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Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Northridge (Fall 2011-present)

Lecturer, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and Liberal Studies, California State University, Northridge (Fall 2024)

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego (Summer 2010-Spring 2011)

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy and Cognitive Science, University of California, San Diego (June 2010)

M.A. Philosophy, University of California, San Diego (June 2007)

B.A., B.S. Philosophy, Psychology, Santa Clara University, *summa cum laude* (June 2002)

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science (esp. Cognitive Science, Psychology, Neuroscience)

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Biology, Ethics (esp. Applied Ethics), Political Philosophy, Phenomenology

Publications

Journal Articles:

Herschbach, M. (2015). "Direct social perception and dual process theories of mindreading." *Consciousness and Cognition*, 36, 483–497.

Herschbach, M. (2012). "Mirroring versus simulation: On the representational function of simulation." *Synthese*, 189(3), 483-513.

Herschbach, M. (2012). "On the role of social interaction in social cognition: A mechanistic alternative to enactivism." *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 11(4), 467-486.

Herschbach, M. & Bechtel, W. (2011). "Relating Bayes to cognitive mechanisms." Commentary on M. Jones & B. C. Love, "Bayesian fundamentalism or enlightenment? On the explanatory status and theoretical contributions of Bayesian models of cognition." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 34(4), 202-203.

Hutto, D., Herschbach, M., & Southgate, V. (2011). "Editorial: Social cognition: Mindreading and alternatives." Introduction to special issue of the *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2(3), 375–395.

Herschbach, M. (2008). "False-belief understanding and the phenomenological critics of folk psychology." *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 15(12), 33-56.

Herschbach, M. (2008). "Folk psychological and phenomenological accounts of social perception." *Philosophical Explorations*, 11(3), 223-235.

Book Chapters:

Herschbach, M. (2018). "Critical Note: How Revisionary are 4E Accounts of Social Cognition?" In A. Newen, L. De Bruin, & S. Gallagher (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of 4E Cognition: Embodied, Embedded, Enactive and Extended*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Herschbach, M. & Bechtel, W. (2014). "Mental mechanisms and psychological construction." In L. F. Barrett & J. Russell (Eds.), *The Psychological Construction of Emotion* (pp. 21-44). New York: Guilford Press.

Bechtel, W., & Herschbach, M. (2010). "Philosophy of the cognitive sciences." In Fritz Allhoff (Ed.), *Philosophies of the Sciences* (pp. 239–261). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Edited Volumes:

Hutto, D., Herschbach, M., & Southgate, V. (Eds.) (2011). *Social cognition: Mindreading and alternatives*. Special issue of the *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2(3).

Conference Proceedings:

Herschbach, M. (2008). "The concept of simulation in control-theoretic accounts of motor control and action perception." In V. Sloutsky, B. Love, and K. McRae (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 30th annual conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 315-320). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Presentations

"On the Role of LLMs in Cognitive Science." GE Honors Program Interdisciplinary Lecture Series, CSUN, November 13, 2024. [Invited]

"Does Simulation Theory Assume Functional Localization?" Department of Philosophy Internal Event, CSUN, October 4, 2024.

Commentary on Sam Clarke's "Goal Ascription for the A-rational." Minds Online 2016 conference.

<http://mindsonline.philosophyofbrains.com/minds-online-2016-program/> September 19, 2016. [Invited]

Commentator on Casey Luskin, "Scientific Evidence for Intelligent Design," meeting of CSUN Religious Studies Club and CSUN Student Philosophy Society, October 3, 2013. [Invited]

"Mechanistic Explanations of Complex Systems." Workshop on Understanding Complex Systems, Organized by Michael L. Anderson, Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, November 2, 2012. [Invited]

"Mirroring is Not Always Simulation." Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, March 31, 2010. [Refereed]

"The Concept of Simulation in Control-Theoretic Accounts of Motor Control and Action Perception." 30th annual conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Washington, DC, July 24, 2008. [Refereed]

"Control-Theoretic Models of Action Understanding: Simulation, Theory, or Both?" Poster presented at the 34th annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, June 27, 2008. [Refereed]

"Folk Psychological and Phenomenological Accounts of Social Perception." Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pasadena, CA, March 21, 2008. [Refereed]

"False Belief Understanding and the Phenomenological Critics of Folk Psychology." Poster presented at the 33rd annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, York University, Toronto, Canada, July 14-16, 2007. [Refereed]

"The Phenomenological Critics of Folk Psychology: The Case of False Belief." Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, University of California, Berkeley, April 14, 2007. [Refereed]

Teaching Experience

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and Liberal Studies, CSU Northridge:
INDS 300: Frameworks for Interdisciplinarity

Department of Philosophy, CSU Northridge:

PHIL 100: General Logic

PHIL 150: Introduction to Philosophical Thought

PHIL 165: Today's Moral Issues

PHIL 170: Philosophy and Popular Culture

PHIL 200: Critical Reasoning

PHIL 202: Modern Philosophy

PHIL 225: Evolutionary Reasoning

PHIL 230: Introduction to Formal Logic

PHIL 305: Business Ethics and Public Policy

PHIL 310: Philosophical Problems

PHIL 325: Philosophy of Biology (previously titled "Philosophy and Biology")

PHIL 330: Philosophy of Science

PHIL 349: Contemporary Social and Political Issues
PHIL 355: Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 360: Ethical Theory
PHIL 365: Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 455: Advanced Philosophy of Mind

Department of Philosophy, UC San Diego:

PHIL 1: The Nature of Philosophy
PHIL 12: Logic and Decision Making
PHIL 14: Introduction to Philosophy: The Nature of Reality
PHIL 136: Philosophy of Mind

Professional Development

Faculty Development, Equity-Minded Syllabus Series (February – April 2024)

Service to the Profession

Editorial Service for the journal *Philosophical Psychology*:

Editor (2019-2022)
Associate Editor (2012-2018)
Book Review Editor (2007-2011)
Editorial Assistant & Publications Editor (2005-2007)

Refereeing:

Journals: Analysis, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Consciousness & Cognition, Erkenntnis, Frontiers in Psychology: Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology, Frontiers in Psychology: Cognitive Science, Journal of Consciousness Studies, Journal for General Philosophy of Science, Minds & Machines, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophy and the Mind Sciences, Philosophical Psychology, Synthese, Theory & Psychology, Topoi

Conferences: Canadian Philosophical Association, Cognitive Science Society, European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, CSUN Student Philosophy Conference

Grants: European Research Council, National Science Foundation

Service to the University and Community

Comments on Eric Flores's "A Kant-Inspired Feminist Approach to Sex Robots," CSUN Student Philosophy Conference, April 26, 2024.

Reviewer of submissions, the V CSUN Student Philosophy Conference, April 18, 2014.

Comments on Casey Luskin's "Scientific Evidence for Intelligent Design," Meeting of CSUN Religious Studies Club and CSUN Student Philosophy Society, October 3, 2013.