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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Perception

Areas of Competence

Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Applied Ethics

Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University, 2009 - present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University, 2003 - 2009

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Consciousness, Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National University, Spring 2007

Degrees

The University of Arizona
Ph.D. in Philosophy (minor in Cognitive Science), 2003
Dissertation: *The Nature of Phenomenal Content*
Committee: David Chalmers (Chair), Terry Horgan, Joseph Tolliver

Rice University
B. A. in Philosophy, Psychology, and Cognitive Science (triple major), 1997

Publications

Thompson, B. 2021. "Smellosophy: What the Nose Tells the Mind" (Book Review).
The Philosophers' Magazine.

Howell, R. and Thompson, B. 2017. "Phenomenally Mine: In Search of the
Subjective Character of Consciousness," *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*.

Thompson, B. 2010. "The Spatial Content of Experience," *Philosophy and
Phenomenological Research* 81: 146-184.

- Thompson, B. 2009. "The Inverted Spectrum," in Bayne, T., Cleeremans, A., and Wilken, P. (eds.) *Oxford Companion to Consciousness*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Thompson, B. 2009. "Senses for Senses," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87: 99-117.
- Thompson, B. 2008. "Representationalism and the Argument from Hallucination," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 89: 384-412.
- Thompson, B. 2008. "Representationalism and the Conceivability of Inverted Spectra," *Synthese* 160: 203-213.
- Thompson, B. 2007. "Shoemaker on Phenomenal Content," *Philosophical Studies* 135: 307-334.
- Thompson, B. 2006. "Colour Constancy and Russellian Representationalism," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 84: 75-94. Reprinted in Benj Hellie and Jim John, editors, *The Transparency of Experience*, The MIT Press, forthcoming.
- Thompson, B. 2006. "Moral Value, Response-Dependence, and Rigid Designation," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 36: 71-94.
- Thompson, B. 2006. "Comments on Jenann Ismael's 'Doublemindedness: A model for a dual content cognitive architecture,'" *Psyche* 12 (2).

Honors

- Nominee, HOPE Professor of the Year, SMU Resident Life and Student Housing, 2021-2022.
- Course Development Grant, Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, SMU, 2016-2017.
- Travel Grant, University Research Council, Southern Methodist University, Summer 2004
- University Research Grant, Southern Methodist University, Summer 2004
- William Fink Prize (for best overall graduate student), Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2002.
- Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona, 2002.
- Tsanoff Essay Prize (awarded for best student essays), Department of Philosophy, Rice University, 1997.

Presentations

- Comments on Babak Khoshroo, "The Content of Visualization," Pacific APA, April 2021
- Comments on Jared Peterson, "Introspection and the Attitudes," Pacific APA, March 2018
- "Everything is Beautiful". DCII Fellows Seminar, SMU, April 2017
- Comments on Clare MacCumhail, "Locative Escape," Workshop on Spatial Functionalism, NYU/Jean Nicod Institute, Paris, June 2015.
- Comments on Jacob Beck, "Marking the Perception-Cognition Boundary," Central APA, February 2015.
- Comments on Angela Mendelovici, "Mental Representation is not a Relation," Pacific APA, March 2013
- "The Subjectivity and Objectivity of Perception," Texas Tech, November 2011
- "The Indexicality of Perceptual Content," Texas Tech, November 2011
- "The Indexicality of Perceptual Content," Conference on Consciousness and Intentionality, Rice University, October 2011
- "The Perception of Shape," Harvard Conference on Spatial Perception, October 2010
- Comments on Derek Brown, "On a Rational Reconstruction of Intentionalism Debates," Pacific APA, April 2009
- "Perceptual Demonstratives and Hallucination", Conference on Hallucination, Crete, September 2008
- "Seeing Through Appearances," Tucson 8: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2008.
- Comments on Brian Fiala, "Materialism and the Psychology of Explanation," Pacific APA, March 2008
- "Seeing Through Appearances," University of Sydney, March 2007
- "Seeing Through Appearances," Monash University, March 2007
- "The Spatial Content of Experience," University of Melbourne, March 2007
- "The Time-Lag Argument Revisited," Consciousness @ the Beach 2, ANU/Kioloa, February 2007
- "Seeing Through Appearances," Australian National University, February 2007
- "The Problem of Perception," Dallas Philosopher's Forum, October 2006.

“The Spatial Content of Experience,” Tucson 7: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2006.

“Color Constancy and Russellian Representationalism,” Joint Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Barcelona, July 2004

“Representationalism and the Argument from Hallucination,” Tucson 6: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2004

Comments on Torin Alter, “On the Conditional Analysis of Phenomenal Concepts,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2004.

“Is a Science of Consciousness Possible?” SMU Philosophy Club, September 2004.

“Do We See the World Upside-Down?” SMU Philosophy Club, October 2003.

“The Significance of Transparency,” Tucson 2002: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2002.

“Railton on Rigidified Response-Dependence,” Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, March 2002.

“The Significance of Transparency,” NEH Summer Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality, June 2002.

“Epistemological Problems in the Science of Consciousness,” Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, February 2001.

“Consciousness and Self-Knowledge,” Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, March 1999.

Other Professional Activities

Co-founder and Co-contributor to *Brain Pains*, a group blog in the philosophy of mind. <http://brainpains.com>

Workshop participant (invited), SPAWN 2008: Perception, Syracuse University, August 2008

Workshop participant (invited), SPAWN 2005: Consciousness, Syracuse University, July 2005

Service

Undergraduate Advisor for the Philosophy Major and Minor, Fall 2018-present
Common Curriculum PRIE Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Committee on Promotion and Tenure, Dedman I, 2015-2017
Vetting Committee for PRIE Pillar, University Curriculum, 2014, 2015
Member of Scholarly Publishing and Tenure Task Force, Dedman College, 2012

Member of the University Council on General Education, SMU, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2014

Member of the SACS General Education Subcommittee, SMU, 2009-2010

Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club, SMU, Fall 2009, Fall 2012-present

Coordinator, Philosophy Department Work in Progress Dinners, SMU, 2007-2011

Update and maintenance of the SMU Philosophy Department website

Interviewer for two tenure-track positions, SMU, 2007

Interviewer for two lecturer positions, SMU, 2005

Referee for *Mind*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *Psyche*, *Philosophia*, Mc-Graw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology

Speaker at the Dallas Philosopher's Forum

Speaker for the SMU undergraduate Philosophy Club (3 times) and discussion participant

Discussion participant for the SMU undergraduate organization, Students for a Better Society

Courses Taught

Southern Methodist University:

Introduction to Philosophy (multiple years)

Introduction to Philosophy: Minds, Machines, and Persons (multiple years)

Contemporary Moral Problems (multiple years)

Philosophy of Mind (multiple years)

Philosophy of Perception (multiple years)

Consciousness: Empirical and Theoretical Approaches (multiple years)

Personal Identity

Consciousness and Free Will

The Ethics of Pleasure and Pain (multiple years)

Philosophy and Videogames

University of Arizona:

Minds, Brains, and Computers, Summer 2001

Minds, Brains, and Computers, Summer 2000

Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual, Winter 1999

Early Modern Philosophy, Summer 1999

Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 1998