

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

University of Illinois at Chicago, M.A., 1990, and Ph.D., 1996, Philosophy
Dissertation: "The Best Test Theory of Extension," directed by Charles Chastain

University of Washington, Seattle, B.A., 1987, Philosophy, *cum laude*, with distinction in philosophy

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence: Epistemology, Logic

Recent Academic Positions:

University of Colorado at Boulder
2009-present, Associate Professor of Philosophy
2007-present, fellow of the Institute of Cognitive Science
2007-present, member of the Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science
2005-2009, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Texas Tech University
2001-2005, Assistant Professor of Philosophy,
2000-2001, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy

University of Washington, Seattle
1998-2000, Visiting Scholar
Winter, 2000, Lecturer

Publications:

Book: Cognitive Systems and the Extended Mind (Oxford University Press, 2009, 288 pp.; paperback, 2010)

Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Review Essays:

"Against Group Cognitive States" forthcoming in S. Chant and G. Preyer (eds.), *From Individual to Collective Intentionality* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

"Empirical Arguments for Group Minds: A Critical Appraisal," *Philosophy Compass* 6, 9 (2011): 630–639

"Cognitive Systems and the Supersized Mind," *Philosophical Studies* 152 (2011): 427–436

"Representation in Extended Cognitive Systems: Does the Scaffolding of Language Extend the Mind?" in R. Menary (ed.), *The Extended Mind* (MIT Press, 2010), pp. 325–54

- “Extended Cognition and the Priority of Cognitive Systems,” *Cognitive Systems Research* 11 (2010): 343–56
- “Systems, Functions, and Intrinsic Natures: On Adams and Aizawa’s *The Bounds of Cognition*,” review essay, *Philosophical Psychology* 23, 1 (2010): 113–23
- “Innateness and the Situated Mind,” in P. Robbins and M. Aydede (eds.), *Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition* (Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 96–116
- Critical notice of Andy Clark’s *Supersizing the Mind*, *Journal of Mind and Behavior* 30, 4 (Autumn 2009): 313–30
- “The Causal Theory of Properties and the Causal Theory of Reference, or How to Name Properties and Why It Matters,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 77, 3 (November 2008): 579–612
- “*Ceteris Paribus* Laws, Component Forces, and the Nature of Special-Science Properties,” *Noûs* 42, 3 (September 2008): 349–80
- “Causal Theories of Mental Content,” *Philosophy Compass* 3, 2 (March 2008): 353–80
- “Frege’s Puzzle and Frege Cases: Defending a Quasi-syntactic Solution,” *Cognitive Systems Research* 9 (2008): 76–91
- Review essay, J. T. Ismael, *The Situated Self* (Oxford UP, 2007), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2007.10.15
- “Realization, Completers, and *Ceteris Paribus* Laws in Psychology,” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 58 (2007): 1–11
- Review essay, Raymond Gibbs, *Embodiment and Cognitive Science* (Cambridge UP, 2006), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2006.08.20
- “Functionalism, Mental Causation, and the Problem of Metaphysically Necessary Effects,” *Noûs* 40 (June 2006): 256–83
- “Minding One’s Cognitive Systems: When Does a Group of Minds Constitute a Single Cognitive Unit?” *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology* 1 (2005): 177–88
- “Challenges to the Hypothesis of Extended Cognition,” *Journal of Philosophy* 101 (August 2004): 389–428
- “Coining Terms in the Language of Thought: Innateness, Emergence, and the Lot of Cummins’s Argument against the Causal Theory of Mental Content,” *Journal of Philosophy* 98 (October 2001): 499–530
- “Dispositions Indisposed: Semantic Atomism and Fodor’s Theory of Content,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 81 (September 2000): 325–48
- “The Best Test Theory of Extension: First Principle(s),” *Mind & Language* 14 (September 1999): 321–55

“Mental Representations and Millikan’s Theory of Intentional Content: Does Biology Chase Causality?” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 37 (Spring 1999): 113–40

“On the Relationship between Naturalistic Semantics and Individuation Criteria for Terms in a Language of Thought,” *Synthese* 117 (1998/1999): 95–131

Encyclopedia Entry:

“Causal Theories of Intentionality,” in press, *The Encyclopedia of the Mind*, H. Pashler (Ed.), Sage Publications

Book Reviews:

Review of Andy Clark’s *Supersizing the Mind*, *Philosophical Review*, in press

Review of Mark Rowlands, *The New Science of the Mind*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2011.3.35

Review of Edouard Machery, *Doing without Concepts*, *Metascience*, 20, 1 (March 2011): 147–151

Review of Jerry Fodor, *LOT 2: The Language of Thought Revisited*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 88, 3 (2010): 559–62

In Preparation or Submitted:

Triple review of Mark Rowlands, *The New Science of the Mind*; Anthony Chemero, *Radical Embodied Cognitive Science*; and J. Stewart, O. Gapenne, and E. A. Di Paolo (eds.), *Enaction: Towards a New Paradigm for Cognitive Science*, for *Mind*

“Embodiment and Consciousness” for *Philosophical Topics*

Embodied Cognition and the Philosophy of Mind, book manuscript

“Group Mentality: Structure, Cognition, and Cause,” for B. Kaldis (ed.), *Mind and Society: Cognitive Science Meets the Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, Synthese Library Special Volume

“Distributed Cognition and Extended Mind Theory,” for Sage’s *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*

“Intentionality, Consciousness, and the Third-Person Perspective” to appear in *Current Controversies in Philosophy of Mind* (Routledge), edited by U. Kriegel

“Extended Memory as a Natural Kind,” for a special issue of *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*

“Recent Work on Group Minds”

Grants and Awards:

On-Campus Conference Grant (2012 SPP), Dean’s Fund for Excellence, University of Colorado

Visiting Fellowship, Australian National University (February–April, 2012)
 Kayden Book Award, for *Cognitive Systems and the Extended Mind*, 2011, University of Colorado, Boulder
 Travel Grants, Dean’s Fund for Excellence, University of Colorado (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)
 Research Grants (for travel), University of Colorado Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities (2008, 2009)
 Provost’s Faculty Achievement Award, CU-Boulder, 2007
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers, 2004–2005
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (for research), 2002

Courses Taught and Other Pedagogical Work:

Lower-division: Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Philosophy of Science, Contemporary Moral Problems, Introduction to Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophy and Psychology, Reasoning/Critical Thinking, Symbolic Logic, Contemporary Philosophy, Problems in the Philosophy of Religion, and Modern Philosophy

Upper-division: Philosophy of Mind, Minds, Brains, and Computers, Cognitive Science, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, History of Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, and Comparative Epistemology

Graduate-level: Philosophical Psychology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, and Comparative Epistemology

Courses developed: Comparative Epistemology (TTU)

Master’s thesis committees:

Committee member, Eric Carter, “Color and After-Images” (completed summer, 2002)
 Committee member, Marissa Kelberlau, “Anti-Realism, Van Fraassen, Epistemology, and Metaphysics” (completed summer, 2003)
 Committee chair, Robert Williams, “INUS Abnormalism: A Semantic Theory of Singular Causal Statements” (completed summer, 2004)
 Committee chair, Joseph Long, “Special Predication: A Naturalistic Account of the Special Sciences” (completed summer, 2004)
 Committee member, Derek Kern (defended December, 2007)
 Committee member, Brett Hackett (defended July, 2008)
 Committee member, Lark Fleming (defended January, 2009)
 Committee member, Jennifer Kling (defended April, 2009)
 Committee member, Amber Arnold (defended May, 2010)
 Committee member, Katriel Statman (defended May, 2010)
 Committee member, Ronald LeBel, in progress
 Committee member, Addison Ellis, in progress
 Committee chair, Jason Hanschmann, in progress

Ph. D. thesis committees:

Ken Daley, committee member, “Concepts as Constructions: Structure, Content, and Innateness” (defended Aug., 2007)

Ben Pageler, advisor (defended March, 2011)
 Kristin Demetriou, committee member, in progress
 Mike Zerella, committee member, in progress
 Tyler Hildebrand, prospectus committee member
 Chad Vance, committee member, in progress

Other work with students:

Chair of M.A. Report Committee, Charles Presley, “Content under Pressure: The Broad and Narrow of Segal’s Argument against Externalism” (completed Spring, 2005)
 Reader of Cameron Buckner’s honors thesis, “Answer Sets as Possible Worlds: An Analysis of P-Log” (completed spring, 2004)
 Undergraduate honors thesis advisor to Bauback Kia, “The Prospect of Solidarity,” defended Fall 2007
 Undergraduate honors thesis committee member for twenty-two students at CU-Boulder

Presentations:

“Extended Memory as a Natural Kind,” symposium paper, Fifth International Conference on Memory, University of York, August, 2011.

“Extended Cognition, Extended Selection, and Developmental Systems Theory,” annual meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Salt Lake City, July, 2011

Comment on Louis deRosset, “Grounding Explanations,” Pacific Division APA, 2011

“What Is Cognition?” University of Edinburgh, April, 2011

“Embodiment, Cognition, and Consciousness,” invited symposium paper, Central Division APA, 2011

Comment on “Reorienting the Extended Cognition Debate,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June, 2010

Replies to critics, book symposium on *Cognitive Systems and the Extended Mind*, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 2010

Comment on Darrell P. Rowbottom, “The Indispensability of Intersubjective Probability,” colloquium session, Pacific Division APA, 2010

Comment on Matthew C. Haug, “Causal Theories of Properties and Contingency Intuitions,” colloquium session, Central Division APA, 2010

“Précis of *Cognitive Systems and the Extended Mind*,” *Cognitive Systems and the Extended Mind* (a one-day conference on my research), Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Osnabrück, Nov. 26, 2009

“Extended Cognition and Group Minds,” at *The Extended Mind Thesis in Theory and Applications*, Center for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld, Nov. 24, 2009

“Do Group Mental States Have Causal-Explanatory Power?” University of Pittsburgh, Center for Philosophy of Science, Nov. 10, 2009

“Do Groups Have Mental States?” Cornell University, Nov. 6, 2009; U. Colorado Center for Values and Social Policy, Oct. 23, 2009; University of Utah, Oct. 2, 2009

“Mechanistic Functionalism and the Embodied Mind,” invited symposium paper, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April, 2009, Savannah, Georgia

Symposium participant, *Converging on Cognition: The Embodied Mind*, Institute of Cognitive Science, CU-Boulder, April, 2009

“Where Is My Mind?” Public lecture, Think! series, CU-Boulder, Jan. 2009

“Mental Causation and Interlevel Relations,” 2009 mini-conference on causation, CU-Boulder, Department of Philosophy

“Cognitive Systems and the Extended Mind,” University of Utah, November, 2008

“Embedded and Extended Cognitive Science: Theoretical Perspectives and Experimental Results,” Annual conference, CU Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science, October, 2008

“Cognitive Systems and the Extended Mind,” Chastain Memorial Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago, Sept., 2008

“Vision for CAT-Lovers,” invited symposium paper, responding to Nicoletta Orlandi’s “The Innocent Eye: Seeing-As without Concepts,” Central Division APA, 2008

“Mental Representation in the Embedded Mind,” CU-Boulder Center for the Humanities and Arts, Works in Progress, April, 2008

Comments on Noa Latham’s colloquium paper “Fundamental Laws and Properties,” Pacific Division APA, 2008

“Embodied Representations, Context-Dependence, and the Apportioning of Causal-Explanatory Work,” *Cognition: Embodied, Embedded, Enactive, Extended*, Oct. 2007

“Extended Cognition and the Extended Mind,” University of Missouri, Columbia, October, 2007

Comments on Bruno, Huebner, and Sarkissian, “Cultural Differences in Attributions of Phenomenal States to Groups,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology, York U., 2007

“Properties, Realization, and Ceteris Paribus Laws: What Do the Special Sciences Discover?” Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science, CU-Boulder, coffee talk, March, 2007

“Distributed Cognition, the Human Mind, and the Human Cognitive System,” colloquium paper, Institute of Cognitive Science, CU-Boulder, Nov., 2006

“On Raymond Gibbs’s *Embodiment and Cognitive Science*,” presented to the SALSA group (CU-Boulder Institute of Cognitive Science working papers), August, 2006

“A Dilemma for the Extended mind”

- Plenary session on the extended mind, 2006 meeting of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science, University of Southampton, July, 2006
- The Extended Mind 2: Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go Back in The Head, University of Hertfordshire, July, 2006
- Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference, Åndalsnes, Norway, July, 2006

“Against Some Phenomenological Arguments for the Hypothesis of Extended Cognition”
Joint Session of the Mind and Aristotelian Societies, University of Southampton, July, 2006

Commentary on Robert Wilson’s, “Meaning Making and the Mind of the Externalist,”
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Wash. U., St. Louis, June, 2006

“Extended Cognition As a Framework for Cognitive Science: The Costs Outweighs the Benefits,” invited symposium paper, Central Division APA, 2006

“Extended Cognition as a Philosophical Framework for Empirical Psychology,” works-in-progress circle, Philosophy Department, University of Colorado, Boulder

“Extended and Embedded Cognition: Reining in the Radical Theses,” University of Washington, Seattle, April, 2006

Commentary on Sean Hermanson’s, “Extended Memories and the Functional Roles Objection,” Pacific Division APA, 2006

“What Do We Name When We Name a Property?” Texas Tech Symposium in Honor of Edward Averill, April, 2005

Commentary on Robbins and Jack’s symposium paper, “The Phenomenal Stance,” Pacific Division APA, 2005

“Functionalism, Mental Causation, and the Problem of Analytically Specified Effects,”

- University of Colorado at Boulder, Nov., 2004
- North Carolina State University, January, 2004
- colloquium paper, Eastern Division APA, 2003
- poster presentation, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, California Institute of Technology, June, 2003

“Challenges to the Hypothesis of Extended Cognition,”

- colloquium paper, Pacific Division APA, 2002
- Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, USAF Academy, October, 2001

“Where Is My Mind?” public lecture, Texas Tech University, October, 2001

“The Best Test Theory of Extension: Fundamentals,” John Carroll University (Cleveland), February, 2001

“Coining Terms in the Language of Thought: Innateness, Emergence, and the Lot of Cummins’s Argument against the Causal Theory of Mental Content,” Texas Tech University, October, 2000

“The Lot of Cummins’s Argument against Causal Theories of Mental Content,” colloquium paper, Northwest Conference on Philosophy, October, 1999

Comments on David DeMoss’s “Neuroscience and Free Moral Agency,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy, October, 1999

“The Best Test Theory of Extension: First Principle(s),” colloquium paper, University of Washington, Seattle, October, 1997

“The Disjunction Problem: Testing Out,”

--colloquium paper, Central Division APA, 1997

--Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February, 1996

--Northwest Conference on Philosophy, Gonzaga University, October, 1995

“Dynamical Models of the Mind and the Semantics of Mental Representation,” colloquium paper, meeting of the New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Society, April, 1997

Comments on James Pearce’s “The Anatomy of Cognitive Error,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February, 1996

Comments on Mark Bedau’s “Weak Emergence,” Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, October, 1995

Departmental Service:

At CU-Boulder:

Executive Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2010–present

Colloquium Committee, 2009–2011

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2006–2007, 2009–2010, 2010–2011

Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2009–present

Representative to the Arts and Sciences Council, 2008–2011

Liaison to the CU Institute of Cognitive Science, 2006–present

Honors Council representative, 2006–2009

Salary Committee, 2008–2010

Editor of Departmental Newsletter, 2007

Assistant Web-Master, 2008–2010

At TTU:

Speaker Committee, 2001–2005

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2002–2004

Strategic Plan Subcommittee, 2001

Environmental Ethics Search Committee, 2001–2002
 Open-Position Search Subcommittee, 2001–2002
 Member of Hiring Committee for Departmental Technical Specialist
 Faculty teaching mentor to various graduate part-time instructors
 Faculty advisor to TTU's chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, philosophy honor society, 2002–2005
 Faculty advisor to the Texas Tech Philosophy Club, 2002–2005
 Acting Web-master, 2003–2004

Service to the University (all at CU):

Arts and Sciences Council, 2008–2011
 College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2009–present
 Honors Council, 2006–2009
 Executive Committee, Institute of Cognitive Science, 2009–present
 Member of the CU Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science (CHPS)
 Co-organizer of the 25th Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science,
 theme: “The Special Sciences”

Service to the Profession:

Manuscript referee for
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
British Journal for the Philosophy of Science
 Cambridge University Press
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Cognitive Science
Cognitive Systems Research
Dialectica
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review
Erkenntnis
European Journal for Philosophy of Science
Memory Studies
Mind
Mind & Language
Minds and Machines
 MIT Press
Monist
Noûs
 Oxford University Press
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Philosophers' Imprint
Philosophical Psychology
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Philosophy of Science
Review of Philosophy and Psychology

Routledge
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
Wiley-Blackwell

Section editor, Intentionality, PhilPapers

Textbook reviewer for Thomson Wadsworth, Pearson, and Prentice-Hall

Review panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipends, 20–30 proposals per year, 2003, 2007, 2008

Program Committee, Central Division APA, 2009

Ad hoc conference referee, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010

Ad hoc conference referee, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2009, 2010

Grant proposal referee, Dutch Council for the Humanities, 2007

Chair of symposium, “Concept Acquisition in Cognitive Science,” Central APA, 2009

Chair of colloquium session, “Neural Luck,” Central APA, 2009

Griffith Award Committee, 2010, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Chair of paper session, “Pessimism Sustained: On Alleged Resources for Confirming Psychophysical Identities,” Colorado Conference on Dependence

Evaluator for Blackwell’s *The Philosophical Gourmet Report*, 2011

Local arrangements, annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2012