

# Richard Brown

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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, Cognitive Neuroscience

## Teaching Positions & Courses taught

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**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* (lecture & lab); *General Psychology*; *Logic and Philosophy* (hybrid/online and traditional); *Humanism, Science, & Technology* (Liberal Arts Capstone; hybrid/online and traditional); *Philosophy of Mind; Brains, Minds, & Consciousness* (Liberal Arts ‘cluster’ (same students take Phil 101, Psych 101, 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

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### Articles

(2018) with Hakwan Lau “The Emperor’s new Phenomenology? The Empirical Case for Conscious Experience without First-Order Representations” in Pautz & Stoljar (eds) *Blockheads! Essays on Ned Block’s Philosophy of Mind and Consciousness*. The MIT Press.

(2018) with Joseph E. LeDoux, Daniel S. Pine, and Stefan G. Hofmann “Know Thyself: Well-Being and Subjective Experience” [\*Cerebrum\*](#)

(2017) with Joseph E. LeDoux “A Higher-Order Theory of Emotional Consciousness” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States* 114(10): E2016-E2025; 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**

(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* 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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"The Neurobiology of Consciousness" Grand Rounds at Westchester Medical Center. Valhalla, New York October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

"A Higher-Order Theory of Emotional Consciousness" (with Joseph E. LeDoux) discussion session at the *NYU Consciousness Discussion Group*. New York, New York May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

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

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

"Higher-Order Theories of Phenomenal Consciousness" invited talk 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 at the *CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series*. New York, New York February 20 2015

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

“Pain, Painfulness, and Kripke’s Modal Argument” talk 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 at the *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*. San Francisco California March 27-31 2013

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

“The 2D Argument Against Non-Materialism” talk at the *10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Towards a Science of Consciousness, “TSC2012”*. Tucson, Arizona April 9-14 2012

“Phenomenal Consciousness Ain’t in the (Back of the) Head” talk at the *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology 104<sup>th</sup> 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 (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 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, Canada April 8-12 2009

“Language, Thought, Logic, and Existence” poster at the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology 34<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 97<sup>th</sup> 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

## Laboratory Work

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### **Behavioral Neuroscience Laboratory-UCONN Psychology Dept (2002-2003)**

Primary Investigator- James J. Chrobak. Investigated memory systems in the alert and behaving rat. Performed stereotaxic 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 Service

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- Reviewer for
  - **Journals:** *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, Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Review of Philosophy & Psychology, Topics in Cognitive Science, Frontiers in Psychology, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy Compass, Dialectica, Theoria: An International Journal for Theory, History and Foundations of Science, Acta Analytica, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, and Neuroethics*
  - **Books:** Bloomsbury, Wiley-Blackwell, and Worth Publishers
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

## Professional Development

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**2012-2017** 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: Transhumanism 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. A yearlong seminar pairing unexperienced faculty with mentors

**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. Semester-long seminar for faculty teaching in an interdisciplinary cluster.

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

## Awards/Honors

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- 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