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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of Mind – especially self-knowledge, mental content, consciousness; related areas in epistemology. Secondary interests in personal identity, free will and moral responsibility.

POSITIONS

University of Virginia. Chair (Fall 2017-present); Commonwealth Professor (2014-present); Professor (2013-2014); Associate Professor (2004-2013)

University of Wisconsin – Madison. Associate Professor (2004-2005, leave of absence); Assistant Professor (2001-2004)

College of William & Mary. Assistant Professor (1997-2001)

Editorial: *Noûs*. Editor (Fall 2017-present)

EDUCATION

Brown University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 1997

University of Pennsylvania, M.A., Philosophy, 1992

Swarthmore College, B.A. with High Honors, Philosophy, 1989

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Self-Knowledge (2011). Routledge. New Problems in Philosophy series.

Arguing About the Mind (2007), co-edited with Lawrence Shapiro. Routledge.

Privileged Access: Philosophical Accounts of Self-Knowledge (2003), edited. Ashgate, Epistemology and Mind series.

Articles

- “Acquaintance, Parsimony, and Epiphenomenalism” (forthcoming), in S. Coleman, ed., *The Knowledge Argument Then and Now* (Cambridge University Press).
- “Dualism: how epistemic issues drive debates about the ontology of consciousness” (forthcoming), in U. Kriegel, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Consciousness* (Oxford).
- “Self-Knowledge and Rational Agency: a defense of empiricism” (2018) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 96: 91-109.

- Critical notice of Quassim Cassam, *Self-Knowledge for Humans*. (2016) *Mind* 125: 269-280.
- “Internalism, Externalism, and Accessibilism” (2015), in S. Goldberg, ed., *Externalism and Skepticism* (Cambridge), pp. 119-141.
- “Self-Knowledge” (2015), in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Major revision. Earlier versions appeared in 2008 and 2003.)
- “Understanding the Internalism-Externalism Debate: What is the Boundary of the Thinker?” (2012) *Philosophical Perspectives 2012: Philosophy of Mind*, pp. 51-75.
- “Renewed Acquaintance” (2012), in Smithies and Stoljar, eds., *Introspection and Consciousness* (Oxford), pp. 89-123.
- “Conscious States as Objects of Awareness” (2012) *Philosophical Studies* 159: 447-53. (Part of a symposium on Uriah Kriegel’s *Subjective Consciousness: a self-representational theory*.)
- “Self-Knowledge and the Transparency of Belief” (2011), in Hatzimoysis, ed., *Self-Knowledge* (Oxford), pp. 125-45.
- “The Role of Ignorance in the Problem of Consciousness”. (2009) Critical notice of Daniel Stoljar, *Ignorance and Imagination: the epistemic origin of the problem of consciousness*. *Noûs* 43: 378-93.
- “Content Externalism and the Epistemic Conception of the Self”. (2007) *Philosophical Issues* 17: 37-56.
- “Overextending the Mind?” (2007), in Gertler and Shapiro, eds., *Arguing about the Mind*. (Routledge)
- “In Defense of Mind-Body Dualism” (2007), in Feinberg and Shafer-Landau, eds., *Reason and Responsibility*, 13th edition. (Wadsworth)
 - Reprinted (2014) in Timmons and Shoemaker, eds., *Knowledge, Nature, and Norms*, 2nd edition. (Wadsworth).
 - Reprinted (2011) in Alter and Howell, eds., *Consciousness and the Mind-Body Problem: A Reader* (Oxford).
- “Tienson’s Challenge to Content Externalism”. (2007) *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (Spindel Conference 2006) 45: 60-65.
- “Consciousness and Qualia Cannot Be Reduced” (2006), in R. Stainton, ed., *Contemporary Debates in Cognitive Science* (Blackwell), pp. 202-216.
- “We can’t know *a priori* that H₂O exists. But can we know that water does?” (2004) *Analysis* 64: 44-7.
- “Simulation Theory on Conceptual Grounds”. (2004) *Protosociology* 20: 261-84.
- “How to Draw Ontological Conclusions from Introspective Data” (2003), in B. Gertler, ed., *Privileged Access: Philosophical Accounts of Self-Knowledge* (Ashgate), pp. 233-51.
- “Explanatory Reduction, Conceptual Analysis, and Conceivability Arguments about the Mind”. (2002) *Noûs* 36: 22-49.
- “Can Feminists be Cartesians?” (2002) *Dialogue* 41: 91-112.
- “The Mechanics of Self-Knowledge”. (2002) *Philosophical Topics* 28: 125-46.
- “Introspecting Phenomenal States”. (2001) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 63: 305-28.

- “The Relationship between Phenomenality and Intentionality”. (2001) Commentary on Charles Siewert, *The Significance of Consciousness* (Princeton). *Psyche* 7 (17).
- “The Explanatory Gap is Not an Illusion” (reply to Michael Tye). (2001) *Mind* 110: 689-94.
- “Functionalism’s Methodological Predicament”. (2000) *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 38: 77-94.
- “A Defense of the Knowledge Argument”. (1999) *Philosophical Studies* 93: 317-36.

Shorter Reference Pieces

- “Introspection” (2009), in Bayne, Cleeremans and Wilken, eds., *The Oxford Companion to Consciousness*. (Oxford)
- “The Knowledge Argument”. (2005) *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition. (Macmillan)
- “Metaphysics”. (2002) *Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science* (Macmillan).

Book Reviews

- Katalin Farkas, *The Subject’s Point of View*. (2009) *Philosophical Quarterly* 59: 743-47.
- Roessler and Eilan (eds.), *Agency and Self-Awareness: Issues in Philosophy and Psychology*. (2004) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- John Perry, *Knowledge, Possibility, and Consciousness*. (2002) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, inaugural issue.
- Andre Gallois, *The World Without, The Mind Within: An Essay on First-Person Authority*. (2000) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 61: 235-8.
- Frank Jackson, *From Metaphysics to Ethics: A Defence of Conceptual Analysis*. (1999) *Ethics* 110: 202-5.
- W.G. Lycan, *Consciousness and Experience*. (1998) *Mind* 107: 676-9.

PRESENTATIONS (selected):

- “Rational Agency”.
 - University of Toronto, April 2018.
 - University of Southern California, December 2017.
- “Self-Observation, Rationality, and Agency”. *Self-Knowledge and Agency* conference, St. Hilda’s College, Oxford University, May 2017.
- “Dualism vs. Physicalism: a fresh look at the debate”. Boise State University, February 2017.
- “Extended Minds and the Mark of the Mental”. *Minds, Selves, and 21st Century Technology* conference, Lisbon, Portugal. June 2016.
- “Conscious Attitudes and Intentional Action” (in various stages of development, and aka “Standing Attitudes and Agency”).
 - (Keynote) UT-Austin graduate philosophy conference. April 2016.
 - *Moral Phenomenology* conference, in connection with “Illuminating Reasons” project (Terry Horgan & Mark Timmons). University of Arizona, October 2014.
 - Stanford University, May 2014

- University of Wisconsin – Madison, September 2013
- Rice University, January 2013
- University of Massachusetts – Amherst, November 2012
- University of Vermont, March 2012
- “Self-Knowledge and the Demands of Rational Agency” (in various stages of development, and aka “Observational Self-Knowledge and the Demands of Rational Agency”)
 - Rutgers Epistemology Conference, May 2015.
 - University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, April 2015.
 - University of Miami, December 2013
 - *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference* (Invited). Austin, Texas, February 2013
 - (Keynote) 10th Annual *Philosophy of Mind, Language, and Cognitive Science* graduate conference, University of Western Ontario, May 2012
 - 3rd Annual *Mind Knowledge!* workshop, Universität Graz (Austria), December 2011
 - *Consciousness, Intentionality, and Phenomenality* conference, Rice University, October 2011
 - VPA annual meeting, College of William & Mary, October 2011
 - (Keynote) *Subjectivity and Self-Knowledge* conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, September 2011.
- “Do we have Privileged Access to our Dispositional Attitudes?” Philosophy of Mind conference, Virginia Tech, April 2015.
- “Does the Mind Extend beyond the Body?”
 - Public talk at Boise State University, February 2017
 - Public talk for *Philosophy Today* series, University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, April 2015
 - Davidson College, April 2013
 - University of Richmond, May 2007
 - Wake Forest University, April 2007
- “Transparency Accounts of Self-Knowledge: a consumer’s guide”. APA Central Division meeting. St. Louis, February 2015.
- “Subjectivity and Agency: What Makes My Attitudes *Mine*?”
 - *Subjectivity and Experience* conference, in connection with “Philosophy of Perspectival Thoughts and Facts” project (Invited). University of Barcelona (Spain), September 2014.
 - *Subjective Structure of Consciousness* conference (Invited). University of Manchester (England), June 2014.
- “Vehicle Externalism and Intentional Action”. Varieties of Externalism Workshop. Eidyn Research Center, University of Edinburgh (Scotland). October 2013.
- “The Narrow Self”. *Consciousness and the Self* workshop, Southern Methodist University, April 2012.
- “Defending Introspectionism”. *Introspective Self-Knowledge* workshop. University of Luxembourg, June 2011.

- “Introspective Knowledge by Acquaintance”. *Acquaintance: A Conference on the Centenary of Bertrand Russell’s “Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description”*. University of Texas – Austin, March 2011.
- “The Extended Mind and the Status of Standing Attitudes”.
 - University of Rochester, February 2011
 - University of Iowa, January 2011
 - University of Sydney, February 2010
 - University of Wollongong (Australia), February 2010
- Philosophy TV Dialogue with Alex Byrne (MIT), discussing knowledge of one’s own beliefs. November 22, 2010. <http://www.philostv.com/alex-byrne-and-brie-gertler/>
- Philosophy TV Dialogue with Eric Schwitzgebel (UC-Riverside), discussing introspection. September 30, 2010. <http://www.philostv.com/eric-schwitzgebel-and-brie-gertler/>
- “Internalism, Externalism, and the Delineation of the Subject”. (aka “What We Talk About When We Talk About Externalism”)
 - *Externalism Challenged? Internalism vs. Externalism Today*. University of Stockholm, May 2010.
 - The Australian National University, Canberra, January 2010.
 - Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting (Toronto), June 2008.
- “Self-Knowledge and the Transparency of Belief”. Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting (New Orleans), March 2008.
- “Am I Embodied and Embedded? Externalism and the Self”. *Tucson 2006: Towards a Science of Consciousness*, Tucson, AZ, April 2006.
- “Phenomenal Character, Representational Content, and Intrinsicness”. (Invited) Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, July 2005.
- “The Narrow Mind”.
 - California State University – Northridge, March 2005
 - Virginia Commonwealth University, October 2004
 - NEH Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality (Santa Cruz, CA), July 2002
- “A Fregean Argument Against Externalism”.
 - University of Virginia, March 2004
 - Harvard University, November 2003
 - Northern Illinois University, September 2003
- “Consciousness and Self-Consciousness: what introspection can tell us about the mind”. Lafayette College, October 2001.
- “Explanatory Reduction, Conceptual Analysis, and Conceivability Arguments about the Mind”.
 - University of Colorado – Boulder, February 2001
 - UC – Santa Cruz, February 2001
 - University of Wisconsin – Madison, September 2000.
- “Can Feminists Accept Cartesian Introspectivism?” APA Pacific Division meeting (Albuquerque), April 2000.

- “The One and Only Water: How a Conceptual Account of Explanatory Reduction Can Ensure Uniqueness”, APA Central Division meeting (Chicago), April 2000.
- “Linguistic Labor and the Explanatory Gap”. Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting (New Orleans), April 1998.
- “Introspecting Phenomenal States”.
 - Brandeis University, October 1998
 - Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting (New York City), June 1997
 - College of William and Mary, February 1997
 - University of Delaware, February 1997
 - University of Coventry (England), January 1997.

SERVICE (selected)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor, *Noûs*. Fall 2017-present.

Chair, External Review Committee, Rice University Department of Philosophy, April 2016.

Mentor, workshop for junior women in philosophy of mind, Duke University, June 2015.

Book Symposia Editor, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 2009-2014.

Mentor, Mentoring Workshop for women in philosophy, UMass-Amherst, June 2013.

Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Mind*, *Mind & Language*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Synthese*, *The Journal of Philosophical Research*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Thought*, Oxford University Press, Routledge Press.

Editor for Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, *Philosophy Compass*. (www.philosophy-compass.com) 2005-2008.

Member, APA Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research. (2004-7)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE (at UVa, selected)

Chair, Department of Philosophy, Fall 2017-present.

Interim Chair, Department of Philosophy, Fall 2016 and Fall 2014.

Dean's Promotion and Tenure Committee (Arts & Sciences), 2014-16.

Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy Department. January 2005-June 2013.

Philosophy Department representative, Faculty Senate. Fall 2005-Spring 2011.

Member, Faculty Senate Grievance Committee. 2005-09.

COURSES TAUGHT

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Graduate seminars: Consciousness & Physicalism; Free Will & Moral Responsibility; Mental Content; Philosophy of Mind; Self-Knowledge; Themes from Descartes (co-taught with Antonia LoLordo).

Undergraduate: Action Theory (majors seminar); Agency, Identity, & the Self; Epistemology; Free Will & Moral Responsibility; Knowledge & Reality; Introduction to Philosophy; Philosophy of Mind; Self-Knowledge (majors seminar).

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Graduate seminars: A Priori Knowledge; Self-Knowledge.

Undergraduate: Metaphysics; Philosophy of Mind; Introduction to Philosophy.

AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Undergraduate: Metaphysics; Philosophy of Language; Philosophy & Feminism; Introduction to Critical Thinking; Introduction to Philosophy.

AT BROWN UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate: Knowledge & Reality; Philosophy & Feminism.