

Francesca Bordogna

Academic Appointments

- 2019-present Faculty affiliate, Center for Italian Studies
- 2011–present Associate Professor, Program of Liberal Studies; Program in the History and Philosophy of Science, faculty member; concurrent appointment, Department of History
- 2011-present Fellow, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technologies, and Values, University of Notre Dame
- 2008–2011 Associate Professor, Department of History and Program in Science in Human Culture, Northwestern University
- 2008–2009 Director, Program in Science in Human Culture, Northwestern University
- 2001–2008 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of History and Program in Science in Human Culture, Northwestern University
- 1999–2001 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Program of Liberal Studies and Program in the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Notre Dame

Education

- Dec. 1998 Ph.D., Committee in the Conceptual Foundations of Science, University of Chicago
Dissertation: “The Scientific Contexts of William James’s Pragmatist Epistemology” (Honors on dissertation)
- April 1989 Laurea *cum laude*, Philosophy, Università degli Studi di Milano
Thesis: “Algebra and Geometry in Isaac Newton’s *Arithmetica Universalis*”

Work experiences

- 1990-1991 Editor, *Il Sole-24 Ore (Domenicale)* [The Sunday literary supplement of Italian financial daily *Il Sole-24 Ore*]

Grants and fellowships

- 2019 Small grant awarded for a two-week stay as an invited Visiting Researcher at the University of Perugia (Oct. 10, 2019-Oct. 24, 2019). Project: Relationships between philosophy and psychology in Italian forms of Jamesian pragmatism, 1900-1943. EURO 3,740.00, covering travel expenses and housing. I had to cancel my visit due to health reasons.)
- 09/2016 Rome Global Gateway Short-Term Fellowship, for archival research
- 2009–2010 Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (invited year-long grant)
- 2006–2007 Fellow, National Humanities Center (Rockefeller Foundation), Research Triangle Park, NC (year-long)
- 2006–2007 University Research Grant, Northwestern University (year-long)
- 2003–2004 Fellow, Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University (year-long grant)
- 2000–2001 Fellowship in the Humanities (Whiting Foundation), Franke Institute of the Humanities, University of Chicago (year-long grant)
- 1998–1999 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (year-long grant)
- 1997–1998 Postdoctoral Fellowship, History and Philosophy of Science Program, Northwestern University (year-long grant)
- 1997–19998 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (year-long grant; declined)
- 1996–1997 Whiting Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago (year-long grant)
- 1996 Pre-doctoral fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (six-months-long, invited fellowship)
- 1992-1995 Pre-doctoral fellowship, Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine, University of Chicago

Publications

Volumes:

- 2010 William James, *Il Significato della verità* [The Meaning of Truth], F. Bordogna ed., trans. by S. Scardicchio (Turin: Aragno).

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

Articles and Chapters:

a) in press:

“William James on Infinite Totalities,” in Alex Klein, ed. *Oxford Handbook of William James* (New York: Oxford University Press; expected publication date: 2021) (peer-reviewed)

b) published

2020 “Making Truth and Reality. Magic Pragmatism as a Guide for Action,” in *The Italian Pragmatists. Between Allies and Enemies*, Giovanni Maddalena and Giovanni Tuzet eds. (Leiden/Boston: Brill Rodopi, 2020), 224-267 (peer-reviewed)

2016 “Unstiffening Theory: The Magic Pragmatists and William James,” in *Worlds of American Intellectual History*, ed. Joel Isaac, James Kloppenberg, Michael O’Brien, and Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (peer-reviewed).

2012 Comments to William James Society panel, American Philosophical Association meeting, *William James Studies*, 8: 117-131.

2010 “Introduction,” in William James, *Il Significato della verità*, ed. F. Bordogna, transl. by S. Scardicchio (Turin: Aragno), 1-18.

2009 Response to E. Taylor’s review of *William James at the Boundaries*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 45(3): 302-303.

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” [The Pragmatist Hotel: Travels, Science, and Philosophy], in *Studi sul ‘900 Italiano. Saggi offerti a Giorgio Luti*, ed. E. Ghidetti and A. Nozzoli (Firenze: 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(3): 30-38. (peer-reviewed)
- 2001 “The Physiology and Psychology of Temperament: Pragmatism in Context,” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 37: 3-25. (peer-reviewed)
- 1995 “Pragmatismo e oggettività in William James” [Pragmatism and Objectivity in William James], *Rivista di Filosofia*, 86: 387-412.) (peer-reviewed)

Book Reviews:

a) in press:

Review article of David Leary, *The Routledge Guidebook to James’s Principles of Psychology* (Routledge: Oxford, 2018), and Paul Croce, *Young William James* (Johns Hopkins, 2017) in *History of Psychology*

b) published

- 2017 Rosa M. Calcaterra, Giovanni Maddalena, Giancarlo Marchetti, eds., *Il Pragmatismo. Dalle origini agli sviluppi contemporanei* (Rome: Carocci, 2015), in *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, IX-1, 2017.
- 2016 Rosa M. Calcaterra, Giovanni Maddalena, Giancarlo Marchetti, eds., *Il Pragmatismo. Dalle origini agli sviluppi contemporanei* (Rome: Carocci, 2015), in *Iride*, 2016, n. 3: 693-695.
- 2013 Roger Smith, *Free Will and the Human Sciences in Britain, 1870-1910* (London: Pickering & Chatto, 2013) and *Between Mind and Nature: A History of Psychology* (London: Reaktion Books, 2013), in *Isis*, 2014, 105(4): 161-163.
- 2011 Heather Wolffram, *The Stepchildren of Science. Psychical Research and Parapsychology in Germany, c. 1870-1939* (New York: Rodopi), in *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 57(3): 466-467.
- 2010 Sergio Franzese, *The Ethics of Energy: Moral Philosophy in Focus* (Frankfurt: Ontos Verlag), in *William James Studies*, 5: 39-44.
- 2010 J. Warne Monroe, *Laboratories of Faith: Mesmerism, Spiritism, and Occultism in Modern France* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2008), in *Journal of Modern History*, 82(1): 208-210.
- 2009 G. Maddalena and G. Tuzet, eds., *I pragmatisti italiani: Tra alleati e nemici*, in *Iride*, 22(56): 233-235.

1995 Ian Hacking, *Why Does Language Matter to Philosophy*, in *Iride*, 7(13):761-763.

Preprints:

2010 “Asceticism and Truth: The Case of Magic Pragmatism,” *Max Planck Institute for History of Science*, no. 404.

1996 “Interpreting the Ideal: Embedding Ideal Numbers in the Mathematical Programs of Kummer, Dedekind, and Klein,” *Max Planck Institute for History of Science*, no. 47.

Newspaper Articles:

1992–1996 Sixty-four articles in *Il Sole-24 Ore*, the Italian leading national financial daily, mostly featuring reviews of books in philosophy and the history and philosophy of science.

Works in Progress

Sciences of Action, Italy 1900-1945

Metaphysics and Mathematics: Josiah Royce, William James, and the Harvard Postulate Theorists

“Between Interiority and Exteriority: William James’s psychology and the modernist sciences of action”

“William James and Italian Fascism: response to Giovanni Maddalena,” in preparation for *European Journal for Pragmatism and American Philosophy*

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

2021 Commentator, section “Pragmatism and History,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meeting. (Meeting was held online due to Covid-19)

2017 “Psychological Pragmatism as an Anthropotechnics,” conference “The Pragmatist Attitude. Habits, Practices, and Gestures in a Pluralistic Landscape,” Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy. (Invited talk; October)

2017 “Unities of Truth and Knowledge Spaces,” workshop “Material and Institutional Aspects of Field and Discipline Formation,” Center for Science and Society, Columbia University, New York, NY. (Invited talk, September)

- 2017 Response to John Tresch’s paper “Disciplines as Cosmograms,” workshop “Material and Institutional Aspects of Field and Discipline Formation,” Center for Science and Society, Columbia University, New York, NY. (September)
- 2017 “Radical Empiricism, Pragmatism, and Mathematics: William James on Infinite Totalities,” conference “Pragmatism between Past and Present,” Università Roma Tre, Rome, Italy. (Invited talk; April)
- 2016 “The Dynamic Psyche: Italian Pragmatism and Fascism,” Italian Research Seminar, University of Notre Dame. (November)
- 2016 “Philosophy as Art: Psychological and Somatic Practices in Italian Psychological Pragmatism,” Roundtable: Physiological Aesthetics and the Making of Modernism in the Arts, Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts meeting, Atlanta, GA (November).
- 2015 “The ‘Doctrine of Fascism’ and Psychological Pragmatism,” History of Science Society meeting, San Francisco, CA (November).
- 2015 “‘Thought and Action’: William James, the Magic Pragmatists, and the Fascist Mystics,” II European Pragmatism Conference, September, École normale supérieure, Paris. (September)
- 2015 “‘Unstiffening Thought’: The Italian Magic Pragmatists and William James,” Fishbein Center for the History of Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (Invited talk; May)
- 2015 “William James in Dialogue with Giovanni Papini,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Grand Rapids, MI. (March)
- 2014 Roundtable on Young William James: Body and Mind in Development, Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Indianapolis, IN. (October)
- 2014 “Mathematics and Metaphysics in William James’s *Some Problems of Philosophy*,” International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Ghent, Belgium. (July)
- 2014 “William James and the ‘New Infinite,’” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Denver, CO. (March)
- 2013 “Beyond Man: The ‘Man God’ as a Regulative Ideal for Post-Philosophy and Politics in Early Twentieth-Century Italy,” Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Notre Dame. (October)
- 2013 “Percy Jackson and William James: Summer Thoughts on the Liberal Studies,” University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame. (PLS Opening Charge; September)

- 2013 “Voluntary Action and Pragmatist Truth in Italian Magic Pragmatism: Giovanni Papini and Giuseppe Prezzolini,” Program of Liberal Studies and Italian Studies, University of Notre Dame. (April)
- 2012 “(Magic) Pragmatism in Action,” conference on The Futures of Atlantic Intellectual History, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Invited talk; May)
- 2012 Response to Alan Richardson, conference on Pragmatism in the Philosophy of Science, University of San Francisco, CA. (March)
- 2011 Commentator, session on “Pragmatism and the History of Science: Dewey, James, and Mead,” History of Science Society, Cleveland, OH. (November)
- 2011 “Rewriting the History of Pragmatism as a History of Practices,” American Historical Association, Boston, MA. (January)
- 2010 Commentator, session on “William James across the Disciplines,” American Philosophical Association, Boston, MA. (December)
- 2010 “Asceticism, Truth, and Politics in Early Twentieth-Century Italian Pragmatism,” Science and Society Colloquium, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. (Invited talk; December)
- 2010 “Asceticism and Truth: The Case of Italian Magic Pragmatism,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. (Invited talk; May)
- 2009 “William James and the Science of Mental Energy,” University of Notre Dame. (Invited talk; November)
- 2009 Commentator, conference on Origins: The Historical Sciences in the Age of Darwin, Chicago–Max Planck Symposium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (June)
- 2008 Commentator, session on Crisis? What Crisis? Causes and Contexts of the Crisis of Psychology in Early Twentieth-Century Europe, History of Science Society, Pittsburgh. (November)
- 2008 Response to John Carson, “What is Human about the Human Sciences? Cries of ‘Crisis’ in Turn-of-the-Century French Psychology,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. (October)
- 2008 “Pragmatism as a Way of Life: Magic Pragmatism and the ‘Vita Intima,’” European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, Bari, Italy. (July)

- 2007 “Cartographers of Knowledge,” Department of Philosophy and Peirce Edition Project Colloquium, Indiana University, Indianapolis. (Invited talk; February)
- 2007 “The Philosopher’s Place,” National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC. (Invited talk; May)
- 2006 “Enchanted Pragmatism: G. Papini and G. Prezzolini’s ‘Magic’ Pragmatism and Its Uses,” History of Science Society, Vancouver. (November)
- 2005 “Pragmatist Travelers: Mediating the Local and the Cosmopolitan,” History of Science Society, Minneapolis, MN. (November)
- 2005 “Mystical Bonds: William James, Selves, and Communities,” conference on Sciences Humaines et Religion(s), XVIe-XXe siècles, Société Française pour l’Histoire des Sciences de l’Homme, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris. (September)
- 2005 “Ecstasy and Community: William James and the Politics of the Self,” Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK (Invited talk; March); Fishbein Center for the History of Science, May, University of Chicago (Invited talk; May); International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (Cheiron), University of California at Berkeley (June)
- 2005 “Charting Knowledge: William James and Philosophical Trees,” Mellon Project on the Disciplines, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (Invited talk; February)
- 2004 “Self and Community in the Work of William James,” Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. (May)
- 2004 “William James and the Politics of the Self,” conference on William James’s Philosophy of Mind, Stillwater, OK. (April)
- 2003 “Disciplinarity and its Values: William James’s 1906 Address on ‘The Energies of Man,’” History of Science Society, Cambridge, MA. (November)
- 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, Vienna. (July)
- 2002 “Reconfiguring Knowledge: Philosophy and the Human Sciences in the Work of William James,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (Invited talk; March)

- 2002 “Introspective Philosophy versus the Real Science of Man: William James’s Early Negotiations of Disciplinary and Pedagogical Frontiers,” University of Indiana, Bloomington. (Invited talk; February)
- 2001 “William James at the Boundaries,” Franke Institute of the Humanities, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (April)
- 2000 “Scientific Ethos and Scientific Epistemologies: Case Studies in American Psychology,” University of California at Berkeley. (Invited talk; November)
- 2000 “The Psychologist as Social Leader in Early Twentieth-Century America,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (Invited talk; May)
- 1999 “Three Rival Scientific Personae in American Psychology, 1890-1920,” History of Science Society, Pittsburgh. (November)
- 1999 “Scientific Personae in Early Twentieth-Century American Psychology: James, Hall, and Titchener,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. (May)
- 1998 “The Psychology and Physiology of Temperament: Pragmatism in Context,” University of Notre Dame. (November)
- 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. (October)
- 1998 “The Coming into Being and Passing Away of Conceptions of Evidence,” conference on “The Interpenetration of History of Science and Philosophy of Science,” Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy. (July)
- 1998 “A Geography of Evidence: Conflicting Conceptions and Standards in Psychical Research, 1870-1915,” conference on “Test, Proof, and Demonstration,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. (Invited talk; July)
- 1998 “Philosophy in Context: William James’s Conception of Truth,” Program in the History and Philosophy of Science, Northwestern University. (March)
- 1997 “William James on Pragmatism and Truth,” Fishbein Center for the History of Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (October)
- 1997 “Psychical Research and Competing Conceptions of Evidence” and “William James on Temperament,” Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (Invited talk; April)

- 1997 “William James on Temperament,” Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (Invited talk; April)
- 1996 “The Scientist and the Ghost: William James’s Pragmatist Epistemology in Context,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. (December)
- 1996 “Scientific Objectivity and Psychical Research, 1880-1915,” History of Science Society, Atlanta. (November)
- 1995 “Mathematical Practices and Underlying Philosophies: A Nineteenth-Century Case Study,” History of Science Society, Minneapolis. (November)
- 1995 “The Religious and ‘Supernormal’ Contexts of William James’s Pragmatism,” Institute for Liberal Studies, Kentucky State University. (April)
- 1995 “What Ideal Numbers Could Be,” International Conference of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science, Firenze, Italy. (August)
- 1995 “Dedekind, Klein, and Ideal Numbers,” conference on Topics in the History of 19th-Century and 20th-Century Mathematics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. (April)
- 1993 Response to Ian Hacking’s “Historical Epistemology,” conference on Historical Epistemology, University of Toronto, Toronto. (October)
- 1993 “William James: Pragmatism and Objectivity,” “Historical Epistemology,” conference on Historical Epistemology, University of Toronto, Toronto. (October)

Courses taught at Notre Dame, 2011-current

Thesis tutorial, 2011-2021

PLS 13186, University Literature Seminar

PLS 23101, Seminar I

PLS 43101, Seminar V

PLS 30411, Scientific Inquiries: Theories and Practices

PLS 40412, Science, Society, and Human Person

Northwestern University

Hist. 101-6-20, “Mental Illness in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries”

Hist. 102-6-20, “Human, Superhuman, Transhuman”

Hist. 275-1, “History of Western Science and Medicine. European Origins.”

Hist. 377, “Medicine in American Society”

Hist. 391, “Psychical Facts and Scientific Evidence”

Hist. 391-20, “Sciences and Technologies of the Mind”

Hist. 398 “History Senior Seminar”

Other courses:

PLS 244, “Mathematical Sciences,” Notre Dame

PLS 343, “Mechanics and the Life Sciences,” Notre Dame

HPS 578, “Philosophy and the Human Sciences in the Nineteenth Century,” Notre Dame

Hist. 391, “Psychical Facts and Scientific Evidence,” Northwestern

Peer-review and other professional activities (selected)

Peer-reviewed grant proposals for Icelandic Research Fund and National Science Foundation

Peer-reviewed articles for *Iride*, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *British Journal for the History of Science*, *Science in Context*, *Review of Politics*

Peer-reviewed book manuscripts for The University of Chicago Press, Stanford University Press, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Cornell University Press, and University of Washington Press