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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

Experimental ethics
Moral psychology
Philosophy of psychology

Areas of competence

Aesthetics
Applied epistemology
Ethics
Logic

Employment

(2021–) Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri
(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

Research indices

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16. The moral agency of animals: Comments on Ferrin.
Kline Workshop on Animal Ethics, University of Missouri, April 2018
17. Does group improvisation require a plural subject? Comments on Hagberg.
Kline Workshop on Aesthetics and Philosophy of Music, University of Missouri, March 2018
18. Two questions of persistence: Comments on Rose. [invited]
Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, October 2017
19. Thinking about thinking machines: Turing and the dawn of Artificial Intelligence.
MU Honors College, Humanities Series, April 2017
20. Crime, punishment, and causation: The effect of etiological information on the perception of moral agency. (with P. Litton)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, Georgia, March 2017
21. Why so few? Gender stereotypes, ability beliefs, and the underrepresentation of women in philosophy. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, Texas, January 2017 [poster]
22. Crime, punishment, and causation: The effect of etiological information on the perception of moral agency. (with P. Litton)
Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, SUNY Buffalo, September 2016
23. More than a feeling: Towards an alternative dual-process account of moral judgment.
Missouri Philosophy of Science Workshop, University of Missouri, April 2016
24. Exploring philosophy’s gender gap: Stereotyping, identity, and academic engagement. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., January 2016
25. Philosophy’s leaky pipeline: Self-perceived competence outperforms stereotyping and identity in predicting academic engagement. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, California, January 2016 [poster]
26. Race-asymmetric moral assessments, ideological orientation, and symbolic racism. (with G. Marks-Wilt).
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, June 2015 [poster]
27. The racial division(s) of moral labor: Symbolic racism, political orientation, and race-asymmetric moral status ascription. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, SUNY Buffalo, October 2014
28. Race and racism in ascriptions of moral status. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, May 2014 [poster]
29. The gendered division of moral labor. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, SC, February 2014
30. More than a feeling: Compassion predicts resistance to utilitarian moral judgments — even when it shouldn’t.
Social and Personality Area Meeting, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, March 2013
31. Situating the self. [invited]
Zygon Center for Religion and Science, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, February 2013

32. More than a feeling: Counterintuitive effects of empathy on reasoning about moral dilemmas. [invited]
Mindreading, Understanding, and Emotion, UNC Chapel Hill, January 2013
33. Persons, minds, and morals.
Buffalo Experimental Philosophy Conference, SUNY Buffalo, October 2012
34. Consilience denied: Folk personology and the Balkanized brain.
Science Studies Colloquium, University of Missouri, September 2012
35. Is conscious will an illusion?
MU Honors College, Social and Behavioral Science Series, September 2011 [lecture]
36. The social foundations of selfhood. [invited]
SMU Mind Workshop on Consciousness and the Self, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas,
April 2012
37. Persons, minds, and morals. [invited]
Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, April 2012
38. Minding the gaps: Comments on King.
Kline Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Epistemology. University of Missouri, October 2011
39. Mind perception and moral projection.
Quantitative Area, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, October 2011
40. A plea for excuses: Comments on Herman.
Kline Workshop on Kantian Ethics, University of Missouri, April 2011
41. Mind perception and moral projection.
University of Missouri, April 2011
42. Commonsense thinking about minds and morals.
MERG (Metropolitan Area Experimental Philosophy) Workshop, NYU, March 2011
43. Minds and morals: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited. [invited]
Henry Smits Memorial Lecture, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, November 2010
44. Minds and morals: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited. [invited]
Department of Cognitive Science, Case Western Reserve University, October 2010
45. Who's to judge? Comments on Jackson.
Kline Workshop on Experimental Philosophy, University of Missouri, April 2010
46. The self and its social body. [invited]
Society for Exact Philosophy, Kansas City, March 2010
47. Mentality and morality: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited.
University of Missouri, March 2010
48. Self-knowledge: A brain's-eye view. [invited]
APA Eastern Division, New York City, December 2009
49. Consciousness, meta-consciousness, and the social mind: Four lectures. [invited]
School of Philosophy and Center for Cognitive Science, University of Chile, Santiago, October 2009
50. Mirroring, language, and the viral mind: Reflections on Gordon and Fadiga. [invited]
Morris Symposium on Language, Cognition, and Motor Control, SUNY Stony Brook, May 2009

51. The fractionation of pragmatics: Comments on Stainton.
Kline Workshop on Meaning, University of Missouri, April 2009
52. A fresh look at the feeling of understanding.
Missouri Philosophy of Science (MOPS) Workshop, University of Missouri, September 2008
53. Subsentential speech and psychology. [invited]
APA Central Division, Chicago, April 2008
54. Thinking about consciousness.
SPAM (Social and Personality Area Meeting), Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, March 2008
55. The genuine problem of consciousness. [invited]
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, January 2008
56. Consciousness and the social mind.
Cognition and Neuroscience Group, University of Missouri, October 2007
57. The genuine problem of consciousness. [invited]
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Las Vegas, June 2007 (plenary symposium)
58. The genuine problem of consciousness. [invited]
BASIC Workshop on Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, and Self-Representation, Copenhagen, May 2007
59. The introspective self. [invited]
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, April 2007
60. Minding the gap. [invited]
Northern Illinois University, February 2007
61. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, January 2007
62. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
Colgate University, January 2007
63. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
York University, Toronto, January 2007
64. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
University of Missouri, January 2007
65. The reappearance of introspection.
Washington University in St. Louis, December 2006
66. Anchoring intuitions: Comments on Swain, Alexander & Weinberg. [invited]
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), St. Louis, June 2006
67. Educating intuition: Explanatory gaps and the Balkanized brain. [invited]
Association for Philosophy of Education, APA Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon, March 2006
68. Folk personology and the Balkanized brain.
University of Missouri, December 2005 [invited]
69. Is semantics modular?
Workshop on Semantics and Psychological Evidence, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2005 (invited)

70. The phenomenal stance.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2005 (symposium) [invited]
71. The phenomenal stance.
Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, October 2004
72. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
SPP–EuroSPP, Barcelona, July 2004
73. Is self-awareness impaired in Asperger syndrome?
The Brain and Its Self, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2004
74. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., December 2003 (symposium)
75. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
Washington University in St. Louis, October 2003
76. Reverse compositionality.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Pasadena, June 2003
77. Anti-Cartesian lessons from the theory of cognitive control: Comments on Thalos.
APA Central Division, Cleveland, April 2003
78. Autism, schizophrenia, and the self.
Washington University in St. Louis, April 2003
79. Reverse compositionality.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2003 (symposium)
80. Emotion, mood, and the body.
Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, March 2003
81. Reverse compositionality.
Washington University in St. Louis, February 2003
82. Reverse compositionality.
University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis, November 2002 [invited]
83. Reverse compositionality.
Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, October 2002
84. Can we afford to be broad-minded?
APA Pacific Division, Seattle, March 2002
85. Prototypes, compositionality, and syntax: Comments on Rives.
Illinois Philosophical Association, Bloomington, November 2001
86. Inferentialism and singular terms: Comments on McCullagh.
Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, October 2001
87. What compositionality still can do.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2001
88. Getting to the heart of self-consciousness.
Washington University, St. Louis, January 2001 [invited]

R. Lauer, "Understanding, explanation, and knowledge of causes," Spring 2013 [1st reader]

K. Shields, "Motivational internalism and experimental philosophy," Spring 2012 [1st reader]

K. Shields, "Moral concepts, objectivity, and experimental philosophy," Spring 2012 [1st reader]

L. Chiu, "Justifying the role of metaphysics in the extended mind debate," Summer 2011 [1st reader]

J. Smart, "Dialecticism: Or, how to do philosophy with personal intuitions," Spring 2011 [1st reader]

J. Wright, "Ad hockery," Spring 2011 [1st reader]

H.-J. Kang, "Mental attribution of beliefs and desires," Spring 2010 [1st reader]

J. Coon, "The new mysterian response to Chalmers's conceivability argument," Spring 2010 [1st reader]

W. Fan, "Are kind properties represented in perception?" Spring 2010 [1st reader]

C. Rice, "Concept empiricism, content, and compositionality" (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [1st reader]

C. Rice, "Is language really the content integrator?" (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [1st 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 [1st reader]

MA supervision (secondary)

J. Hua, "Differentiating psychosis risk and mania risk scales and their associations with spontaneous eye blink rates" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2017 [outside reader]

G. L. Mitchell, "Can people think like pigeons? Motivation and the Monty Hall dilemma" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2015 [outside reader]

S. Glenn Baker, "Lay theories and the correction of mood influences on judgments" (Psychological Sciences, 2014–2016 [outside reader]

C. Von Gunten, "Resource-depletion: Outcome of failed energy management or adaptive emotion?" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2014–2015 [outside reader]

S. Heintzelman, "Positive affect, intuitive processing, and visual encoding" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2011–2012 [outside reader]

M. Halusic, "Autonomous orientation and self differentiation" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2011–2013 [outside reader]

M. Prentice, "Threat, low hope, and defensive belief in luck" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), Summer 2011 [outside reader]

N. Karcher, "Magical thinking, dopamine, and salience" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2011–2012 [outside reader]

J. Trent, "Intuition and facial feedback" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2009–2010 [outside reader]

Director of Graduate Admissions, 2018–2020
Graduate Affairs Committee (chair), 2018–2020
Promotion and Tenure Review Committee (Kenny Boyce; member), 2018
Raise Recommendation Advisory Committee (member), 2018–2020
Undergraduate Affairs Committee (member), 2017–2019
Departmental Workload Policy Committee (member), 2017
Graduate Affairs Committee (member), 2016–2018
Third-Year Review Committee (Marina Folescu, service), 2016
Third-Year Review Committee (Alexandru Radulescu, research), 2016
Curriculum Committee (member), 2014–2015, 2017–2018
P&T Policy Review Committee (member), 2012–2013
M&E Search Committee (member), 2012–2013
History Search Committee (member), 2012–2013
Director of Graduate Studies, 2012–2015
Graduate Affairs Committee (chair), 2012–2015
Graduate Student Teaching Prize coordinator, Spring 2012
Graduate Admissions Committee (member), 2010–2012
Graduate Affairs Committee (member), 2010–2012
Course Director for PHIL 1200: *Logic and Reasoning*, 2008–2009, Spring 2011
Faculty Advisor to Philosophy Club, University of Missouri, 2007–2011
Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Missouri, 2007–2011
Director of Speaker Series, University of Missouri, 2008–2009
Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, University of Missouri, 2007–2008
Awards Committee (chair), Washington University in St. Louis, 2005–2007
PNP Executive Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2001–2007
PNP Search Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002–2004
Graduate Recruitment Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2001–2002, 2003–2004

University service

College of Arts and Science Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, 2018–2021
College of Arts and Science Appeals Committee, 2019–2021
Committee on Instruction and Advising, University of Missouri, 2007–2011
Graduate Council faculty representative, Washington University in St. Louis, 2006–2007

Mind and Language
Minds and Machines
The Monist
Nature Human Behavior
New Ideas in Psychology
Noûs
Open Mind: Discoveries in Cognitive Science
Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy
Perspectives on Psychological Science
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Philosopher's Imprint
Philosophical Explorations
Philosophical Psychology
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Philosophy of Science
Psychological Review
Ratio
Review of Philosophy and Psychology
Synthese

Presses

Cambridge University Press
Continuum Press
Longman
MIT Press
Oxford University Press
Routledge
Wadsworth
Wiley-Blackwell

Conferences

American Philosophical Association
Central States Philosophical Association
Cognitive Science Society
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Funding agencies

National Science Foundation

Canada Research Council

Israel Science Foundation

University of Missouri Research Board

Professional affiliations

American Philosophical Association

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology