



R. Lanier Anderson

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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

R. Lanier Anderson (Professor of Philosophy, J.E. Wallace Sterling Professor in Humanities) works in the history of late modern philosophy and has focused primarily on Kant and his influence on nineteenth century philosophy. He is the author of *The Poverty of Conceptual Truth* (OUP, 2015) and many articles on Kant, Nietzsche, and the neo-Kantian movement. Some papers include “It Adds Up After All: Kant’s Philosophy of Arithmetic in Light of the Traditional Logic” (*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2004), “Nietzsche on Truth, Illusion, and Redemption” (*European Journal of Philosophy*, 2005), “What is a Nietzschean Self?” in Janaway and Robertson, eds., *Nietzsche, Naturalism, and Normativity* (OUP, 2011), and “What is the Meaning of our Cheerfulness?: Philosophy as a Way of Life in Nietzsche and Montaigne” (*European Journal of Philosophy*, 2018). Current research interests include Kant’s theoretical philosophy, Nietzsche’s moral psychology, Montaigne, and special topics concerning existentialism and the relations between philosophy and literature (see, e.g., “Is Clarissa Dalloway Special?” *Philosophy and Literature*, 2017). He has been at Stanford since 1996, and has also taught at Harvard, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, and Penn. With Joshua Landy (Comparative Literature, French), he has been instrumental in Stanford’s Philosophy and Literature Initiative. He currently serves Stanford as Senior Associate Dean for Humanities and Arts.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Philosophy
- Professor (By courtesy), German Studies
- Professor (By courtesy), English

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Associate Dean for Humanities and Arts, School of Humanities and Sciences, (2017- present)
- Executive Director, North American Nietzsche Society, (2015- present)
- Professor of Philosophy and (by courtesy) German Studies, Stanford University, (2015- present)
- Co-Director, Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in the Humanities, Stanford University, (2008-2017)
- Co-Director, Stanford Philosophy and Literature Initiative, (2004- present)
- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University, (2004-2015)
- Visiting Associate Professor, Harvard University, (2004-2004)
- Marta Sutton Weeks Faculty Scholar in the Humanities, Stanford University, (2001-2004)
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University, (1997-2004)
- Acting Assistant Professor, Stanford University, (1996-1997)
- Visiting Assistant Professor, (joint appointment with Haverford College), Bryn Mawr College, (1995-1996)

- Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania, (1995-1995)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- J.E. Wallace Sterling Professor in Humanities, Stanford University (2017-pres.)
- Donald Andrews Whittier Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (2015-16)
- Yumi and Yasunori Kaneko Family University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, Stanford University (2009-19)
- Dean's Award, Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University (2003 - 2004)
- Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching (university-wide teaching prize), Stanford University Commencement (2002)
- Marta Sutton Weeks Faculty Scholar in the Humanities, Stanford University (2001 - 2004)
- Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (2000 - 2001)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member at Large, Board of Officers, American Philosophical Association (2020 - present)
- Member, American Philosophical Association
- Executive Director, North American Nietzsche Society (2015 - present)
- Chair, Program Committee, North American Nietzsche Society (2004 - present)
- Member, North American Nietzsche Society
- Member, North American Kant Society
- Member, Society for the History of the Philosophy of Science (HOPOS)
- Co-Chair, Design Team on the Future of the Major, Stanford University (2018 - 2020)
- Co-Chair, Search Committee, Directors of the Stanford Humanities Center and the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (2019 - 2019)
- Director, Stanford/CCNY Partnership, Stanford University (2012 - 2017)
- Advisory Board, Stanford Humanities Center (2016 - present)
- Steering Committee Member, Faculty Senate Stanford University (2008 - 2010)
- Member, Faculty Senate, Stanford University (2005 - 2010)
- Committee member, Study of Undergraduate Education at Stanford (SUES), (2010 - 2012)
- Subject area Editor, Kant entries, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2011 - present)
- Editor, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- Editor, Journal of Nietzsche Studies
- Referee, Princeton University Press
- Referee, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- Referee, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie
- Referee, Journal of the History of Philosophy
- Referee, Journal of Nietzsche Studies
- Referee, Journal of the History of Ideas
- Referee, Cambridge University Press
- Referee, Philosophers' Imprint
- Referee, Canadian Journal of Philosophy
- Referee, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
- Referee, European Journal of Philosophy

- Referee, Oxford University Press
- Member, ACLS National Screening Committee (2012 - 2013)
- Member, ACLS National Screening Committee (2010 - 2011)
- Member, IIS, Fulbright National Screening Committee (2007 - 2007)
- Member, Program Committee, APA Pacific Division (2001 - 2004)
- Member, Academic Planning and Policy Committee, Stanford Board of Trustees, Stanford University (2010 - 2012)
- Member, Provost's Committee on Undergraduate Housing, Stanford University (2001 - 2002)
- Member, Stanford University Advisory Panel on Investment Responsibility (2008 - 2010)
- Member, Modern Thought and Literature Ph.D. Program, Stanford University, Committee in Charge (1998 - 2008)
- Member, Graduate Program in Humanities, Stanford University, Committee in Charge (2006 - 2009)
- Member, Committee for the Ethical Reasoning Sub-area (general ed. req't), Stanford University (2005 - 2014)
- Member, Stanford Humanities Center, Graduate Fellow Selection Committee, Stanford University (2004 - 2005)
- Panel Member, Stanford University Judicial Affairs Board (2006 - 2007)
- Member, Search Committee, Global/Multicultural Education, Stanford University School of Education (2005 - 2006)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Modern Thought and Literature
- Philosophy and Literature

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania , Philosophy (1993)
- M.A., University of Pennsylvania , Philosophy (1993)
- B.A., Yale University , Philosophy (1987)

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Philosophy and Literature: DLCL 222 (Aut, Win, Spr)

2024-25

- Philosophy and Literature: CLASSICS 42, COMPLIT 181 (Spr)
- Philosophy and Literature: DLCL 222 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Philosophy and Literature: ENGLISH 81, FRENCH 181, GERMAN 181, ILAC 181, ITALIAN 181, PHIL 81, SLAVIC 181 (Spr)
- Philosophy, Literature, and the Arts Core Seminar: DLCL 333, ENGLISH 333, PHIL 333 (Win)
- Second Year Paper Development Seminar: PHIL 241 (Sum)

2023-24

- Philosophy and Literature: DLCL 222 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Philosophy, Literature, and the Arts Core Seminar: DLCL 333, ENGLISH 333, PHIL 333 (Aut)
- Sustainability and Civilization: BIO 35, HISTORY 35, POLISCI 35 (Win)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2022-23

- Learning and Teaching in the Humanities: Pedagogy and Professional Development for Graduate Students: CTL 341, PHIL 341 (Spr)
- Philosophy and Literature: DLCL 222 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Philosophy, Literature, and the Arts Core Seminar: DLCL 333, ENGLISH 333, MUSIC 332, PHIL 333 (Win)
- Sustainability and Civilization: BIO 35 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Lis Benossi, William Ray

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Seyoung Kang, Konstantinos Konstantinou, Ryan Tan

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Yasin Al-Amin, Aileen Luo

Doctoral (Program)

Toby Tricks

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The Psychology of Perspectivism: A Question for Nietzsche Studies Now** *JOURNAL OF NIETZSCHE STUDIES*
Anderson, R.
2018; 49 (2): 221–28
- **What Is 'The Meaning of Our Cheerfulness'? Philosophy as a Way of Life in Nietzsche and Montaigne** *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY*
Anderson, R., Cristy, R.
2017; 25 (4): 1514–49
- **Love and the Moral Psychology of the Hegelian Nietzsche Comments on Robert Pippin's Nietzsche, Psychology, and First Philosophy** *JOURNAL OF NIETZSCHE STUDIES*
Anderson, R. L.
2013; 44 (2): 158-180
- **Nietzsche on Autonomy** *Oxford Handbook on Nietzsche*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Richardson, J., Gemes, K.
Oxford: Oxford University Press.2013
- **What is a Nietzschean Self** *Nietzsche, Naturalism, and Normativity*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Janaway, C., Robertson, S.
Oxford: Oxford University Press.2012: 202–235
- **The Will to Power in Science and in Philosophy** *Nietzsches Wissenschaftsphilosophie: Hintergründe, Wirkungen, und Aktualität*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Heit, H., Abel, G., Brusotti, M.
Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.2012: 55–72
- **Philosophy as a Way of Life: the Case of Alexander Nehamas** *Athens Review of Book*
Anderson, R. L.
2011: 19 - 21

- **On the Nobility of Nietzsche's Priests** *Nietzsche's "On the Genealogy of Morality": a Critical Guide*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by May, S.
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.2011: 24–55
- **Framing the Question: the Critique Introduction** *The Cambridge Companion to Kant and the Critique of Pure Reason*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Guyer, P.
Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.2010: 75–92
- **Nietzsche on Redemption and Transfiguration** *The Re-Enchantment of the World*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Landy, J., Saler, M.
Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.2009: 225–258
- **Comments on Wayne Martin, Theories of judgment** *PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES*
Anderson, R. L.
2008; 137 (1): 91-108
- **Nietzsche on Strength, Self-Knowledge, and Achieving Individuality** *International Studies in Philosophy*
Anderson, R. L.
2006; 38 (3): 89 - 115
- **Nietzsche on truth, illusion, and redemption** *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY*
Anderson, R. L.
2005; 13 (2): 185-225
- **Neo-Kantianism and the Roots of Anti-Psychologism** *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
Anderson, R. L.
2005; 13: 287 - 323
- **Nietzsche's Will to Power as a Doctrine of the Unity of Science** *Angelaki*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Veal, D.
2005: 77–93
- **The Wolffian paradigm and its discontents: Kant's containment definition of analyticity in historical context** *ARCHIV FUR GESCHICHTE DER PHILOSOPHIE*
Anderson, R. L.
2005; 87 (1): 22-74
- **It adds up after all: Kant's philosophy of arithmetic in light of the traditional logic** *PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH*
Anderson, R. L.
2004; 69 (3): 501-540
- **Kant on the Synthetcity of Elementary Mathematics** *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*
Anderson, R. L.
2004; 25: 161 - 204
- **The Debate over the Geisteswissenschaften in German Philosophy, 1880-1910** *The Cambridge History of Philosophy: 1870-1945*
Anderson, R. L., Baldwin, T.
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.2003: 221–234
- **Sensualism and unconscious representations in Nietzsche's account of knowledge** *INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY*
Anderson, R. L.
2002; 34 (3): 95-117
- **Kant on the Apriority of Causal Laws** *History of Philosophy of Science: New Trends and Perspectives: Vienna Circle Institute Yearbook, 9/2001*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Heidelberger, M., Stadler, F.

Dordrecht: Kluwer.2002: 67–80

- **Synthesis, cognitive normativity, and the meaning of Kant's question, 'How are synthetic cognitions a-priori possible'?** *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY*
Anderson, R. L.
2001; 9 (3): 275-305
- **Philosophy as Self-Fashioning: Alexander Nehamas's Art of Living** *Diacritics*
Anderson, R. L., Landy, J.
2001; 31: 25 - 54
- **Nietzsche's Views on Truth and the Kantian Background of his Epistemology** *Nietzsche, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science: Nietzsche and the Sciences II*
Anderson, R. L.
edited by Babich, B.
London: Kluwer.1999: 47–59
- **Truth and objectivity in perspectivism** *SYNTHESE*
Anderson, R. L.
1998; 115 (1): 1-32
- **Overcoming Charity: the Case of Maudemarie Clark's Nietzsche on Truth and Philosophy** *Nietzsche-Studien*
Anderson, R. L.
1996; 25: 307 - 341
- **"Putnam," and "Quine"** *Dictionary of Cultural and Critical Theory*
Anderson, R. L.
1996
- **NIETZSCHE WILL TO POWER AS A DOCTRINE OF THE UNITY OF SCIENCE** *STUDIES IN HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE*
Anderson, R. L.
1994; 25 (5): 729-750