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EMPLOYMENT

University of Lisbon, Centre for Philosophy 2024-
FCT Junior Research Fellow
Project Lead, “Neuroscience and the Self: What Can Our Brains
Tell Us About Who We Are?”

University of Antwerp, Centre for Philosophical Psychology 2022-2024
Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, University of California, Riverside September 2022
Dissertation: “Reduce them All: A General Theory of
Psychophysical Reduction.”
Eric Schwitzgebel (chair), Michael Nelson (co-chair)
John Martin Fischer, Luca Ferrero

MA Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park May 2008

BA Philosophy, Haverford College May 2004
Minor in Psychology

Additional Graduate Work at University of California, Berkeley (2012-13) and San
Francisco State University (2013-14).

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology (incl. neuroscience,
psychiatry), Metaphysics, Moral Psychology (incl. Action Theory)

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Philosophy of Biology, Ethics
(incl. Value Theory), Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Ancient Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Pober, J.M. (Commissioned) “The Neuroscience of Desire” for *The Routledge Handbook of Desire*

Pober, J.M. (2025) “The Revised Reward Theory of Desire.” *Erkenntnis* [online first]

Pober, J.M. (2025) “Non-Experiential Evaluation” *Philosophia* [invited, online first]

Pober, J.M. (2018) “What Emotions Really Are (In the Theory of Constructed Emotion).” *Philosophy of Science* 85:640-59.

Pober, J.M. (2013) “Addiction is Not a Natural Kind.” *Frontiers in Psychiatry* 4:123. Republished in (2015) *Alternative Models of Addiction* (Eds) Hanna Pickard, Serge Ahmed and Bennett Foddy, Frontiers Media.

Pober, J.M. (2012) “Is Addiction a Heterogeneous Condition? Reflections on Pickard’s ‘The Purpose in Chronic Addiction.’” *American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience* 3:52-54.

In Preparation/Under Review

(Inquire for draft)

“Hybrid Functionalism and the Metaphysics of Belief”

“Subset Realization, Natural Kinds, and Species-General Reduction”

“The Copernican Argument for Alien Consciousness; The Mimicry Argument against Robot Consciousness” (with Eric Schwitzgebel)

Conference Activity

Presentations (peer-reviewed unless noted otherwise)

“Desire, Wanting, and Reward” at the 1st Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Neuroscience (SPAN), Washington University in St. Louis, 5/25 [withdrew for visa reasons].

“Emotions, Cognitive and Conative Content, and Intentional Action” at the World Congress of Philosophy, University of Rome III, 8/24

“The Guise of the Rewarding”

- At the 51st Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology [as poster]
- At the University of Lisbon LanCog Seminar Series, 3/25
- At the 31st Annual Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Grenoble, 7/24 [withdrew for illness]

“Against Organic/Artificial Parity in Consciousness Attributions” with Eric Schwitzgebel

- (Invited/co-presenting) at Centre for Philosophy, University of Lisbon 6/24
- (Solo Presentation) at GENAI Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and the Philosophy of Mind, NOVA Lisbon University, 7/24
- (Solo presentation) at Agency and Intentions in Artificial Intelligence Conference, University of Göttingen, 5/24

“Two-Level Functionalism” (invited) at the LOGOS Expressives, Emotions, and Beliefs workshop, University of Barcelona, 3/2024

“Difficulty and Senses of Moral Responsibility” at the 12th Polish Congress of Philosophy, 09/2023

“Reduction: What? Me Worry?”

- At the 11th European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Vienna, Austria, 08/2023
- At the Naturalism in Philosophy, Sofia, Bulgaria, 05/2023

“Conceptual Constitution and the Causal-Constitutive Fallacy”

- At the Philosophy and Mathematics of Situated Agency Conference, Oulu, Finland, 06/2023
- At the 4th International Conference on Philosophy of Mind, University of Braga, 03/2023

“Psychological Construction and Natural Kinds” (invited) at Natural Kinds and the Mind Conference, London School of Economics, 09/2022

“Psychophysical Identity Theory” at ‘Cogtweeto’ Online Conference Series, Colloquium (i.e., Keynote) Talk, 08/2021

“In Defense of a Sophisticated Dispositional Theory of Belief” at Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Annual Graduate Conference, 4/2019

“The Meaning of ‘Personal’ and ‘Subpersonal’ States” at Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference, 4/2014

“Williams Syndrome and Horizontal Inference” At the 1st Annual DC Area Graduate Student Conference, 4/2007

Invited Commentaries

2021 APA Pacific. Comments on Mason Westfall (Toronto): “A Constructivist Account of the Personal-Subpersonal Distinction”

2019 APA Pacific. Comments on Howard Nye and Meysam Shojaeenejad (Alberta): “Success Semantics, Reinforcing Satisfaction, and Sensory Inclination”

2018 APA Pacific. Comments on Thomas Ames (UMSL): “Toward a Three-Factor Approach to Monothematic Delusion”

2018 Nature of Belief Conference at University of California, Santa Barbara. Comments on Eric Mandelbaum (CUNY) “Troubles with Bayesianism”

2017 University of California, Riverside Graduate Student Conference. Comments on Malte Bischof (Notre Dame): “Moral Responsibility and the Principle of Tracing”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) of Portugal, Junior Researcher Fellowship	2024-30
<i>Projected Value: >€200,000</i>	
University of Antwerp Postdoctoral Scholarship	2022-23
<i>Approximate Value: €30,000</i>	
UCR Graduate Travel Grant	2022
<i>Value: \$750</i>	
UCR Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship	2020
Fall Quarter	
<i>Approximate Value: \$14,000</i>	
UCR Dissertation Year Fellowship	2020
Spring Quarter	
<i>Approximate Value: \$15,000</i>	
UCR Philosophy Departmental Teaching Excellence Award	2019-20
<i>n/a</i>	
UCR Dean’s Distinguished Fellowship	2014-15
<i>Approximate Value: \$40,000</i>	
Haverford College Commencement Prize in Philosophy	2004
<i>n/a</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Lisbon

Module Leader (lead instructor for part of the term), Philosophy

- Metaphysics of Science (M.A./Ph.D. Seminar) Reduction and Emergence Module (planned) Spring 2026
- Philosophy of Mind, Language, and Cognition (M.A. Seminar), Philosophy of Mind Module, Spring 2025

University of California, Riverside

Graduate Student Instructor (i.e., instructor of record), Philosophy

- Philosophy 010: Language, Mind, and Reality (Winter 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
- Philosophy 118: Personhood and Personal Identity (Fall 2021)
- Philosophy 134: Philosophy of Mind (Winter 2021, Winter 2022)
- Philosophy 135: Philosophy of Psychology (Fall 2018)

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy

- Philosophy 001: Introduction to Philosophy, for Luca Ferrero (Spring 2017, 2019)
- Philosophy 001: Introduction to Philosophy, for Pierre Keller (Winter 2016, 2018)
- Philosophy 001: Introduction to Philosophy, for Andreja Novokovic (Fall 2017)
- Philosophy 002: Contemporary Moral Issues, for Daniel Ehrlich (Spring 2016)
- Philosophy 003: Ethics and the Meaning of Life, for Heinrik Hellwig (Fall 2016)
- Philosophy 004: Philosophy of Race, for Myisha Cherry (Winter 2019)
- Philosophy 005: Evil, for Eric Schwitzgebel (Fall 2015)
- Philosophy 006: Reason, Belief, and Truth, for Joshua Hollowell (Winter 2017)
- Philosophy 030F: Introduction to History of Philosophy (Ancient Philosophy) for Jonah Nagashima (Spring 2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, 2013-Present

European Society for Analytic Philosophy 2023-Present

Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2012-Present

European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2024-Present

SERVICE

Service to the Department

- 2020-2021, UC Riverside: Teaching Assistant Mentor
- 2019, UC Riverside: Graduate Admission/Recruitment Assistant
- 2016-2018, UC Riverside: Colloquium Coordinator

Service to the Profession

Organization

- World Congress of Philosophy: Panel Organizer, “Intentional Action: What we can Learn from Cognitive (Neuro)science.”

Referee Work:

- Journals:
American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience, Disputatio, Erkenntnis (x7),
Philosophia, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Synthese
- Conferences
Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference (x16), Southern Society
for Philosophy and Psychology, University of California, Riverside Graduate Student
Conference (x12)

REFERENCES

***Prof. Eric Schwitzgebel**, Professor of Philosophy
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