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Employment

2016, Autumn. Lecturer. Department of Philosophy, The Ohio State University.

Education

2016. Ph.D. Philosophy, The Australian National University.

2014-2016. Visiting Scholar, The Ohio State University.

2009. Hons. Philosophy, University of Queensland.

2006. Ph.D. Cognitive Psychology, University of Queensland.

2000. B.A. Hons. University of Adelaide.

Research

Areas of Specialisation

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology.

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Logic, Early Modern Philosophy, Asian Philosophy.

Dissertation

Title: First-Person Investigations of Consciousness

Abstract: In my dissertation, I argue for the reliability of first-person methods, and use first-person experiments as a novel approach to philosophical problems. I argue that the main sources of error in making introspective judgements are attentional and conceptual. This provides criteria for distinguishing between reliable and unreliable introspective judgements. I use first-person experiments to show that distant things looking smaller cannot be explained by visual angle, hence providing support for a subjectivist account of size experience. I also use these methods to isolate the sense of self and a phenomenological candidate for the subject of experience.

Committee: David Chalmers (chair), Frank Jackson, Declan Smithies, Daniel Stoljar.

Publications

Philosophy

2018. Ramm, B. J. First-Person Experiments: A Characterisation and Defence. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-018-0388-1>.

2017. Ramm, B. J. Self-Experience. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 24(11-12), 142-166.

2016. Ramm, B. J. Dimensions of Reliability in Phenomenal Judgment. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 23(3-4), 101-127.

Cognitive Psychology

2015. Bruza, P. D., Kitto, K., Ramm, B. J. and Sitbon, L. A Probabilistic Framework for Analysing the Compositionality of Conceptual Combinations. *Journal of Mathematical Psychology*, 67, 26-38.

2015. Cutmore, T. R., Halford, G. S., Wang, Y., Ramm, B. J., Spokes, T. and Shum, D. H. K. Neural Correlates of Deductive Reasoning: An ERP Study with the Wason Selection Task. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, 98(3), 381-388.

2014. Cocchi, L., Halford, G. S., Zalesky, A., Harding, I. H., Ramm, B. J., Cutmore, T., Shum, D. H. K. and Mattingley, J. B. Complexity in Relational Processing Predicts Changes in Functional Brain Network Dynamics. *Cerebral Cortex*, 24(9), 2283-2296.

2012. Bruza, P. D., Kitto, K., Ramm, B. J., Sitbon, L., Song, D. and Blomberg, S. Quantum-Like Non-Separability of Concept Combinations, Emergent Associates and Abduction. *Logic Journal of IGPL*, 20(2), 445-457.

2012. Ramm, B. J. and Halford, G. S. Novelty and Processing Demands in Conceptual Combination. *Australian Journal of Psychology*, 64(4), 199-208.

2011. Kitto, K., Ramm, B. J., Sitbon, L. and Bruza, P. Quantum Theory Beyond the Physical: Information in Context. *Axiomathes* 21 (2), 331-345.

2010. Ramm, B. J., Cummins, T. D. and Slaughter, V. Specifying the Human Body Configuration. *Visual Cognition*, 18(6), 898-919.

Work in Progress

Perceptual Size Variation
Pure Awareness Experience
Panpsychist Idealism

Presentations

Philosophy

2018. Explicit First-Person Self-Awareness, Philosophy Seminar, Murdoch University, May 16.

2017. Self-Experience. Australian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide, July 2-6.
OSU Graduate Workshop, September 12, 2016.

2017. Seeing Who You Are. Public talk hosted by the Zen Columbus Sangha, June 6.

2016. Phenomenal Size. American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting, Chicago, March 2-5.

2015. How to Know That You Are Not a Zombie. Consciousness Conference, Flint, Michigan, October 16-17.

2014. First-Person Experiments.
Australian Association of Philosophy Conference, The Australian National University, July 6-11.
Philsoc Seminar, School of Philosophy, The Australian National University, May 27, 2014.
Mind Group, Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University, February 9, 2015.

2013. The Transparency of Awareness. Australian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Queensland, July 6-12.

2013. Dimensions of Reliability in Phenomenal Judgement. Philsoc Seminar, The Australian National University, June 25.

2012. Panperspectivism and the Compounding of Consciousness. Panpsychism on the Reef, Lady Elliot Island, Australia, July 20-25.

2012. What is the Subject of Experience? Australian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Wollongong, July 1-6.

Comments

2017. Comments on Benjamin Kozuch “Illusion Confusion: Overestimating the Role of Visual Experience in Motor Action.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, March 22-24.

2017. Comments on Raja Rosenhagen “Capitalizing on Illusory Experiences.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Meeting, Baltimore, January 4-7.

Cognitive Psychology

2012. Cocchi, L., Halford, G. S., Harding, I. H., Ramm, B. J., Cutmore, T., Shum, D. and Mattingley, J. B. Brain Dynamics Associated with Cognitive Reasoning During the Wason Selection Task. Paper presented at Experimental Psychology Conference, The University of New South Wales, April, 12-15.

2012. Halford, G. S., Ramm, B. J., Cocchi, L., Cutmore, T., Shum, D. and Mattingley, J. B. The Wason Selection Task After 50 Years: Why No Resolution? Paper presented at Experimental Psychology Conference, The University of New South Wales, April, 12-15.

2010. Kitto, K., Ramm, B. J., Bruza, P. D. and Sitbon, L. Testing for the Non-Separability of Ambiguous Words. QI'2010, the AAAI-Fall 2010 Symposium on Quantum Informatics for Cognitive, Social, and Semantic Processes.

2009. Bruza, P. D., Kitto, K., Ramm, B. J., Sitbon, L. and Song, D. Concept Combination, Emergence and Abduction. Paper presented at Model-Based Reasoning in Science and Technology, University of Campinas, Brazil, December, 17-19.

2009. Halford, G. S., Ramm, B. J. and Andrews, G. Complexity of the Wason Selection Task. Paper presented at the 9th Conference of the Australasian Society for Cognitive Science, University of Macquarie, Sydney, September 30–October 2.

2007. Halford, G.S., McCredden, J. and Ramm, B. J. Complexity Provides a Simple Answer to the Enigma of the Wason Selection Task. Paper presented to Australasian Society for Cognitive Science Conference, University of Adelaide, July 9-12.

2005. Ramm, B. J. Conceptual Combination and Working Memory. Experimental Psychology Conference, University of Melbourne, April 1-4.

Teaching

Lecturer

2016, Autumn. Senior Lecturer. Phil1332: Engineering Ethics. Department of Philosophy, The Ohio State University.

2014. Lecturer (half semester). Phil2061: Philosophy of Psychology. School of Philosophy, The Australian National University.

Tutor

2013. Phil1005: Critical Thinking and Practical Reasoning (introductory symbolic logic). School of Philosophy, The Australian National University.

2011 & 2012. Phil1007: Philosophy, Society, Humanity (Descartes' Meditations, animal ethics, gender). School of Philosophy, The Australian National University.

2004-2005. Lead Tutor. Psych 2050: Learning and Cognition. School of Psychology, University of Queensland.

2003. Psych 2050: Learning and Cognition. School of Psychology, University of Queensland.

2002. Psych 1030: An Introduction to Psychology: Developmental, Clinical, and Social. School of Psychology, University of Queensland.

Research Assistant

2008-2010. Research Assistant. School of Information Systems, Queensland University of Technology. Supervisor: Prof Peter Bruza.

2007-2008. Senior Research Assistant. School of Applied Psychology, Griffith University. Supervisor: Prof Graeme Halford.

2007-2008. Research Assistant. School of Psychology, University of Queensland. Supervisor: Prof Virginia Slaughter.

Awards

2016. APA Central Division Graduate Student Travel Stipend

2011. Australian National University Australian Postgraduate Award.

2009. Don Mannison Prize. For best result in the philosophy honours program, University of Queensland.

2004. Tutor Commendation for Teaching Excellence, School of Psychology, University of Queensland. Awarded by the Head of School.

2003. University of Queensland Graduate School Scholarship.

Professional Development Workshops

2018, Feb. Introduction to SAS (Half day workshop). Data entry, writing syntax, running analyses. The EHE Research Methodology Center, The Ohio State University

2016, Aug. Teacher Training (Two-day workshop). Modules: Introduction to Teaching and Learning, Developing Effective Presentation Skills, Facilitating Classroom Discussion, Designing Assignments Quizzes and Tests. University Center for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT), The Ohio State University.

Service/Academic Activities

Reviewer for: *Frontiers in Psychology: Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*.

2017 Sep-present. Language Editor for *Open Philosophy*. An international open access peer reviewed journal.

2014. Mentor for honours student and examiner of honours thesis (ANU).

2012. Organiser of the Panpsychism Reading Group (ANU).

2011. Transport organiser for ANU Kioloa Graduate Workshop (ANU).

2004-2005. President of the Student Philosophy Association (UQ).

2003. Treasurer of the Student Philosophy Association (UQ).

References

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