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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Aesthetics, Descartes

EDUCATION

Oxford University, D.Phil in Philosophy, 2004
Dissertation: *Reasons and Armchair Knowledge*
Supervisor: Timothy Williamson

Oxford University, B.Phil in Philosophy, 2001
Thesis: *Content and Self-Knowledge*
Supervisor: Timothy Williamson

Princeton University, B.A. in Comparative Literature, *magna cum laude*, 1999

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Cornell University, 2012-present

Assistant Professor, Cornell University, 2006-2012

Research Fellow, Australian National University, RSSH, Centre for Consciousness,
Jan-July 2007, Jan-July 2009

Bersoff Fellow, New York University, 2004-2006

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming “The Agony of Defeat?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
- “Introspection and Inference”, *Philosophical Studies* Online First
- “The Epistemology of Perception”, with Susanna Siegel, in (ed.) M. Matthen
The Oxford Handbook of Perception (OUP)
- “Explaining Perceptual Entitlement”, *Erkenntnis* Online First
- 2013 “The Significance of High-Level Content”, in (ed.) B. Brogaard special
volume of *Philosophical Studies*
- 2012 “Judgment as a Guide to Belief”, in (eds.) D. Smithies and D. Stoljar
Introspection and Consciousness (OUP)
- 2011 “Seeing Through the ‘Veil of Perception’”, *Mind* 120: 329-67
- 2008 “Basic Justification and the Moorean Response to the Skeptic”, *Oxford Studies
in Epistemology: Volume 2*
- 2005 “Transmission Failure Failure”, *Philosophical Studies* 126: 71-102
- “Deception and Evidence”, *Philosophical Perspectives* 19: 375-404

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- “Consciousness, Attention, and Justification”, with Susanna Siegel, for D. Dodd and
E. Zardini (eds.) Scepticism and Perceptual Justification (OUP)
- “TMI: The Epistemology of Phenomenal Overflow”, with Susanna Siegel, for A.
Pautz and D. Stoljar (eds.) Themes From Ned Block (MIT)
- “Perceptual Experience and Perceptual Justification”, for the Stanford
Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- “How Does Perception Justify Belief?”, for R. Neta (ed.) Current Controversies in
Epistemology (Routledge)
- “Consciousness and Distraction”
- “What is the Scope of Aesthetic Experience?”

PRESENTATIONS (excluding job talks)

“What is the Scope of Aesthetic Experience?”

- 2013 (April) Lewis and Clark College
- 2012 (Dec) *Philosophy of Perception and Aesthetics*, University of Antwerp
- 2012 (Nov) Philosophy of Mind and Psychology Research Seminar, Glasgow

“Consciousness, Attention, and Justification”

- 2012 (Nov) University of Leeds
- 2011 (Dec) *The Normative Significance of Consciousness*, Fribourg Switzerland
- 2011 (Oct) University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2011 (July) Australian National University, RSSS, *Perceptual Capacities*
- 2011 (May) University of Geneva, Epistemology of Perception Workshop
- 2011 (April) Harvard University, Attention Workshop
- 2010 (Oct) Brown University, Epistemology Seminar
University of Edinburgh
Arché, University of St Andrews
Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen

“The Significance of High-Level Content”

- 2010 (May) Columbia University, *New Directions in Philosophy of Mind*
- 2010 (April) University of Arizona
Harvard University, Philosophy of Perception seminar
- 2010 (Jan) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, *Consciousness and Thought*

“Introspection and Inference”

- 2010 (March) Columbia University
- 2009 (Nov) Princeton University
- 2009 (June) Hong Kong Polytechnic, *Towards a Science of Consciousness*
- 2009 (March) Australian National University, RSSS
- 2008 (Sept) University of St Andrews, Arché Basic Knowledge Workshop

“The Agony of Defeat?”

- 2008 (Aug) Dubrovnik, *Consciousness and Thought*
- 2007 (May) Australian National University, RSSS, *The Epistemology of Experience*

“Immediate Justification and Mediated Content” (now “Seeing Through the ‘Veil of Perception’”)

- 2008 (Sept) University of Rochester, Mellon Epistemology Workshop

- 2008 (March) University of St Andrews, Arché Basic Knowledge Workshop
 University of Toronto
 2007 (Feb) ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus, *Consciousness at the Beach 2*

“Mental Causation and the Basing Relation”

- 2007 (May) Australian National University, RSSS

“Basic Justification and the Moorean Response to the Skeptic”

- 2006 (June) University of Geneva (in French)
 2005 (April) UNC, Epistemology Seminar
 2004 (Oct) Columbia University, workshop on themes from Peacocke

“Comments on E.J. Coffman’s ‘Williamson’s Evidence’”

- 2006 (April) Central APA

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Predictions and Motives in Perception

9/11-9/12 2010

Cornell University, A.D. White House

co-organized with Susanna Siegel

funded by Cornell’s departments of Philosophy, Psychology, and Cognitive Science

TEACHING

- Spring 2013 Topics in Epistemology (Psychology of Belief Formation)
 Writing Seminar: Art and the Mind
- Spring 2012 Aesthetics
 Topics in Epistemology (Knowledge and the Danger of Error)
- Fall 2011 Proseminar
 Introduction to Philosophy
- Spring 2011 Knowledge and Reality
 Topics in Epistemology (Perception)
- Fall 2010 Proseminar
- Spring 2010 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind
 Topics in Philosophy of Mind (Self-Knowledge)

Fall 2009	Introduction to Philosophy Proseminar
Fall 2008	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind Proseminar
Spring 2008	Knowledge and Reality Topics in Epistemology (Testimony and Disagreement)
Fall 2007	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind Philosophy of Perception
Fall 2006	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind Department Workshop, Convenor
Spring 2006	Topics in Philosophy of Mind (Mental Content), with James Pryor
Fall 2005	Topics in Metaphysics (Color and Color Experience)
Spring 2005	Topics in Metaphysics (Time and Personal Identity)
Fall 2004	Topics in Epistemology (Knowledge and Skepticism)

THESIS SUPERVISION

Undergraduate: Garrett Katz (2006), Peter Devlin (2012)

Graduate (ongoing): Jonathan Vance (as primary supervisor), Ru Ye (as primary supervisor), Lu Teng (as primary supervisor), Adam Bendorf, Theodore Korzuhkin, Stephen Mahaffey, Colin McLear

SERVICE

Since Fall 2004 Referee work for *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Dialectica*, *Mind*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Review*, and Oxford University Press