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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:

Acting Dean of Arts & Sciences (July-December 2019); Interim Associate Dean for Arts & Humanities (2018-19)

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)

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

- “Rational Agency and the Struggle to Believe What Your Reasons Dictate” (forthcoming) in Borgoni, Kindermann, and Onofri, eds., *The Fragmented Mind* (Oxford).
- “Agency and Self-Knowledge” (forthcoming) in L. Ferrero, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Agency*.
- “Dualism: how epistemic issues drive debates about the ontology of consciousness” (forthcoming) in U. Kriegel, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Consciousness*.

- “Acquaintance, Parsimony, and Epiphenomenalism” (2019) in S. Coleman, ed., *The Knowledge Argument* (Cambridge), pp. 62-86.
- “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) *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.

SERVICE (selected)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor, *Noûs*. Fall 2017-present. One of six editors.

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.

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

Mentor, Mentoring Workshop for 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.

Editor for Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, *Philosophy Compass*, 2005-2008.

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

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT UVA

Acting Dean of Arts & Sciences, July-December 2019.

Interim Associate Dean for Arts & Humanities, 2018-19.

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2017-18.

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 (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.

PRESENTATIONS (selected):

- “Rational Agency”, aka “Rational Agency and Responsibility for Attitudes”
 - SSNAP conference, Duke University, June 2018.
 - 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, SMU, 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.