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Education

PhD, University of Chicago, 2000 (Philosophy)
AM, University of Chicago, 1993 (Philosophy)
MA, Northwestern University, 1991 (Art History)
AB, Harvard University, 1985 (Fine Arts)

Areas of specialization

Philosophical psychology
Experimental philosophy
Philosophy of cognitive science

Areas of competence

Ethics
Aesthetics
Logic
Philosophy of language

Employment

(2007–) Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri
(2001–2007) Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Program in Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology, Washington University in St. Louis
(2000–2001) Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont
(1999–2000) Postdoctoral Fellow, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM

Publications

Books

Robbins, P. and Aydede, M. (Eds.). (2009). *The Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition*. Cambridge University Press.

Articles and chapters

1. Buckwalter, W., Knobe, J., Nichols, S., Pinillos, A., Robbins, P., Sarkissian, H., Weigel, C., and Weinberg, J. (in press). Experimental philosophy. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Oxford University Press.
2. Situated cognition. (in press).
In B. Kaldis (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*. Sage.
3. Modularity of the mind. (in press).
In B. Kaldis (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*. Sage.
4. Knobe, J., Buckwalter, W., Nichols, S., Robbins, P., Sarkissian, H., and Sommers, T. (in press). Experimental philosophy. *Annual Review of Psychology*, 63.
5. Robbins, P. (2009). Guilt by dissociation: Why mindreading may not be prior to metacognition after all. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 32(2), 159–160.
6. Robbins, P. (2009). Modularity of mind.
In E. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2009 Edition).
URL = <<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2009/entries/modularity-mind/>>.
7. Robbins, P. and Aydede, M. (2009). A short primer on situated cognition.
In P. Robbins and M. Aydede (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition* (pp. 3–10). Cambridge University Press.
8. Robbins, P. (2008). Consciousness and the social mind. *Cognitive Systems Research*, 9(1–2), 15–23.
9. Robbins, P. (2007). Minimalism and modularity.
In G. Preyer and G. Peter (Eds.), *Context-Sensitivity and Semantic Minimalism* (pp. 303–319). Oxford University Press.
10. Robbins, P. and Zacks, J. M. (2007). Attachment theory and cognitive science. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 55(2), 457–467.
11. Robbins, P. (2006). The ins and outs of introspection. *Philosophy Compass*, 1(6), 617–630.
12. Robbins, P. and Jack, A. I. (2006). The phenomenal stance. *Philosophical Studies*, 127(1), 59–85.
13. Robbins, P. and Jack, A. I. (2006). An unconstrained mind: Explaining belief in the afterlife. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 29(5), 484.
14. Robbins, P. (2005). Systematicity.
In K. Brown (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, vol. 12, 2nd ed. (pp. 440–443). Elsevier.

15. Robbins, P. (2005). The myth of reverse compositionality. *Philosophical Studies*, 125(2), 251–275.
16. Boyer, P., Robbins, P., and Jack, A. I. (2005). Varieties of self-systems worth having. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 14(4), 647–660.
17. Robbins, P. (2004). Knowing me, knowing you: Theory of mind and the machinery of introspection. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 11(7–8), 129–143.
18. Robbins, P. (2004). To structure, or not to structure? *Synthese*, 139(1), 55–80.
19. Jack, A. I. and Robbins, P. (2004). The illusory triumph of machine over mind. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 27(5), 665–666.
20. Robbins, P. (2002). The paradox of self-consciousness revisited. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 83(4), 424–443.
21. Robbins, P. (2002). How to blunt the sword of compositionality. *Noûs*, 36(2), 313–334.
22. Robbins, P. (2002). What domain integration could not be. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 25(6), 696–697.
23. Robbins, P. (2002). Normativity, naturalism, and the necessity of virtue. In J. Beltrán and C. Pereda (Eds.), *La Certeza, ¿Un Mito?* (pp. 63–70). IIF-UNAM.
24. Robbins, P. (2001). What compositionality still can do. *Philosophical Quarterly*, 51(204), 328–336.
25. Aydede, M. and Robbins, P. (2001). Are Frege cases exceptions to intentional generalizations? *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 31(1), 1–22.
26. Robbins, P. (2000). Paradox twice lost. *Psycoloquy*, 11(57).
27. Robbins, P. (1998). Will the *real* philosopher behind the last logicist please stand up? *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 36(2), 265–287.

Book reviews

1. Robbins, P. (2008). Review of *Simulating Minds* by Alvin Goldman. *Mind*, 117(468), 1076–1079.
2. Robbins, P. (2004). Review of *Philosophy of Mind* by David Chalmers (Ed.). *Philosophical Psychology*, 17(2), 319–320.
3. Robbins, P. (2002). Review of *Conceptual Spaces* by Peter Gärdenfors. *Philosophical Psychology*, 15(2), 200–203.

Other publications

1. Robbins, P. (2008). Teaching and learning guide for: The ins and outs of introspection. *Philosophy Compass*, 3(5), 1100–1102.
2. Boyer, P., Jack, A. I., and Robbins, P. (Eds.). (2005). The brain and its self. [Special issue]. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 14(4).

In preparation

Socially Minded.

Mind perception and moral projection. (with E. Kirsch)

Simulation theory comes of age. [to appear in *Protosociology*]

Experimental philosophy meets philosophy of social science. [to appear in B. Kaldis, ed., *Mind and Society: Cognitive Science Meets the Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, Springer]

Is pragmatics modular? [to appear in A. Capone, ed., *Foundations of Philosophical Pragmatics*, Springer]

Modularity. [to appear in *WIREs: Cognitive Science*]

Experimental philosophy. (with W. Buckwalter, J. Knobe, S. Nichols, . Pinillos, H. Sarkissian, C. Weigel, and J. Weinberg). [to appear in *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, Oxford University Press]

Talks

1. A plea for excuses: Comments on Herman.
Kline Workshop on Kantian Ethics, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 2011
2. Mind perception and moral projection.
University of Missouri-Columbia, April 2011
3. Commonsense thinking about minds and morals.
MERG (Metropolitan Area Experimental Philosophy) Workshop, NYU, March 2011
4. Minds and morals: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited.
Henry Smits Memorial Lecture, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, November 2010 (invited)
5. Minds and morals: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited.
Department of Cognitive Science, Case Western Reserve University, October 2010 (invited)
6. Who's to judge? Comments on Jackson.
Kline Workshop on Experimental Philosophy, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 2010
7. The self and its social body.
Society for Exact Philosophy, Kansas City, March 2010 (invited)
8. Mentality and morality: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited.
University of Missouri-Columbia, March 2010
9. Self-knowledge: A brain's-eye view.
APA Eastern Division, New York City, December 2009 (invited)
10. Consciousness, meta-consciousness, and the social mind: Four lectures.
School of Philosophy and Center for Cognitive Science, University of Chile, Santiago, October 2009 (invited)
11. Mirroring, language, and the viral mind: Reflections on Gordon and Fadiga.
Morris Symposium on Language, Cognition, and Motor Control, SUNY Stony Brook, May 2009 (invited)
12. The fractionation of pragmatics: Comments on Stainton.
Kline Workshop on Meaning, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 2009

13. A fresh look at the feeling of understanding.
Missouri Philosophy of Science (MOPS) Workshop, University of Missouri, September 2008
14. Subsentential speech and psychology.
APA Central Division, Chicago, April 2008 (invited)
15. Thinking about consciousness.
SPAM (Social and Personality Area Meeting), University of Missouri-Columbia, March 2008
16. The genuine problem of consciousness.
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, January 2008 (invited)
17. Consciousness and the social mind.
Cognition and Neuroscience Group, University of Missouri-Columbia, October 2007
18. The genuine problem of consciousness.
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Las Vegas, June 2007 (plenary symposium)
19. The genuine problem of consciousness.
BASIC Workshop on Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, and Self-Representation, Copenhagen, May 2007 (invited)
20. The introspective self.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, April 2007 (invited)
21. Minding the gap.
Northern Illinois University, February 2007 (invited)
22. The mind of a minimalist.
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, January 2007 (invited)
23. The mind of a minimalist.
Colgate University, January 2007 (invited)
24. The mind of a minimalist.
York University, Toronto, January 2007 (invited)
25. The mind of a minimalist.
University of Missouri, January 2007 (invited)
26. The reappearance of introspection.
Washington University in St. Louis, December 2006
27. Anchoring intuitions: Comments on Swain, Alexander & Weinberg.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), St. Louis, June 2006
28. Educating intuition: Explanatory gaps and the Balkanized brain.
Association for Philosophy of Education, APA Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon, March 2006 (invited)
29. Folk personology and the Balkanized brain.
University of Missouri, December 2005 (invited)
30. Is semantics modular?
Workshop on Semantics and Psychological Evidence, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2005 (invited)
31. The phenomenal stance.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2005 (symposium)

32. The phenomenal stance.
Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, October 2004
33. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
SPP–EuroSPP, Barcelona, July 2004
34. Is self-awareness impaired in Asperger syndrome?
The Brain and Its Self, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2004
35. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., December 2003 (symposium)
36. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
Washington University in St. Louis, October 2003
37. Reverse compositionality.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Pasadena, June 2003
38. Anti-Cartesian lessons from the theory of cognitive control: Comments on Thalos.
APA Central Division, Cleveland, April 2003
39. Autism, schizophrenia, and the self.
Washington University in St. Louis, April 2003
40. Reverse compositionality.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2003 (symposium)
41. Emotion, mood, and the body.
Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, March 2003
42. Reverse compositionality.
Washington University in St. Louis, February 2003
43. Reverse compositionality.
University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis, November 2002 (invited)
44. Reverse compositionality.
Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, October 2002
45. Can we afford to be broad-minded?
APA Pacific Division, Seattle, March 2002
46. Prototypes, compositionality, and syntax: Comments on Rives.
Illinois Philosophical Association, Bloomington, November 2001
47. Inferentialism and singular terms: Comments on McCullagh.
Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, October 2001
48. What compositionality still can do.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2001
49. Getting to the heart of self-consciousness.
Washington University, St. Louis, January 2001 (invited)
50. Getting to the heart of self-consciousness.
Mississippi State University, Starkville, February 2001 (invited)

51. How to blunt the sword of compositionality.
Universidad Autónoma de Estado de Morelos, Cuernavaca, Mexico, July 2000 (invited)
52. The paradox of self-consciousness revisited.
Ohio University, Athens, February 2000 (invited)
53. Are Frege cases exceptions to intentional generalizations?
APA Pacific Division, Berkeley, April 1999
54. Rethinking self-consciousness.
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, February 1999 (invited)
55. Atomism for the narrow-minded.
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, January 1999 (invited)
56. Atomism for the narrow-minded.
Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science (RuCCS), Piscataway, January 1999
57. Atomism for the narrow-minded.
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 1999 (invited)
58. Can factualists solve the self-location problem?
APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., December 1998
59. Classical propositionalism, generation gaps, and the diagonal argument.
World Congress of Philosophy XX, Boston, August 1998
60. Classical propositionalism, generation gaps, and the diagonal argument.
APA Central Division, Chicago, May 1998
61. Mathematical fictionalism in context.
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, February 1997

Other conference activity

Invited discussant, Culture and the Mind Workshop on Folk Psychology and Folk Epistemology, Lisbon, January 2007

Grants and awards

Outstanding Undergraduate Mentor Award Nominee, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Missouri, April 2011

Funding to subsidize visit to campus by Dr. Ernest Sosa (Rutgers University), Center for Humanities, University of Missouri, October 2009, \$500

Purple Chalk Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, College of Arts and Science, University of Missouri, February 2009

Funding for the conference "The brain and its self: A new frontier of neuroscience," co-organized with P. Boyer (Psychology, Anthropology) and A. Jack (Neurology), Washington University Sesquicentennial Committee, April 2004, \$7,500

Special Recognition for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring, Washington University, April 2003

APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend, December 1998

Whiting Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1997–1998

Ames Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1995–1997
Mellon Foundation Research Grant, University of Chicago, Summer 1995
Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1991–1995
University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1989–1990
Harvard College, John Harvard, and Farkas Scholarships, Harvard College, 1981–1985
National Merit Scholarship, 1981–1982

Refereeing

Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Crítica
Erkenntnis
European Review of Philosophy
Journal of Consciousness Studies
Journal of Mind and Behavior
Mind and Language
The Monist
New Ideas in Psychology
Noûs
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Philosopher's Imprint
Philosophical Explorations
Philosophical Psychology
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Philosophy of Science
Ratio
Review of Philosophy and Psychology
Cambridge University Press
Oxford University Press
Longman
Routledge
Wiley-Blackwell
Wadsworth
American Philosophical Association
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Cognitive Science Society
National Science Foundation
Canada Research Council
Israel Science Foundation

Professional affiliations

American Philosophical Association
Society for Philosophy and Psychology

PhD supervision

- X. Liu (University of Missouri, Philosophy), *Choice, Control, and Moral Responsibility*, 2009– [reader]
- C. Rice, *Optimality Models and Scientific Explanation*, (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2010– [reader]
- J. R. Thompson, *Contexts, Intentions, and Content* (Washington University, Philosophy), 2001–2004 [co-director, with J. Prinz]
- D. Weiskopf, *A Defense of Conceptual Pluralism* (Washington University, PNP), 2001–2002 [reader]
- K. Bradfield, *Mood and Representation* (Washington University, PNP), 2001–2007 [reader]
- C. Vodehnal, *Motivation and Moral Responsibility* (Washington University, Philosophy), 2002–2007 [reader]

PhD examination

- D. Cicero, *Understanding Delusions: The Role of Aberrant Salience and Self-Relevant Information Processing* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), May 2011
- N. Speer, *Text Comprehension Processes in the Brain* (Washington University, Psychology), November 2005
- E. Gaudet, *The Asymmetry between Quine's Indeterminacy of Translation Thesis and Underdetermination of Theory* (Washington University, Philosophy), December 2003
- M. Melinder, *Automatic vs. Controlled Priming in Individuals with Schizophrenia* (Washington University, Psychology), November 2003
- E. Landers, *Mental Disorder in a Biomedical Age: Problems with Symptoms, Perils of Reduction* (Washington University, PNP), August 2003
- W. Schonbein, *An Intimate Affair: Cognition and Its Physical Basis* (Washington University, PNP), June 2002

MA supervision

- J. Smart, “Dialecticism: Or, how to do philosophy with personal intuitions” (Spring 2011) [2nd reader]
- J. Wright, “Ad hocery,” Spring 2011 [1st reader]
- N. Karcher, “Magical thinking, dopamine, and salience” (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2011–2012 [3rd reader]
- H.-J. Kang, “Mental attribution of beliefs and desires,” Spring 2010 [1st reader]
- A. Pavlicek, “The role of mirror neurons in intention attribution,” Spring 2010 [1st reader]
- J. Coon, “The new mysterian response to Chalmers's conceivability argument,” Spring 2010 [2nd reader]

W. Fan, “Are kind properties represented in perception?” Spring 2010 [2nd reader]

J. Trent, “Intuition and facial feedback” (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2009–2010 [3rd reader]

C. Rice, “Concept empiricism, content, and compositionality” (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [*first reader*]

C. Rice, “Is language really the content integrator?” (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [*first reader*]

Y. Rowher, “Towards a unified module concept: Evidential and definitional properties of module concepts in cognitive science and biology” (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [*second reader*]

BA honors thesis supervision

E. Kirsch, “Commonsense attributions of moral roles: An empirical investigation,” 2010–2011 [*director*]

R. Curl, “Agency in virtual worlds” (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2007–2008 [*director*]

K. Vallier, “Eliminative materialism, self-refutation, and the status of content” (Washington University, Philosophy), 2003–2004 [*director*]

A. Streed, “Color physicalism” (Washington University, Philosophy), 2002–2003 [*director*]

R. Friedman, “Terrorism as civil disobedience” (Washington University, Philosophy), 2002–2003 [*reader*]

S. Arekapudi, “Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia” (Washington University, Philosophy), 2001–2002 [*reader*]

S. Barks, “The study of theory of mind in non-human primates” (Washington University, PNP), 2001–2002 [*reader*]

Departmental service

Graduate admissions committee (member), 2010–2011

Graduate affairs committee (member), 2010–2011

Course director for PHIL 1200: *Logic and Reasoning*, 2008–2009, Spring 2011

Faculty Advisor to Philosophy Club, University of Missouri, 2007–

Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Missouri, 2007–

Director of Speaker Series, University of Missouri, 2008–2009

Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, University of Missouri, 2007–2008

Awards Committee (chair), Washington University, 2005–2007

PNP Executive Committee, Washington University, 2001–2007

PNP Search Committee, Washington University, 2002–2004

Graduate Recruitment Committee, Washington University, 2001–2002, 2003–2004

University service

Committee on Instruction and Advising, University of Missouri, 2007–

Graduate Council faculty representative, Washington University, 2006–2007

Miscellaneous

Co-Director, Planning Committee, Life Sciences and Society Program, for the symposium “Ethics and the Brain,” March 2011

Director, MU Experimental Philosophy Lab, May 2010–

Director, Kline Workshop on Experimental Philosophy, April 2010

Planning Committee, Life Sciences and Society Program, for the symposium “From Biology to Art, and Back Again,” March 2010

Co-organizer, with A. Ariew, Missouri Philosophy of Science Workshop, September 2008

Organizer, Social Cognition Research Group, Summer – Fall 2006

Co-organizer, with R. Gordon (UMSL Philosophy), Social Cognition Reading Group, Spring 2005

Co-organizer, with P. Boyer (Psychology, Anthropology) and A. Jack (Neurology), “The Brain and Its Self: A New Frontier of Neuroscience,” April 2004

Co-organizer, with B. Hyde (Linguistics) and A. Stump (Computer Science), Semantics Reading Group, Spring 2003–Fall 2004

Co-advisor, with B. Hyde, Linguistics Special Major, Washington University, 2002–2007

Co-organizer, with A. Jack (Neurology), PNP Study Group on Introspection and Metacognition, Washington University, Summer 2002

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