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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Mississippi	Associate Professor of Philosophy	2018-
	Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2012-2018
	Affiliated Faculty in Neuroscience	2014-
Stanford University	Lecturer in Philosophy	Spring-Summer 2012

EDUCATION

Stanford University	PhD Philosophy	March 2012
UC Berkeley	Graduate Exchange Student	2009-2010
UNLV	BA Philosophy	December 2005
Bakersfield College	AA English	June 2002

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE Philosophy of Language, Nineteenth Century Philosophy, Existentialism and Phenomenology, Metaphysics, Logic

BOOKS

2015. *Acquaintance, Knowledge, and Logic: New Essays on Bertrand Russell's The Problems of Philosophy*, co-edited volume with Bernard Linsky, CSLI Publications
Recipient of 2016 Bertrand Russell Society Book Award

PAPERS

2019. "Russell's Neutral Monism and Panpsychism" for *The Routledge Handbook of Panpsychism*, ed. William Seager, Routledge.
2018. "Russell on Introspection and Self-Knowledge" in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Bertrand Russell*, ed. Russell Wahl, Bloomsbury.
2017. "Russellian Acquaintance and Frege's Puzzle", *Mind* 126 (502): 321–70.
2016. "Panpsychism, Panprotopsychism, and Neutral Monism" in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Philosophy of Mind*, ed. Brian McLaughlin, Macmillan
2015. "Russell on Russellian Monism" in *Consciousness in the Physical World: Perspectives on Russellian Monism*, eds. Torin Alter and Yujin Nagasawa, Oxford University Press

2015. “The Place of *The Problems of Philosophy* in Philosophy”, with Bernard Linsky, in *Acquaintance, Knowledge, and Logic*, eds. Donovan Wishon and Bernard Linsky
2012. “Perceptual Acquaintance and Informational Content” in *Consciousness and Subjectivity*, eds. Gerhart Preyer and Sophia Miguens, Ontos Verlag

REVIEWS

2013. “Review of Prosser and Recanati (eds.) *Immunity to Error through Misidentification*” published online in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*

IN PROGRESS

“Russell’s Philosophy of Mind” for *The Oxford Handbook of Bertrand Russell*, edited by Kevin Klement

“Radical Empiricism and Russell’s Neutral Monism” for special issue of *The Monist Mind, Matter, and What Lies Beneath: Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy of Mind* (monograph)

DISSERTATION

Russellian Acquaintance and Phenomenal Concepts

The dissertation develops an acquaintance-based version of the phenomenal concepts strategy for defending neurobiological accounts of consciousness against recent anti-physicalist arguments. It also explores the role that acquaintance plays in singular reference, cognition, and perception.

Committee: John Perry, Krista Lawlor, Dagfinn Føllesdal, Mark Crimmins, and David Beisecker

PRESENTATIONS

2017. “Russell on Introspection and Self-Knowledge”, Tulane University, invited lecture
2017. “Russell on Introspection and Self-Knowledge”, biennial Howell Lecture in Philosophy, Rhode Island College
2015. “Phenomenal Continua, Conceivability, and Kripke’s Modal Argument”, Mississippi State University, invited talk
2015. “Phenomenal Continua, Conceivability, and Kripke’s Modal Argument”, University of Mississippi, philosophy department colloquium
2012. “Russellian Acquaintance and the Phenomenal Concepts Strategy”, Interdisciplinary Approaches to Consciousness, CSLI, Stanford University, invited talk
2011. “Russellian Acquaintance without Discriminating Knowledge”, Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Drew University
2011. “John Perry on Phenomenal Concepts”, CSLI, Stanford University, invited talk
2010. “Russellian Acquaintance without Discriminating Knowledge”, Stanford University, fourth-year graduate talk
2010. “Talking about Continuants”, BSD Graduate Conference, UC Davis

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

At University of Mississippi

- 2016. “Occasioning Philosophy: Shakespeare and Philosophy” (with Kristin Boyce)
- 2014. “Conscious Thought and Thought about Consciousness”
- 2013. “The Semantics and Ethics of Racial Language”
- 2012. “Bertrand Russell’s *The Problems of Philosophy*: The Centenary Conference”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At University of Mississippi

- Graduate Seminar: Bertrand Russell (×3)
- Graduate Seminar: Attention, Introspection, and Self-Knowledge
- Philosophy of Mind (Undergraduate/Graduate) (×4)
- Personal Identity and the Self (Undergraduate/Graduate) (×3)
- Philosophy of Language (Undergraduate/Graduate) (×3)
- Nineteenth Century Philosophy (Undergraduate/Graduate) (in Spring 2019)
- Existentialism and Phenomenology (×3)
- Directed Studies in Neuroscience: Neural Correlates of Consciousness
- Introduction to Philosophy (×24)
- Introductory Logic: Critical Thinking (×9)

As Primary Instructor at Stanford University

- A Meaningful Life in a Physical World?
- Introduction to Logic
- Consciousness and Reference
- Philosophy of Mind (Undergraduate/Co-Taught Graduate)
- Knowledge, Mind, and World (Education Program for Gifted Youth)
- Consciousness, Personal Identity, and the Self (Education Program for Gifted Youth)

MASTER’S DEGREE THESIS SUPERVISION

- Celine Geday “Fictionalist Truth Conditions for an Expressivist Semantics of Slurs” Spring 2019
- Mary Gregg “Consciousness in Comatose Clowns: No Funny Business” Spring 2017
- Seth Waite “A Non-Classical Solution to Vague Endurance” Spring 2016
- Patrick Woodruff “PTSD and Emotionally Augmented Perception” Spring 2016
- Wesley Yates “The Open Possibility of Conscious Misrepresentation” Fall 2014
- Sam Johnson “The Ontological Question of Lockean Persons” Fall 2014
- Matt Willis “The Possibility of Singular Thought without Acquaintance” Summer 2014
- Bryan Harper “Epiphenomenalism in Plantinga’s Evolutionary Argument against Naturalism” Spring 2014
- John Heath Hamilton “Panpsychism and Mind-Dust” Spring 2013

DOCTORAL DEGREE THESIS COMMITTEE

Kurt Streeter “A Time Series Analysis of Implicit Learning and the Cognitive Unconscious”, Psychology PhD Thesis Spring 2014

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Professional

College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, U of Mississippi 2018
Bertrand Russell Society Annual Book Award 2016
College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, U of Mississippi 2016
College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, U of Mississippi 2014
Mississippi Humanities Council/NEH Grant for Consciousness Conf. 2014
College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, U of Mississippi 2013
Mississippi Humanities Council/NEH Grant for Russell Conference 2012
Bertrand Russell Society Conference Grant for Russell Conference 2012

Pre-Professional

Bertrand Russell Society Student Essay Prize 2011
Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University 2006-2012
Annual Award for Excellence in Philosophy, UNLV 2004
Philosophy Scholar-in-Residence Award, UNLV Spring 2004
Mitzi-Hughes Department Award for Philosophy, UNLV 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the University of Mississippi

Philosophy Director of Graduate Studies 2019-
College Representative for Academic Freedom & Faculty Responsibility 2018-
At-Large Representative for Academic Discipline 2018-
Philosophy Forum Series Coordinator 2012-2019
Philosophy Faculty Search Committee 2015-2016
Philosophy Graduate Admissions Committee 2012-
Representative for University Majors Fair 2012, 2014

Service to Professional Organizations

Member of Executive Board of Bertrand Russell Society 2018-
Member of Executive Board of Bertrand Russell Society 2014-2016
President of Mississippi Philosophical Association 2014-2015
Vice-President of Mississippi Philosophical Association 2013-2014
Member of the Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy 2012-
Member of the Bertrand Russell Society 2011-

Service to Stanford University

Coordinator for Geballe Workshop Series on “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Consciousness”, Stanford Humanities Center 2011-2012
Research Assistant for Center for the Explanation of Consciousness, CSLI 2007-2012
Organizer for “Meet the Authors: John Perry and Kepa Korta’s *Critical Pragmatics*”, CSLI, Stanford University 2012

Service to the Profession

Session Chair for “Alternative Models of the Mind”, Spindel Conference, University of Memphis 2014
Session Chair for “The Lives of Human Animals”, Spindel Conference University of Memphis 2013
Session Chair for APA Division Meetings 2010, 2011, 2013
Referee for *Mind* (×2), *Synthese* (×3), *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (×3), *Russell: The Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies* (×2), *Erkenntnis* (×3), *Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies* (×2), *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* (×2), *Philosophical Psychology*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Mind and Language*, *Dialectica*, *Manuscripta*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Northern European Journal of Philosophy*, *Inquiry*

REFERENCES

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