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My Summer 2011 Faculty Research Grant provided the needed funds to support my study of a number of texts by the 17th century philosopher Nicolas Malebranche that deal with his understanding of the nature and limits of human self-knowledge (i.e., the questions of how I know what kind of being I am qua human being, and how I how about my own particular character as the individual being I happen to be). The summer unfortunately began with a major family crisis that had consequences for the entire summer; this limited the amount of time and energy I had to put into my project. Nevertheless, I made significant progress on the primary paper I intended to write, “Malebranche on Knowing One’s Own Mind,” and I will be able to complete it and submit it for journal publication in the coming months. I was also able to write a draft of another paper that grew out of my study of the same issues, “Malebranche on the Role of the Will in the Direction of the Mind.” This I submitted for presentation to the Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. It was one of 6 out of 70 submissions accepted based on blind peer-review, and I presented it to good reception on Dec. 4th at Cal-Poly Pomona, in Pomona, CA. I will revise and submit it for publication in the coming months as well. My summer work has also allowed me to further develop an idea for a book project tentatively titled “Only Darkness to Ourselves: Malebranche, Locke, and Leibniz on Self-Knowledge and the Science of the Mind.”