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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| University of Mississippi | Professor of Philosophy                                                       | 2025-              |
|                           | Associate Professor of Philosophy                                             | 2018-2025          |
|                           | Assistant Professor of Philosophy                                             | 2012-2018          |
|                           | Affiliated Faculty in Neuroscience                                            | 2014-              |
| McMaster University       | Visiting Professor of Bertrand Russell and the History of Analytic Philosophy | Spring 2022        |
| 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 |

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

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE** Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Nineteenth Century Philosophy

## RESEARCH

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

2026. “Russellian Monism and Neutral Monism: Scrutinizing Inscrutibles”, *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 5 (75): 1–16.
2024. “Russell on Experience and Egocentricity”, *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* 98 (1): 185–208.
2021. “Radical Empiricism, Neutral Monism, and the Elements of Mind”, *Monist* 104: 125–51
2017. “Russellian Acquaintance and Frege’s Puzzle”, *Mind* 126 (502): 321–70

### *Book Chapters*

2026. “Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy of Mind”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Bertrand Russell*, edited by Fraser MacBride, Samuel Lebens, and Graham Stevens, Oxford.

- 2020. “Russell’s Neutral Monism and Panpsychism” in *The Routledge Handbook of Panpsychism*, ed. William Seager, Routledge: 87–102
- 2018. “Russell on Introspection and Self-Knowledge” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Bertrand Russell*, ed. Russell Wahl, Bloomsbury: 256–85
- 2016. “Panpsychism, Panprotopsyism, and Neutral Monism” in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Philosophy of Mind*, ed. Brian McLaughlin, Macmillan: 51–70
- 2015. “Russell on Russellian Monism” in *Consciousness in the Physical World: Perspectives on Russellian Monism*, eds. Torin Alter and Yujin Nagasawa, Oxford: 91–118
- 2015. “The Place of *The Problems of Philosophy* in Philosophy”, with Bernard Linsky, in *Acquaintance, Knowledge, and Logic*, eds. Wishon and Linsky, CSLI: 1–24  
(Chinese translation forthcoming for Chinese translation of *The Problems of Philosophy*)
- 2012. “Perceptual Acquaintance and Informational Content” in *Consciousness and Subjectivity*, eds. Gerhart Preyer and Sophia Miguens, Ontos Verlag: 47–89

### ***Edited Volumes***

- 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\*

### ***Reference Works***

- 2023. “Neutral Monism” (with Leopold Stubenberg) in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

### ***Reviews***

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

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

### ***Articles/Chapters***

- “Russell on Phenomenal Continua and the Metaphysics of Experience” for *Russell, Meinong, and the Foundations of Logic: Themes from Bernard Linsky*, ed. Seyed Mousavian
- “Reassessing Diaphaneity in Early Analytic Philosophy” for *British Philosophy of Mind 1876-1949*, ed. Arnaud Dewalque
- “Russell on the Subject of Experience”

### ***Book Project***

- Mind, Matter, and What Lies Beneath: Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy of Mind* (early-stage monograph)

## INVITED AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### *Invited Presentations*

- 2026. “How Transparent is Experience? Reassessing Diaphaneity in Early Analytic Philosophy”, Meeting of the Acquaintance Network, University of Valencia
- 2026. “Russell on Phenomenal Continua and the Metaphysics of Experience”, The Acquaintance Network, Online
- 2025. “Reassessing Moore and Russell on Diaphaneity”, Acquaintance and Introspection in Early Analytic Philosophy, University of Liège
- 2025. “Reassessing Diaphaneity in Early Analytic Philosophy”, University of Luxembourg
- 2025. “Reassessing Diaphaneity in Early Analytic Philosophy”, King’s College London
- 2024. “Russell on Experience and Egocentricity”, Aristotelian Society/Mind Association
- 2022. “Mental Chemistry and Russell’s Analysis of Mind”, McMaster University
- 2022. “Russell, Brentano, and the Case Against Neutral Monism”, McMaster University
- 2022. “Russell’s *The Problems of Philosophy*”, Xiamen University (Zoom)
- 2017. “Russell on Introspection and Self-Knowledge”, Tulane University (Zoom 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
- 2015. “Phenomenal Continua, Conceivability, and Kripke’s Modal Argument”, University of Mississippi
- 2012. “Russellian Acquaintance and the Phenomenal Concepts Strategy”, Interdisciplinary Approaches to Consciousness, CSLI, Stanford University
- 2011. “John Perry on Phenomenal Concepts”, CSLI, Stanford University
- 2010. “Russellian Acquaintance without Discriminating Knowledge”, Stanford University, fourth-year graduate talk

### *Conference Presentations*

- 2025. “Reassessing Moore and Russell on Diaphaneity”, Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Bowling Green, KY
- 2024. “Reassessing Moore and Russell on Diaphaneity”, Alabama Philosophical Society
- 2023. “Russell on the Subject of Experience”, APA Central
- 2011. “Russellian Acquaintance without Discriminating Knowledge”, Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Drew University

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

2022. “Bertrand Russell’s *The Analysis of Mind* Centenary Conference” (with Alex Klein)  
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* Centenary Conference”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *At University of Mississippi*

Graduate Seminar: Neutral Monism and Panpsychism  
Graduate Seminar: Bertrand Russell  
Graduate Seminar: Attention, Introspection, and Self-Knowledge  
Philosophy of Mind\*  
Personal Identity and the Self\*  
Philosophy of Language\*  
Nineteenth Century Philosophy\*  
Existentialism and Phenomenology  
Directed Studies in Neuroscience: Neural Correlates of Consciousness  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introductory Logic: Critical Thinking

### *As Primary Instructor at Stanford University*

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

\*Mixed-level undergraduate/graduate courses

## GRADUATE SUPERVISION

### *Master’s Supervision*

|                                                                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Zimy Le “The Unreliable Narrator: Mnemic Causation and the Reconstructive Self”     | Spring 2026 |
| Xi Zeng “The Missing Temporal Phenomenon”                                           | Spring 2024 |
| Jose Cubillo “The Truth Value of Sentences with Empty Legal Names                   | Spring 2022 |
| Berit Turnquist “From Goethe to Gödel: Against the Language of Thought Hypothesis”  | Spring 2021 |
| Celine Geday “Fictionalist Truth Conditions for an Expressivist Semantics of Slurs” | Spring 2019 |

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| 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 Dissertation Committees***

|                                                                                                                  |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Kurt Streeter “A Time Series Analysis of Implicit Learning and the Cognitive Unconscious”, Psychology PhD Thesis | Spring 2014 |
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## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### ***Professional***

|                                                                  |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| UM Office of Research and Economic Development Travel Grant      | 2025 |
| UM Office of Global Engagement International Collaboration Grant | 2022 |
| UM College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant                 | 2018 |
| Bertrand Russell Society Annual Book Award                       | 2016 |
| UM College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant                 | 2016 |
| Mississippi Humanities Council/NEH Grant for Consciousness Conf. | 2014 |
| UM College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant                 | 2014 |
| UM College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant                 | 2013 |
| Mississippi Humanities Council/NEH Grant for Russell Conference  | 2012 |
| Bertrand Russell Society Conference Grant for Russell Conference | 2012 |

### ***Pre-Professional***

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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 UM Department of Philosophy and Religion***

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy  | 2019-      |
| Philosophy Forum Series Coordinator       | 2012-2019  |
| Philosophy Faculty Search Committee       | 2016, 2022 |
| Philosophy Graduate Admissions Committee  | 2012-      |
| Representative for University Majors Fair | 2012, 2014 |

***Service to the University of Mississippi***

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| University Lecture Series Committee                                  | 2023-     |
| College Representative for Academic Freedom & Faculty Responsibility | 2018-20   |
| At-Large Representative for Academic Discipline                      | 2018-2022 |

***Service to Professional Organizations***

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| Founding Member, Acquaintance Network                               | 2026-            |
| Student Essay Prize Committee, Bertrand Russell Society             | 2025-            |
| Member of Executive Board of Bertrand Russell Society               | 2014-2016, 2018- |
| President of Mississippi Philosophical Association                  | 2014-2015        |
| Vice-President of Mississippi Philosophical Association             | 2013-2014        |
| Member, Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy | 2012-            |
| Member, The Mississippi Philosophical Association                   | 2012-            |
| Member, The Bertrand Russell Society                                | 2011-            |

***Service to Stanford University***

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| 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 <i>Critical Pragmatics</i> ”, CSLI, Stanford University   | 2012      |

***Service to the Profession***

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| Reviewer for Tier 1 Canadian Research Chair Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2026             |
| Session Chair for “Alternative Models of the Mind”, Spindel Conference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2014             |
| Session Chair for “The Lives of Human Animals”, Spindel Conference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2013             |
| Session Chair for APA Division Meetings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2010, 2011, 2013 |
| Referee for <i>Mind</i> , <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i> , <i>Mind and Language</i> , <i>Philosophy Compass</i> , <i>Russell: The Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Consciousness Studies</i> , <i>Inquiry</i> , <i>Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy</i> , <i>Philosophical Psychology</i> , <i>Dialectica</i> , <i>Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences</i> , <i>Grazer Philosophische Studien</i> , <i>Manuscripta</i> , <i>Northern European Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophical Research</i> , <i>Studies in History and Philosophy of Science</i> |                  |

## REFERENCES

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