Kant presents his philosophy as a new beginning, overcoming the unresolved conflicts and quandaries that plagued philosophers of the past, especially in the early modern period. Accordingly, Kant’s works are replete with discussions of early modern philosophers and his interpretations have strongly influenced, some would say distorted, all subsequent readings of early modern philosophy. The purpose of this conference is to critically examine Kant’s relationship to some of the grounding figures of the early modern period. The conference will be conceived as a continued dialogue between Kant and his predecessors, where the latter will finally get the chance they never had, to respond to Kant’s interpretation and criticism of their views.

Each talk will be forty minutes. Talks will be grouped into two-hour sessions: two forty minutes talks and forty minutes for discussion.

This conference will be in honor of Margaret Wilson’s legacy at Princeton.

The schedule of the conference is as follows (precise topics TBA):

**Friday, May 7**

4pm to 6pm
Béatrice Longuenesse (Princeton): Kant on Descartes.
Jean-Marie Beyssade (Paris-Sorbonne): Descartes.

**Saturday, May 8**

10am to 12 am
Anja Jauernig (Notre-Dame): Kant on Leibniz
Dan Garber (Princeton): Leibniz.

2pm to 4pm
Paul Guyer (Penn): Kant on Locke
Lisa Downing (UIC): Locke
4pm to 6pm
Dina Emundts (Humboldt Universität, Berlin): Kant on Berkeley
Ken Winkler (Wellesley): Berkeley

**Sunday, May 9**
9:30am to 11:30am
Wayne Waxman (New York): Kant on Hume, epistemology
Don Garrett (New York University): Hume, epistemology
1pm to 3 pm
David Sussman (Princeton): Kant on Hume, moral philosophy
Kate Abramson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaigne): Hume, moral philosophy

All sessions are public and free. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Nassau Inn in Princeton for those who would like to attend the conference. To sign up for the conference, to reserve a room or for any other information, please contact Beatrice Longuenesse (beatrice@princeton.edu) or Dan Garber (dgarber@princeton.edu).