

Francesca Bordogna

Academic Appointments

2011-current, Associate Professor, Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame; faculty affiliate, Program in the History and Philosophy of Science and Center for Italian Studies; concurrent appointment, Department of History

2008-2011, Associate Professor, History Department and Science in Human Culture Program, Northwestern University

2008-2009: Director, Science in Human Culture Program, 2008-2009, Northwestern University

2001-2008, Assistant Professor, History Department, 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

Other work experiences

1990-1991, journalist and editor (“redattore,”) *Il Sole-24 Ore. Il Domenicale* (the Sunday literary supplement of the Italian financial daily *Il Sole-24 Ore*)

Education

Dec. 1998, Ph.D., Committee in the Conceptual Foundations of Science, University of Chicago. PhD thesis: “The Scientific Contexts of William James’s Pragmatist Epistemology” (Distinctions on dissertation)

April 1989, Laurea *cum laude*, Philosophy Department, Università degli Studi di Milano

Selected grants and fellowships

2016, summer, ISLA research grant, Short-Term Fellowship, University of Notre Dame

2009-2010, Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

2006-2007, Fellow, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC

2006, University Research Grant, Northwestern University

2003-2004, Fellow, Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University

2001-2002, Fellow (Whiting Foundation), Franke Institute of the Humanities, University of Chicago

1998-1999, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

1997-1998, Postdoctoral Fellowship, History and Philosophy of Science Program, Northwestern University, and Postdoctoral Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (declined)

1996-1997 Whiting Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago

1996, Predoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

Selected publications

Volumes

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

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

Peer-reviewed book chapters and articles

2022, “William James and Math,” in Alex Klein ed., *Oxford Handbook of William James* (New York: Oxford University Press; published electronically; volume in press)

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

- 2016, “Unstiffening Theory: The Magic Pragmatists and William James,” in Joel Isaac, James Kloppenberg, Michael O’Brien, and Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, eds., *The Worlds of American Intellectual History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- 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
- 2005, “Scientific Personae in American Psychology: Three Case Studies,” *Studies in the History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 36: 95-134
- 2001, “The Physiology and Psychology of Temperament: Pragmatism in Context,” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 37: 3-25
- 1995, “Pragmatismo e oggettività in William James [Pragmatism and Objectivity according to William James,] *Rivista di Filosofia*, 86: 387-412

Book reviews:

- 2021 “Before and Beyond Dualism: Paul Croce and David Leary on William James,” *History of Psychology*, 24(3), Aug. 2021: 295-299.
- 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. Initially published in *Iride*, 2016, n. 3: 693-695.
- 2014 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.

Other publications and pre-prints:

- 2010 “Asceticism and Truth: The Case of Magic Pragmatism,” *Max Planck Institute for History of Science*, pre-print no. 404.
- 2010, “Introduction,” in William James, *Il Significato della verità*, F. Bordogna ed. (Turin: Aragno), 1-18
- 2006 “L’Hotel Pragmatista: Viaggi, scienza e filosofia,” in *Studi sul ‘900 Italiano. Saggi offerti a Giorgio Luti*, ed. E. Ghidetti and A. Nozzoli (Firenze: Comune di Firenze), 1-26.
- 2004 “Ecstasy and Community: William James and the Politics of the Self,” *Streams of William James*, 6(3): 30-38.
- 1996 “Interpreting the Ideal: Embedding Ideal Numbers in the Mathematical Programs of Kummer, Dedekind, and Klein,” *Max Planck Institute for History of Science*, pre-print no. 47.
- 1990-1996, about 60 book reviews and interviews with philosophers, including, e.g., Hilary Putnam and Ian Hacking, *Il Domenicale. Il Sole-24 Ore*

Works in progress

- “Sciences of Action, Italy, 1900-1943,” in preparation for The University of Chicago Press or Stanford University Press
- “Marriage and Action: Giovanni Amendola and Eva Kuhn,” in preparation for *American Historical Review* or *Journal of Modern History*.
- “Women in/on Pragmatism,” a special issue of *The Journal for the History of the Behavioral Sciences* on women’s uses of American and European pragmatism, to be co-edited with Michela Bella, expected publication date: Spring or Summer 2025
- “Pragmatism against Pragmatism: Vernon Lee and the reception of William James’s thought in pre-WW1 Italy,” for the above-mentioned issue of *Journal for the History of the Behavioral Sciences*.
- “Mathematics and Philosophy at Harvard: Exchanging theories and practices at the turn of the twentieth-century,” short monograph.

Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

17/11/2022, "Between the Inner and the Outer: Giovanni Amendola, Eva Kühn, and Filippo Tommaso Marinetti on action and life," History of Science Society, annual meeting, panel "Movement and Action: between life and discursive knowledge" (presenter and panel organizer), Chicago.

03/11/2022, "Sciences of Action, Italy, 1900-1941," Society for US Intellectual History, annual meeting, Boston.

08/08/2022, "A theoretical and Practical Science of Action: Giovanni Amendola and Eva Kühn," Fourth European Pragmatism Conference, University College London

03/2021, "Marriage and Action: Giovanni Amendola and Eva Kühn," History and Philosophy of Science Colloquium, University of Notre Dame

01/2021, Commentator for panel "Pragmatism and History," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meeting

10/2017, "Psychological Pragmatism as an Anthropotechnics," workshop "The Pragmatist Attitude. Habits, Practices, and Gestures," Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy (Invited talk; October)

9/2017, "Unities of Truth and Knowledge Spaces," workshop "Material and Institutional Aspects of Discipline Formation," Center for Science and Society, Columbia University, New York (invited talk)

04/2017, "Radical Empiricism, Pragmatism, and Mathematics: William James on Infinite Totalities," conference "Pragmatism between Past and Present," Università Roma Tre, Rome, Italy (invited talk)

11/2016, "The Dynamic Psyche: Italian Pragmatism and Fascism," Italian Research Seminar, University of Notre Dame (invited talk)

11/2016, "Philosophy as Art: Psychological and Somatic Practices in Italian Psychological Pragmatism." Roundtable: Physiological Aesthetics and the Making of Modernism, Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, annual meeting, Atlanta, GA

11/2015 "The 'Doctrine of Fascism' and Psychological Pragmatism," History of Science Society, annual meeting, San Francisco, CA

09/2015 "'Thought and Action': William James, the Magic Pragmatists, and the Fascist Mystics," Second European Pragmatism Conference, École normale supérieure, Paris, France

05/2015, "'Unstiffening Thought': The Italian Magic Pragmatists and William James," Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (invited talk)

11/2014, Roundtable "Young William James: Body and Mind in Development," Society for U.S. Intellectual History, annual meeting, Indianapolis, IN

07/2014, "Mathematics and Metaphysics in William James's *Some Problems of Philosophy*," International Society for the History of the Philosophy of Science, annual meeting, Ghent, Belgium

10/2013, "Beyond Man: The 'Man God' as a Regulative Ideal for Post-Philosophy and Politics in Early 20th-Century Italy," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, annual meeting, Notre Dame, IN

04/2013, "Voluntary Action and Pragmatist Truth in Italian Magic Pragmatism," Program of Liberal Studies and Italian Studies, University of Notre Dame

05/2012 "(Magic) Pragmatism in Action," conference The Futures of Atlantic Intellectual History, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (invited talk)

01/2011, "Rewriting the History of Pragmatism as a History of Practices," American Historical Association, annual meeting, Boston, MA

12/2010, "Asceticism, Truth, and Politics in Early Twentieth-Century Italian Pragmatism," Science and Society Colloquium, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (invited talk)

5/2007, "The Philosopher's Place," National Humanities Center, RTP, NC (invited talk)

11/2006, "Enchanted Pragmatism: G. Papini and G. Prezzolini's 'Magic' Pragmatism and Its Uses," History of Science Society, annual meeting, Vancouver, Canada

11/2005, "Pragmatist Travelers: Mediating the Local and the Cosmopolitan," History of Science Society, annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN

02/2005, "Ecstasy and Community: William James and the Politics of the Self," Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK (invited talk)

11/2003, "Disciplinary and its Values: William James's 1906 Address on 'The Energies of Man,'" History of Science Society, annual meeting, Cambridge, MA

03/2002, "Reconfiguring Knowledge: Philosophy and the Human Sciences in the Work of William James," University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (invited talk)
04/2001, "William James at the Boundaries," Franke Institute of the Humanities, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
04/2000, "Scientific Ethos and Scientific Epistemologies: Case Studies in American Psychology," University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (invited talk)

Teaching, University of Notre Dame

PLS 13186-01 and -02, University Seminar, Fall 2022
PLS 48701-01, Thesis Tutorial, one student, Fall 2022
PLS 40412-02 and -02, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2021
PLS 13186-01 and -02, University Seminar, Fall 2021
PLS 40412-01 and -02, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2021
PLS 48701-01, "Thesis Tutorial," 3 students, 2020-2021
PLS 13186-01 and -02, "University Seminar," Fall 2020
PLS 48702-02, "Thesis Tutorial," one student, 2019-2020
PLS 13186-01 and -02, "University Seminar," Fall 2019
PLS 13186-02, "University Seminar," Spring 2019
PLS 30411-01 and 02, "Scientific Inquiries: Theories and Practices," Fall 2018
PLS 40412-02, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2018
PLS 13186-02, "University Seminar," Spring 2018
PLS 13186-01 and 02, "University Seminar," Fall 2017
PLS 48701-01, "Thesis tutorial." Two students, 2017-2018
PLS 40412-02, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2016
PLS 13186-02, "University Seminar," Spring 2016
PLS 48702-01, "Thesis tutorial." Two students, 2015-2016
PLS 30411-01 and 02, "Scientific Inquiries: Theories and Practices," Fall 2015
PLS 40412-01, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2015
PLS 23101-01, "Seminar I," Spring 2015
PLS 48701, "Thesis Tutorial." One student, 2014-2015
HPS 96697-22, Directed Reading (History of psychiatry and psychiatric classifications), Fall 2014
PLS 43101, "Seminar V," Fall 2014
HPS 93645-01; HIST 93983-01; STV 43119-01, "Sciences of the Mind," graduate and upper undergraduate seminar, Fall 2014.
PLS 40412-01 and 02, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2014
PLS 48701, "Thesis Tutorial." Four students, 2013-2014
PLS 30411, "Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices," Fall 2013
PLS 43101, "Seminar V," Fall 2013
PLS 40412-01 and -02, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2013
PLS 48701, "Thesis Tutorial." Three students, 2012-2013
PLS 30411, "Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices," Fall 2012
PLS 40412, "Science, Society, and Human Person," Spring 2012
PLS 30411, "Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices," Fall 2011
PLS 43101, "Seminar V," Fall 2011
PLS 48701, "Thesis Tutorial," four students, 2011-2012

Teaching, Northwestern University:

Hist. 492-20, "History of Psychology. Mind and Self in Modern Western Cultures," graduate seminar, Northwestern University, Fall 2010
Hist. 570, graduate seminar, 2009-2010 for first-year history graduate students writing their master's theses
Hist. 102-6-20, "Human, Superhuman, Posthuman," first-year seminar, Winter 2011, Winter 2009, Fall 2008

Hist. 377, "Medicine in American Society," lecture course, Spring 2011, Spring 2007, Winter 2006, Spring 2005, Spring 2003, and Spring 2002
Hist. 275-1, "History of Western Science and Medicine. European Origins," lecture course, Winter 2011, Fall 2008, Fall 2007
Hist. 391-20, "Science and Technologies of the Mind," lecture course, Spring 2006
Hum. 301. "Biology, Citizens, and Communities," seminar, 2004
Hist. 391-20. "American Intellectual History," lecture course, 2003
Hist. 102-6-20. "Mental Illness in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," first-year seminar, Winter 2006, Spring 2003, and Spring 2002

Peer reviews and other professional activities- selected

2022-2023 Dorothy Ross Prize Committee, Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH)
2021 Peer-reviewed article for Italian philosophy journal *Iride*
2020 Peer-reviewed grant proposal for Icelandic Research Fund ("The shifting disciplinary boundaries between philosophy and related sciences. The case of the Icelandic academia seen from an international perspective")
2019-2020 Peer-reviewed articles for *Iride*, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, and *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*
2020 Peer-reviewed book proposal for Bloomsbury, London
2019 Scientific Committee for the international conference "Women in Pragmatism," Barcelona
2018 William James Society, Nominating committee (Fall 2018)
2012-2018 Peer-reviewed articles for *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*
2012-2018 Peer-reviewed book manuscripts for The University of Chicago Press, Stanford University Press, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Cornell University Press, and University of Washington Press
2013 External reviewer of philosophy of science grant proposal for National Science Foundation, Science and Technology Studies Program
2009-2012 William James Society, at-large committee

Service, University of Notre Dame

2022-2023, Intellectual Life Committee, PLS; Committee on Reviews, Promotions, and Tenure, PLS; Outreach Committee, PLS; Monteverdi Prize Committee, PLS; L'Académie Prize committee, PLS
2021-2022, Clements Award committee, PLS; Rogers' Award committee, PLS; Otto Bird prize committee, PLS; Monteverdi Prize Committee, PLS; Committee on Reviews, Promotions, and Tenure, PLS
2020-2021 Seminar I and Seminar V committees, PLS; Clements Award committee, PLS, and Committee on Reviews, Promotions, and Tenure, PLS
2019-2020 Steering committee, History, and Philosophy of Science (HPS) Program, J. Reilly Center. Science, Technology, and Values, University of Notre Dame; Seminar I committee, PLS; Monteverdi prize committee (PLS); Otto Bird prize committee, PLS
2018-2019, Steering committee, HPS program, J. Reilly Center. Science, Technology, and Values, University of Notre Dame; ISLA large grants committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Notre Dame; Seminar committee, PLS; Monteverdi prize committee, PLS; report on history of science tutorial PLS 20412, "Fundamental Concepts of Natural Science," PLS; Clements award committee, PLS; Rogers award committee, PLS
2017-2018, Catholic Mission and Diversity committee, PLS
2015-2016; Steering committee, HPS, Reilly Center. Science, Technology, and Values; Clements award committee PLS; Seminar committee, Chair, PLS
2014-2015, Seminar committee, PLS; coordinator for senior assignments, PLS
2013-2014, Seminar committee, PLS; Committee on Appointments and Promotions, PLS; Phenix Institute, Ad Hoc Committee, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame

2012-2013, Steering Committee, Science, Technology, and Values (STV) minor, Reilly Center. Science, Technology, and Values, University of Notre Dame; Committee on Appointments and Promotions, PLS; Seminar Committee, PLS; Phenix Institute, Ad Hoc Committee, College of Arts and Letters, Notre Dame
2011-2012, Science, Technology, and Values minor program, Steering Committee; report on PLS 40302-02, “Metaphysics and Epistemology,” PLS; report on PLS 20310, “Philosophical Inquiry;” Otto Bird prize committee, PLS; Intellectual and Social Committee, PLS

Languages spoken or read

Italian (native)

English (fluent)

French (good reading knowledge)

German (basic reading knowledge)

Ancient Greek (basic reading knowledge)

Latin (basic reading knowledge)