

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 of Science (properties, laws, causation), Philosophy of Language

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, 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)

Journal Articles:

"Systems, Functions, and Intrinsic Natures: On Adams and Aizawa's *The Bounds of Cognition*," review essay, forthcoming in *Philosophical Psychology* (Invited)

"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

“Frege’s Puzzle and Frege Cases: Defending a Quasi-syntactic Solution,” *Cognitive Systems Research* 9 (2008): 76–91 (Invited)

“Realization, Completers, and *Ceteris Paribus* Laws in Psychology,” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 58 (2007): 1-11

“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 (Invited)

“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

Book Chapters:

“Innateness and the Situated Mind” (formerly titled “Nativism and Empiricism”), in P. Robbins and M. Aydede (eds.), *Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), pp. 96-116.

“Representation in Extended Cognitive Systems: Does the Scaffolding of Language Extend the Mind?” forthcoming, R. Menary (ed.), *The Extended Mind* (MIT Press)

Online Publications:

“Causal Theories of Mental Content,” *Philosophy Compass* 3, 2 (March 2008): 353-80

Review essay, J. T. Ismael, *The Situated Self* (OUP, 2007), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2007.10.15 (approximately 5,000 words)

Review essay, Raymond Gibbs, *Embodiment and Cognitive Science* (Cambridge UP, 2006), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2006.08.20 (approximately 7,000 words)

Encyclopedia Entries:

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

In Preparation or under Review:

“Cognitive Systems and the Supersized Mind,” for *Philosophical Studies*, book symposium on Andy Clark’s *Supersizing the Mind*

“Keeping HEC in CHEC,” under review

The Causal-Developmental Theory of Content, book manuscript on mental content

Review of Jerry Fodor, *LOT 2*, for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

On the practical importance of the extended view of cognition, for special issue of *Cognitive Systems Research*

Review of Clark, *Supersizing the Mind*, for *Journal of Mind and Behavior*

“The Phenomenal Stance and the Priority of First-Person Experience”

Grants and Awards:

Travel Grant, Dean’s Fund for Excellence, University of Colorado, Arts and Sciences Committee (spring 2009)

Research Grant (for travel), University of Colorado Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities (spring 2009)

Travel Grant, Dean’s Fund for Excellence, University of Colorado, Arts and Sciences Committee (spring 2008)

Research Grant (for travel), University of Colorado Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities (spring 2008)

Provost’s Faculty Achievement Award, CU-Boulder, 2007

NEH Fellowship for College Teachers, 2004-2005 (taken during the 2005-2006 academic year)

NEH Summer Stipend (for research), 2002

Twice chosen (1996, 2000) for inclusion in *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers*

Twice nominated (1989, 1990) by the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Philosophy for the annual university-wide fellowship competition

Courses Taught and Other Pedagogical Work:

Lower-division: Introduction to Philosophy, Contemporary Moral Problems, Introduction

to Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophy and Psychology, Reasoning/Critical Thinking, Elementary Symbolic Logic, Contemporary Philosophy, Introduction to Philosophy of Science, Problems in the Philosophy of Religion, and Modern Philosophy

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

Graduate-level: Philosophical Psychology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Comparative Epistemology, and Logic (independent study)

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), "How Do I Know That I Am Thinking about Water? Externalism, Self-Knowledge, and the Fallacy of Incompatibilism"
 Committee member, Brett Hackett, "Temporal Incompatibilities: Substantivalism, A-Passage, and Physical Phenomena" (defended July, 2008)
 Committee member, Lark Fleming (defended January, 2009)
 Committee member, Jennifer Kling (defended April, 2009)
 Committee member, Ronald LeBel, in progress
 Committee member, Randy Krogstad, in progress

Ph. D. thesis committees:

Ken Daley, committee member, "Concepts as Constructions: Structure, Content, and Innateness" (defended Aug., 2007)
 Ben Pageler, advisor, in progress
 Kristin Demetriou, committee member, in progress
 Mike Zerella, projected committee member, prospectus 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

Presentations and Professional Activities:

“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,” 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:

Honors Council Representative, 2006-present

Graduate Admissions Committee member, 2006-07

Salary Committee member, 2008-09

Philosophy Department Liaison to the CU Institute of Cognitive Science, 2006-present

Editor of Departmental Newsletter, 2007

At TTU:

Speaker Committee member, 2001-2005

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2002-2004 (this involved a wide range of duties, from recruiting incoming students to the major, to organizing philosophy club talks, to determining transfer credit)

Strategic Plan Subcommittee member, 2001

Environmental Ethics Search Committee member, 2001-2002

Open-Position Search Subcommittee member, 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 (2002-05)

Faculty advisor to the Texas Tech Philosophy Club (2002-05)

Service to the University:

Arts and Sciences Council, 2008-present
 Honors Council, 2006-present

Service to the Profession:

Manuscript referee for

Noûs
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Philosophy of Science
British Journal for the Philosophy of Science
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Philosophical Quarterly
Monist
Philosophers' Imprint
 Oxford University Press
 Cambridge University Press
 MIT Press (chapter for edited collection)
 Wiley-Blackwell
Cognitive Science
Cognitive Systems Research
Philosophical Psychology
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review
Memory Studies
Erkenntnis

Textbook (or textbook chapter) reviewer for Thomson Wadsworth 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

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

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

Assessing Editor, *Journal of Mind and Behavior*