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**Francesca Bordogna**  
**Program of Liberal Studies**  
**CV**

**Employment:**

July 1, 2011-: Associate Professor, Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame.

Sept. 1, 2008- July 1, 2011: Associate Professor, Department of History and Science in Human Culture Program, Northwestern University

Sept. 1, 2008-Aug. 31, 2009: Director, Science in Human Culture Program, Northwestern University (a science studies program)

Sept. 2001- Aug. 31, 2008: Assistant Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University; faculty member, Program in Science in Human Culture

1999-2001 Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame; faculty member, Program in the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Notre Dame

**Education**

Ph.D., Committee in the Conceptual Foundations of Science (a history and philosophy of science program), University of Chicago, Dec. 1998. Dissertation: "The Scientific Contexts of William James's Pragmatist Epistemology." Honors on dissertation. Advisors: Arnold I. Davidson, Robert J. Richards, and Lorraine Daston

Laurea *summa cum laude*, Philosophy, Università degli Studi di Milano. Laura thesis: "Algebra and Geometry in Isaac Newton's *Arithmetica Universalis*" (312 pp.)

**Books**

2008 *William James at the Boundaries: Philosophy, Science, and the Geography of Knowledge* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press)

## Other publications and pre-prints

- 2011            Comments to 2010 panel organized by the William James Society at the annual American Philosophical Association meeting, *William James Studies* (forthcoming)
- 2010            “Asceticism and Truth: The Case of Magic Pragmatism,” *Max Planck Institute for History of Science*, pre-print n. 404, 36 pp. (I am in the process of revising this essay, which I plan to submit to either the *Journal of Modern History*, or the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*)
- 2010            William James, *Il Significato della verità*, F. Bordogna ed. (Turin: Aragno), transl. by S. Scardicchio. (I entirely reviewed the translation of James’s text and wrote the introduction to the volume, pp. 1-18)
- 2007            “Inner Division and Uncertain Contours: William James and the Politics of the Modern Self,” *British Journal for the History of Science*, 40 (4): 1-32 (peer-reviewed)
- 2006            “L’Hotel Pragmatista: Viaggi, Scienza e Filosofia,” in *Studi sul ‘900 Italiano. Saggi in Onore di Giorgio Luti*, ed. E. Ghidetti and A. Nozzoli (Firenze: Università di Firenze and Comune di Firenze), 1-26
- 2005            “Scientific Personae in American Psychology: Three Case Studies,” *Studies in the History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 36: 95-134 (peer-reviewed)
- 2004            “Ecstasy and Community: William James and the Politics of the Self,” *Streams of William James*, 6, n. 3, 30-38
- 2001            “The Physiology and Psychology of Temperament: Pragmatism in Context,” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 37: 3-25 (peer-reviewed)
- 1996            “Interpreting the Ideal: Embedding Ideal Numbers in the Mathematical Programs of Kummer, Dedekind, and Klein,” *Max Planck Institute Pre-prints*, no. 47
- 1995            “Pragmatismo e Oggettività in William James,” *Rivista di Filosofia*, 86: 387-412 (peer-reviewed)

## Book reviews (last two years only)

- 2011            Review of Heather Wolfram, *The Stepchildren of Science. Psychological Research and Parapsychology in Germany, c. 1870-1939*, in *Australian*

*Journal of Politics and History*, 57 (3) 2011: 466-467

- 2010 Review of Sergio Franzese, *The Ethics of Energy. Moral Philosophy in Focus*, in *William James Studies*, 2010, 5: 39-44
- 2010 Review of J. Warne Monroe, *Laboratories of Faith. Mesmerism, Spiritism, and Occultism in Modern France* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2008), in *Journal of Modern History*, March 2010, 82, 1: 208-210
- 2009 “Pragmatismo italiano e science studies,” review of G. Maddalena and G. Tuzet eds., *I pragmatisti italiani. Tra alleati e nemici* (Milan: Albo Versorio, 2007), in *Iride*, 22, 2009, n. 56, 233-235

### **Works in progress:**

*The Pragmatist Hotel: Philosophy as a Way of Life* (book length study)

I was asked to edit the *Oxford Handbook of William James*. I am currently writing the proposal for OUP.

*Psychology and Epistemology of the Inner Senses in Mystical Experiences*  
(this is a longer term project)

### **Professional talks (selected)**

- Nov. 2011. Commentator at session “Pragmatism and the History of Science: Dewey, James, and Mead,” History of Science Society annual meeting, Cleveland.
- Jan. 6, 2011 “Rewriting the History of Pragmatism as a History of Practices,” American Historical Association, annual meeting, Boston (panel “New Histories of American Philosophy”)
- Dec. 28, 2010. Commentator at session “William James across the Disciplines,” American Philosophical Association, Boston. (My comments were read in absentia by Prof. Mark Moller).
- Dec. 2, 2010. “Asceticism, Truth, and Politics in Early-Twentieth Century Italian Pragmatism.” Science and Society Colloquium, University of British Columbia. Invited lecture.
- May 2010 “Asceticism and Truth: The Case of Italian Magic Pragmatism,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

- Nov. 2009 “William James and the Science of Mental Energy,” invited lecture, University of Notre Dame
- June 2009 Invited commentator at conference “Origins: The Historical Sciences in the Age of Darwin. The Chicago-Max Planck Symposium,” University of Chicago
- Nov. 2008 Invited commentator at session “Crisis? What Crisis? Causes and Contexts of the Crisis of Psychology in Early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Europe,” History of Science Society Meeting, Pittsburgh
- October 2008 Response to John Carson, “What is Human about the Human Sciences? Cries of ‘Crisis’ in Turn-of-the-Century French Psychology,” at conference “Crisis Debates in Psychology. Causes, Contexts, and Consequences,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (invited paper)
- July 2008 “Pragmatism as a Way of Life: Magic Pragmatism and the ‘Vita Intima,’” European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, Bari, Italy
- Feb. 2007 “Cartographers of Knowledge,” Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis, Department of Philosophy and Peirce Edition Project Colloquium (invited paper)
- May 2007 “The Philosopher’s Place,” National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC (invited paper)
- Nov. 2006 “Enchanted Pragmatism: G. Papini and G. Prezzolini’s ‘Magic’ Pragmatism and Its Uses,” History of Science Society meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- Nov. 2005 “Pragmatist Travelers: Mediating the Local and the Cosmopolitan,” History of Science Society meeting, Minneapolis
- Sept. 2005 “Mystical Bonds: William James, Selves, and Communities,” conference “Sciences Humaines et Religion(s), XVIe-XXe siècles” (a conference organized by the Société Française pour l’Histoire des Science de l’Homme, at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris)
- March 2005 “Ecstasy and Community: William James and the Politics of the Self,” Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK (invited paper)  
I also presented different versions of this paper at the Fishbein Center for the History of Science, University of Chicago, May 2005 (invited paper), at the annual meeting of the International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (Cheiron), Berkeley, June 2005, and at the

- conference “William James’s Philosophy of Mind,” Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, April 2005.
- Feb. 2005 “Charting Knowledge: William James and Philosophical Trees,” Mellon Project on the Disciplines, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago (invited paper)
- May 2004 “Self and Community in the Work of William James,” Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University
- Nov. 2003 “Disciplinarity and its Values: William James’s 1906 Address on ‘The Energies of Man,’” History of Science Society meeting, Cambridge
- July 2003 “The Disputed Boundary: William James, Philosophy, and the Evolutionary Science of Man,” International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, University of Vienna
- March 2002 “Reconfiguring Knowledge: Philosophy and the Human Sciences in the Work of William James,” University of Chicago (invited paper)
- Feb. 2002 “Introspective Philosophy versus the Real Science of Man: William James’s Early Negotiations of Disciplinary and Pedagogical Frontiers,” University of Indiana, Bloomington (invited paper)
- April 2001 “William James at the Boundaries,” Franke Institute of the Humanities, University of Chicago (invited paper)
- Nov. 2000 “Scientific Ethos and Scientific Epistemologies: Case Studies in American Psychology,” University of California at Berkeley (invited paper)
- May 2000 “The Psychologist as Social Leader in Early-Twentieth-Century America,” University of Chicago (invited paper)
- Nov. 1999 “Three Rival Scientific Personae in American Psychology, 1890-1920,” History of Science Society Meeting, Pittsburgh
- May 1999 “Scientific Personae in Early-Twentieth-Century American Psychology: James, Hall, and Titchener,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
- Nov. 1998 “The Psychology and Physiology of Temperament: Pragmatism in Context,” University of Notre Dame. I also presented this paper at the Midwest Pragmatist Study group, Loyola University.

- Oct. 1998 "Philosophy and the Human Sciences in the Work of William James: James's 'Temperament Thesis' in Context," History of Science Society annual meeting, Kansas City
- July 1998 "The Coming into Being and Passing Away of Conceptions of Evidence," conference "The Interpenetration of History of Science and Philosophy of Science," Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy (invited paper)
- July 1998 "A Geography of Evidence: Conflicting Conceptions and Standards in Psychological Research, 1870-1915," conference "Test, Proof, and Demonstration," Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (invited paper)
- March 1998 "Philosophy in Context: William James's Conception of Truth," Northwestern University, Program in the History and Philosophy of Science
- Oct. 1997 "William James on Pragmatism and Truth," University of Chicago, Fishbein Center for the History of Science
- April 1997 "Psychical Research and Competing Conceptions of Evidence," Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina (invited paper)
- April 1997 "William James on Temperament," Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina (invited paper)
- Dec. 1996 "The Scientist and the Ghost: William James's Pragmatist Epistemology in Context," Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
- Nov. 1996 "Scientific Objectivity and Psychological Research, 1880-1915," History of Science Society Meeting, Atlanta
- Nov. 1995 "Mathematical Practices and Underlying Philosophies: A Nineteenth-Century Case Study," History of Science Society Meeting, Minneapolis
- Aug. 1995 "What Ideal Numbers Could Be," International Conference of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science, Florence
- April 1995 "Dedekind, Klein, and Ideal Numbers," conference "Topics in the History of 19th-Century and 20th-Century Mathematics," University of Virginia, Charlottesville (invited paper)
- Oct. 1993 Response to Ian Hacking, "Historical Epistemology," graduate student conference "Historical Epistemology," University of Toronto (invited paper)

Oct. 1993 “William James: Pragmatism and Objectivity,” graduate student conference “Historical Epistemology,” University of Toronto (invited paper)

### **Grants and postdoctoral fellowships**

- 2009-2010 Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, for project “The Pragmatist Hotel. Pragmatism as a Way of Life”
- 2006-07 Fellow, National Humanities Center, North Carolina (funded by the Rockefeller Foundation), for project “The Pragmatist Hotel: Traveling Philosophers and the Constitution of an International Pragmatist Network, 1890-1920”)
- 2006-07 University Research Grant, Northwestern University, for project: “The Pragmatist Hotel” (\$ 5,000)
- 2003-04 Fellow, Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University, for project: “William James at the Boundaries”
- 2000-01 Postdoctoral fellowship in the Humanities (Whiting Foundation), Franke Institute of the Humanities, University of Chicago, for project: “William James at the Boundaries”
- 1998-99 Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, postdoctoral fellowship, for project “Scientific Personae”
- 1997-98 Northwestern University, postdoctoral fellowship, History and Philosophy of Science Program, for project: “Evidence and Psychical Research”

### **Peer-review and other professional activities**

Peer-reviewed manuscripts for *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *British Journal for the History of Science*, *Science in Context*, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society*, *Review of Politics*, and Macmillan Press.

External reviewer of history of psychology grant proposals for National Science Foundation Science and Technology Studies program, Washington (1999)

**Teaching interests:**

History, sociology, and anthropology of the sciences of the mind and the brain, including psychology, psychiatry, and the neurosciences; conceptions of the self; history of the human sciences and philosophy; history of science and science studies methodologies; history of pragmatism; science and religion; history of medicine; history of science surveys.

**Courses:**

PLS 30411, "Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices." University of Notre Dame, Fall 2011

PLS 43101, "Seminar V." University of Notre Dame, Fall 2011

PLS 48701, "Thesis Tutorial." Four students: Cassidy Bartolomei, Karina Galvin, Kathryn Petrik, Carolyn Ryan. University of Notre Dame, Fall 2011

Hist. 102-6-20. "Human, Superhuman, Posthuman." Freshman seminar (reading and writing) exploring real or imaginary attempts to create or enhance human bodies and minds in the last three centuries, from *Frankenstein* to post-genomic science. Northwestern University, Winter 2011, Winter 2009, Fall 2008

Hist. 377. "Medicine in American Society." Upper-level lecture course on the history and sociology of medicine in America from the 1700s to today. Northwestern University, Spring 2011, Spring 2007, Winter 2006, Spring 2005, Spring 2003 (Hist. 391-20), and Spring 2002 (Hist. 391-80)

Hist. 275-1 "History of Western Science and Medicine. European Origins." Survey on the history of Western science from antiquity to the Enlightenment, with special focus on the scientific revolution. Northwestern University, Winter 2011, Fall 2008, Fall 2007

Hist. 492-20. "History of Psychology. Mind and Self in Modern Western Cultures." Graduate seminar for history and science studies students focusing on the history, sociology, and anthropology of psychology and on conceptions/ practices of the self from the early modern period to today. Northwestern University, Fall 2010

Hist. 570, first-year graduate seminar, a two-quarter sequence guiding first-year PhD students as they write a "publishable" 45-60 pp. article (the equivalent of a masters thesis). Sixteen students. Northwestern University, Winter 2009-Spring 2009

Hist. 391-20. "Science and Technologies of the Mind." Lecture course on the sciences and technologies used to explore and change the human mind, with emphasis on the history of the mind-body problem from Descartes to contemporary neuroscience. Northwestern University, 2006



Hum. 301. "Biology, Citizens, and Communities." Seminar on the history and moral/social/political uses of biology from the eighteenth century to the second half of the twentieth century. Northwestern University, 2004

Hist. 391-20. "American Intellectual History." Lecture course covering American intellectual history from the Puritans to the early twentieth century. Northwestern University, 2003

Hist. 102-6-20. "Mental Illness in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries." Freshman seminar (reading and writing), Northwestern University, Winter 2006, Spring 2003 (Hist. 101-6-21) and Spring 2002 (Hist. 101-6-20)

Hist. 398-1, 2, and 3. History senior seminar, a three-quarter sequence guiding seniors as they write a 40 to 65 pp. honors thesis. Northwestern University, 2007-2008 (fifteen students); 2004-2005 (eighteen students)

PLS 343, "Mechanics and the Life Sciences," Unit 2 (Life Sciences), Lecture course (evolutionary biology). University of Notre Dame, Fall 1999

PLS 481, "Seminar 5," Program of Liberal Studies, (I co-taught this seminar with Prof. Stephen Fallon.) University of Notre Dame, Fall 1999

PLS 244. "Mathematical Sciences," Unit 1 (Mathematics). Lecture course on geometry from Euclid to non-Euclidean geometries. University of Notre Dame, Winter 2000

HPS seminar "Philosophy and the Human Sciences in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries". University of Notre Dame, Spring 2000.

One-on-one undergraduate courses at Northwestern University:

Hist. 399, independent study, with undergraduate student Bethany Gottesman on history and sociology of medicine. Northwestern University, Spring 2009

Hist. 398, yearlong senior thesis tutorial with Christopher Wagner (currently a PhD student at Cambridge University, UK). Thesis title: "Walter Benjamin's Conception of Melancholia" (Department of History and Department of Germany Studies). Northwestern University, Fall 2008, Winter and Spring 2009

Hist. 399, independent undergraduate study with Kristy Tridhavee. Topic: Mental illness and psychology, with special focus on shell-shock trauma and soldiers during World War I and World War II. Northwestern University. Winter 2006

Hist. 398, yearlong senior thesis tutorial with Rachel Sacks. Thesis topic: Public health nursing in early-twentieth-century America. Northwestern University, Fall 2005, Winter and Spring 2006

Graduate student advising and one-on-one graduate courses at Northwestern University:

Dissertation committee for Kathryn Burns-Howard, Department of History, Northwestern University. Ph.D. thesis on insanity and religious freedom in 19<sup>th</sup> century America, June 2011

Hist. 499, independent graduate study with Anne Koenig, Department of History, Northwestern University. Topic: mental illness, mind, and body from the Middle Ages to today. Winter 2008

Hist. 499, independent graduate study with Teri Chettiar, Ph. D. Department of History, Northwestern University. Topic: Mental illness and psychology, with special focus on hypnotism and hysteria. Winter 2006

Hist. 499, independent graduate study with Darcy Hughes Heuring, Department of History, Northwestern University. Topic: Medicine and empire (with special focus on medicine in the British Empire). Winter 2005

Hist. 499, independent graduate study with Elizabeth Condie Pugh, Department of History, Northwestern University. Topic: history of medicine and psychiatry. Winter 2003

Hist. 499, independent graduate study with Matthew Sterenberg, Department of History, Northwestern University. Topic: History of the human sciences in late nineteenth-century America, Spring 2002

Graduate examining committees

2011 Kathryn Burns-Howard, dissertation defense committee

2008 Teri Chettiar, Dissertation proposal committee

2007 Teri Chettiar, Director at Minor field examination, history of medicine and psychology

2005 Darcy Hughes Heuring, Director at Minor field examination, history of medicine

2003 Elizabeth Condie Pugh, Minor field examination, history of science

2002 Matthew Sterenberg, Minor field examination, history of science

External dissertation committee for Dr. Heather Wolframm (history of psychical research and occultism in Germany), University of Queensland, Australia

Other activities related to teaching

- 2008 Certificate of teaching appreciation from College of Cultural and Community Studies, Northwestern University
- 2002-2003 Junior Fellow, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence. A year-long series of workshops and seminars on teaching. Northwestern University

**University service, University of Notre Dame**

- Fall 2011 Intellectual/Social Life Committee, PLS, University of Notre Dame

**University service, Northwestern University**

- Spring 2009 Chair of the ad hoc search committee for the selection of postdoctoral fellows, Program in Science in Human Culture. I also served on this committee in Spring 2008, Spring 2005, and Spring 2002, Northwestern University
- Spring 2009 Chair of Prize Committee, Program in Science in Human Culture, Northwestern University
- Winter 2009 Graduate admission committee, Program in Science in Human Culture, Northwestern University
- 2009 Undergraduate Prize Committee, Department of History, Northwestern University
- 2009 Graduate Prize Committee, Department of History, Northwestern University
- 2008-2009 Graduate Program Committee (graduate admission), Department of History, Northwestern University
- 2008-2009 Chair, Science in Human Culture Program (I was also the official chair in 2009-2010, when I was on leave. My colleague Ken Alder was the acting chair), Northwestern University

- 2008-2009 Ad-hoc Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences tenure committee for tenure candidate in the Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University
- 2008 Internal Fulbright panel for graduate and undergraduate history students, Northwestern University
- Jan. 2008-2009 Member of the General Faculty Committee, Northwestern University
- 2008-2009 Freshman advisor (fifteen freshmen across the humanities and the sciences), Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University
- 2007-2008 Ad-hoc Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences search committee for the Kaplan Humanities Institute position in Humanities and Bio-Medicine, Northwestern University
- 2005-2006 Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of History. I also served on this committee in 2004-2005, and Winter-Spring 2002, Northwestern University
- 2002-2003 Subcommittee on Space and Technology, Program Review, Department of History Department, Northwestern University
- 2001-2002 Undergraduate Honors Committee, Department of History, Northwestern University

### **Professional Memberships**

William James Society, At-Large Representative, 2009-current  
History of Science Society, 1993-current