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Ph.D. Philosophy (2008)
CUNY Graduate Center
Concentration: Cognitive Science

AOS: Philosophy of Mind & Cognitive Science
AOC: Logic, History of Philosophy, General Psychology

Teaching Positions & Courses taught

LaGuardia Community College (CUNY) –Professor (full; with tenure) 2015-Present; Associate Professor (tenure-track) 2011-2015; Assistant Professor (tenure-track) 2008-2011; Instructor (full-time) 2007-2008

Introduction to Neuroscience; General Psychology; ***Logic and Philosophy*** (hybrid/online and traditional); ***Humanism, Science, & Technology*** (Liberal Arts Capstone; hybrid/online and traditional); ***Philosophy of Mind*** (hybrid/online and traditional); ***Brains, Minds, & Consciousness*** (Liberal Arts 'cluster' (same students take Phil 101, Psych 101 (taught by Lara Beaty), English 101 & 103, and a team-taught integrated hour); 7 iterations); ***Introduction to Philosophy*** (Fully online, Hybrid/online, and traditional); ***Ethics and Moral Issues*** (Fully online, Hybrid/online, and traditional); ***Philosophy of Religion***; ***Medical Ethics***; ***Critical Thinking***

Brooklyn College (CUNY) –Visiting Instructor (full-time) 2005-2007; Adjunct Lecturer 2003-2005

Philosophy of Psychology (Spring 2007)*;* ***Philosophy of Language*** (Spring 2007 & 2006)*;* ***Scientific Revolutions*** (Spring 2007 & Fall 2006)*;* ***Philosophy of Biology*** (Fall 2006); ***Ethical Issues in Business*** (regularly)*;* ***Ethics & Society*** (regularly; Spring 2005 for High School students via College Now: http://www.collegenow.cuny.edu/); ***Knowledge, Reality, & Values*** (regularly; Spring 2006 w/College Now)

San Francisco State University –Graduate Teaching Associate 2000-2002

Critical Thinking (Fall 2000, Summer 2001, Fall 2001, Summer 2002)

Selected Publications

Articles

(in press) with Hakwan Lau "The Emperor's new Phenomenology? The Empirical Case for Conscious Experience without First-Order Representations" in Pautz & Stoljar (ed) *Themes from Block*. The MIT Press.

(2017) with Joseph E. LeDoux "A Higher-Order Theory of Emotional Consciousness" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States* Early Edition: www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1619316114

(2015) "The HOROR Theory of Phenomenal Consciousness" *Philosophical Studies* 172(7): 1783-1794

(2014) "Consciousness Doesn't Overflow Cognition" *Frontiers in Psychology* 5(1399): doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2014.01399

(2012) with Pete Mandik "On Whether the Higher-Order Thought Theory of Consciousness Entails Cognitive Phenomenology, or What is it like to Think that one Thinks that P?*"* *Philosophical Topics* 40(2): 1-12

(2012) "Zombies and Simulation" *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 19(7-8): 21-25

(2012) "The Brain and its States" in Edelman, Fekete, & Zach (ed) *Being in Time: Dynamical Models of Phenomenal Experience.* Advances in Consciousness Research 88 John Benjamins press

(2012) "The Myth of Phenomenological Overflow" *Consciousness and Cognition* 21(2): 599-604

(2010) "Deprioritizing the A Priori Arguments against Physicalism" *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 17(3-4): 47-69

(2006) "What is a Brain State?" *Philosophical Psychology* 19(6): 729-742

Edited Books and Journal Issues

(2015) A special issue of *Philosophical Studies* 172(7) featuring participants from CO5: The Fifth Online Consciousness Conference

(2012; published in 2014) "Consciousness"*:* A special issue of *Philosophical Topics* 40(2) featuring participants from CO4: The Fourth Online Consciousness Conference

(2013) *Consciousness Inside and Out: Phenomenology, Neuroscience, and the Nature of Experience* Studies in Brain and Mind 6 Springer press: A book featuring participants from CO3: The Third Online Consciousness Conference.

(2012) "Standing on the Verge: Lessons and Limits from the Empirical Study of Consciousness" *Consciousness and Cognition* 21(2): A special issue featuring rewritten papers, new commentary and author's responses from CO2: The Second Online Consciousness Conference

(2010) "Philosophers Facing Phenomenal Consciousness" *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 17(3-4): A special issue featuring rewritten papers from CO1: The First Online Consciousness Conference

Reviews

(2016) Review of *Content and Consciousness Revisited: With Replies from Daniel Dennett* edited by Carlos Muñoz-Suárez and Felipe De Brigard in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

(2014) Review of *Consciousness and the Limits of Objectivity: The Case for Subjective Physicalism* by Robert J. Howell in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

(2013) Review of *Constructing the World* by David Chalmers in *The Philosophers' Magazine* 61(2): 115-118

(2012) Review of *The Consciousness Paradox: Consciousness, Concepts, and Higher-Order Thoughts* by Rocco Gennaro in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* available @ http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/30848-the-consciousness-paradox-consciousness-concepts-and-higher-order-thoughts/

(2011) Review of *Controversies and the Metaphysics of Mind* by Yaron Senderowicz in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* available @ http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=22310

Other

(forthcoming) "Consciousness, Higher-Order Theories of" in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Craig, E. (ed)

(2014) "David Chalmers on Mind and Consciousness" in *Philosophy of Mind: The Key Thinkers* edited by Andrew Bailey Continuum Press pps 257-275

(2012) "Contemporary Philosophy of Mind: Consciousness" in *The Philosopher's Way* 4th edition by John Chaffee Prentice Hall

(2009) *Terminator and Philosophy: I'll be Back, Therefore I Am* with Kevin S. Decker (eds) Blackwell

(2009) "Terminating Ambiguity: The Perplexing Case of 'The'" in *Terminator and Philosophy* Richard Brown & Kevin S. Decker (eds) Blackwell Publishing

Selected Presentations

"The HOROR Theory of Phenomenal Consciousness" Plenary talk at *The Science of Consciousness* TSC2016 Tucson, Arizona April 25-30 2016

"The Possibility of Biologicalism about Consciousness" invited talk presented at *The Institute for European and American Studies*, Academia Senica. Taipei, Taiwan August 10 2015

"Higher-Order Theories of Phenomenal Consciousness" invited talk presented at *A Conference in Honor of David Rosenthal*: *Higher-Order Theories and Mental Qualities* Taipei, Taiwan August 3-5 2015

"Introspective Consciousness and Higher-Order Thoughts" talk presented at the *CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series*. New York, New York February 20 2015

"Consciousness without First-Order Representations" talk presented at the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness 17th Annual Meeting*. San Diego, California July 11-15 2013

"Pain, Painfulness, and Kripke's Modal Argument" talk presented at *The Work of Saul Kripke: An International Conference.* Omaha, Nebraska May 20-23 2013

"The Phenomenology of HOT or, What is it Like to Think That one Thinks that P?" talk presented at the *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 87th Annual Meeting*. San Francisco California March 27-31 2013

"The Nature of Phenomenal Consciousness" talk presented at the *CUNY Graduate Center Philosophy Program's Fall 2012 Colloquium Series*. NY, NY September 5 2012

"The 2D Argument Against Non-Materialism" talk presented at the *10th Biennial Towards a Science of Consciousness, "TSC2012"*. Tucson, Arizona April 9-14 2012

"Phenomenal Consciousness Ain't in the (Back of the) Head" talk presented at the *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology* 104th Annual *Meeting* in an invited symposium on Explaining Consciousness. Savannah, Georgia March 22-24 2012

"The Emperor's New Phenomenology? The Empirical Case for Conscious Experience without First-Order Representations" talk presented (with Hakwan Lau) at the *NYU Consciousness Discussion Group*. New York, New York September 21 2011

"Consciousness and the Tribunal of Experience" invited talk at the *Columbia University Psychology Department "Cognitive Lunch" Speaker Series*. New York, New York, March 22, 2010

"The Reverse-Zombie Argument against Dualism" talk at the *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 83rd Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, Canada April 8-12 2009

"Language, Thought, Logic, and Existence" poster at the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology* 34th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 26-29, 2008

"HOT Implies PAM: Why Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness are Committed to a Phenomenal Aspect for all Mental States, even Beliefs" talk at *Tucson VIII-Towards a Science of Consciousness 2008*. Tucson, Arizona April 8-12 2008

"Language, Thought, Logic, and Existence" talk at the *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 82nd Annual Meeting*. Pasadena, California March 18-23 2008

"Consciousness, (Higher-Order) Thoughts, and What It's Like" talk at *the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness 11th Annual Meeting*. Los Vegas, Nevada June 22-25 2007

"Consciousness, (Higher-Order) Thoughts, and What It's Like" poster at the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology* 33rd Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada June 14-17, 2007

"What is a Brain State?" talk *at Tucson VII-Towards a Science of Consciousness 2006*. Tucson, Arizona April 4-8 2006

"Introducing Frigidity" talk at the *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology 97th Annual Meeting*. Durham, North Carolina March 24-26 2005

"What is a Brain State?" poster at *Neurophilosophy: The State of the Art*. The final meeting of the McDonnell Project in Philosophy and the Neurosciences. Pasadena, CA June 21-23, 2005

"Saying 'I Do' to Identity" talk at *the Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Barcelona, Spain July 3-6 2004

with Mark Geisler- "Gamma Activity and Object Discrimination: Evidence for a Perceptual Time Quanta" poster at the *Cognitive Neuroscience Society* meeting in San Francisco, Ca. April 14-16 2002

with Don Pacheco and Mark Geisler- "EEG Response to Chromatic and Achromatic Hermann Grid Illusions" poster at *Towards a Science of Consciousness "Tucson V*". Tucson, Arizona April 8-12 2002

Awards/Honors

- NEH grant AC-50199-14 *Technology, Self, and Society: A Humanities Initiative*. Co-Project Director with Naomi Stubbs (English professor) 3/2015-12/2016
- SSHRC grant to attend *More or Less: Varieties of Human Cortical Color Vision* as an Early Career Participant, 2011
- Southwestern Philosophical Society Presidential Prize for an outstanding paper by a graduate student or recent PhD: "The Mark of the Mental", 2006

Laboratory Work

Behavioral Neuroscience Laboratory-UCONN Psychology Dept (2002-2003)
Primary Investigator- James J. Chrobak. Investigated memory systems in the alert and behaving rat. Performed sterotaxic surgery to equip rats for chronic recording from the hippocampus and related areas.

Cognitive Psychophysiology Laboratory-SFSU Psychology Dept (2000-2002)
Primary Investigator-Mark W. Geisler. EEG and ERP studies on a range of cognitive functions in undergraduate populations. Data acquisition and analysis using AcqKnowledge 3.7, BIOPAC, & SPSS.

Professional Development

2012-2017 Regular Member of the *NYU Consciousness Project,* a subproject of the *Space, Time, and Consciousness* project sponsored by the NYU Global Institute for Advanced Study and directed by David Chalmers.

2015-2016 Co-Director of *Technology, Self, and Society: Tranhumanism and Technohumanism* –A yearlong faculty seminar funded by an NEH grant and support by LaGuardia's Center for Teaching and Learning

2012-2013 Faculty Mentor for *Cultivating and Extending Hybrid/Online Teaching and Learning* –Organized by LaGuardia's Center for Teaching and Learning this is a yearlong seminar on expanding and deepening online teaching pedagogy. Faculty new to teaching online are paired with more experienced faculty

August 4-7 2011 Early Career Participant at *More or Less: Varieties of Human Cortical Color Vision*

Spring 2011 & Fall 2012 *Learning Communities Seminar*–Organized by LaGuardia's Center for Teaching and Learning this is a semester-long seminar on developing ways to integrate course material when teaching in an interdisciplinary cluster.

2009-2010 *Writing in the Disciplines* –Organized by LaGuardia's Center for Teaching and Learning this was year-long seminar that focused on turning a course into a writing intensive course.

Professional Service

- Reviewer for *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntis*, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Philosophical Psychology, Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Consciousness & Cognition*, *Review of Philosophy & Psychology, Topics in Cognitive Science, Frontiers in Psychology, Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy Compass, Dialetica*, *Theoria: An International Journal for Theory, History and Foundations of Science*, *Acta Analytica*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Neuroethics,* Bloomsbury, and Wiley-Blackwell press
- Panelist for NEH grant competition –February 2017
- Editor of Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness category at PhilPapers 2010-2016
- Outside reader on the dissertation prospectus committee of Alex Keifer, CUNY Graduate Center May 2015
- Organizer of "The Role of Prefrontal Cortex in Conscious Experience" submitted symposium for the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness 17th Annual Meeting*. San Diego, California July 11-15 2013. Participants include Rafi Malach (neuroscience) and Joe Levine (philosopher)
- Outside reader on the dissertation committee of Jacob Berger, CUNY Graduate Center May 2013
- Founder of Consciousness Online: http://consciousnessonline.wordpress.com
    - Organizer of the Online Consciousness Conference- 2009-2013
- Founder of the CUNY-wide Undergraduate Philosophy Conference 2010; co-organizer 2011-2012
- Faculty Advisor to the LaGuardia College Philosophy Club-2009-2011