

Curriculum Vitae

Name: John Alexander MARENBOON

Date of birth: 26th August 1955

Nationality: U.K.

Present Appointment: Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge and College Lecturer in the History of Philosophy

Degrees: - BA (University of Cambridge) 1976

MA and PhD (University of Cambridge) 1980

LittD (University of Cambridge) 2001

Post-school education:-

1973 - 1980 : Trinity College, Cambridge

1973-6 Undergraduate courses: English Tripos, Part I, 1st class, Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Tripos, Part II, 1st Class with Distinction, Chadwick Prize (for the Tripos); Ver Heyden de Lancey prize (shared with another person, for the best Part II performance at Trinity)

1976-9 Research for PhD on logic, philosophy and theology in 8th and 9th Centuries (October 1976 - March 1977 were spent working in Paris, under the provisions of a French Government scholarship), under the supervision of Edouard Jauneau

Career: appointments held:-

1978 Research Fellowship, Trinity College, Cambridge

1979-83 Fellow, Director of Studies and Assistant College Lecturer in English, Trinity College, Cambridge

1983-97 Fellow, Director of Studies and College Lecturer in English, Trinity College, Cambridge

c.1986- 'Recognized' (subsequently 'Affiliated') Lecturer, Faculty of History, Cambridge

1991-93 British Academy Research Reader

1997-2004 Fellow, Director of Studies and College Lecturer in the History of Philosophy, Trinity College Cambridge

- 2001-4 External Director of Studies in Philosophy, Trinity Hall
- 2003-4 External Director of Studies in Philosophy, Peterhouse and Downing
- 2005- Senior Research Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge

FURTHER INFORMATION

A] Activities mainly connected with research:-

[A. 1] *Guest lectures and seminar papers*

(Where the paper in question has been published or is in press, I put its number in my list of publications in bold print within square brackets; otherwise I give the title of the paper or indicate its subject)

Comparative Literature Seminar, Harvard University, 1988 (*The survival and theological/philosophical significance of the Gregory-Trajan story*)

Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, 1995 [**2.24**]

Philosophy Faculty, Queen's University, Belfast , 1996 (*Abelard on universals*)

Philosophy Faculty, University College, Dublin, 1996 (*Abelard on intention*)

Philosophy Faculty, Trinity College, Dublin, 1996 (*Abelard on universals*)

CNRS équipe 'Histoire de la Linguistique', Paris, 1998 [**2.28**]

Divinity Faculty, Cambridge University, Philosophy of Religion Seminar, 1999 (*Time, prescience and determinism in Boethius*)

History of Philosophy Seminar, Cambridge, 1999 (*What is medieval philosophy?*) [cf. **2.32**]

Departments of Medieval Studies and Classics, University of Toronto/ Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 2000 (Rationality and Happiness in Boethius' *Consolation of Philosophy*)

Medieval Society, University of Oxford, 2001 (Does Philosophy console? Boethius and some of his Medieval Readers)

King's College, University of London, 2001 (Boethius)

École Pratique des Hautes Études, Summer 2003, *directeur d'études invité* – giving a set of 4 x 2-hour lectures on divine prescience and human free will from Boethius to Aquinas

Opening lecture of the journée “Incipit” of the Centre Pierre Abélard in Paris in May 2004 on ‘Abélard, les philosophes d’antiquité et l’histoire de la philosophie médiévale’

I have been invited to present a view of the work of Kurt Flasch for next year’s (May 2005) journée “Incipit”.

[A.2] Papers and presentations at conferences and colloquia

Eriugena Colloquium, Freiburg, 1979 [2.3]

Louis the Pious conference, Oxford, 1985 (*Theology in the reign of Louis the Pious*)

International conference of the Société internationale pour l'étude de la philosophie médiévale (SIEPM), Helsinki, 1987 [2.8]

Medieval colloquium, Davis Center, Princeton, 1988 (*Abelard on the virtues*)

Mediävistentagung, Köln, 1990 [2.10]

Colloquium on Medieval Dialectic and Rhetoric, Historische Kolleg (Johannes Fried), Munich, 1991 [2.20]

Nominalism Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, 1991 [2.13]

Colloquium on the Council of Frankfurt, Frankfurt, 1994 [2.21]

SIEPM Conference, ‘Aristotle in Britain during the Middle Ages’, Cambridge, April 1994 [2.19]

SIEPM Conference, ‘Neoplatonism in Medieval Philosophy’, Corfu, October 1995 [2.25]

International Medieval Conference, Kalamazoo, April 1997 (Abelard and predication)

Colloquium on medieval philosophy, Cambridge, January 1998 (Boethius and divine prescience),

Franco-Japanese round-table on 12th century philosophy, Villejuif, 1998 [2.28]

Warburg Institute Colloquium on 12th century cosmology, 1998 (Presentation on the question of whether the texts usually attributed to Thierry of Chartres are really his work)

Medieval Latin conference: Eleventh-century Latin Literature, Cambridge, 1998 [2.38]

Medieval philosophy conference, Philosophy Department, St Andrew's University, Scotland, 1999 (*Time, prescience and determinism in Boethius and Aquinas*)

Colloque: 'Boèce et la chaîne des savoirs', Paris, 1999 [2.43]

Leeds International Medieval Conference, 1999 (*respondent*) (*Problems of Abelardian biography*)

Colloquium – '*Scientia und Disciplina* im 12. und 13. Jahrhundert', Frankfurt, 1999 (*Mathematics and metaphysics in the division of the sciences: Gilbert of Poitiers and the Porretans*) [2.37]

Conference on Rationality and Happiness in Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy, University of New York at Buffalo, 2000 [2.42]

Warburg Institute colloquium on 12th century thought, December 2000 (Presentation on Gilbert of Poitiers and the Porretani)

Medieval Philosophy Conference, Cambridge, March 2001: colloquium on Abelard and twelfth-century logic and semantics – Introduction and Conclusion

Philosophy of Law in the Middle Ages colloquium, Williamsburg VA, May 2002 [F.1]

European Medieval Logic Colloquium, Rome, June 2002 (Paper on Abelard, propositions and *dicta* –[2.50])

Ancient Commentators Conference, London, June 2002 (Paper on Boethius as a logical commentator – version for publication in preparation)

Colloque: Les Catégories de l'antiquité au moyen âge, Geneva, June 2002 (Paper on the *Categories* in the early Middle Ages [F.3])

Colloque: *Sophismata*, Geneva, May 2003 (Paper on *sophismata* before 1150 [F.8])

Britannia Latina: conference at the Warburg Institute, London, organized by the Cassamarca Institute, April 2003 (Paper on 'Robert Holcot and the Pagan Philosophers' [F. 4])

Colloque: Exempla docent, Neuchâtel, October 2003 (Paper on 'Les philosophes comme exemples et les *exempla philosophorum* chez Abélard' [F.7])

Workshop, The Hellenistic Schools and Their Influence on Medieval and Early Modern Thought: Ideals of Knowledge, Oslo, November 2003 (Paper on 'Abelard, Stoics, Epicureans and Knowledge of the Good')

Crosspollinations, Conference at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, January 2004 (Paper on 'Latin Averroism')

Colloquium : Aristotelian Logic, East and West, 500 – 1500 : the *Prior Analytics*, Trinity College, Cambridge, March 2004 (Paper on ‘Aristotelian syllogistic before the re-discovery of the *Prior Analytics*’)

14th European Symposium on Medieval Logic and Semantics - ‘The Traditions of Ancient Logic in the Middle Ages’ (Introduction. Contribution to round table on a *Categories* commentary attributed to Roscelin)

Colloquium on Platonism and politics in the West and Islam, Hamburg (UNESCO), July 2004 (Paper on Peter Abelard and Platonic Politics)

I have been invited to speak on Jerome and the idea of *philosophia* at the round-table on the letters newly attributed (supposedly) to Abelard and Heloise in Paris, February 2005, and, also in Paris in February, at the conference on William of Champeaux, grammar and logic.

[A.3] Academic Committees

I am a member of the British Academy Texts Committee, and also of the sub-committee overseeing the British Academy project to catalogue the manuscripts in Britain of medieval commentaries on Aristotle.

[A.4] Organizing of Conferences and Seminars

I was one of the three members of the organizing committee for the SIEPM (Société Internationale de la Philosophie Médiévale) ‘Aristotle in Britain’ conference, 1995. Since this took place at Trinity College, Cambridge, I bore considerable responsibility for practical organization and finance. I also organized a mini-colloquium on medieval philosophy at Trinity in January 1998.

I was the sole organizer of a two-day medieval philosophy conference which took place at Trinity College, Cambridge in March 2001. The conference consisted of a first day of formal papers, mainly from UK scholars (Richard Cross and Cecilia Trifogli from Oxford, Richard Gaskin from Liverpool, Stephen Read from St Andrew’s, Claude Panaccio from Montreal) and, on the second day, a colloquium on Abelard and twelfth-century logic and semantics, involving especially a number of specialists from various countries (Irène Rosier [Paris], Claude Panaccio [Montreal], Sten Ebbesen [Copenhagen], Onno Kneepkens [Groningen], Christopher Martin [Auckland]).

I also organized a medieval philosophy micro-colloquium at Trinity College, Cambridge in March 2003, at which Taneli Kukkonen (Helsinki) and Martin Lenz (Bochum/Cambridge) gave papers.

Along with Tony Street (Clare Hall), I organized the colloquium on the influence of Aristotle’s *Prior Analytics* at Trinity in March 2004, the first of our Networks scheme project (see below, **A.5**).

I was responsible for the entire organization (including raising the necessary money, from the British Academy and Trinity College) of the 14th European Symposium on Medieval Logic and Semantics ('The Traditions of Ancient Logic in the Middle Ages'), which took place at Trinity College, Cambridge on July 1-4, 2004.

I started a fortnightly inter-disciplinary History of Philosophy seminar early in 1998. Speakers have come from both Cambridge and from further afield (Canada, New Zealand, Helsinki, Paris). They have included Quentin Skinner, Edward Craig, Gisela Striker, Catherine Wilson, John Milbank, Jean Khalfa, Martin Kusch, Sue James, Thomas Pink, Steve McGrade, Melissa Lane, Douglas Hedley, Thomas D'Andrea, Marina Frasca-Spada, Edward Booth, Wayne Hankey, Chris Martin, Richard Mason, Claude Imbert, Richard Serjeantson, Taneli Kukkonen (twice), Mikko Yrjonsuuru, Simon Blackburn, Robert Pasnau, Philippe Hoffmann, Isabel Iribarren, Nick Denyer, Charles Butterworth, Marcel van Ackeren, Arindam Chakrabati, Cyrille Michon, Mauro Nasti de Vincentis and myself. The topics have ranged from ancient scepticism to early twentieth-century psychologism, but the emphasis has fallen on medieval and 16th and 17th century thinkers.

A special meeting of this seminar, which also acted as an inaugural lecture for the project *Aristotelian Logic, East and West, 500 – 1500* (described below, **A.5**) was held in Trinity in March 2004, when Alain de Libera, Professor of Medieval Philosophy at Geneva University, spoke on Aquinas and Averroism. This event was financed by the French cultural delegation.

[A.5] Collaborative Academic Projects

With Tony Street (an arabist in the Divinity Faculty), I am organizing a collaborative international project, *Aristotelian Logic, East and West, 500 – 1500*, to last from 2003 until at least 2008, to study the use of Aristotle's logical works in the Middle Ages in the Latin West and in Islam. We are arranging for visiting scholars and researchers, seminars and an annual colloquium, devoted to the fortune of an individual Aristotelian text. Each colloquium will result in a book. The first year of the project (devoted to the *Prior analytics* has already run successfully, and the second-year is now in progress – a colloquium is organized for late January 2005, on *De interpretatione*, and a visiting scholar connected with project (Margaret Cameron) has been working with me and Dr Street, with her stay this autumn funded by Trinity; Professor Chris Martin, who is a Visiting Fellow Commoner Trinity from July – December 2004 is also connected with the project. *Aristotelian Logic, East and West* is being funded by the British Academy's 'Networks' scheme and has been accepted by CRASSH. A two-year British Academy postdoctoral researcher (Khalid El-Rouyaheb) is attached to it.

A fuller description of *Aristotelian Logic, East and West, 500 – 1500* is attached at the end of this CV.

[A.6] Societies

From 1995-98, I was the Senior Treasurer of the Cambridge Dante Society

At the March 2001 conference, I launched the *UK Association for Medieval Philosophy* and am at the moment responsible for organizing it. The association is an informal group of those interested in medieval philosophy in the UK (along with ‘corresponding members’ from other countries, who have strong ties with the UK). It aims to promote the study of the subject in the UK, especially through conferences and colloquia.

[A. 7] *Editorial and Advisory Work*

I edited the Routledge series ‘Topics in Medieval Philosophy’ and I am now one of the editors of the series Ashgate Studies in Medieval Philosophy. I am an editorial adviser to the journal *Medieval philosophy and theology* and to the *Bochumer Philosophisches Jahrbuch*. I have been made a member of the editorial board of the *Journal for the History of Philosophy* (starting January 2005). I frequently act as a reader for manuscripts submitted in the field of medieval philosophy for the Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and for journals.

I have also acted as a referee for Duke University, Monash University, Notre Dame University, the Finnish Academy of Sciences, the Canadian Research Council and the Swiss National Science Foundation for candidates for senior academic positions and for funding of research projects, and as a referee for the Marcel Benoist Foundation (for the prize for the outstanding Swiss scientist/scholar of the year).

[A. 8] *Other Positions of Responsibility*

2000 and 2001 One of the two fellows appointed (for a two-year period) to vet the college accounts and report on their management to the college.

2001 - Governor of Westminster School (I also served, 2004, on the sub-committee to choose a new Headmaster)

2003- Secretary to the Fellowship Electors, Trinity College (responsible for the organization of the annual research fellowship [i.e. post-doctoral research post] election.)

B] Activities mainly connected with teaching

[B. 1] *University lecture courses* (at Cambridge University, except where indicated; the lectures have been given for various faculties, as indicated – Philosophy (Ph), History(H), English (E), MML (M), Divinity (D) and Classics (C). In many cases, they have been repeated for a number of years.

Alan of Lille (M)

Anselm and Aquinas (P)

Aquinas *De Veritate* (D)

Aristotle's ethics (E)

Augustine's *De libero arbitrio* (D)

Berkeley and Leibniz (D)

Boethius (M)

Boethius' *De consolazione Philosophiae* (C)

Boethius' *De consolazione Philosophiae* and its influence (M)

Boethius of Dacia (M)

Dante and Marsilius of Padua as political thinkers (H)

Descartes (Ph)

Descartes, Leibniz and Spinoza (Ph)

Early Medieval Political Philosophy (H)

Intellectual Aspects of the Twelfth-Century Renaissance (H)

Intellectual Background to Medieval English Literature (E)

Introduction to Medieval Logic (P)

Introduction to medieval philosophy (H)

Introduction to modern moral philosophy (E)

Introductory seminars on philosophical argument (in collaboration) (E)

John Scottus Eriugena (M)

Martianus Capella and the *Prosimetrum* (M)

Medieval aesthetics and medieval poetry (E)

Medieval logic (contribution to series on medieval universities) (H)

Medieval philosophy (Eriugena, Abelard, Aquinas, Ockham): at Oxford University, 1987 (or 1986?)

Medieval philosophy: a practical introduction (H)

Nicholas of Cusa (D)

Peter Abelard and the history of medieval philosophy (H)

Philosophical elements on Augustine's *Confessiones* (M)

Piers Plowman (E)

Paganism in medieval thought and literature (E)

Political thought (from Plato to the 14th C.) at the London School of Economics, 1990

Religion and philosophy in the middle ages (H)

Shakespeare (University classes on *Troilus and Cressida*) (E)

Some ideas in Early Modern Philosophy and their History (Ph)

Spinoza (D)

The fragility of *The fragility of goodness* (E)

Time and Eternity; Soul and Immortality; Foundationalism and Anti-Foundationalism; Arguments for the Existence of God (D)

What can modern philosophers learn from medieval logic? (Ph)

I also host and run the Medieval Philosophy and Science Reading Group, which meets weekly in all 3 terms.

[B .2] College classes

Authorial intention (discussing articles by e.g. Beardsley, Eco, Rorty, Fish, Iseminger, Davidson)

Introduction to aesthetics, with special relation to literature

Introductory history of philosophy classes [e.g. a term on Descartes' *Meditations*, a term on Hume (selections from the *Treatise*, and the *Dialogues concerning Natural Religion*) and a term on Kant (some extracts from the *Critique of Pure Reason*)]

Medieval background classes (classes taking various forms on the cultural and intellectual background to medieval English literature)

Paganism in medieval thought and literature

Philosophical discussions of faith (Wittgenstein, Kenny)

Philosophy set-texts for Part 1 (Plato, *Meno*; Hume, *Dialogues concerning Natural Religion*)

Shakespeare, Milton and their influence

The theory of tragedy (including Plato, Aristotle, renaissance theorists, Corneille, Racine, Dryden, Johnson, Hume, Hegel, Nietzsche)

[B.3] College supervisions

I have supervised over a wide range of subjects. For English, I have supervised especially for medieval, renaissance and 17th-century papers, for the History and Theory of Literary Criticism and for the Moralists paper (on the history of moral philosophy); for History, the Political Thought paper (from Plato up to Machiavelli); for Divinity, papers on Christian Life and Thought in the Middle Ages and on philosophical theology; for MML, the Medieval Latin Paper; for Philosophy, the various set-texts papers (ranging from Plato to Nietzsche), ancient philosophy, early modern philosophy (17th –18th centuries, and now 2 medieval texts), and ethics (and occasionally logic and metaphysics). At present, the greater part of my supervising is for the Philosophy Tripos, but I still regularly supervise or give college classes in other subjects such as English, History and Divinity.

[B.4] Graduate teaching

(a) Doctorates

- *Modern and Medieval Languages Faculty*, 1998 - 2003 : *Candidus and the intellectual world of the Carolingian Renaissance* [E. Bohn] completed and passed
- *Modern and Medieval Languages Faculty*, 1999-2000, 2002-3: *An anonymous carolingian grammatical treatise* [] completed and passed
- *History Faculty*, 2000 - : *The Influence of Eriugena in the twelfth century* completed and passed [A. Burns]
- *Divinity Faculty* (April 2003 – February 2004): - *Desert in Mu'tazlite Thought* [S. Vasalou]

- *Divinity Faculty* (2004 -): - *Modal Logic and the Existence of God* [C. Cogliati]
- M Phil theses and essays
- *History Faculty, MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History*, 1998-9: 1 Student; 1999-2000: 3 Students; *MPhil in Historical Research*: 2001-2, 1 student
- *Divinity Faculty, MPhil*, 2000-2001: 1 Student; 2002-3; 1 student; 2003-4, 2 students
- *History and Philosophy of Science MPhil*, 2000: 1 Student
- *Philosophy Faculty, MPhil*, 2004-5: 1 student

[B.6] Examining

Undergraduate I have examined or acted as assessor frequently for the English, MML and Philosophy Triposes.

Graduate I have examined PhDs/DPhils for the University of Oxford [History Faculty, Theology Faculty] (Aquinas; Infinity in later medieval theology; Eternity in later medieval theology; Durandus of St Pourçain), University of Cambridge (medieval Latin poetry; Abelard), Warburg Institute (Duns Scotus), and have assessed MPhil essays and theses for the History and Divinity Faculties. I have also acted as Respondent (roughly equivalent to external examiner) in a doctoral examination in Helsinki (11th century dialectic and theology).

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