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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, RISS, 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. 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

- 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

### *Refereed*

- "Seeing Through Appearances," Tucson 8: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2008.
- "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

“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.

*Invited*

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

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.

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," 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.

### **Work in Progress**

"Phenomenal Me-ness?" with Robert Howell

"Perceptual Demonstratives and Hallucination"

"Seeing Through Appearances"

Untitled Book Manuscript on the philosophy of perception

### **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**

Vetting Committee for PRIE Pillar, University Curriculum, 2014

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-present

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

## Teaching Experience

### *Independently Taught*

#### *Southern Methodist University:*

PHIL 1305: Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012  
 PHIL 1305H: Introduction to Philosophy (Honors), Spring 2009, Fall 2012  
 PHIL 1318: Contemporary Moral Problems, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008  
 PHIL 1318H: Contemporary Moral Problems (Honors), Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006  
 PHIL 3315: Philosophy of Mind, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Spring 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011  
 PHIL 3310: Advanced Topics: Appearance and Reality, Spring 2005  
 PHIL 3310: Advanced Topics: Consciousness, Spring 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2012  
 PHIL 3310: Advanced Topics: Perception, Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Spring 2010, Spring 2012  
 PHIL 3310: Advanced Topics: Personal Identity, Fall 2010

#### *University of Arizona:*

PHIL/PSYC 346: Minds, Brains, and Computers, Summer 2001  
 PHIL/PSYC 346: Minds, Brains, and Computers, Summer 2000  
 INDV 101: Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual, Winter 1999  
 PHIL 262: Early Modern Philosophy, Summer 1999  
 PHIL 111: Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 1998