

Academic Activities During 2009/2010: Adolf Grünbaum

I. Publications

A. Books and Chapters in Books

1. Under contract with Oxford University Press (New York), I have been engaged in the longer-term project of a two-volume work entitled *Philosophy of Science in Action*. I attach, as Appendix A, the Table of Contents of these two volumes.
2. I contributed an invited chapter “Why Is There A Universe AT ALL, Rather Than Just Nothing?” to J. Shook and P. Kurtz (eds.) *The Future of Naturalism*, Amherst, NY, Prometheus Books, 2009, pp. 249-268.
3. My invited essay “Psychoanalysis and Theism” is the opening chapter and the thematic article on pp. 3-42 of a book by that title. This volume on *Psychoanalysis and Theism* features responses to my lead-chapter by seven international authors. It is subtitled *Critical Reflections on the Grünbaum Thesis*, and was published in 2010 by Jason Aaronson, New York, under the editorship of Prof. Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, University of Haifa, Israel. This item was mentioned *only prospectively* in my annual report for 2008/2009 under item I. 6.

I now quote from the dust jacket of the book:

“Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi’s *Psychoanalysis and Theism* is a timely treasure. Seven essays responding to Adolf Grünbaum’s ‘Psychoanalysis and Theism,’ with which the book begins, revive Freud’s penetrating speculations about the meaning and psychodynamics of religion and carry them further....”

~ **Gordon Fellman, PhD, Brandeis University.**

“Adolf Grünbaum is an excellent philosopher of science. It is very good to have his critical assessment of the evidence for Freud’s theory of religion reprinted here along with comments by scholars in several different fields....”

~ **Wayne Proudfoot, PhD, Columbia University**

“This volume has been overdue....Some of the best scholars worldwide engage in a multidisciplinary and critical discussion with eminent thinkers ranging from Freud to Grünbaum, resulting in a must-read for anyone interested in the psychological study of religion.”

~ **Jacob A. Belzen, PhD, University of Amsterdam**

4. I contributed an invited chapter on “Sigmund Freud” to G. Oppy and N. Trakakis (eds.) *History of Western Philosophy of Religion*. London: Acumen/New York: Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 263-285.
5. My paper “David Malament and the Conventionality of Simultaneity: A Reply,” appeared in two loci as follows: (1) In the online journal *Foundations of Physics* (www.springerlink.com, DOI: 10.1007/s10701-009-9328-3) published July 16, 2009 as a

Festschrift for Peter Mittelstaedt, (2) print publication Spring 2010, Springer Science-Business Media, Heidelberg, Germany.

6. In a detailed interview, conducted by Robert Rosenberger, I dealt with “Five Questions in Philosophy of Science,” which were posed by him. In September 2010, this interview will appear as Chapter 7 in a book by that title, which was edited by Rosenberger.
7. My views on “The Pitfalls of Freud’s Method of Free Association as an Avenue to the Causal Investigation of Unconscious Human Mentation,” will appear in M.A. Holowchak (ed.), *Extreme Freud! Essays, Pro & Con, on Some of the Most Radical Claims of Freudian Psychoanalysis*, Jason Aaronson, New York, 2010.

B. Electronic Publications

1. Charles Carlini (editor), “Testing Freud: Adolf Grünbaum on the Scientific Standing of Psychoanalysis,” a 10 Question-and-Answer Interview of Adolf Grünbaum on Freud, was published in 2010 by the Carlini Group on the website *Simply Charly* (http://simplycharly.com/freud/adolf_grunbaum_freud_interview.htm).
2. Another in-depth, interview of me, conducted in Florence, Italy by Duccio Manetti and Silvano Zipoli Caini on Nov. 18, 2009 appeared in the online April 2010 issue of the Italian journal *Humana Mente*, edited by Claudio Calosi (www.humanamente.eu/PDF/Issue13_Interview_Manetti.Zipoli.pdf).
It features 17 questions and my answers to all of them.

II. Professional Recognitions

- A. I have accepted the invitation from Notre Dame University to deliver a Philip Quinn Memorial Lecture there on December 3, 2010.
- B. In the fall of 2010, the Pitt Department of History and Philosophy of Science and our Center for Philosophy of Science, with the support of the Provost, will conduct an event in my honor, celebrating 50 years of my service to Pitt since my arrival on campus in the fall of 1960, when I founded our Center. The event will feature a lecture by a prominent philosopher of science.
- C. A project on “The Philosophy of Risk,” on which I am one of the principal investigators, is being supported at our Center by the Harvey and Leslie Wagner Foundation. As we know, the Wagners’ earlier benefactions include an endowment gift of \$1 million to our Center in my honor.
- D. As reported at the time, in 2006/2007, I served as President of the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (DLMPS), one of the two Divisions of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS). I then became the President of the IUHPS. But I continue to serve *long-term* as a member of the Executive Committee of the DLMPS.

E. Richard M. Gale, for decades Professor of Philosophy at Pitt, but now retired, just published his Collected Papers in a volume *God and Metaphysics* (Prometheus Books, 2010). Two items in that book clearly acknowledge my role:

1. A chapter “Autobiography,” where Gale wrote retrospectively (p. 21): “I visited the University of Pittsburgh in late January [1964].... I had landed in the Space-time capital of the world. I accepted their offer Adolf Grünbaum was instrumental in bringing me to Pittsburgh. *I greatly admired his monumental work on the scientific concept of space and time*” [italics added].

Speaking of Gale’s own career in the Pitt Philosophy Dept., he wrote (p. 23): “I audited courses by Adolf Grünbaum, Nick Rescher, Kurt Baier, Alan Ross Anderson, Nuel Belnap and Wilfrid Sellars. *Most inspiring were Adolf’s courses, since they presented me with a paradigm case of a consummate professional in action.* I have greatly valued his friendship and mentoring over the years” [italics added].

2. The dedication of Gale’s *God and Metaphysics* reads: “This book is dedicated to Adolf Grünbaum, dear friend and cherished mentor.”

F. Sometime in 2010, the NS-Documentation Center in Cologne, Germany will feature a lengthy video interview with me conducted by Frau Dr. Becker-Jakli on behalf of the Cologne Society for Christian-Jewish collaboration. It will be posted on the Center’s website at www.nsdok.de under the *Erlebte Geschichte* section. The NS-Documentation Center is an archive on the history of Nazi-rule in Germany during 1933-1945.

G. I continue as a member of the Board of Consulting Editors of the Italian journal *Epistemologia*. And I serve *perennially* on the Editorial Advisory Board of *The Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science*.

III. Service to Pitt

Formally, I work only quarter-time at the university, while still (i) occupying my tenured lifetime chair as Andrew Mellon Professor of Philosophy of Science, (ii) maintaining my departmental affiliation with the Department of History and Philosophy of Science as “Primary Research Professor,” (iii) keeping my status of Research Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, and, not least, (iv) *continuing to serve as Chairman of the Center for Philosophy of Science ever since 1978*.