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## Education

Ph.D. U.C. Berkeley, in Philosophy (1998).  
---- U.C. Berkeley, Group in Logic and Methodology of Science  
(Ph.D. student, 1989-92).  
M.S. Brown University, in Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences (1989).  
Thesis: "Computation in multi-layered neural nets."  
Sc.B. (Honors) Brown University, in Mathematics and Computer Science (1989).

## Employment

Professor of Philosophy	Harvard University	2006-present.
Professeur Invité (Visiting Professor)	Ecole Normale Supérieure Département d'études cognitives, Paris	2004.
Chercheur (Visiting Researcher)	Institut Jean Nicod, Paris	2004.
Jonathan Edwards Bicentennial Preceptor	Princeton University	2002-05.
Associated Faculty Member in Neuroscience	Princeton University	2001-06.
Affiliated Investigator, Center for the Study Of Brain, Mind, and Behavior	Princeton University	1999-06.
Assistant Professor in Philosophy	Princeton University	1999-06.
Lecturer in Philosophy and the Humanities	Stanford University	1998-99.

## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Perception, Philosophy of Science (esp. Cognitive Neuroscience), Phenomenology and Existentialism.

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy and Art, Philosophy and Literature, Late 20<sup>th</sup> c. Continental Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic.

## Academic Fellowships and Awards

Guggenheim Fellowship, 2003-2004 (deferred until 2004-2005).  
Class of '59 Junior Faculty Fund Award (Princeton), 2004.  
Jonathan Edwards Bicentennial Preceptorship (Princeton), 2002-2005.  
James S. McDonnell Senior Fellowship in Philosophy and the Neurosciences, 2000-2005.

NEH Summer Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality, Fellowship Participant, Summer 2002.

Supplemental Support Award for Honorific Fellowship Recipients (Princeton), 2000-2001.

Chair, Old Dominion Faculty Fellows (Princeton), 2001-2002.

Old Dominion Faculty Fellow (Princeton), 2000-2001.

Visiting Scholar, UC Berkeley, Fall 2000.

Fellowship in the Humanities (Stanford), 1998-2001. (Declined for 1999-2001)

Ralph K. Church Departmental Fellowship in Philosophy (Berkeley), 1997-98.

Humanities Graduate Research Grant (Berkeley, awarded twice), Spring 1996, Fall 1996.

Howison Fellowship in Philosophy (Berkeley), 1995-96.

Vice Chancellor's Research Grant in the Humanities (Berkeley), 1995.

Fellowship in Complex Systems (Santa Fe Institute and Los Alamos Labs), Summer 1989.

NSF Fellowship for Graduate Study (Honorable Mention), 1989.

Four-Year Bachelor/Masters Joint Degree Program Award (Brown), 1989.

Campbell's College Scholarship (Brown), 1985-89.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

1. *The Relevance of Phenomenology to the Philosophy of Language and Mind*, (New York: Routledge, 2000).

### **Articles in Refereed Journals**

1. "A Moment to Reflect Upon Perceptual Synchrony," with Mark A. Elliott and Zhuanghua Shi, *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience* 18:1663-1665 (2006).
2. "Content and Constancy: Phenomenology, psychology, and the content of perception," forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
3. "On the Demonstration of Blindsight in Monkeys," with Chris Mole, *Mind and Language* 21, no. 4 (2006): 475-483.
4. "Closing the Gap: Phenomenology and Logical Analysis," in *Harvard Review of Philosophy*, 2005.
5. "Heterophenomenology: Heavy-handed Sleight-of-hand," with Hubert Dreyfus, forthcoming in *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, special issue devoted to Daniel Dennett's Heterophenomenology.
6. "Carman's Analytic of Heidegger," forthcoming in *Inquiry* 48, no. 1 (January 2005). With a response by Taylor Carman.
7. "Reference and Attention: a Difficult Connection," *Philosophical Studies* 120 (2004): 277-86.
8. "Demonstrative Concepts and Experience," *Philosophical Review* 110, no. 3 (July 2001): 397-420.
9. "Merleau-Ponty on the Body," *Ratio (new series)* 15, no. 4 (December 2002): 376-391.  
9.1. Reprinted in *The Philosophy of Body*, ed. Michael Proudfoot (London: Blackwell, 2003): 62-76.
10. "The Non-Conceptual Content of Perceptual Experience: Situation Dependence and Fineness of Grain," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (with response by Christopher Peacocke) 62, no. 3 (May, 2001): 601-608.

- 10.1. Reprinted in *Essays on Nonconceptual Content*, ed. York Gunther, (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2003): 223-229.
11. "Review of Andy Clark: *Being There*," *Mind* 109, no. 433 (January 2000): 138-143.
12. "What Do We See (When We Do)?" *Philosophical Topics* 27, no. 2 (fall, 1999): 107-128.
- 12.1. Translated into Polish and reprinted in *Studia z Fenomenologii i nauk Kognitywnych (Essays on Phenomenology and Cognitive Science)*, eds. Tomasz Komendzinski and Shaun Gallagher (Poland: Wydawnictwo Rafal Marszalek, 2003).
- 12.2. Reprinted in *Reading Merleau-Ponty*, ed. Thomas Baldwin (London: Routledge, 2007).
13. "Bridging Embodied Cognition and Brain Function: the Role of Phenomenology," (with Borrett and Kwan), response to commentators in *Philosophical Psychology* 13, no. 2 (June 2000).
14. "Phenomenology, Dynamical Neural Networks, and Brain Function," (with Donald Borrett and Hon Kwan) target article with open peer commentaries in *Philosophical Psychology* 13, no. 2 (June 2000).
15. "What Makes Perceptual Content Non-Conceptual?" *Electronic Journal of Analytic Philosophy* (special issue devoted to the philosophy of Gareth Evans) (fall 1998).
16. "Existential Phenomenology and Cognitive Science," (with Mark Wrathall) *Electronic Journal of Analytic Philosophy* (special issue devoted to Philosophy and Cognitive Science), (spring 1996).

### Book Chapters

1. "Can One Act for a Reason without Acting Intentionally?" with Joshua Knobe, forthcoming in *New Essays on the Explanation of Action*, ed. Constatine Sandis (Macmillan).
2. "Colors and the Ways They Look: Shoemaker on Appearance Properties," to appear in a volume on *Content and Concepts*, ed. Aaron Zimmerman.
3. "Seeing Things in Merleau-Ponty," in *Cambridge Companion to Merleau-Ponty*, ed. Taylor Carman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004).
4. "On Time and Truth," in *Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy*, ed. Kurt Pritzl (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming).
5. "The Puzzle of Temporal Experience," in *Cognition and Neuroscience*, eds. Andy Brook and Kathleen Akins (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005).
6. "Some Notes on Temporal Awareness," in *Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind*, eds. Amie L. Thomason and David Woodruff Smith (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
7. "Husserl and Phenomenology," in *Blackwell Guide to Continental Philosophy*, ed. Robert C. Solomon (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2003), 112-142
8. "Grasping at Straws: Motor Intentionality and the Cognitive Science of Skillful Action," in *Heidegger, Coping, and Cognitive Science: Essays in Honor of Hubert L. Dreyfus - Vol. II*, eds. Mark Wrathall and Jeff Malpas, (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2000), 161-177.

## Work in Progress

1. "Why Mary Can't Learn What She Doesn't Know," completed draft available.
2. "The Logic of Motor Intentional Activity," completed draft available.
3. "Shape Constancy and the Dual Content View," with Eli Alshanetsky.
4. "Perceptual Normativity," (three papers projected, draft of one available).
5. "Homer on Bodily Activity: the Case of the Future Middle Voice," with Hubert L. Dreyfus.
6. "The Awareness of Having Been."
7. *Wonder in the Face of the World: Philosophy, Phenomenology and the Nature of Experience*, book project.
8. *Seeing Things: Perception, Action and Thought*, book project.

## Selected Talks

### 2007

1. Society for Existential Phenomenology, Berkeley, January 2007.
2. Georgetown, March 2007.
3. Humanities Center Undergraduate Colloquium, Harvard, March 2007.
4. Mind, Brain, and Behavior Grad Student Seminar Series, Harvard, April 2007.
5. Oslo various, June 2007.
6. Asilomar, July 2007.

### 2006

1. SUNY New Paltz, February 2006.
2. CUNY Graduate Center, February 2006.
3. Columbia, March 2006.
4. Pacific APA, March 2006.
5. CUNY Graduate Center, April 2006.
6. Cornell, April 2006.
7. Essex, May 2006.
8. Manchester, May 2006.
9. Oslo, May 2006.
10. ASSC 10, Oxford, June 2006.
11. NSF Workshop on Philosophy and Neuroscience, Berkeley, December 2006.

### 2005

1. "Perception, Action, and the Constancies," Boston University, January 2005.
2. "Perception, Action, and the Constancies," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 2005.
3. "Constancy and Content," University of Pennsylvania, February 2005.
4. "Constancy and Content," Johns Hopkins, February 2005.
5. "Comments on Alva Noë, *Action in Perception*," Pacific APA Book Symposium, March 2005.
6. "Empirical Criticism of the Dual Content View," Institute for Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Berkeley, March 2005.

7. "'The Thing' Chapter in Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception*: the case of object properties," Berkeley, March 2005.
8. "'The Thing' Chapter in Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception*: the case of objects," Berkeley, March 2005.
9. "Constancy and Content," Columbia/NYU Graduate Student Conference, Keynote Address, April 2005.
10. "Object Perception and the Perception of Object Properties," Northwestern University, April 2005.
11. "The Dual Content View of Perception," University of Edinburgh, April 2005.
12. "Constancy and the Dual Content View," University of Copenhagen, May 2005.
13. "Phenomenology and the Content of Perception," Invited Talk at Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Wake Forest University, June 2005.
14. "The Philosophical Relevance of Milner and Goodale's Hypothesis about the Function of the Two Streams of Visual Processing in the Brain," Berkeley, October 2005.
15. "Perception, Motor Intentionality, and Normativity," Berkeley, October 2005.
16. "Perceiving and Thinking about Object Properties," Invited Talk at Parmenides Foundation, University of Munich, October 2005.
17. "Shape Constancy and the Dual Content View," Princeton Psychology Department, November 2005.
18. "Perceptual Normativity and Human Freedom," Invited Talk at International Society for Phenomenology, Sundance Utah, December 2005.
19. "Action and Perception," Franklin and Marshall, December 2005.

## 2004

1. "Perception and Action," Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, December 2004.
2. "Perception, Action, and the Constancies," All Souls College, Oxford, November 2004.
3. "Time and Experience," Cognitive Science, Rutgers University, September 2004.
4. "Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception 1," Center for New Media, UC Berkeley, September 2004.
5. "Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception 2," Center for New Media, UC Berkeley, September 2004.
6. "Representing the Real: Art and Experience from the Renaissance to New Media." Public lecture at UC Berkeley, September 2004.
7. "Phenomenology and Cognitive Science," Leonard Lecture in Philosophy, University of Nevada at Reno, September 2004.
8. "Perception and Embodiment," Conference on The Embodied Mind, Sponsored by the Danish Center for Subjectivity Research in collaboration with The Graduate School of Neuroscience, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2004.
9. "Temporal Awareness," Department of Philosophy, Auburn University, April 2004.
10. "Time and Experience," Department of Philosophy, Notre Dame University, April 2004.
11. "Comments on Taylor Carman, *Heidegger's Analytic: Interpretation, Discourse, and Authenticity in Being and Time*," Pacific APA Book Symposium, March 2004.
12. "Concepts, Perception, and Normativity," NYU Philosophy of Mind Colloquium Series, March 2004.
13. "Colors and the Ways They Look," Santa Barbara Conference on Concepts and Content, February 2004.
14. "Why is it so Hard to Describe Experience?" Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium Series, Brigham Young University, January 2004.

15. "Merleau-Ponty on the Nature of Perception," Faculty Discussion Group on Merleau-Ponty, Brigham Young University, January 2004.

### 2003

1. "Motor Intentionality and Thought," Yale Philosophy of Language Conference, November 2003.
2. "Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind," Arizona Conference on the Phenomenology of Agency, University of Arizona, November 2003.
3. "Time and Experience," Department of Psychology, Princeton University, October 2003.
4. Radio Interview with WPRB on *The Professor Show*, October, 2003.
5. "Merleau-Ponty on the Body," Fifth Annual International Society for Phenomenological Study, Asilomar, CA, July 2003.
6. "Conditions on Motor Intentionality," McDonnell Conference on Philosophy and Neuroscience
7. Heron Island, Australia, July 2003.
8. "The Logic of Motor Intentionality," Australian National University, July 2003.
9. "Motor Intentionality," 3<sup>rd</sup> Colloquium on Language, Mind and World, Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 2003.
10. "Time and Experience," Department of Philosophy, MIT, May 2003.
11. "Motor Intentionality and Cognitive Science," Philosophy and Cognitive Science Discussion Group, Princeton, April 2003.
12. "Perception and Thought," Mathey College Faculty Fellows Lunch, Princeton, April 2003.
13. "Perception, Action, and Thought," Parmenides Workshop on Consciousness, Elba, Italy, April 2003.
14. "Phenomenology and Cognitive Science," University of Chicago, March 2003.

### 2002

1. "Time and Experience," Bryn Mawr College, November 2002.
2. "Time and Experience," Georgetown University, November 2002.
3. "Time and Experience," Wake Forest University, November 2002.
4. "The Logic of Motor Intentional Activity," Harvard University, October 2002.
5. "The Persistence of Objects through Time," Philosophy and Neuroscience Conference
6. Carleton University, October 2002.
7. "On Time and Truth," Catholic University of America, September 2002.
8. "What Can Philosophers of Mind Learn from Phenomenology?" NEH Summer Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality, July 2002.
9. "John Campbell's Account of Reference as Attention," Oberlin Philosophy Colloquium, April 2002.
10. "Demonstrative Concepts and Experience," NYU, January 2002.
11. "The Logic of Motor Intentional Activity," University of Pittsburgh, February 2002.
12. "The Logic of Motor Intentional Activity," University of Western Ontario, January 2002.
13. "The Logic of Motor Intentional Activity," UCLA, January 2002.

### 2001

1. "The Logic of Motor Intentional Activity," Princeton University, December 2001.
2. "Philosophy of Perception," Humbolt-Universität zu Berlin, October 2001.

3. "Husserl on Intentionality," Third Annual International Society for Phenomenological Study, Asilomar, CA, July 2001.
4. "Motor Intentionality and Visual Deficits," The McDonnell Project Tofino Conference, Tofino, British Columbia, June 2001.
5. "Merleau-Ponty on the Body: the Logic of Motor Intentional Activity," Keynote talk for the *Ratio* Conference on "Philosophy and the Body," Reading, England, April 2001.
6. "Logic and Consciousness: Husserl's Perceptually Motivated Account of Intentionality," Invited Talk for APA Symposium on Husserl's *Logical Investigations*, San Francisco, March 2001.

## 2000

1. "The Relationship between Perception and Thought," Presentation to the Old Dominion Faculty Group, Princeton, December 2000.
2. "Merleau-Ponty and the Philosophy of Perception," University of California, Berkeley, October 2000.
3. "Why Perception Might Not Be Like Thought; or, the Return of Romanticism to the Philosophy of Mind," Brigham Young University, September 2000.
4. "Motor Intentionality and Spatial Content," Second Annual International Society for Phenomenological Study, Asilomar, CA, July 2000.
5. "Seeing Things: Philosophical Implications of Recent Work in the Cognitive Neuroscience of Visual Deficits," The McDonnell Project Tofino Conference, Tofino, British Columbia, June 2000.
6. "The Normative Status of Social Norms: Heidegger's Account of the Role of *Das Man*," Keynote talk for the University of London School of Advanced Study Philosophy Programme Conference on "The Philosophy of Heidegger," June 2000.
7. "Response to 'A Phenomenological Exploration of Care-for-Others,'" Pacific APA, April 2000.

## 1999

1. "A Romanticist Account of Perceptual Experience," Birkbeck College, University of London, December 1999.
2. "Why Perception Might Not Be Like Thought; or, the Return of Romanticism to the Philosophy of Mind," Stanford University, May 1999
3. "Merleau-Ponty and the Content of Perceptual Experience," First Annual International Society for Phenomenological Study, Asilomar, CA, July 1999.
4. "Phenomenology and Dynamical Neural Networks: Modeling Self as an Emergent Property", poster (with D. Borrett and H. Kwan), Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, May 1999.

## 1998

1. "The Possibility of Non-Conceptual Content," Birkbeck College, University of London, May 1998.
2. "On What We See: The Phenomenology and Analysis of Perception," Reed College, April 1998.
3. "On What We See: The Phenomenology and Analysis of Perception," West Virginia University, March 1998.
4. "On What We See: The Phenomenology and Analysis of Perception," Union College, Feb. 1998.

5. "On What We See: The Phenomenology and Analysis of Perception," Yale University, Jan. 1998.
6. "On What We See: The Phenomenology and Analysis of Perception," UC Berkeley, Dec. 1997.

### **1993-1996**

At Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Philosophy Conferences

"Fichte and Heidegger Disentangled," April 1996.

"Why Nietzsche is Not a Pragmatist," April 1995.

"Putnam's Theory of Meaning," April 1994.

"Aristotle and the Relationship between Logic and Metaphysics," April 1993.

### **Community Service, Departmental Committees, and Outside Memberships**

Hoopes Committee for Senior Thesis Prizes, Harvard 2006-2007.

Committee for Provostial Funds in the Humanities, Harvard 2006-2007.

Dissertation Completion Award Committee, Harvard 2006-2007.

Graduate Application Committee, Harvard 2006-2007.

Junior Faculty Search Committee, Harvard 2006-2007.

Faculty Advisor, *Parmenides Foundation*, 2005- present.

Program Committee, Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, 2005-2007.

Co-Editor, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 20<sup>th</sup> c. Continental Philosophy, 2003-present.

Director, Philosophy and Cognitive Science Discussion Group, 2001-2006.

Co-Director of *Approaches to Understanding the Mind*, an interdisciplinary colloquium series for philosophers, psychologists, and neuroscientists (with Prof. Michael Berry, Neuroscientist in the Molecular Biology Dept. at Princeton), 2000-2002.

Affiliated Investigator for the *Princeton University Center for the Study of Brain, Mind, and Behavior*.

Associated Faculty Member, Program in Neuroscience, Princeton.

Member, Certificate in Neuroscience Committee, Princeton.

Senior Fellow, *McDonnell Project in Philosophy and the Neurosciences*, 2000-2005.

International Faculty Affiliate, *Parmenides Center for the Study of Thinking*, 2003-present.

Chair, Old Dominion Faculty Fellows Princeton, 2001-2002.

Old Dominion Faculty Fellow, Princeton, 2000-2001.

Faculty Advisor, Princeton Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Team, 2001 – present.

Faculty Fellow, Terrace Eating Club, Princeton, 2000-present.

Faculty Advisor, Mathey College, Princeton, 2001-2003.

Faculty Fellow, Mathey College, Princeton, 2001-present.

University Undergraduate Life Committee, Princeton, 2001-2003.

University Faculty Committee on Athletics, Princeton, 2002-2004.

Job Placement Committee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 2003.

Colloquium Committee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 1999, 2002.

Senior Appointments Subcommittee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 2001.

Computer Committee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 1999.



Appointments Committee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 1999, 2000, 2003.  
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 1999, 2002, 2003.  
 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 2001.  
 Course Allocation Committee, Princeton, Philosophy Dept., 2001.  
 Application Committee for *The Henry R. Luce Professorship in Information Technology, Consciousness, and Culture*, Princeton, Spring 2000.  
 Board of Advisors, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*. 2005-present.  
 Associate, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.  
 Referee, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge.  
 Referee, *Noûs, Mind and Language, Philosophical Studies, Australian Journal of Philosophy, The Monist*.  
 Member, American Philosophical Association.

## Teaching

### Professor, Harvard University

Existentialism in Literature and Film (Hum Intro)	2006
Memory and Imagination (Junior Tutorial)	2006
Philosophy of Mind (Upper Division)	2007
Merleau-Ponty's <i>Phen of Perception</i> (Grad Seminar)	2007

### Assistant Professor, Princeton University

Consciousness (Graduate Seminar)	2003
Phenomenology (Upper Division)	2003, 2001, 1999
Concepts and Content (Graduate Seminar)	2003
Philosophy of Mind (Upper Division)	2002
Heidegger's <i>Being and Time</i> (Graduate Seminar)	2002
Existentialism (Junior Seminar)	2002
Perceptual Content (Graduate Seminar)	2000
The Objects of Perception (Junior Seminar)	1999

### Lecturer, Stanford University

Humanities: 1300-1630	1999
Humanities: 17 <sup>th</sup> c. to the present	1999
Philosophy and Art	1998

### Instructor, University of California at Berkeley

Existentialism in Literature and Film	1996
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### Teaching Assistant, University of California at Berkeley

Philosophy of Mind (1995, 1997)	Philosophy of Language (1994)
Epistemology (1992)	Ancient Philosophy (1992)
Heidegger (1994, 1996)	Existentialism (1990, 1996)
Philosophy and Literature (1991, 1993)	Political Philosophy (1994)
Calculus (1989, 1990)	Pre-Calculus (1989)

## **Dissertations Supervised**

Chris Mole	<i>A Philosophical Theory of Attention</i>	2005.
Vera Koffman	<i>Freedom and Authenticity in Heidegger</i>	2005.
Aaron Schurger	<i>Consciousness</i>	2005 (Neuroscience).
Bharath Vallabha		
Eylem Ozaltun		
Carlos Padilla (Theology)		

## **Languages**

Spanish.

Reading knowledge of French, Classical Greek, Latin, German.

## **References**

Gilbert Harman, Princeton University.

Alexander Nehamas, Princeton University.

Beatrice Longuenesse, New York University.

Hubert Dreyfus, UC Berkeley.

Alva Noë, UC Berkeley.

John Searle, UC Berkeley.

Charles Taylor, Northwestern University.

Dagfinn Føllesdal, Stanford University

Melvyn Goodale, University of Western Ontario (Cognitive Neuroscience)

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