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CURRENT POSITION: Researcher ('Chargé de recherches')
Archives Henri Poincaré (UMR 7117)
CNRS, Université de Lorraine, Université de Strasbourg

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

- Philosophy of Mind (especially Consciousness), Philosophy of Cognitive Science

EDUCATION:

- **2016 PhD in Philosophy**, Université Paris-Sorbonne. Title of dissertation: "The Problem of Conscious Experience: An Attempted Dissolution". Advisor: Daniel Andler. Defended on December 1, 2016. Committee: Daniel Andler (Paris-Sorbonne), Max Kistler (Panthéon-Sorbonne), Uriah Kriegel (CNRS/Institut Jean Nicod), Joseph Levine (UMass Amherst), Pascal Ludwig (Paris-Sorbonne), David Papineau (King's College London/CUNY).
- **2011 Master's in Philosophy**, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon
- **2006 BA in Philosophy**, University Jean Moulin (Lyon)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- **2024-... : Researcher**, CNRS, Archives Henri Poincaré (Strasbourg)
- **2023-2024 : Postdoctoral Researcher**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Institut für Philosophie II
- **2022-2023 : Postdoctoral Associate**, New York University, Center for Mind, Brain, and Consciousness
- **2020-2022 : Humboldt Postdoctoral Researcher**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Institut für Philosophie II
- **2018 – 2020 : Research fellow** ('Chargé de recherches') at the FNRS (Belgium), Université Catholique de Louvain, Institut Supérieur de Philosophie
- **2017-2018: Lecturer**, Ecole Normale Supérieure (Institut Jean Nicod)
- **2014-2017: Lecturer**, Université Paris-Sorbonne
- **2011-2014 : Doctoral student**, Université Paris-Sorbonne

RESEARCH STAYS:

- **2019 (October-November): Visiting Research Scholar**, Australian National University, Canberra
- **2019 (January): Visiting Research Scholar**, University of Crete, department of philosophy
- **2018 (November-December): Visiting Research Scholar**, New York University, department of philosophy
- **2014 (January-June): Visiting Research Scholar**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, department of philosophy

OTHER DISTINCTIONS:

- **2010: Agrégation de philosophie** (partially anonymous competitive examination for the recruitment of secondary philosophy teachers)
- **2005-2011 : Scholarship** (“normalien” status) at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (recruited through partially anonymous competitive examination)

PUBLICATIONS: RESEARCH ARTICLES IN ENGLISH:

- **Forthcoming** “Sentientism still under threat – reply to Dung”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*
- **2023** (with K. Frankish) “What forms could introspection take? A research programme”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 30(9-10), 13-48.
<https://doi.org/10.53765/20512201.30.9.013>
 - This paper served as a target article for a special issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, with a dozen contributions from philosophy and cognitive science, which we replied to in “More possibilities for introspection” (see below).
- **2023** (with K. Frankish) “More possibilities for introspection. Reply to commentators”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 30(9-10), 235-275. <https://doi.org/10.53765/20512201.30.9.235>
- **2022**, “How can you be so sure? Illusionism and the obviousness of phenomenal consciousness”, *Philosophical Studies*, 179(9), 2845-2867. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-022-01804-7>
- **2022**, “Ethics without sentience. Facing up to the probable insignificance of phenomenal consciousness”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 29(3-4), 180-204. <https://doi.org/10.53765/20512201.29.3.180>
- **2022**, “How rich is the illusion of consciousness?”, *Erkenntnis*, 87, 499-515, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-019-00204-4>
- **2023**, “Certainty and our sense of acquaintance with experiences”, *Erkenntnis*, 88, 3015-3036. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-021-00488-5>
- **2021**, “The illusion of conscious experience”, *Synthese*, 198, 845-866. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-018-02071-y>
- **2021** (with F. Cova and M. Gaillard), “Is the overflow argument really supported by subjective data?”, *Mind and Language*, 36(3), 422-450. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12291>
- **2020**, “Self-building Technologies”, *AI&Society*, 35(4), 901-915. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-020-00962-8>
- **2020**, “The normative challenge for illusionist views of consciousness”, *Ergo*, 6(32), 891-924. <https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.12405314.0006.032>
- **2019**, “The meta-problem of consciousness and the evidential approach”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 26(9-10), 124-135.
- **2019**, “Does the explanatory gap rest on a fallacy?”, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 10(4), 649-667. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-018-0424-1>
- **2018**, “Is the Antipathetic Fallacy responsible for the intuition that consciousness is distinct from the physical?”, *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, 18(1), 59-73
- **2018** “Can you believe it? Illusionism about consciousness and the illusion meta-problem”, *Philosophical Psychology*, 31(1), 44-67. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2017.1388361>
- **2016** “The hardest aspect of the illusion problem – and how to solve it”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 23(11-12), 124-139
- **2016** “Phenomenal concepts as concepts of ultimate seemings: renewing the phenomenal concept strategy”, *Argumenta*, 1(2), 233-243. <https://doi.org/10.14275/2465-2334/20162.KAM>
- **2015** “How a materialist can deny that the United States is probably conscious – response to Schwitzgebel”, *Philosophia – Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 43(4), 1047-1057. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-015-9653-z>

PUBLICATIONS : EDITORIAL INTRODUCTIONS (IN ENGLISH AND IN FRENCH):

- **2023** (with K. Frankish) “Possible introspective systems”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 30(9-10), 9-12. <https://doi.org/10.53765/20512201.30.9.009>
- **2022** (with J. Birch, D.M. Broom, H. Browning, A. Crump, S. Ginsburg, M. Halina, D. Harrison, E. Jablonka, A.Y. Lee, C. Klein, V. Lamme, M. Michel, F. Wemesfelder, O. Zacks), “How should we study animal consciousness scientifically?”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 29(3-4), 8-28
- **2020**, “More debates on the Meta-Problem of Consciousness”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 27(5-6), 8-13
- **2019**, “Debates on the Meta-Problem of Consciousness”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 26(9-10), 8-18
- **2014** “Introduction : la connaissance de la conscience”, *REPHA*, HS1 (Automne 2014), 5-10

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS (IN FRENCH):

- **2019** *Conscience et matière. Une solution matérialiste au problème de l'expérience consciente*. Editions Matériologiques, Paris
- **2009** *Nietzsche, le sujet, la subjectivation. Une lecture d'Ecce Homo*, L'Harmattan, Paris

PUBLICATIONS: RESEARCH ARTICLES IN FRENCH :

- **2023** “La conception illusionniste de la conscience phénoménale. Défis et perspectives”, *Klesis*, 55
- **2021** “La liberté augmentée”, *Intellectica*, 75, 137-158
- **2015** “Représentationnalisme et langage privé : une défense wittgensteinienne du caractère non-représentationnel de la phénoménalité”, *Philosophie*, 126(3), 62-90
- **2013** “Singularité technologique, singularité théologique : la possibilité d'une théogonie”, *Klesis*, 26.
- **2011** “Pourquoi le représentationnalisme ne peut pas résoudre le ‘problème difficile’ de la conscience phénoménale”, *REPHA*, 4 (Automne 2011), 41-53

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS REVIEWS (IN FRENCH):

- **2018** “Compte-rendu du livre : Qu'est-ce que la pensée ? de Pierre Steiner”, *Lato Sensu*, 5(2), pp. 32-34

PUBLICATIONS : GENERAL AUDIENCE (IN FRENCH):

- **2018** “Qualia” (article “Académique” in the French *Encyclopédie philosophique* online), <http://encyclo-philos.fr/qualia-a/>
- **2018**, “Portrait du philosophe en envieux” in *Qu'est-ce que la science... pour vous ?*, vol II, pp. 187-191, Editions Matériologiques, Paris
- **2017** “Qualia” (article “Grand Public” in the French *Encyclopédie philosophique* online), <http://encyclo-philos.fr/qualia-gp/>

EDITION: SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS:

- **2023**, Symposium “Introspective Systems”, special issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 30(9-10)
- **2020**, “The Meta-Problem of Consciousness (second volume)”, special issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 27(5-6)

- 2019, “The Meta-Problem of Consciousness (first volume)”, special issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 26(9-10)

TALKS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WITH COMMITTEE IN BLIND REVIEW (NOT UPDATED SINCE 2022) :

- 2019 “I am not a self yet, but I might become one”, Future Minds Workshop, 12-13/06/2019 Czech Academy of Science, Prague
- 2017 “How rich is the *illusion* of consciousness?”, Designed Minds Symposium, 8/11/2017, University of Edinburgh
- 2014 “Subjectivité ou normativité ? Pourquoi l’expérience consciente pose problème au naturalisme métaphysique”, 25/06/2014, 5th congress (theme : « Metaphysics of science » de la Société de Philosophie des Sciences, Universités Lille 1 et Lille 3 (France)
- 2014 “Conscious Experiences as Ultimate Seemings: Renewing the Phenomenal Concept Strategy”, 8/03/2014, 37th Graduate Philosophy Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (USA, Illinois)
- 2013 “Conscious Experiences as Ultimate Seemings: Renewing the Phenomenal Concept Strategy”, 16/09/2013, 3rd SIFA Graduate Conference “Language, Logic and Mind”. University of Cagliari (Italy)
- 2012 “Understanding phenomenal concepts’ rules of use (and debunking dualist intuitions) ”, 27/08/2012, 20th Meeting of the ESPP (European Society for Philosophy and Psychology), London (UK)
- 2012 “The use of phenomenal concepts : a case of cognitive inhibition”, 7/06/2012, international philosophy of mind conference “Minds, Bodies and Problems” in Bilkent University, Ankara (Turkey)
- 2012 “Le problème de la disponibilité du contenu : une critique des théories représentationnalistes de la conscience phénoménale”, 6/05/2012, International Meeting of the SOPHA (French-Speaking Society for Analytical Philosophy), Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris (France)

OTHER TALKS (NOT UPDATED SINCE 2022):

- 2022 “Defining consciousness and denying its existence. Sailing between Charybdis and Scylla”. 14/12/2022, Cornell (USA)
- 2022 “Defining consciousness and denying its existence. Sailing between Charybdis and Scylla”. Philosophy of Mind seminar, 24/10/2022, New York University (USA)
- 2022 “Defining consciousness and denying its existence. Sailing between Charybdis and Scylla”. Workshop “To be or not to be... conscious”, 30/09/2022, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany).
- 2022 “Ethics without sentience. Facing up to the probable insignificance of phenomenal consciousness”. 21/06/2022. Future of Humanity Institute / King’s College London workshop on the grounds of moral status (United Kingdom, online)
- 2022 “Introspective innocence, illusionism and the problems of consciousness”. IUSS Pavia Philosophy seminar, 10/05/22, IUSS Pavia (Italy).
- 2021 “Ethics without sentience. Facing up to the probable insignificance of phenomenal consciousness”. Early career researchers workshop, 21/07/21, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany, online).
- 2019, “How can you be so sure? Breaking down the Moorean argument against illusionism”, Workshop “Illusionism and the hard problem”, 8/11/19, Australian National University (Australia)
- 2019, “Our sense of acquaintance with experiences and the meta-problem of consciousness”, Thursday seminar, 10/10/19, Australian National University (Australia)

- 2019, “The illusion of conscious experience”, Research Colloquium Consciousness and Cognition, 28/05/19, Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)
- 2019 “Alternative introspection”, Introspection and Self-Awareness conference, 26/04/2019, Liège (Belgium)
- 2019 “Alternative introspection”, Consciousness and self-awareness workshop, 13/04/2019, Fribourg (Switzerland)
- 2019 “Radically alternative theories of mind”, research seminar, 16/01/2018, University of Crete (Greece)
- 2018 “The normative challenge for illusionist views of consciousness”, Philosophy of Mind seminar, 03/12/2018, New York University (New York, USA)
- 2018 “The normative challenge for illusionist views of consciousness”, WIP seminar, 03/10/2018, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)
- 2018 “Consciousness does not exist – does that mean nothing matters?”, Workshop “Illusionism as a theory of consciousness”, 25/05/2018, ENS (Paris)
- 2018 “Pain, pleasure and value in a world without consciousness”, PACS Seminar, 14/05/2018, ENS (Paris)
- 2017 “Incroyable mais vrai: l’expérience consciente comme illusion”, 03/2017, séminaire d’études cognitives, ENS de Lyon
- 2017 “Does the explanatory gap really arise from a fallacy?”, PaCS seminar, 7/02/2017, Institut Jean Nicod, ENS/EHESS (France)
- 2016 “Unbelievable but true: the illusory character of consciousness”, international workshop “Phenomenal concepts and phenomenal consciousness : epistemic approaches to the problem of conscious experience”, 2/12/2016, Université Paris IV (France)
- 2015 “La normativité de l’expérience consciente et le naturalisme métaphysique”, 15/04/2015, Colloquium SND (Sciences, Normes, Décisions), Université Paris-Sorbonne (France)
- 2014 “Where do they get such ideas ? Or how we can think about nonexistent qualitative features in a purely physical world”, 22/11/2014, study day “Philosophy of Mind and Free Will” on the work of Derk Pereboom, Université Paris-Sorbonne (France)
- 2014 “Que connaissons-nous, et comment le connaissons-nous, lorsque nous connaissons nos expériences conscientes ? ”, 6/11/2014, HEXIS seminar on self-knowledge, Université Jean-Moulin Lyon III (France)
- 2014 “Phenomenal concepts are epistemological concepts – and why it explains away anti-physicalist intuitions », 16/06/2014, Workshop “Phenomenal Concepts”, Institut Jean Nicod, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris (France)
- 2013 “La Singularité Technologique et le salut de nos âmes », 14/06/2013, Colloque Philo’Doctes, organized by the graduate students in philosophy association of the Université Paris-Sorbonne (France)
- 2013 “L’expérience consciente : problème métaphysique ou épistémologique ?”, 20/04/2013, Rencontres Doctorales, in the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France)
- 2012 “Contourner le problème corps-esprit : l’usage des concepts phénoménaux dans la philosophie contemporaine”, 12/12/2012, Body and soul, mind and body : classical and contemporary perspectives seminar, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne University (France)
- 2012 “La stratégie des concepts phénoménaux : une présentation et une proposition”, 22/03/2012, doctoral seminar of cognitive studies, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France)
- 2012 “La stratégie des concepts phénoménaux”, 11/02/2012, Journées doctorales in the Université Paris-Sorbonne (France)
- 2011 “Connaitre ses expériences : problèmes et enjeux de la stratégie des concepts phénoménaux”, 15/12/2011, Colloque Philo’Doctes, organized by the graduate students in philosophy association of the Université Paris-Sorbonne (France)

- 2011 “Le représentationnalisme et le problème de la disponibilité du contenu”, 17/03/2011, Colloque Philo’Doctes, organized by the graduate students in philosophy association of the Université Paris-Sorbonne (France)

RESEARCH GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- 2022 (September 29-30): Main organizer of the international workshop “To be or not to be... conscious”, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany).
- 2021-2022: Organization of the “work in progress” seminar within the Consciousness & Cognition team at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 2019-2020: Co-organization of the “work in progress” seminar within the Institut Supérieur de Philosophie, at the Université Catholique de Louvain
- 2018-2019: Co-organization of a philosophy of mind reading group (“Mind in Louvain”) at the Université Catholique de Louvain
- 2018 (May 25): Main organizer of an international workshop “Illusionism as a theory of consciousness” (Ecole Normale Supérieure)
- 2016 (December 2): Main organizer of an international workshop “Phenomenal concepts and phenomenal consciousness: epistemic approaches to the problem of conscious experience” (Université Paris-Sorbonne)
- 2015 (October 26 and 27): Co-organizer of an international conference “Subjective Data and the Science of Consciousness” (Université Paris-Sorbonne (France))
- 2014 (February-May): Co-organizer of a reading group in philosophy of mind, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (USA)
- 2013 (May 24): Main organizer of a philosophy of mind and phenomenology conference, « La connaissance de la conscience » (“The Knowledge of Consciousness”), in the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris (France)
- 2012 - 2014: President of the “Philo’Doctes” association (Association of the graduate students in philosophy of the Université Paris-Sorbonne). Organization of a graduate student seminar.
- 2012 : April-May : Member of the organization committee of the SOPHA Meeting : help to the creation of the program, relations with speakers
- 2011-2012: Co-founder of the “Philo’Doctes” association (Association of the graduate students in philosophy of the Université Paris-Sorbonne). Treasurer in the association. Organization of graduate students seminar
- 2011-2012 : Main organizer of “Consciousness”, a weekly research seminar, Université Paris-Sorbonne (France)

LANGUAGE SPOKEN:

- French (mother tongue)
- English (fluent)
- Italian (B1) and German (B2)

OTHERS:

- Reviewer for *Mind*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Philosophia – Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, *Philosophie Scientiae*, etc.
- Evaluator for the *Czech Science Foundation* (research projects) and *Oxford University Press* (manuscripts)