



Curriculum Vitae Prof. Dr. Nancy Cartwright

Name: Nancy Cartwright

Main interests: History and philosophy of science (especially physics and economics), Causal inference, Objectivity in science, Evidence, especially for evidence-based policy

Recently the philosopher Nancy Cartwright committed herself mainly to questions on objectivity and evidence, evidence-based policy in particular. The latter refers to public policy which is informed by objective evidence.

Academic and Professional Career

- since 2012 Professor of Philosophy, University of Durham, GB
- since 1998 Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of California at San Diego, USA
- 1991 - 2012 Professor of Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 1984 Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 1978 Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University
- 1976 Visiting Associated Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles
- 1974 Visiting Assistant Professor, Cambridge University
- 1973 - 1991 Assistant, then Full Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University
- 1971 - 1973 Assistant, University of Maryland
- 1971 Ph.D., University of Illinois, Chicago
- 1966 Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, University of Pittsburgh

Functions in Scientific Societies and Committees (Selection)

since 2012	Co-Director, Centre for Humanities Engaging Sciences and Society, University of Durham
2009	Consultant to Consortium of Institutes of Advanced Study for the REF (Research Excellence Framework) 'Measuring Research Impact: Special Problems'
2008 - 09	President, American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division)
2007 - 2012	Member, Committee on Developing a Research Agenda for Social Science Evidence for Use, US National Research Council (National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC)
2008-10	President, Philosophy of Science Association
2007	Member, Search Committee for a Senior Research Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford
2006 - 2008	Director, London School of Economics, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science
2002 - 03	Vice-President, British Association for the Advancement of Science
2001 - 06	Chair, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, London School of Economics
2001 - 02	President, History of Science Section, British Association for the Advancement of Science
1998	Member, Advisory Board of the Alternative Natural Philosophy Association
1997	Member, Ad Hoc Appointments Committee, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
1993 - 2001	Director, London School of Economics, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science
1993 - 97	Member, Wissenschaftlicher Rat des Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld, Germany
1991	Member, Lakatos Award Committee, London School of Economics and Political Science
1991 - 96	Member, Beratungsausschuss Institute for Advanced Study, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
1991	Member, Advisory Board, Centre for History and Economics, Cambridge
1988 - 90	Chair, Philosophy Department, Stanford University
1989 - 90	Member, National Science Foundation Oversight Committee for History and Philosophy of Science
1986 - 87	President, American Association of University Professors, Stanford Chapter
1985 - 87	Member, National Science Foundation Award Panel, History & Philosophy of Science
1985	President, Society for Exact Philosophy

Project coordination, Membership in collaborative research projects

- since 2009 Research grant, John Templeton Foundation 'God's Order, Man's Order and the Order of Nature'
- 2010 - 12 Research grant, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council 'Choices of Evidence: Tacit Philosophical Assumptions in the Debates within the Campbell Collaboration'
- 2009 - 11 Research grant 'A Theory of Evidence for Use', British Academy Research Development Award
- 2007 - 08 Research grant 'Evidence for Use: Prolegomena to a Theory of Evidence-Based Education Policy', Spencer Foundation
- 2007 Research grant 'Evidence for Use', LSE Seed Fund
- 2005 - 09 Research grant 'Contingency and Dissent in Science', UK Arts and Humanities Research Board
- 2004 - 05 Research grant 'Methods for Causal Inference: Status and Health', British Academy
- 2004 - 05 Research grant 'Biomedical Research: Towards a Well-Ordered Science', Columbia-LSE Alliance Collaborative Research Fund
- 2002 - 05 Research grant 'Causality', Latsis Foundation
- 2003 - 04 Research grant 'Causal Pluralism and Causal Inference, with Applications to Health and Status', U.S. National Science Foundation
- 2002 - 04 Research grant 'A Defence of Scientific Theories as Tools', in Zusammenarbeit mit Mauricio Suarez, New Del Amo Programme, UCSD/Universidad Complutense, Madrid
- 2001 - 04 Research grant 'Causality: Metaphysics and Methods', UK Arts and Humanities Research Board
- 1999 - 02 Research grant 'Measurement in Physics and Economics', Latsis Foundation
- 1998 - 00 Research grant 'Causality in Economics', Latsis Foundation
- 1995 - 04 Research grant 'Philosophy in Economics', A. K. Knight
- 1995 - 98 Co-Director Research grants 'The Political Economy of the German Historical School', History and Economics Centre, Cambridge University, Leverhulme
- 1993 - 99 Co-Director Research grants 'Modelling in Physics and Economics', Latsis Foundation
- 1986 - 87 Research grant 'Causes and Capacities', U.S. National Science Foundation
- 1974 - 75 Grant 'Philosophical Analysis of Quantum Mechanics', U.S. National Science Foundation

Honours and Awarded Memberships

2014	Tsing Hua Honorary Chair, University of Taiwan
2013	Honorary Degree, University of St. Andrews
2012	Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, honors causa, awarded by Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX
2011	Member, Doctorate School in Philosophy of the Università Ca' Foscari, Venice
2009	Chancellor's Associates Faculty Excellence Award for Excellence in Research in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of California at San Diego
2007	Titular Member, Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences (A.I.P.S.)
2007	Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Durham University
2005	Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Bologna
2004	Fellow, American Philosophical Society
2002 - 2014	Associate Member, Nuffield College, Oxford
2001	Foreign Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Science
since 1999	Member, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
1996	Fellow, British Academy
1996	Old Dominion Fellow, Philosophy, Princeton University
1995 - 01	Long-term Member of Common Room, Wolfson College, Oxford
1993 - 98	Fellow, MacArthur Foundation
1987 - 88	Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Study), Berlin
1984	Fellow, Philosophy of Science Center, University of Pittsburgh
1982 - 83	Fellow, ZiF (Center for Interdisciplinary Research), Bielefeld, Germany
1976 - 77	Fellow, Philosophy of Science Centre, University of Pittsburgh
1971 - 72	Postdoctoral Fellow, U.S. National Science Foundation, Cambridge University

Major Scientific Interests

Since the publication of 'How the Laws of Physics Lie' (1983) Nancy Cartwright ranks among the most important philosophers of Science of our times. She is associated with the so-called "Stanford School", a group of philosophers of science who repudiate the concept of the unity of science. Nancy Cartwright challenges the universal validity of the theoretical laws of physics.

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