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Academic employment

Professor, University of Toronto
(Departments of Philosophy, UT Scarborough and School of Graduate Studies: from 2005; tenured 2009)

Assistant Professor, Cornell University
(Sage School of Philosophy and Cognitive Studies Program: 2000–5; Lecturer, 2000–1)

Investigador Visitante, Complutense University of Madrid (Department of Logic and Theoretical Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy: spring 2020)

Visiting Fellow, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas: spring 2018)

Visiting Fellow, University of Edinburgh (Department of Philosophy: summers 2014–16)

Visiting Fellow, University of St Andrews (Arché Philosophical Research Centre for Language, Logic, Metaphysics, and Epistemology: spring 2013)

Invited Director, Graduate Summer School in Philosophy, University of Latvia (Center for Cognitive Sciences and Semantics: summer 2011)

Visiting Professor, University of Barcelona (LOGOS Research Group: summer 2009)

Visiting Fellow, Australian National University (Centre for Consciousness, Philosophy Program, Research School of Social Sciences: spring 2007)

Education

PhD, Philosophy, Princeton University (Dissertation: Presence to the Mind: Issues in the Intentional Theory of Consciousness; Advisor: Mark Johnston: 1995–2000; degree awarded 2001)

Postgraduate fellow, Technische Universität Berlin (1994–5)

BA, Stanford University (Philosophy; departmental honors: 1990–4)

Area of research specialization

Philosophy of mind and language (understood broadly: metapsychology; consciousness and perception; traditional and formal epistemology and praxeology; theory of natural language meaning)

Additional areas of graduate teaching competence

Various issues in metaphysics; philosophy of logic; history of analytical philosophy

Book manuscript

Out of This World: Logical Mentalism and the Philosophy of Mind. (By building the mind into logic, the explanatory ground floor, we resolve challenges facing analytic philosophy of mind and re-establish contact with the hermeneutic tradition: 140,000 words; under contract with OUP-USA)

Invited contributions in progress

Review of Peter Ludlow, *Interperspectival Content*, Oxford University Press, 2019, for *Inquiry*.

Review of Daniel Stoljar, *Philosophical Progress*, Oxford University Press, 2018, for *The Philosophical Review*.

Manufacturing defects, with Jessica Wilson, for Gabriel Oak Rabin, editor, *Grounding and Consciousness*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (9000 words)

Articles

- 2020 Relativized metaphysical modality: Index and context, with Adam Murray and Jessica Wilson, in Otávio Bueno and Scott Shalikowski, editors, *The Routledge Handbook of Modality*. London: Routledge. (6000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2019a Semantic gaps and protosemantics, in Acacio de Barros and Carlos Montemayor, editors, *Quanta and Mind: Essays on the Connection between Quantum Mechanics and Consciousness*. Berlin: Springer. (7800 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2019b An analytic-hermeneutic history of Consciousness, in Kelly Michael Becker and Iain Thomson, editors, *The Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945 to 2010*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (5000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2018 Praxeology, imperatives, and shifts of view, in Rowland Stout, editor, *Process, Action, and Experience*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (10,000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2017 David Lewis and the Kangaroo: Graphing philosophical progress, in Russell Blackford and Damien Broderick, editors, *Philosophy's Future: The Problem of Philosophical Progress*. New York: Blackwell. (5400 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2016a Rationalization and the Ross Paradox, in Nate Charlow and Matthew Chrisman, editors, *Epistemic Modality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (16,500 words; invited; volume under internal peer review)
- 2016b Obligation and aspect, *Inquiry* 59:398–449. (20,500 words; refereed)
- 2014a Love in the time of cholera, in Berit Brogaard, editor, *Does Perception Have Content?*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (8200 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2014b Yep—still there, in Richard Brown, editor, *Consciousness Inside and Out*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag. (Replies to comments by Jake Berger, Heather Logue, and Jeff Speaks on Hellie 2014c: 4000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2014c It's still there!, in Richard Brown, editor, *Consciousness Inside and Out*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag. (Precis for *Third Annual Online Consciousness Conference*, held 18 February–4 March 2011, of Hellie 2011: 4000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2013a Against egalitarianism, *Analysis* 73:304–20. (Contribution to symposium on David J. Chalmers's *The Character of Consciousness*: 6300 words; invited; refereed)
- 2013b The multidisjunctive conception of hallucination, in Fiona MacPherson and Dimitris Platchias, editors, *Hallucination*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. (9000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2011 There it is, *Philosophical Issues* 21:110–64. (25,000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2010 An externalist's guide to inner experience, in Bence Nanay, editor, *Perceiving the World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (22,000 words; invited; refereed volume)
- 2007a Factive phenomenal characters, *Philosophical Perspectives* 21:259–306. (19,500 words; invited; refereed)

- 2007b That which makes the sensation of blue a mental fact: Moore on phenomenal relationism, *The European Journal of Philosophy* 15:334–66. (11,700 words; refereed)
- 2007c ‘There’s something it’s like’ and the structure of consciousness, *The Philosophical Review* 116:441–63. (8200 words; refereed)
- 2007d Higher-order intentionality and higher-order acquaintance, *Philosophical Studies* 134:289–324. (11,000 words; refereed)
- 2006 Beyond phenomenal naivete, *The Philosophers’ Imprint* 6/2. (14,800 words; refereed)
- 2005 Noise and perceptual indiscriminability, *Mind* 114:481–508. (11,000 words; refereed)
- 2004 Inexpressible truths and the allure of the knowledge argument, in Peter Ludlow, Yujin Nagasawa, and Daniel Stoljar, editors, *There’s Something About Mary*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. (13,000 words; invited; refereed)

Reference items

- 2016 David Lewis autocitation network visualizations, ~/dk1-ac-fd.zip. (With the assistance of David Balcarras)
- 2009a Annotated bibliography on the transparency of experience, ~/tranbib.pdf. (169 entries, through January 2009)
- 2009b Representational theories of consciousness, in Timothy Bayne, Axel Cleeremans, and Patrick Wilkin, editors, *Oxford Companion to Consciousness*. New York: Oxford University Press. (3000 words)
- 2009c Acquaintance, in Timothy Bayne, Axel Cleeremans, and Patrick Wilkin, editors, *Oxford Companion to Consciousness*. New York: Oxford University Press. (1500 words)
- 2002 Consciousness and representationalism, in *Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science*. New York: Macmillan. (4000 words)

Quantitative citation metrics (autocitations removed)

Total citations: 328

Publications cited at least once: 20

Most cited publication: Noise and perceptual indiscriminability (Hellie 2005), 45

h-index: 12

Awards and grants

Department of Philosophy, UTSC (SSHRC Institutional Grant, CAD 1023.62: 2019–20)

Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM (Visiting Fellowship, toward travel and lodging costs: 2018)

Vice-Principal, Research, UTSC (Tri-Agency Bridge Funding Program, CAD 12,000: 2018–20)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Government of Canada (Standard Research Grant, CAD 55,595: 2011–14)

Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University (Visiting Fellowship, AUD 5500: 2009; deferred)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Government of Canada (Standard Research Grant, CAD 38,500: 2007–10)

Centre for Consciousness, Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National University (Visiting Fellowship, travel and lodging costs: 2007)

University of Toronto (Connaught Supplemental Research Grant, CAD 10,000: 2006)

University of Toronto (Connaught Research Grant, CAD 10,000: 2005)

Academic talks

2020

Endorsement logic and the new deflationism: co-keynote address, *Is Metaphysics Indispensable?* workshop, Department of Logic and Theoretical Philosophy, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain (postponed due to COVID-19)

Dissolving the mind–body problem by repairing logic: International Speaker Series, Department of Philosophy, National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia (postponed due to COVID-19)

Mentalist logic of belief reports: Department of Philosophy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (postponed due to COVID-19)

2019

From emergentism to expressivism: *Emergence* conference, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Semantic gaps and protosemantics: (i) *Russell* workshop, Healdsburg, CA; (ii) *Mind and Action* conference, Department of Philosophy, Shandong University, Jinan, China; (iii) *Ranch Metaphysics* workshop, White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, AZ, with comments by John Bengson (Wisconsin–Madison)

2018

Has analytic philosophy *created* the ‘hard problem of consciousness’?: Seminario de Investigadores, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, CDMX, Mexico

Reasoning about conditionals and conditional reasoning: Seminario de Filosofía del Lenguaje, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, CDMX, Mexico

2017

The semantic defectiveness of ‘Grounding’ and ‘Consciousness’, with Jessica Wilson: (i) *Grounding and Consciousness* workshop/conference, Department of Philosophy, NYU, La Pietra, Florence, Italy, with comments by Catharine Diehl (Humboldt) and Lisa Vogt (Barcelona/LOGOS); (ii) Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto

From externalism to expressivism: *CaSE: Consciousness and Semantic Externalism* workshop, Department of Philosophy, NYU

Benj Hellie’s ‘There it is’: respondent at discussion session, led by Philipp Blum (Lucerne), at *Cogito: Yes or No?* workshop/conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Geneva, Ligerz, Switzerland

Endorsement-logic, simulationism, and the *cogito*: *Cogito: Yes or No?* workshop/conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Geneva, Ligerz, Switzerland

2016

Deconstructing intensions: *Wilson–Hellie* workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Above the verb with endorsement theory: *Aspect and Modality* workshop, Departments of Philosophy and Linguistics, University of Western Michigan, Lansing, MI

2015

Ross-Paradoxical anankastic conditionals: Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

2014

Out of this world: (i) Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta; (ii) *Metaphysics of Mind* workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Here and there (Part I: Here): (i) Brian McLaughlin and Susanna Schellenberg’s seminar on spatial perception, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University; (ii) *Oriented Worlds Ramble*, Berkeley, CA

How we do: Department of Philosophy, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Knowing what it is like to converse in *L*: *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, AZ, with comments by Jack Spencer (MIT)

2013

On the creation of the One, the It, the World, the Self, and God: Metaphysics Group, Arché, University of St Andrews, Scotland

Three grades of context-dependence: Propositions, Tense, and Indexicality Group, Arché, University of St Andrews, Scotland

Why isn't justified true belief knowledge?: (i) Department of Philosophy, CUNY-Graduate Center; (ii) *Epistemology and Metaphysics* workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, Scotland; (iii) Evidence, Justification, and Knowledge Group, Arché, University of St Andrews, Scotland

Indeterminacy, knowledge, and contraposition: Centre for the Study of Mind and Nature, Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, Norway

Out of this world: (i) *Phenomenal Concepts*, Department of Philosophy, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with comments by Wilson Pessoa Mendonça (UFRJ); (ii) Invited Paper on the Metaphysics of Subjectivity, APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, with comments by Brie Gertler (UVA) and Geoff Lee (Berkeley)

2012

Out of this world: (i) *Subjectivism* workshop, Department of Philosophy, NYU; (ii) Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Studies, University of London; (iii) *New Directions in Philosophy of Mind*, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University; (iv) concurrent session on Phenomenal Concepts and Phenomenal Knowledge, *Toward a Science of Consciousness 2012*, Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona

Propositions without facts: Institute for Language, Cognition, and Information, University of the Basque Country, Donostia/San Sebastian, The Basque Country/Spain

Knowledge and trust-marking: Nate Charlow's *Expressivism* seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

2011

Sensory consciousness: Consciousness Project, Department of Philosophy, NYU

Phenomenology as rational psychology: *Consciousness, Intentionality, and Phenomenality* (fest conference for Charles Siewert), Rice University

The neonatal intensive care unit of theory: *Philosophical Progress*, ANU-Harvard Center, Harvard University

Regarding a question as determinately answered: *Indeterminacy* workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Leeds

There it is: target session, Third Annual *Online Consciousness Conference*, with comments by Heather Logue (Leeds), Jeff Speaks (Notre Dame), Susanna Schellenberg (Rutgers), and Jacob Berger (CUNY)

2010

What am I doing?: Department of Philosophy, SUNY-Buffalo

Agency and subjectivity: Department of Philosophy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Observation and sensation: keynote address, *New Directions in Philosophy of Mind*, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University

Action as experience: Department of Philosophy, University of Miami

Experience as action: Society for Exact Philosophy, Kansas City

2009

Introspection and transparency: LOGOS Group, Department of Philosophy, University of Barcelona

On that to which Eloise can, and cannot, turn attention: Annual OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference: *Attention*, Dubrovnik, Croatia

On the transparency of experience, with Jim John: Metaphysics and Epistemology Working Papers Group, University of Toronto

2008

Consciousness and phenomenality: *Hallucination on Crete*, Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow and University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete

Experience as a limit: *Consciousness and Thought*, ANU and University of Croatia, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Discrimination and phenomenality: Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network: *Perception*, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University, with comments by Alex Byrne (MIT)

Consciousness and the phenomenological: Metaphysics and Epistemology Working Papers Group, University of Toronto

2007

Factive phenomenal characters: (i) Nico Silins's *Philosophy of Mind* seminar, Department of Philosophy, Cornell University; (ii) Cloak and Dagger Philosophy of Perception Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto; (iii) Philosophy of Mind Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Riverside

Phenomenal error: (i) Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney; (ii) Department of Philosophy, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand; (iii) Philosophy Program and Centre for Consciousness, RSSH, Australian National University; (iv) *Consciousness and Representation*, Department of Philosophy, University of Western Australia

How to color McTaggart: *Consciousness on the Beach*, Centre for Consciousness, Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National University, Kiola, NSW, Australia

2006

Phenomenal contact: *Perception* workshop, Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Studies, University of London

That which makes the sensation of blue a mental fact: (i) Canadian Philosophical Association, York University, Toronto; (ii) First Annual *Online Philosophy Conference*, with comments by Adam Pautz (University of Texas–Austin)

Hume's dictum: *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, AZ (with Jessica Wilson)

2005

Seeing into sense-data: Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University

Noise and perceptual indiscriminability: Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

2004

Attention and visual space: Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh

Noise and perceptual indiscriminability: Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University

2003

On what exists: (i) Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan; (ii) Creighton Club (Central NY State philosophical association), Skaneateles, NY, with comments by Andre Gallois (Syracuse)

A new look for sense-data: Department of Philosophy and Consciousness Program, University of Arizona

2002

Consciousness studies without consciousness: *Consciousness* miniconference, Cognitive Science Program, Cornell University

The grammar of experience reports: Department of Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley

A new look for sense-data: Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

2001

The grammar of experience reports: Department of Philosophy, University of Rochester

Perception is not propositional: *Summer Miniconference*, Department of Philosophy, University of Virginia

2000

The objectivity of sense-experience: Department of Philosophy, Cornell University

Commentaries

2019

John Carroll, Non-modal bilking arguments and time travel: Society for Metaphysics of Science, Toronto, ON

Daniel Stoljar, Pessimism about philosophical progress—Why is it so widespread?: *Philosophical Progress* workshop, ConceptLab and University of Tokyo, Tokyo

David Boyland, Putting 'ought's together: APA Pacific Division, Vancouver

2012

Ezra Cook, Semantic blindness, indirect attributions, and eavesdroppers: APA Central Division, Chicago

2011

Susanna Schellenberg, Experience and evidence: *Carolina Metaphysics Workshop*, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Sanderling Resort, Duck, NC

2008

Helen Steward, The ontology of causation: *Perspectives on Ontology*, Department of Philosophy, University of Leeds

Jenann Ismael, Physical probability: *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, AZ

2007

Liz Irvine, The exclusion-failure paradigm: Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Toronto, ON

2006

Christopher Peacocke, Concepts of conscious states: *Peacocke* Miniconference, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

Justin Fisher, Color representations as hash values: APA Central Division, Chicago

2004

Jim Pryor, An epistemic theory of de re thought: *Consciousness and Intentionality*, Department of Philosophy, NYU, Villa Pietra, Florence, Italy

Alva Noë, Experience without the head: *Content and Concepts: A Conference on the Philosophy of Mind*, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara

2002

David Braun and Ted Sider, Vagueness and truth: Creighton Club, Ithaca, NY

2001

Dan Ryder, Why we seem to have a visual field: APA Pacific Division, San Francisco

Other public appearances

2019

Jane's Walk leader, Empire, War, Meatpacking: Ossington Psychogeography

Ossington Community Association deputant on public trust jurisprudence, Ontario Place Subcommittee of Council, City of Toronto

2015

Leader, walking tour on heritage of Ossington Avenue, with Ossington Community Association and Department of Planning, City of Toronto

2012

Panelist, debate on *The Meaning of Life*, launch party for *Noumena* (undergraduate philosophy journal), UT Scarborough

2010

Panelist, debate on *Values and GMO Food*, launch party for *uScientia* (undergraduate interdisciplinary journal), UT Scarborough

Graduate seminars

Knowledge Never! (pre- and post-Williamsonian epistemology via knowledge-discourse expressivism: Spring 2019)
The Rise and Fall of the Early David Lewis (Spring 2018)
Mind or World (metapsychological expressivism: Spring 2017)
Professional Development Seminar (rotating service course; thesis workshop/deliverance of sage advice: Spring 2015)
Naming and Necessity since *Naming and Necessity* (cotaught with Nate Charlow: Spring 2014)
Rationality, Action, Consciousness (cotaught with Andrew Sepielli: Spring 2012)
Seminar on *Conscious Life* (Spring 2011, Fall 2009)
First-year Proseminar (philosophical semantics, Frege to Kripke; cotaught with Jonathan Weisberg: Fall 2007)
Seminar in Philosophy of Perception (Fall 2005)
Philosophy of Mind: Philosophy of Perception (Fall 2003)
Metaphysics: The Structure of Experience (Spring 2003)
Epistemology: Reading *The Varieties of Reference* (Fall 2001)
Philosophy of Mind: Consciousness (Fall 2000)

Undergraduate courses

Upper division

Theory of Knowledge (Fall 2017)
The Rise and Fall of the Early David Lewis (Spring 2017, Fall 2019)
Philosophy of Mind Without Minds (Spring Semesters: 2017, 2019)
History of Analytic Philosophy (Fall Semesters: 2010–15, 2018; Spring Semester: 2018)
History of Analytic Philosophy I/II (—/Fall 2016, Fall 2009/Spring 2010, Fall 2007/Spring 2008, Spring 2006/Fall 2006, Spring 2005/—, Fall 2002/Spring 2004, —/Spring 2002)
Metaphysics of Material Constitution (Spring 2001)

Lower division

Introduction to Epistemology (Fall Semesters: 2010–15, 2005–6; Spring Semesters: 2010, 2008)
Puzzles and Paradoxes (Fall Semester: 2016–19; Spring Semesters: 2014–15, 2011–12, 2004–6)
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Fall Semesters: 2000–03)
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring Semesters: 2002–3)

Thesis supervision

Primary supervision of PhD thesis

Zachary Weinstein (PhD candidate, Toronto, qualified 2019: supervisor from 2018)
Adam Murray (PhD, Toronto, 2017: reader from 2010; co-supervisor (with Jessica Wilson) from 2015; dissertation: Perspectives on Modal Metaphysics)

Other

Eliran Haziza (PhD candidate, Toronto: qualifying committee member from 2019)
Andrew Lavigne (PhD candidate, Toronto: qualifying committee member from 2018)
Christian Stevens (PhD candidate, Kings College, University of London: supervisor of SSHRC Fellowship at University of Toronto, 2015)
Jonathan Farrell (PhD, Australian National University, 2014: outside reader)
Dan Rabinoff (PhD candidate, Toronto, qualified 2013: reader from 2012)

Dominic Alford-Duguid (PhD, Toronto, 2016: reader from 2010)
Luke Roelofs (PhD, Toronto, 2015: reader from 2010)
Melana Heiness-Martel (PhD candidate, Toronto, qualified 2010: qualifying committee member)
Monica Jitereanu (PhD, Central European University, 2010: outside reader from 2009)
Boyd Millar (PhD, Toronto, 2010: reader from 2005)
Nina Emery (BA, Cornell, 2005: thesis committee from 2004)
Sam Walker (BA, Cornell, 2004: chair from 2003)

Professional service (academic philosophy)

Refereeing: many dozens of articles (for all first- and second-tier journals, and many others); monographs, collections, and proposals (for leading academic presses: Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton, Routledge, MIT, others); talks (for various international and national conferences and workshops)

Editorial: board, *Philosopher's Annual*, *Philosophical Review* (2000–05); category, *PhilPapers* ('Perception')

Evaluator, *Philosophical Gourmet Report* (from 2001)

Administrative and organizational: various university-wide committees; the usual departmental committee work; organizer of various reading groups and other activities

References

Christopher Peacocke (Johnsonian Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University)

David Chalmers (University Professor of Philosophy and Neural Science and co-director of the Center for Mind, Brain, and Consciousness, NYU)

Ram Neta (Professor of Philosophy, UNC)

Vital information

Born 20 May, 1972, Chicago, IL

Parents, Richard Hellie[†] and Jean Laves[†]

University of Chicago Laboratory Schools through sixth grade; Kenwood Academy, a Chicago Public School, seventh–twelfth grades

Married to Jessica Wilson 21 September 2002, Ithaca, NY

Naturalized Canadian citizen (US birthright citizenship retained: from 2015)

Domiciled in, serially: Hyde Park, Chicago, IL; Stanford, CA; San Francisco, CA; Berlin, Germany; Princeton, NJ; Ithaca, NY; Toronto, ON