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Institution: University of the West of England
Unit of Assessment: 32 - Philosophy
a. Overview

UWE Philosophy currently comprises 4.5 permanent full-time members of staff and two temporary full-time staff. The Unit houses a University-funded Applied Philosophy Research Group and is also a branch of the Royal Institute of Philosophy. There is a small but vibrant graduate programme. The Unit did not submit to RAE 2008: individual staff members were submitted to other units of assessment.

b. Research strategy

Central to the Unit's strategy is an historically informed approach to philosophical problems and a shared belief that philosophy is enhanced by collaboration with other branches of inquiry. In 2013, Philosophy at UWE moved from the *Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries and Education* into the *Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences*. This move is part of a strategy to further develop core research areas through closer institutional alignment with the life sciences, politics, psychology and public and environmental health, all of which are located within the new Faculty. The move of Faculty also facilitates our developing teaching and research collaboration with the Bristol Robotics Laboratory (UWE, Bristol University) and research collaboration with *Centrum voor Ethiek en wetenschappelijk adviseur* (Centre for Ethics and Scientific Advising) at Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen.

As a branch of the Royal Institute of Philosophy (RIP), and through the Applied Philosophy Research Group (a UWE-funded research grouping set up to co-ordinate activities in 'applied philosophy' – broadly the area covered by item 4 below) the Unit organizes an annual series of public seminars and visiting lectures around specific themes. It has also convened 10 conferences and members have presented over 100 papers worldwide since 2008. UWE Philosophy hosts an annual RIP-funded graduate conference. The Unit's output during this REF cycle includes 4 books; 6 edited collections; 34 journal articles and 14 book chapters.

Research in the Unit is organized around the following strategic clusters: (1) Philosophy of Nature; (2) Phenomenology and post-Kantian European Philosophy; (3) History of Philosophy and (4) Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Medicine and Bio-Ethics. The activities of these clusters all overlap and inter-link. All PhD students work in at least one of these areas.

In 2011, one PhD student received a prestigious Jacobsen Fellowship. The three most recent PhD graduates all obtained academic posts, at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Bucharest, University of Edinburgh, and De Montfort University.

1. Philosophy of Nature

This research cluster is an attempt to counter reductive philosophical naturalism without abandoning realism. **Grant's** work has pursued this from its roots in German Idealism to argue that Schelling, especially, is central to an understanding of nineteenth century nature-philosophy and its twentieth-century resurgence, particularly in mathematics and biology (e.g. *Collapse*, 2008). A recognized authority in this field, **Grant** has published 3 journal articles (including outputs 2 and 3), 3 book chapters and given 5 keynote or plenary talks within this research cluster in the REF period. Building on research expertise in realist philosophy, **Assiter** has published two journal articles in the period (outputs 2, 3) on naturalist aspects of Kierkegaard's philosophy, drawing on his relationship to Schelling. In 2012-13, Philosophy of Nature was the theme of the RIP-funded public seminar series (convened by **Lewis**). This cluster also includes **Meacham's** work on phenomenology and biology (e.g. 'Biology, the empathic science' *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 44(1): 10-25, 2013).

2. Phenomenology and Post-Kantian European Philosophy

Work on philosophy of nature overlaps with expertise and focus in phenomenology. In 2011, **Meacham** organized a Royal Institute of Philosophy funded international conference on the topic of 'Phenomenology and Naturalism'. Contributions were published by Cambridge University Press in 2013 as supplement 72 of the journal *Philosophy*. The edition was edited by **Meacham** and Carel. **Meacham** is also Co-Editor of a special issue of the *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* (44:1) on 'Starting from Nature'. This issue contained a new translation of work by Edmund Husserl on the relation between phenomenology and biology. **Meacham's** other recent

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work on Husserl argues for the centrality of the relation between habit, nature, and subjectivity in the phenomenological tradition (outputs 1,2).

Building on earlier work on Heidegger, **Lewis** works on the relation between phenomenological philosophy of nature, philosophy of technology, and philosophical anthropology. **Lewis** has also co-authored an introduction to phenomenology (Continuum, 2010) and written a chapter on the co-evolution of humans and technology in a volume on Bernard Stiegler (Edinburgh UP, 2013).

Lewis's *Heidegger on Deconstruction: Beyond Nature and Heidegger and the Place of Ethics* were both released in paperback by Bloomsbury Press in 2013.

Grant's work on Schelling was one of the main foci of two conferences organised around the theme of 'speculative realism' (Goldsmith's 2007, UWE 2008). Contributions from these conferences were published as *The Speculative Turn: Continental Materialism and Realism* (Re: Press, 2011), which included a contribution from Grant. 'Speculative realism' was the topic of a discussion in the *Journal of Critical Realism* (2013) in which **Assiter** participated.

Carel's work on phenomenology of illness, *Illness* (Acumen, 2009), was shortlisted for the Wellcome Prize in 2009. In 2010, the annual RIP-funded UWE Conference was on the topic of "Phenomenology".

3. Political Philosophy, Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine

Work in philosophy of nature and phenomenology finds a more applied expression in the work on bio-politics, bio-ethics, and the philosophy of medicine within the Unit.

Philosophy of Medicine was a focus of Carel's work and continues to be one of **Meacham's**. Carel augmented this cluster through an AHRC funded network on 'Concepts of Illness' and also held Leverhulme and BA awards to pursue her work in philosophy of medicine. In 2010 Carel hosted the international conference 'Concepts of Health and Illness'. Carel edited a volume on philosophy of medicine, *Health, illness and disease: philosophical essays* (Acumen 2012), a special issue of the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* (37:2), and a special issue of *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* (41:4). She also co-authored a commentary on phenomenology and medicine, 'How do you feel? Oscillating perspectives in the clinic', published in *The Lancet* (2012).

The theme of the 2011 RIP-funded public seminar series was 'Medicine and Society' (convened by **Meacham**). Contributions to this series, alongside other invited essays, will be published in a volume of the series *Philosophy and Medicine* (Springer 2104), *Medicine and Society, New Continental Perspectives*, edited by **Meacham** and containing a chapter from **Lewis**, 'Of (Auto-) Immune Life'. In January 2012, **Meacham** organised a two-day international workshop on 'Cognitive Enhancement and Other Technologies of the Mind' (supported by an Early Career Research award from UWE). This was held in collaboration with the Centre for Ethics in Medicine at Bristol University. Contributions from this workshop will be published in a special issue of *Phenomenology and Cognitive Science* (co-edited by **Meacham**). **Meacham** is also contracted to write the entry on 'health' in the forthcoming *Blackwell Companions to Hermeneutics*.

Political philosophy is one focus of **Assiter's** work (output 1) and is also a key concentration of **Meacham's** (e.g. output 3 and see REF3a). **Assiter** is negotiating the terms of a book series on 'Continental Philosophy and the Political' (Rowan and Littlefield), together with Evert van der Zweerde (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen) to explore alternatives to the dominant 'Habermasian-Rawlsian' paradigm in Anglophone political philosophy. **Assiter's** monograph (output 1) *Kierkegaard, Metaphysics and Political Theory: Unfinished Selves* (Continuum, 2009), has been positively reviewed in *Times Higher Education Supplement*, *Hypatia*, *The European Journal of Gender Studies* and, in the form of a review article, the *Journal of Critical Realism*. The emphasis on the hitherto unexplored political dimensions of Kierkegaard's work led to an international conference, 'Kierkegaard and the Political' (2010) and an eponymous edited volume (2012), co-edited by **Assiter**. **Assiter** has produced one single-authored monograph, one edited volume, 8 articles/book chapters and given 7 keynotes during this REF period. **Meacham's** work in this area develops the relation between phenomenology and political philosophy. He has published several articles and book chapters on phenomenology and politics in Merleau-Ponty (e.g. output 3), as well as a book chapter in French on Jan Patočka's concept of Europe (2013) ('L'histoire, l'Europe, et la vie', in N. Frogneux ed. *Jan Patočka. Existence, Histoire, et Monde Commun*. Paris: Editions du Cercle Herméneutique, 239-251). **Meacham** is currently developing his work on Patočka and Europe into a larger project (see future plans) in collaboration with the Husserl Archives in Leuven.

Mitcheson also publishes in the area of political philosophy (output 2).

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Assiter is the convener of the Unit's Applied Philosophy Group, which organizes events around the topic of applied philosophy.

4. History of Philosophy

A focus on the historical development of philosophical problems informs the research in the other clusters as well as being an area of focus in its own right. Each member of the Unit pursues his or her own interests in this area. **Grant's** work on Schelling (output 2, 3) has resulted in invitations as plenary speaker in Bonn (Schelling-Tagung, 2010), Seattle (Schelling Society of North America, 2012), and London, Ontario (Schelling Society of North America, 2013). **Grant** also convened a history of philosophy reading group, which led to the publication of *Idealism: The History of a Philosophy* (Acumen, 2011), co-authored by **Grant**, (output 1), Sean Watson (UWE) and Jeremy Dunham (former PhD student). He is also a member of the North American Schelling Society America translation project and an invited contributor to the inaugural issue of the new *Schelling-Studien* journal (output 4). A Maine de Biran translation project has been initiated by **Meacham**. A translation of *Rapport du physique et du moral de l'homme* with introduction and commentary is under review (Bloomsbury), and a translation of *Exposition de la doctrine philosophique de Leibniz* is underway with collaborators.

Sellars convened a reading group on Ficino's *Parmenides* commentary and published on Cudworth and Marcus Aurelius in *Intellectual History Review* (21/2 (2011)), *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies* (Suppl. 107 (2010)) and *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome* (2010) during the REF period.

In 2012, the annual RIP-funded UWE Graduate Conference was on the topic of 'Selves' in the history of philosophy. In 2013 the topic was 'Kant and the Domains of Judgment'.

Overall strategy for future development:

Our strategic aims are: (1) to enhance core research strengths that are under-represented in the UK (such as philosophy of nature; British idealism; nineteenth and twentieth century French philosophy); (2) to build collaborations with other disciplines within and outside the University that complement and facilitate the further development of existing research strengths (robotics; bioethics; political philosophy); (3) to pursue interdisciplinary collaborations and research in line with the "European" or "Continental" style of philosophy internationally; (4) to promote the study of the historical development of philosophical problems in both analytic and continental traditions of philosophy, while avoiding a partisan approach to either of these two traditions. We aim to achieve this by judicious appointments, seeking to secure internal and external funding, and enhanced collaboration with local, national and international colleagues and partners.

Under 1 (above), **Grant** has proposed a book series to start in 2014 on 'Philosophy of Nature' with Edinburgh University Press.

Under 2, an international conference is being organised by **Meacham** for May 2014 with the title "What Comes After Europe: Jan Patočka's Concept of Europe and its relevance today". This is part of the development of a wider project on 'Europe as a philosophical concept'; a visiting post-doctoral scholar, Francesco Tava, will come to UWE in February and March 2014 as part of this project. A BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant and a Leverhulme Fellowship bid are currently pending in relation to this project, the former in collaboration with the Husserl Archives, University of Leuven. A bid for external funding for a larger research project will be submitted in 2014. A monograph proposal by **Meacham** on this topic is currently under review. **Lewis** has a Leverhulme Fellowship bid pending on the topic of a 'reinvention of philosophical anthropology'. **Mitcheson's** monograph *Visual Art and Projects of the Self* is under contract with Edinburgh University Press. The annual UWE Graduate conference will be held in April 2014 on "Feminism, technology, and embodiment".

Under 3, **Assiter** is negotiating the terms of a book series on 'Continental Political Philosophy' with Rowan and Littlefield, starting in 2014. A monograph proposal by **Assiter** on Kierkegaard, Naturalism, the Political and Feminism is currently under review with Rowan and Littlefield.

Meacham has submitted a bid for funding on the ethics and fundamental problems of synthetic biology as part of the Bristol Centre for Synthetic Biology bid (hosted by University of Bristol). The 'Anthropotech' collaboration with the Centre for Ethics in Medicine (Bristol) will be further developed with a networking grant bid and the editing of a special issue of *Phenomenology and Cognitive Science* (**Meacham**).

Under 4, **Grant** is currently translating and writing an introduction for F.W.J. Schelling, *On the World Soul, Universal Deduction of the Dynamic Process, Exhibition of the Process of Nature:*

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Three Naturephilosophical Treatises. The volume is under consideration with State University of New York Press. **Gazziero** has a monograph proposal under review for French Editor Vrin (Paris) *Pragmatical Aspects of Aristotle's Semantics. Texts and Studies*. He has an on-going project with CNRS (France): *Roberti Grosseteste quod fertur commentarium in sophisticos elenchos: A Neglected Witness to the Latin Commentary Tradition to Aristotle's Sophistical Refutations*. Edition, Translation and Commentary. An English translation and commentary of Maine de Biran's *Rapports du physique et du moral de l'homme* edited by **Meacham** is under review with Bloomsbury. Further translation of Maine de Biran's work is underway.

c. People, including: Staffing strategy and staff development

Philosophy's staffing strategy has been one of growth and consolidation of research strengths in the past six years. Appointments have been pursued to augment the philosophy of nature and to strengthen the history of philosophy clusters. Appointments have also been made in the area of phenomenology and post-Kantian philosophy. The research environment in cluster 4 has been particularly strengthened by the move of the Unit into the Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences. With the help of Sean Watson, **Grant** began the philosophy programme at UWE, with his specialism in philosophy of nature and the history of philosophy. Carel was appointed in 2005, from the Australian National University, specializing in phenomenology. This area was further strengthened by the appointments (one replacing Carel, who left in Jan 2013) in this field and in contemporary continental philosophy of **Meacham** from the Husserl Archive: Centre for Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy, University of Leuven, Belgium and **Lewis** from the University of Sussex. Chanter moved to UWE in 2012 from De Paul University (Chicago), for one year and was replaced by **Mitcheson**, formerly at Oxford, Sussex and Warwick in September 2013. **Mitcheson** works on naturalism in the context of Hume, Nietzsche and Foucault (output 2). Her book *Nietzsche, Truth and Transformation* (output 1), also brings a new angle to the work on naturalism and philosophy of nature being carried out elsewhere in philosophy at UWE.

In the area of history of philosophy, Sellars was appointed in 2007 as a specialist in ancient philosophy. Following his departure (in 2012) he has been replaced, in September 2013, by **Gazziero**, from the University of Geneva, who specialises in ancient and mediaeval philosophy and has research expertise in contemporary French philosophy and psychoanalysis having translated Jacques Derrida's and Jean Luc Nancy's work into Italian. In the area of political philosophy, **Assiter** was Professor of Feminist Theory at UWE and moved to the philosophy unit in 2008. **Meacham**, **Mitcheson** and **Lewis** also have research interests in political philosophy.

Early career staff members are given a mentor from the Unit and they are provided with time for developing their teaching and research. A University wide internal peer review scheme assists early career researchers with preparation of bids for external funding. The University has internally funded research leave and competitive start up grants for early career researchers, **Meacham** was awarded an Early Career Research Grant in 2011. Competitive Faculty funded sabbatical periods have been awarded to **Meacham** (2012) and **Grant** (2013).

Performance and development reviews allow staff to discuss and develop a strategy and action plan for career progression. The University's Research, Business and Innovation (RBI) unit stimulates and facilitates exchanges between academia and business, industry and public or third sector bodies across all disciplines.

i. Research students

UWE Philosophy has a small but successful PhD programme, and a vibrant MA programme that is integrated with the above research clusters. There are currently 12 MA students and 6 active PhD students. The MA European Philosophy started in 2008 with 3 students. Graduate research seminars are structured around the research clusters named above. PhD students participate in the research seminars corresponding to their particular projects. Seminars are convened under the topics of Kantian Philosophy, Post-Kantian Philosophy, Phenomenology, and Contemporary French Philosophy. An annual Graduate Philosophy Conference is organised by MA and PhD students, together with the Philosophy Students' Society, in a topic related to a research cluster. In the period there have been 2.5 PhD completions.

Training in research methods takes place partly through PhD student participation in the MA Research modules, but also through specialised research sessions organised within the Unit. Students also draw on the support provided by the Graduate School in career planning and in wider skills development. PhD students further participate in Departmental research activities and University knowledge-in-progress sessions and research away days.

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d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**Research Income awarded to the Unit includes:**

Leverhulme Fellowship (£22K) for Philosophy and Medicine, a Human Rights Aid conference grant (£2K) for the conference on Kierkegaard and the Political in 2010, an AHRC Research Networks Grant (£25K), a Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference Grant (£3K) for Phenomenology and Naturalism and RIP Branch Funding (£1,250 per annum). UWE Early Career Researcher Grant £7K for **Meacham's** Cognitive Enhancement and Other Technologies of the Mind Project. Total income: £53.263K.

Operational Infrastructure:

There are University and Faculty Research and Knowledge Exchange Committees, a Faculty Research Ethics Committee and a Faculty Research Degrees Committee. At University level, the RBI unit supports bid preparation and costing, internal peer-review, seminars and workshops on grant applications and management of projects post-award.

Organisational Infrastructure:

The Unit has fostered a vibrant culture of collective intellectual activity by hosting conferences and workshops, and an open series of invited speakers. In addition to the Royal Institute of Philosophy funded speaker series, the Unit places an emphasis on public engagement and regularly hosts public talks and debates at the main cultural venues in Bristol such as the Watershed, Goldbrick House and the Philosophy Cafe. It also organizes visiting speaker and work-in-progress seminars where staff and graduate students present their research ideas and findings – this has been for the last year a weekly series, with speakers from Britain, Europe, and America, again on the theme of the philosophy of nature. In addition, the student-run Philosophy Society hosts talks with invited guest speakers. Other fora include the Applied Philosophy Research Group, which contributes funding for the seminar series and two reading groups with staff and postgraduate students, one on idealism (which resulted in the publication of *Idealism: The History of a Philosophy*), and another on Schelling.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base**1. Philosophy of Nature**

Keynotes: Grant: 'Reason and Nature, Ungrounded', Keynote address, Schelling and *Naturphilosophie* Symposium, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh (2013); 'Naturalism and Ungrounding Arguments in Schelling', Plenary address Third International Symposium in German Philosophy, Universität Bonn (2012); 'The Dynamics of Origins', Keynote address, *Contemporary Realism and Materialism*, Freie Universität, Berlin (2012); 'Real Anteriority and Worldliness: Saying Something New About the Primordial', *Die Aktualität Schellings in der englischsprachigen Diskussion*, Keynote address, Universität Bonn (2011); 'Grounds and Powers. Consequences of the "Restlessness of Matter" for Systematic Philosophy', Keynote address, Twenty-First Century Idealism, University of Dundee (2011). **Invited talks, Grant:** 'What is an Action? Antecedence and Consequence in Schelling's Philosophy of Nature', Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh (2013); 'The World, the Aeroplane, the Tick, are Dust? Nature, Romanticism and Suprematist Ontology', Kunsthochschule für Medien, Köln (2013); 'The Depths of Ungrounding: What is Exhibited in the *Exhibition of the Nature-Process?*', *First Annual Meeting of the North American Schelling Society*, University of Seattle (2012); 'The Universe in the Universe: System, Motion and Dimension in the Concept', *Haus der Kulturen der Welt*, Berlin (2012); 'What Grounds the Positive Philosophy?', *Philosophische Grundlegung*, München (2012); 'Physics as Art: Ritter, Stelarc and Realism', *Late at Tate: The Real Thing*, Tate Britain (2010); 'Two Worlds: Stones and Thoughts?', *The Falmouth Convention: Hydroplutonic Kernow* (2010); 'Suprematist Ontology', Royal Academy Schools (2010); 'With Every Additional Element the Earth Grows', Royal Academy Schools (2011); 'Are there Necessary Truths of Nature?' *International Symposium on Phenomenology*, Perugia, Italy (2008); 'Proclean Intentionality: System, Organization and Operation in the Philosophy of Nature' *International Symposium on Phenomenology*, Perugia, Italy (2010); 'The Aristotelian Conception of Potentiality in Question in Hegel, Heidegger and Deleuze', *Symposium on Real, Virtual, Actual*, University of Liverpool (2010); 'On the Nature of Grounds', Manchester Metropolitan University (2008).

2. Phenomenology and post-Kantian Philosophy

Membership of professional bodies: Meacham: Executive Board Member of British Society for Phenomenology, Irish Phenomenological Circle, Society for Phenomenology and Existential

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Examining: Lewis: External PhD examiner, University of Queensland, University of Kent, June 2013.

Keynotes and Invited Talks: Grant: 'Are there Necessary Truths of Nature?' *International Symposium on Phenomenology*, Perugia, Italy (2008); 'The Aristotelian Conception of Potentiality in Question in Hegel, Heidegger and Deleuze', *Symposium on Real, Virtual, Actual*, University of Liverpool (2010); Chanter: 'Rethinking Earth and World: Rancièrian Critique of Heidegger on Art', Kalamazoo College, Michigan, USA (2012); "Silences, Absences, Invisibility: Art, Politics, Gender, Race," Keynote at 5th Christina conference University of Helsinki (2013); 'Framing Bodies: Silences Echoing within the signifying sites of Mahipalpur and Gujarat.' Keynote address, University of West Bengal, Calcutta, India (2013). **Lewis:** 'Response to Joseph Cohen', Seminar on Heidegger's Time and Being, University of Sussex, (2013); 'Beyond Transcendentalism and Naturalism', University of Kent, (2013); 'Phenomenology: An Introduction', Birkbeck College, London, (2013); 'Man, the "Undetermined Animal": Philosophy and Science in Heidegger's Fundamental Concepts of Metaphysics', Phenomenology Towards the Crisis Workshop, International Society for the Study of European Ideas Conference, University of Nicosia, Cyprus, (2012); 'Žižek's Ontology: The One Differing in Itself', University of Bristol Critical Thinking Reading Group, (2012); 'Philosophers' Anthropologies', Cambridge University Social Anthropology Society (CUSAS), Division of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, (2012); 'Beyond Transcendentalism and Naturalism: Merleau-Ponty and Derrida', Philosophy Society, University of Sussex, (2011); Shortened version given at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway, (2011); 'Agamben's Affirmative Biopolitics and the Immunitary Paradigm', Critical Studies Research Group, University of Brighton, (2011); 'Sartre on Contingency: Philosophy, Empirical Science, Literature', Churchill College, University of Cambridge, (2011); 'Agamben's Affirmative Biopolitics and the Immunitary Paradigm', Research Seminar in Post-Kantian Philosophy, University of Warwick, (2011); 'Structure and Genesis in Derrida and Lacan: Animality and the Empirical Sciences', Jan van Eyck Academy, Maastricht, (2010); 'Philosophy and the Natural Sciences', Sussex Undergraduate Philosophy Society, (2009); 'Agamben's Critique of Derrida: Living Without the Trace', Human Sciences Seminar, Manchester Metropolitan University, (2009); 'Deleuze the Existentialist', invited speaker, Philosophy Society, University of Sussex, (2008); 'Nietzsche and the Overcoming of Nihilism', Philosophy Society, University of Sussex, (2008). **Conferences Organised:** 'Speculative Materialism' (Grant, 2008); 'Graduate Phenomenology Conference' (Grant 2010); 'Phenomenology and Naturalism' (Meacham & Carel 2011)

3. Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Medicine and Bioethics

Membership of professional bodies: Membership of the Scientific Committee, the International Philosophy of Medicine Roundtable (Carel).

Examining: Assiter adjudicated a PhD at Flinders University, Australia, 2010 (where the 2 examiners had failed to agree an outcome).

Keynotes and Invited Talks: Meacham: 'The scapegoat and the refugee, two figures of the future of a continent', University of Limerick, Ireland; 'What bio-conservatives really worry about when they worry about human nature', University of Leuven (2011); 'Empathy and Enhancement: The Phenomenological Species Concept', Centre for Ethics in Medicine, University of Bristol (2012); "*Être hétérosexuel, c'est être homosexuel médiatement*", and other militantly liberal ideas', The Centre for Social and Political Thought, University of Sussex (2012); 'The Gentle Caress of My Robot Lover, and Other Problematic Phenomena' University of Bristol, Philosophy of Medicine Seminar Series (2013). **Assiter** : Graduate conference in Social Science and Humanities, Bristol University (2008); National Women's Studies conference (2008); Critical Realism, Kings College London, (2008); Conference celebrating the work of Christine Battersby, Liverpool, (2009); Kierkegaard and Feminism, Kings College, London (2009); Kierkegaard and Love, Swindon Philosophical Society, (2010); Kierkegaard, Bath Literary and Philosophical Association, (2010); Annual Conference of the Philosophy of Education Society, Edinburgh (2010); Kings College, London (2010); Heythrop College (2010); Swindon Philosophical Society, (2011); Keynote Speaker, Kierkegaard, Battersby and Feminism, International conference on the Humanities, Granada, (2011); Keynote speaker at conference on *Philosophy and Violence*, Birmingham, (2011); invited contributor to conference in Philosophy of Education on *Kierkegaard, Arendt, Love and Pedagogy*, Berlin, (2011); Invited talk: Kings College, London, (2011); Keynote speaker at Feminist Research Methods Workshop, University of East Anglia (2011); Institute of Education

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research seminar, (2012); invited speaker at conference on philosophy and education, Dundee University, (2012); Kant and Kierkegaard on Freedom and Evil, Arendt and Kierkegaard, invited paper presented to Philosophy of Education Department Edinburgh (2013) and invited contributor to the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain on Kierkegaard (2013). **Conferences Organised:** Kierkegaard and the Political (**Assiter** 2010); Concepts of Health and Illness (Carel 2010); Progress in Medicine (Carel 2010); Cognitive Enhancement and other technologies of the Mind (**Meacham** 2013).

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Membership of professional bodies: **Grant:** Founding Member North American Schelling Society; Hegel Society of Great Britain; Member, Scientific Committee, *Initia Philosophiae* (Turin).

Examining: External PhD Examining, University College Dublin (**Grant** 2011).

Keynotes and Invited Talks: **Grant:** “Everything is Primal Germ or Nothing is”: The Metaphysical Implications of Schelling’s Solution to the ‘Genetic Problem’ in the Nineteenth Century Life Sciences’, Keynote address, North American Schelling Society, University of Western Ontario, (2013); Proclean Intentionality: System, Organization and Operation’ *International Symposium on Phenomenology*, Perugia, Italy (2010).

Conferences Organised: “Selves” Graduate Conference (2012), “Kant and the Domains of Judgement” Graduate Conference (2013).

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Membership of professional bodies: Member of AHRC Peer Review College, strategic reviewer and panel member (**Assiter**); Reviewer for the AHRC (**Assiter** and **Lewis**); Reviewer for ESRC (**Assiter**); Member of the BPA Executive Committee and Women in Philosophy sub-committee (Carel); Academician of Academy of the Learned Societies in the Social Sciences (**Assiter**); Fellow of the RSA (**Assiter**); Fellow of The London Consortium (Sellers); founding member, North American Schelling Society (**Grant**).

Examining: External PhD examining, Department of Greek and Latin, University College London, (Sellers); External Tenure Reviewer, University of Colorado (Sellers).

University of Toronto, Canada (Chanter); State University of New York, Stony Brook (Chanter); Macquarrie University, Sydney, Australia (Chanter); New School for Social Research, New York (Chanter); DePaul University, Chicago (Chanter); University College Dublin (**Grant**); Department of Greek and Latin, University College London, (Sellers).

Journal reviewing: **Meacham:** Reviews editor for *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*; reviewer for *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology Science and Education* and *The International Journal of Philosophical Studies*.

Chanter: Assistant Editor, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*; Reviewer for *Levinas Yearbook*; *Continental Philosophy Review*; *Philosophy Today*; *The Review of Philosophy and Psychology*; *International Journal of Philosophy*; *Inquiry*, *Postgraduate Journal of Aesthetics*.

Lewis: *Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain* (now *The Hegel Bulletin*); *Journal of Classical Sociology*; *Postgraduate Journal of Aesthetics*; *Journal of Critical Animal Studies* and *The Review of Philosophy and Psychology*.

Grant: *Kant Studies Online*; *Initia Philosophiae*.

Sellers: *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Classical Philology*, *Classical Quarterly*.

Carel: *Bioethics*; *Inquiry*, *British Journal for Philosophy of Science*; *Philosophia*; *Mortality*, *Nursing Philosophy*.

Assiter: *Hypatia*; *Journal of Critical Realism*; *Signs*, *Journal of Gender Studies*; *Higher Education Review*.

Manuscript Reviewing:

Acumen (Carel and Sellers); Continuum, (**Assiter**, **Lewis**, **Grant**, **Meacham**); Cambridge UP (**Grant**); Edinburgh UP (**Grant**, Chanter); Palgrave Macmillan (**Grant**, **Assiter**, **Meacham**); Oxford UP (Chanter and Sellers); Pluto Press (**Assiter**); Routledge (**Assiter**); Columbia University Press, (Chanter); Philosophy of Engineering and Technology-Springer (**Meacham**); *Phaenomenologica*-Springer (**Meacham**).