

Dr. Steven M. Levine

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Employment: Full Professor, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2019 – present
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2014 – 2019
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2008 – 2014
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas, 2005 - 2007

Education: The New School for Social Research, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2005
University of Colorado, Boulder, B.A., Philosophy, 1995

Areas of Specialty: Pragmatism (Classical and Contemporary)

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Mind, Critical Theory, German Idealism

Publications:

Books:

- *Pragmatism, Objectivity, and Experience*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, March 2019.

Papers:

- “Experimentalism, Naturalism, and the Grounds of Social Critique,” in *Naturalism and Social Philosophy: Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. M. Hartman and A. Sarkela, Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming.
- “Pragmatism and Liberal Naturalism,” in *Handbook of Liberal Naturalism*, Routledge Press, Forthcoming.
- “Neopragmatism (Putnam and Habermas),” in *A Companion to Rorty*, ed. Martin Müller, Springer Press, forthcoming.
- “The Speculative Identity of Self and Act: Chapter 15 of the 1932 *Ethics*,” in *John Dewey’s Ethical Theory: The 1932 Ethics*, ed. R. Frega and S. Levine, Routledge Press, 2020.
- “Rorty, Davidson, and Representation,” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Rorty*, ed. A. Malachowski, Wiley-Blackwell Press, 2020.
- “Rethinking Sellars’ Naturalism,” in *Responses to Naturalism: Critical Perspectives from Idealism and Pragmatism*, ed. P. Giladi, Routledge Press, 2019.
- “James and Phenomenology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of William James*, ed. A. Klein, Oxford University Press, published on-line October 2018.

- “Sellars and Non-Conceptual Content,” *European Journal of Philosophy*, 24 (4), Dec. 2016, pp. 855-878.
- “Intentionality: Bifurcated or Intertwined?,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 24 (4), Oct. 2016, pp. 551-8.
- “Hegel, Dewey, and Habits,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 23 (4), April 2015, pp. 632-656. Reprinted in *Idealism and Pragmatism*, Routledge Press, March 2018.
- “McDowell, Hegel, and Habits,” *Hegel Bulletin*, 36 (2), Oct. 2015, pp. 184-201.
- “Does James Have a Place for Objectivity?: A Response to Misak,” Symposium on Cheryl Misak’s *The American Pragmatists*, in the *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, Jan. 2014.
- “Norms and Habits: Brandom on the Sociality of Action,” *European Journal of Philosophy*, 23 (2), online May 2012, print edition June 2015, pp. 248-272.
- “Brandom’s Pragmatism,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 48 (2), spring 2012, pp. 125–140.
- “Truth and Moral Validity: Habermas’ Domesticated Pragmatism,” *Constellations*, 18 (2), June 2011, pp. 244–259.
- “Rehabilitating Objectivity: Rorty, Brandom, and the New Pragmatism,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 40 (4), Dec. 2010, pp. 567–589.
- “Habermas, Kantian Pragmatism, and Truth,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 36 (6), July 2010, pp. 677–695.
- “Rorty, Davidson, and the New Pragmatists,” *Philosophical Topics*, 36 (1), 2008, pp. 167–192 (published spring 2010).
- “Expressivism and I-beliefs in Brandom’s *Making it Explicit*,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 17 (1), Feb. 2009, pp. 95–114.
- “The Place of Picturing in Sellars’ Synoptic Vision,” *Philosophical Forum*, 38 (3), fall 2007, pp. 247–269.
- “Sellars’ Critical Direct Realism,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 15 (1), March 2007, pp. 53–76.
- “The Logical Method of Metaphysics: Peirce’s Meta-critique of Kant’s Critical Philosophy,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 40 (3), June 2004, pp. 457–476.

Edited Works:

- *John Dewey’s Ethical Theory: The 1932 Ethics*. With Roberto Frega. Routledge Press, 2020.
- “Pragmatism,” *Philosophical Topics*, 36 (1), 2008 (published spring 2010).
- Reiner Schrmann and Simon Critchley, *On Heidegger’s Being and Time*. Routledge Press, fall 2008.

Other Writings:

- “Comment on Axtell’s *Objectivity*,” in S. F. Aikin (ed.) ‘Symposium on Guy Axtell’s *Objectivity*’, *Syndicate*, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/objectivity/>, posted April 17, 2017.
- “Kantianism and Pragmatism: A Response to Margolis,” *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 13 (1), pp. 118-121, 2016.
- “Drones: Between Principle and Policy,” in *Opposing Perspectives on the Drone Debate*, ed. B. J. Strawser, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014.
- “Drones Threaten Democratic Decision Making,” 3quarksdaily Symposium on Drones, <http://www.3quarksdaily.com/3quarksdaily/2013/02/drones-threaten-democratic-decision-making.html>, posted Feb. 25, 2013, reprinted in *Opposing Perspectives on the Drone Debate*, ed. B. J. Strawser, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014.
- “A Comment on Bilgrami’, Symposium on Akeel Bilgrami’s ‘Occidentalism: The Very Idea,” <http://3quarksdaily.blogs.com/3quarksdaily/2008/09/a-comment-on-bi.html>, posted Sept. 8, 2008.
- Introduction to *On Heidegger’s Being and Time*, Routledge, fall 2008.
- “Kant, Freedom, and Evil,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, July 2007.
- “What Went Wrong?: Nationalism, American Liberalism, and War,” *Radical Society*, March 2006.
- Review of *Present Dangers*, ed. Robert Kagan and William Kristol, *Radical Society*, Oct. 2002 (co-written with Morgan Meis).

Book Reviews:

- Scott Aikin and Robert Talisse, review essay, *Pragmatism, Pluralism, and the Nature of Philosophy*, in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 2020.
- Fabio Gironi, ed., *The Legacy of Kant in Sellars and Meillassoux*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/the-legacy-of-kant-in-sellars-and-meillassoux-analytic-and-continental-kantianism/>, posted June 16, 2018.
- Carl Sachs, *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given*, in *Philosophical Quarterly*, 66, 2015.
- Chauncey Maher, *The Pittsburgh School of Philosophy: Sellars, McDowell, Brandom*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/37094-the-pittsburgh-school-of-philosophy-sellars-mcdowell-brandom/>, posted Jan. 23, 2013 (co-written with Jeremy Wanderer).
- R. A. Makkreel and S. Luft, eds., *Neo-Kantianism in Contemporary Philosophy*, in *The Pluralist*, 7 (2), summer 2012.
- Renaud Barbaras, review essay, *Desire and Distance: Introduction to a Phenomenology of Perception*, in the *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, 30 (2), summer 2010.
- Christoph Menke, *Reflections of Equality*, in *Constellations*, 14 (3), Sept. 2007.
- Jürgen Habermas, *Truth and Justification*, in *Constellations*, 12 (3), Sept. 2005.
- Cristina Lafont, *Heidegger, Language, and World-Disclosure*, in the *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, 23 (2), Nov. 2002.
- Frederick Neuhouser, *Hegel’s Social Theory*, in the *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, 23 (1), Jan. 2002.

Fellowships/Awards:

- Research Fellow, Centre d'études John Dewey, L'école des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, spring 2015
- Dean's Travel Fund Award, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
- Dean's Fund Award, UMass Boston, spring 2010
- National Humanities Center Summer Fellow, Max Weber Institute, Erfurt, Germany, 2010
- National Humanities Center Summer Fellow, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2009
- NEH Seminar Fellowship, "Pragmatism, a Living Tradition," 2007
- Hans Jonas Award for Best Dissertation in Philosophy, New School, 2005
- Holocaust Memorial Stipend, New School, September 2003–May 2004
- Dean's Fellowship, New School, September 2002—May 2003
- Dissertation Fellowship, New School, September 2002—May 2003
- Lang Teaching Fellowship, New School, September 2001—January 2001
- University Scholarship, New School, September 1998–May 2001

Presentations:

- *Pragmatism, Objectivity, and Experience*, Author Meets Critics Session, Eastern APA, Jan. 2021.
- *Pragmatism, Objectivity, and Experience*, Author Meets Critics Session, Conference of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, San Miguel Allende, Mexico, March 2020
- "Bandom, Objectivity, and Experience," Third European Pragmatism Conference, University of Helsinki, June 2018.
- "Dewey, Interests, and Critique," Workshop on Naturalism and Social Philosophy, University of Lucerne, April 2018.
- "The Speculative Identity of Self and Act: Chapter 15 of the 1932 *Ethics*," Workshop on Dewey's 1932 *Ethics*, University of Bologna, Oct. 2017.
- "James, *The Principles of Psychology*, and Intentionality," Workshop on Pragmatism and Phenomenology, University of Waterloo, March 2017.
- "Representation and Objectivity," Workshop on Pragmatism, Representationalism, and Metaphysics, University of Helsinki, Jan. 2017.
- Presentation on Chapter 17 Dewey's 1932 *Ethics*, Workshop on Dewey's 1932 *Ethics*, UMass Boston, Oct. 2016.
- "Work, Freedom, and Virtue," Panel Discussion, Oakland Book Festival, Oakland California, May 2016.
- "James and Phenomenology," The William James Society, Western APA, San Francisco, March 2016.
- "Intentionality: Bifurcated or Intertwined?," Panel on Sach's *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given*, Eastern APA, Washington D.C., Jan. 2016.
- "Dewey and the McDowell/Dreyfus Debate," Inaugural Conference of the New England Pragmatist Forum, Green Mountain College, Vermont, Oct. 2015.

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- “Hegel, Dewey, and Habits,” Idealism and Pragmatism: Convergence or Contestation?, Institute for Philosophy, London, England, July 2015.
 - “Kantianism and Pragmatism: a Response to Margolis,” Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, June 2015.
 - “McDowell, Hegel, and Habits,” International Congress: Hegel and McDowell in Dialogue, University of Minas Geras, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, May 2015.
 - “Sellars’ Naturalism with a Normative Turn: Two Views,” Thinking the Plural: Richard J Bernstein’s Contribution to American Philosophy, Stony Brook University, Sept. 2014.
 - “Prehistory of the Given: James and Lewis,” Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Central APA, Chicago, February 2014.
 - “Hegel, Habit, and Final Ends,” Response to Terry Pinkard’s *Hegel’s Naturalism: Mind, Nature, and the Final Ends of Life*, author-meets-critics session, Eastern APA, Baltimore, Dec. 2013.
 - “Sellars and Non-Conceptual Content,” New England Neo-Pragmatist Reading Group, Boston, March 2013.
 - “Sellars and Non-Conceptual Content,” Sellars Centenary Conference and Workshop, Dublin, Ireland, June 2012.
 - “Norms and Habits: Brandom on the Sociality of Action,” Wittgenstein Workshop, New School for Social Research, April 2012.
 - “The Tenability of Sellars’ Naturalism with a Normative Turn,” Conference on the Normativity of Meaning: Sellarsian Perspectives, Prague International Colloquium, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2011.
 - “Dewey, the Self, and Motivation,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Conference, Spokane, Washington, March 2011.
 - “Dewey, the Self, and Motivation,” Eastern APA Panel Presentation, Boston, Dec. 2010.
 - “Action, Sociality, and the Practical Myth of the Given,” SAIS Summer Institute on Action Theory, Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt, Germany, August 2010.
 - Response to “The Upsurge of Spontaneity: The Role and Place of Merleau-Ponty in the Dreyfus-McDowell Debate,” Central APA, Chicago, Feb. 2009.
 - “Truth and Moral Validity: On Habermas’ Domesticated Pragmatism,” Conference of the Society of European Philosophy, University College, Dublin, Ireland, August 2008, (accepted, not delivered).
 - Panel Discussion, “Richard Rorty: an Appreciation,” New School for Social Research, New York, April 2008.
 - “Habermas, Moral Validity, and Truth,” Department of Philosophy, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield CT, March 2007.
 - “Sellars, Normativity, and the Mind,” NEH Seminar, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque NM, Summer 2007.
 - Response to “The Intelligible World and Practical Standpoint,” Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, Nashville TN, Nov. 2006.

- “The Place of Picturing in Sellars’ Synoptic Vision,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR, November 2005.
- Response to Jacob Pyetranker’s “Is Kantian Pragmatism Kantian?,” Pragmatism in the Twenty-first Century Conference, New School for Social Research, New York, April 2003.
- “Humanitarian Interventionism,” Socialist Scholars Conference, Cooper Union, spring 2003.
- “System and Subject in Brandom’s *Making it Explicit*,” Department of Philosophy, New School for Social Research, New York, Nov. 2003.

Service:

Dept./University:

- College Personnel Committee, fall 2018–spring 2018
- Bargaining Team Member, Faculty Staff Union, 2017–the present
- Member of the Joint Coordinating Committee, FSU, fall 2015–fall 2017
- Executive Committee, Faculty Staff Union, fall 2012–spring 2018
- Senate Executive Committee, Faculty Senate, UMass Boston, fall 2009–spring 2010, fall 2012–spring 2014
- Faculty Senate, UMass Boston, fall 2009–spring 2015
- Organizer, Philosophy Department Symposium with Elizabeth Anderson, April 21st, 2017
- Dept. U-direct liaison, 2014–present
- Philosophy Department Secretary, 2009–2015
- Curriculum Committee, Philosophy Dept., UMass Boston, 2009–present, chair 2014 to spring 2017.
- Department Personnel Committee, Philosophy Dept., UMass Boston, 2008–present
- Department Website Sub-committee, 2011–present
- Masters Thesis Committee Member, University of Arkansas, 2006–7
- Director of the Philosophy Graduate Pro-seminar at the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science, New School, Sept. 2001–January 2001
- Student Representative, Philosophy Department, Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science, New School, Sept. 2000–May 2002

Professional:

- Co-organizer of workshops on “Re-Reading Dewey’s Ethics,” Boston and Bologna, fall 2016 and 2017.
- Co-organizer of panel, “Between Analytic Philosophy and American Pragmatism: C. I. Lewis and Wilfrid Sellars,” Central APA, Chicago IL, February 2014
- Co-organizer, New England Neo-Pragmatist Reading Group, spring 2013–spring 2016
- Referee, philosophical project proposal, American Academy in Berlin, January 2013
- Chair of session, Sellars Centenary Workshop, Dublin, June 2012

- Chair of session, Workshop on Phenomenology, Perception and Normativity, University of Pittsburgh, June 2011
- Referee, book proposals, MIT Press, Dec. 2011, May 2012
- Referee, book manuscript, Columbia University Press, January 2012
- Referee, book proposal, Bloomsbury Press, fall 2014
- Referee, book manuscript, Routledge Press, July 2015
- Referee, book proposal, Routledge Press, Dec. 2015, Aug. 2016
- Journal referee for *Constellations*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Hegel Bulletin*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, *Synthese*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, *Phenomenology and Cognitive Science*, *Florida Philosophical Review*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Criterion*, and the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*.
- Senior Editor, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, 1999–2004

Languages:

- French, German (reading)