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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in philosophy, University of Massachusetts at Amherst: May, 1998.

M.A. in philosophy, University College London: 1993.

B.A., summa cum laude, in philosophy, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio: 1991.

TEACHING POSITIONS

7/2011–Present: Full Professor: Hope College, Holland MI.

7/2004–6/2011: Associate Professor: Hope College, Holland MI.

7/1998–6/2004 Assistant Professor: Hope College.

9/1994-1/1997: Instructor and teaching assistant: University of Massachusetts/Amherst

AREAS OF RESEARCH

My primary research areas are in the philosophy of language, metaphysics, philosophy of biology, philosophy of science. I also do some work in the philosophy of religion and epistemology.

BOOKS

(2013) *Rigid Designation and Theoretical Identities*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Rigid Designation and Theoretical Identities* has been reviewed by Stephen Schwartz in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2013.06.19: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/40574-rigid-designation-and-theoretical-identities/>. Print reviews have appeared elsewhere. *Rigid Designation and Theoretical Identities's* Table of Contents (briefer version), Chapter 8 on the skeptical argument concerning psychophysical identities (portions), and Index (complete) are available at: [http://books.google.com/books?id=wwrvRE5ci20C&pg=PA235&lpg=PA235&dq=%22Joseph+LaPorte%22+%22rigid+designation+and+theoretical+identities%22+review&source=bl&ots=UHO7X4OKFO&sig=OKHfVekcN0RjVpRVH4NkiF1VvA0&hl=en&sa=X&ei=TPnUOWVEoXbrAH6\\_IBo&sqi=2&ved=0CDcQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=%22Joseph%20LaPorte%22%20%22rigid%20designation%20and%20theoretical%20identities%22%20review&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=wwrvRE5ci20C&pg=PA235&lpg=PA235&dq=%22Joseph+LaPorte%22+%22rigid+designation+and+theoretical+identities%22+review&source=bl&ots=UHO7X4OKFO&sig=OKHfVekcN0RjVpRVH4NkiF1VvA0&hl=en&sa=X&ei=TPnUOWVEoXbrAH6_IBo&sqi=2&ved=0CDcQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=%22Joseph%20LaPorte%22%20%22rigid%20designation%20and%20theoretical%20identities%22%20review&f=false)

(2004 February) *Natural Kinds and Conceptual Change*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Table of contents and Introduction are available online: <http://assets.cambridge.org/052182/5997/sample/0521825997ws.pdf>. *Natural Kinds and Conceptual Change* has been reviewed in over a dozen professional journals, including NDPR, by John Dupré in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2004.06.01: see <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1439>

## ARTICLES

- (2017) "Modern Essentialism for Species and its Animadversions," in *The Routledge Handbook of Evolution and Philosophy*, edited by Richard Joyce. New York: Routledge, pp. 182-193
- (2017) "Epistemological Matters Matter for Theological Understanding," to appear in *At the Intersection: Where Philosophy and Theology Meet*, ed. Edited by Daniel J. Fick and Jesse K. Mileo. Foreword by R. J. Snell. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, pp .
- (2016 & 2006) "Rigid Designators," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rigid-designators/index.html>. Revised substantially.
- (2010) "Theoretical Identity Statements, their Truth, and their Discovery," in H. Beebe & N. Sabbarton-Leary (ed), *The Semantics and Metaphysics of Natural Kinds*, pp. 115-24. New York: Routledge. The collection is reviewed at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/25434-the-semantics-and-metaphysics-of-natural-kinds/>.
- (2009) "On Systematists' Single Objective Tree of Ancestors and Descendants," *Biological Theory: Integrating Development, Evolution, and Cognition* 4, 260-66.
- (2009) "On Two Reasons for Denying that Bodies Can Outlast Life," *Mind* 118, 795-801.
- (2007) "In Defense of *Species*," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 38, 255-69.
- (2006) "Two-Dimensionalism Against Materialism," supplementary document for "Rigid Designators," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rigid-designators/twodim.html>
- (2006) "Species as Relations: Examining a New Proposal," *Biology and Philosophy*. 21, pp. 381-93.
- (2006) "Rigid Designators for Properties," *Philosophical Studies* 130, pp. 321-36.
- (2005) "Is There a Single Objective, Evolutionary Tree of Life?," *The Journal of Philosophy* 102, pp. 357-74.
- (2003) "Does a Type Specimen Necessarily or Contingently Belong to Its Species?," *Biology and Philosophy* 18: 583-588.
- (2002) "Must Signals Handicap?," *The Monist* 85: 86-104.
- (2001) "Selection for Handicaps," *Biology and Philosophy* 16: 239-249.
- (2000) "Rigidity and Kind," *Philosophical Studies*, 97: 293-316.
- (1998) "Living Water," *Mind*, 107: 451-455.
- (1997) "Essential Membership," *Philosophy of Science*, 64: 96-112.
- (1996) "Chemical Kind Term Reference and the Discovery of Essence," *NOÛS*, 30: 112-132.
- (1996) "Locke's Semantics and the New Theory of Reference to Natural Kinds," *Locke Newsletter*, 27: 41-64.
- (1995) "In Search of Pigeonholes," *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 45: 499-505.

Besides reviews, other substantial discussions of my work or applications have ranged in topic from Constitutional law and the broader theme of conceptual and interpretational change (e.g., Collins, John M. 2011 "Why the Debate Between Originalists and

Evolutionists Rests on a Semantic Mistake,” *Law and Philosophy* 30, pp 645-684; Hacking, Ian. 2007 “The Contingencies of Ambiguity,” *Analysis* 67, pp. 269–77) to the philosophy of chemistry and biology, especially biological systematics (Witteveen, Joeri. 2015 “Naming and contingency: the type method of biological taxonomy,” *Biology & Philosophy* 30, pp 569-586; Velasco, Joel. 2008 “Species concepts should not conflict with evolutionary history, but often do,” *Stud. Hist. Phil. Biol. & Biomed. Sci.* 39, pp. 407–414), to the intersection between these topics and traditional topics in metaphysics, like essentialism (see, e.g., papers in Beebe, H. & Sabbarton-Leary, N., ed. 2010 *The Semantics and Metaphysics of Natural Kinds*, New York: Routledge.)