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PERSONAL INFORMATION	Date of Birth: 27th August 1974 Nationality: Citizen of India Marital Status: Married, three children	
AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	Philosophy of Mind (especially Philosophy of Perception)	
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics (Metaethics, Normative Ethics & Applied Ethics), Ancient Philosophy, Introductory Logic	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Visiting Fellow in Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Fellow in Philosophy, Harvard University	Sept. 2011–Jan. 2012 June 2011–May 2012
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Harvard University Visiting Fellow, Visual Cognition Lab, University of Illinois Doctoral Program in Philosophy, University of Virginia M.A. in Philosophy, University of Delhi, First Division B.A. in Philosophy, University of Delhi, First Division	2002–May 2011 2006–2007; Spring 2008 1999–2002 1997–1999 1993–1996
DISSERTATION	Title: <i>Bodily Sensations: Nature, Location and Extent</i> My dissertation consists of interconnected papers on bodily sensations addressing three questions: do bodily sensations exist? where are they located? are there any limitations on where they can seem to be located? I argue that some bodily sensations are <i>sui generis</i> mental objects, but not sense-data. I argue that bodily sensations are located in the body, not just the brain. Lastly, I argue that bodily sensations can seem to be located beyond the felt limits of the body. Committee: Susanna Siegel (Chair), Alex Byrne, Sean D. Kelly and Alison Simmons	
HONORS AND AWARDS	Martin Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University Mind/Brain/Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University Graduate Student Council Conference Grant, Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Philosophy of Mind Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Introduction to Ancient Philosophy Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University Ivor Masses Jr. Fellowship, University of Virginia Dean of Faculty Fellowship, University of Virginia Swami Vivekananda Chicago Memorial Prize, St. Stephen's College K.S. Manvendrasinhji of Gondal Philosophy Prize, St. Stephen's College A.S. Brar Award for a paper on Nagarjuna, St. Stephen's College	2010–2011 2006 2006 Spring 2006 Fall 2004 2002–2007 2001–2002 1999–2001 1998 1996 1994

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS	“Bodily Sensation Objects”		
	• Conference on Psycho-Ontology The Shalem Center, Jerusalem		December 2011
	• Conference on the Metaphysics and Ontology of Phenomenal Qualities Phenomenal Qualities Project University of Hertfordshire		September 2011
	“Is Naive Introspection Really Unreliable?”		
	• 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness Concurrent Session, Kyoto University (Awarded a Travel Grant by the ASSC)		June 2011
	“Must All Bodily Sensations Feel to be Located on the Body?”		
	• MindGrad 2010: Graduate Conference in the Philosophy of Mind University of Warwick		December 2010
	• 36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Poster		June 2010
	• ‘Mind, Science and Everything!’ Graduate Conference, Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience, Glasgow University		June 2010
	“Transparency, Representation and Attentive Absorption”		
	• Concurrent Session on Introspection, Attention, Self-Consciousness Towards a Science of Consciousness, Hong Kong		June 2009
	“Illusions Without Contents?”		
	• APA Pacific Division Meeting, Colloquium on Appearances (Awarded a Graduate Student Travel Stipend by the APA)		April 2007
	• 58 <sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference		November 2006
	“Public Languages, Idiolects and Semantic Norms”		
• APA Eastern Division Meeting, Colloquium on Semantics (Awarded a Graduate Student Travel Stipend by the APA)		December 2006	
• 7 <sup>th</sup> Boston College Graduate Student Philosophy Conference		April 2006	
• 28 <sup>th</sup> University of Illinois Graduate Student Philosophy Conference		April 2006	
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference		March 2006	
SELECTED OTHER PRESENTATIONS	“Bodily Sensation Objects”		
	• Colloquium talk Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore		January 2012
	“Contemporary Debates in the Philosophy of Perception”		
	• Panel discussion with Nivedita Gangopadhyay, Manoj Panda and Ananya Boruah Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi		August 2011
	“The Paradox of Bodily Sensations”		
	• Harvard Metaphysics and Epistemology Workshop		October 2010
	“Proprioception and Bodily Sensations”		
	• Harvard Metaphysics and Epistemology Workshop		March 2009
	“Unity and the Seamlessness of the Visual Hemispheres”		
	• First Annual Harvard Philosophy/Psychology DataBlitz/Speed-Philosophy Exchange		November 2008
“Dretske on Perception without Awareness”			
• Harvard MBB Graduate Student Seminar Series		November 2007	
“Can Disjunctivism Survive the Causal Argument?”			
• Harvard Metaphysics and Epistemology Workshop		November 2005	
“O’Shaughnessy on Proprioceptive Experience and Intentional Action”			
• Harvard Metaphysics and Epistemology Workshop		April 2005	
• Friends and Eminees (MIT)		December 2004	

COMMENTS PRESENTED	On Ana-Maria Andrei's "Privileged Access and the Explanatory Gap"	
	101 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology	April 2009
	On BonnieJean Kurle's "Frank and Earnest: An Analysis of Sincerity, Its Nature, and Its Role in Communicative Acts"	
	58 <sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference	November 2006
	On Rogerio Severo's "How Not to Read Quine on Underdetermination"	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference	March 2006
On Ciara Fairley's "Making Sense of Perceptual Defeasibility"		
14 <sup>th</sup> Harvard/MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference	March 2006	
On Richard Price's "Relational Looking and the Reversibility Constraint"		
13 <sup>th</sup> Harvard/MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference	March 2005	
GUEST LECTURES	On Shoemaker and Davidson, two lectures for Cheryl Chen	October 2007
	On self-knowledge, for Peter Godfrey-Smith	May 2006
	On bodily awareness, for Alison Simmons	April 2006
	On Marx's labor theory of value and exploitation, for Mathias Risse	October 2005
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	As Primary Instructor:	
	Upper-level lecture course on the philosophy of perception (JNU)	Fall 2011
	Tutorial on Merleau-Ponty's <i>The Phenomenology of Perception</i> (Harvard)	Spring 2010
	Upper-level lecture course on war and peace (Virginia)	Summer 2002
	As Discussion Section Leader:	
	<i>at Harvard</i>	
	Human Being and the Sacred in the History of the West (Sean D. Kelly)	Spring 2009
	Philosophy of Mind (Sean D. Kelly)	Fall 2008
	Justice (Michael Sandel)	Fall 2007
	Philosophy of Mind (Peter Godfrey-Smith)	Spring 2006
	Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud (Mathias Risse)	Fall 2005
	Are There Any Moral Truths? (Niko Kolodny)	Spring 2005
	Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Mark Schiefsky)	Fall 2004
	<i>at Virginia</i>	
Introduction to Symbolic Logic (James Cargile)	Fall 2001	
Human Nature (Harold Langsam)	Spring 2001	
Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Daniel Devereux)	Fall 2000	
COURSEWORK	<i>in History of Philosophy</i>	
	British Empiricism	Alison Simmons
	Theory of Forms	Daniel Devereux
	Kant's Critique of Pure Reason	George Thomas
	Medieval Philosophy	Jorge Secada
	<i>in Value Theory</i>	
	History of Modern Moral Philosophy (audit)	Christine Korsgaard
	Aesthetics: Experience & Expression (audit)	Richard Moran
	Ethical Theory: Metaethics	Melissa Barry
	Ethical Thought of Hume	Christine Korsgaard
	Kant's Ethical Theory	Christine Korsgaard
	Contemporary Political Theory	A.J. Simmons & J. Kraus

COURSEWORK CONTINUED	<i>in Metaphysics and Epistemology</i>	
	Explanatory Structure (audit)	Ned Hall
	Philosophy of Mind and Perception (audit)	Susanna Siegel & Güven Güzeldere
	Epistemology (audit)	Selim Berker
	Introspection (audit)	Daniel Stoljar
	Mental Phenomena (audit)	M.G.F. Martin
	Realism and Anti-Realism (audit)	Richard Heck
	Problems in Perception	M.G.F. Martin
	Introspection and Phenomenality	Susanna Siegel
	Meaning and Communication	Richard Heck
	First Year Colloquium	Heck & Simmons
	Sense and Reference	Richard Heck
	Deductive Logic	Richard Heck
	Metaphysics	Trenton Merricks
	Wittgenstein	Cora Diamond
	Meaning and Expression	Mitchell Green
	Philosophy of Language	Mitchell Green
	Philosophy of Mind	Harold Langsam
	Metaphysics & Philosophy of Mind	Harold Langsam
	Epistemology	Harold Langsam
	Foundations of Analytic Philosophy	Mitchell Green

ACADEMIC SERVICE	Referee for <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Dialectica</i>	2011
	Created the Emerson Hall Job-Market Wiki, Harvard University	2009
	Graduate Representative to the Faculty, Harvard University	2004–2005
	Co-organized the Department Colloquia, Harvard University	2004–2005
	Co-organized the 12 <sup>th</sup> Harvard/MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference	2003–2004
	Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee, Harvard University	2002–2003
	Graduate Representative to the Faculty, University of Virginia	2000–2001
	Secretary of the Philosophical Society, St. Stephen's College	1995–1996

LANGUAGES English, French (Reading Knowledge)

REFERENCES	Susanna C. Siegel	Sean D. Kelly
	Edgar Pierce Professor of Philosophy Harvard University	Professor of Philosophy Harvard University
	Alex Byrne	Alison Simmons
	Professor of Philosophy MIT	Wolcott Professor of Philosophy Harvard University