

## PRESENTATIONS

1. *Descartes on Substantial Form, Active Qualities and Causality*, Workshop on Substantial Form and Causality in Aquinas, Suárez and Descartes, Syracuse University, Nov. 8, 2014
2. *Avicenna on Determinism and Human Freedom*, Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop, Dept. of Philosophy, Harvard University, October 4, 2014.
3. *Avicenna on the Scope of Final Causation in the Shifā'*, Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, Cornell University, June 1, 2014.
4. *Descartes' Argument for Divine Conservation*, Early Modern Workshop, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Toronto, March 6, 2014.
5. *Comments on Gloria Frost's 'Three Medieval Models of Primary and Secondary Causation: Aquinas, Scotus, and Auriol'*, University of Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, September 21, 2013
6. *Avicenna and the Principle of Sufficient Reason*, Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June 1, 2013

7. *Avicenna on Final Causality and Cognition*, Dept. of Philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University, April 5, 2012.
8. *Avicenna on Final Causality and Cognition*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Toronto, December 3, 2011.
9. *Descartes on Time and Conservation*, New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, November 20, 2011.
10. *Avicenna on Final Causality and Cognition*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of California at Irvine, October 28, 2011.
11. *Descartes on Activity and Substantial Form*, The Mentoring Project for Pre-tenure Women Faculty in Philosophy, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, June 20, 2011.
12. *Efficient Causality in Later Medieval Philosophy*, Efficient Causation: The History of the Concept, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Michigan, May 21, 2011.
13. *Descartes on Time and Conservation*, Descartes Colloquium, Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Syracuse University, May 7, 2011.
14. *Avicenna on Final Causality and Cognition*, Dept. of Philosophy, Carleton University, March 1, 2011.
15. *Descartes and the Philosophy of Mind*, Syracuse Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Syracuse University, November 3, 2010.
16. *Reason Over Passion?*, Passions and Transgressions in Medieval Thought: A One-Day Colloquium, Syracuse University, April 16, 2010.
17. *Descartes on the Causal Powers of Bodies Without Substantial Forms*, Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 9, 2009.
18. *Making and Making Be in Avicenna*, Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, May 29, 2009.
19. *Suarez on the Common Ratio of Cause*, Graduate Student Internal Speaker, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, March 27, 2009
20. *Comments on Aaron Koller's Reassessing Baumgarten's Contribution to Aesthetics*, Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Syracuse University, February 15, 2009.
21. *Comments on Peter Dear's Early Modern Conceptions of Reason*, Upstate New York Early Modern Workshop, Cornell University, November 16, 2008.
22. *Comments on Cees Leijenhorst's Suarez on Self-Knowledge*, Francisco Suarez: Last Medieval or First Early Modern, University of Western Ontario, September 12-14, 2008.
23. *Avicenna on the Agent Intellect and Substantial Generation*, Villa Vigoni Conference on Avicenna's Metaphysics, Menaggio, Italy, July 4, 2008.
24. *Descartes' Denial of Substantial Forms: The Argument from Obscurity*, Johns Hopkins University, January 31, 2008.
25. *Descartes' Denial of Substantial Forms: The Argument from Obscurity*, Syracuse University, January 18, 2008.
26. *Avicenna and Aquinas on Human Knowledge Acquisition*, Graduate Student Workshop, Colloquium in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, October 14, 2007.

27. *Avicenna on Efficient Causality*, XII International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Palermo, Italy, September 18, 2007.
28. *Aristotle, Avicenna and Aquinas on the Generation of Form*, Graduate Student Workshop, Self and Consciousness from Plato to Kant, University of Toronto, May 16, 2007
29. *Comments on Robbie Moser's Putting St. Thomas Back in Analytical Thomism*, 2006 Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, York University, May 30, 2006

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee for *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2014
- APA Eastern Division Advisory Committee to the Program Committee, Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, 2012 –
- Workshop Co-ordinator, Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, 2009 –
- Referee for *Res Philosophica*, 2013
- Session Chair, The Philosophy of Francisco Suarez, with Benjamin Hill, Helen Hattab and Sydney Penner. American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, February 20, 2013.
- Referee for *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2009
- Session Chair, Author Meets Critics: Tad Schmaltz, Descartes on Causation, with Daniel Garber and Steven Nadler as critics. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 30, 2009.
- Conference Organizer (with Melissa Frankel), Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network: Nature and Purpose in Early Modern Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, August 9-12, 2009. Participants included Alison Simmons (Harvard), Michael Della Rocca (Yale), Tad Schmaltz (Michigan), Lisa Downing (Ohio State), Daniel Garber (Princeton), and Marleen Rozemond (Toronto).
- Session Chair, Thérèse-Anne Druart, Ibn Sina or Avicenna, and Duns Scotus, Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, University of Toronto, September 20, 2008.

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

1. Ad hoc Committee on Climate for Women and Minorities, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, Fall 2014 –
2. Ad hoc Committee on Graduate Student Placement, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, Spring 2013
3. ABD Workshop Co-ordinator, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2012-13
4. Graduate Admissions Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2011-12
5. Search Committee (for Chair), Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2010-11
6. Executive Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2010-11
7. Executive Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2009-10
8. Search Committee (for Assistant Professor), Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2009-10

9. Search Committee (for Sutton Fellow), Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2008-9

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

1. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2006-7
2. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2005-6
3. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Student Fellowship, 2004-5
4. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2003-4
5. University of Toronto Open Fellowship, 2002-2003
6. University of Toronto Open Fellowship, 2001-2002

## **LANGUAGES**

- Reading knowledge of Latin, French and Arabic

## **CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCE STATUS**

- Canadian Citizen
- U.S. Permanent Resident