

To: Committee on Research  
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Professor Mora is highly qualified to pursue the history of philosophic ideas, and therefore I have no reservations in recommending him to your Research Committee for any project in the history of philosophy which he proposes.

The term "Ontology" represents a branch of philosophy which survives in the curricula of Catholic schools in this country, and among phenomenologists abroad. As the "Science of Being" it is not an idea, but it deals with metaphysical ideas, and I am sure Professor Mora can throw new light on the history of the emergence of such a science out of traditional scholastic metaphysics texts and curricula.

The term "Resistance" was used by Leibniz in lieu of Descartes' "Extension" as the defining character of Substance. Similarly Peirce regarded "Resistance" as the defining quality of Existence or External Fact. Hence, the history of this term would be important for the history of metaphysics in which Professor Mora has done such good work.

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