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Education

PhD, University of Chicago, 2000 (Philosophy)

AM, University of Chicago, 1993 (Philosophy)

MA, Northwestern, 1991 (Art History)

AB, Harvard, 1985 (Fine Arts)

Areas of specialization

Experimental ethics

Moral psychology

Philosophy of psychology

Areas of competence

Aesthetics

Applied epistemology

Ethics

Logic

Employment

(2025–) Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri

(2021–2027) Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri

(2007–2025) Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri

(2001–2007) Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Program in Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology, Washington University in St. Louis

(2000–2001) Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont

(1999–2000) Postdoctoral Fellow, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM

Research indices

h-index: 17

i10-index: 23

Publications

Books

Malle BF, **Robbins** P, eds. (2025). *The Cambridge Handbook of Moral Psychology.* Cambridge University Press.

Robbins P, Aydede M, eds. (2009). *The Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition.* Cambridge University Press.

Journal articles and book chapters

36. Jack AI, **Robbins** P, Friedman J, Roepstorff A. (2026). The genuine problem of consciousness. In: Raffone A, ed. *Consciousness: A Comprehensive Reference*, 2nd ed. Elsevier. https://doi.org.10.1016/B978-0-443-29258-3.00037-9

35. **Robbins** P. (2026). The sociality of consciousness. In: Raffone A, ed. *Consciousness: A Comprehensive Reference*, 2nd ed. Elsevier. https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-443-29258-3.00049-5

34. **Robbins** P, Alvear F. (2026). Love, money and blame: Effects of emotional and economic hardship on judgments of criminal behavior. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law, 44*(3), 479–494. https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.70055

33. Roderick A, Guo Y, **Robbins** P, Campione-Barr N. (2026). Adults' perceptions of childhood transgressions: The role of parental status and knowledge of child development. *Journal of Moral Behavior.* https://doi.org/10.1080/03057240.2026.2640983

32. Malle BF, **Robbins** P. (2025). Modern moral psychology: An introduction to the terrain. In: Malle BF, Robbins P, eds. *The Cambridge Handbook of Moral Psychology* (pp. 1–30). Cambridge University Press. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108894357.002

31. **Robbins** P. (2025). Moral categorization and mind perception. In: Malle BF, Robbins P, eds. *The Cambridge Handbook of Moral Psychology* (pp. 198–221). Cambridge University Press. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108894357.012

30. **Robbins** P. (2025). Of machines and men: Attributions of moral responsibility in AI-assisted warfare. *Ethics and Information Technology, 27*, 35. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10676-025-09844-3

29. **Robbins** P, Alvear F. (2023). Deformative experience: Explaining the effects of adversity on moral evaluation. *Social Cognition, 41*(5), 415–446. https://doi.org/10.1521/soco.2023.41.5.415

28. **Robbins** P, Alvear F, Litton P. (2021). Good deeds and hard knocks: The effect of past suffering on praise for moral behavior. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 97*, 104216. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2021.104216

27. **Robbins** P, Litton P. (2018). Crime, punishment, and causation: The effect of etiological information on the perception of moral agency. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law, 24*(1), 118–127. https://doi.org/10.1037/law0000146

26. **Robbins** P. (2015). Philosophizing the social brain. *Cognitive Systems Research, 34–35*, 1–4. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cogsys.2015.09.001

25. Jack AI, **Robbins** P, Friedman JP, Meyers CD. (2014). More than a feeling: Counterintuitive effects of compassion on moral judgment.
In: Sytsma J, ed. *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Mind* (pp. 125–179). Bloomsbury Academic. https://doi.org/10.5040/9781472594136.ch-006

24. **Robbins** P, Shields K. (2014). Explaining ideology: Two factors are better than one.
Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 37(3), 326–328. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X13002719

23. **Robbins** P. (2013). Modularity and mental architecture.
WIREs Cognitive Science, 4(6), 641–649. https://doi.org/10.1002/wcs.125

22. Jack AI, **Robbins** P. (2012). The phenomenal stance revisited.
Review of Philosophy and Psychology, 3(3), 383–403. https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-012-0104-5

21. Knobe J, Buckwalter W, Nichols S, **Robbins** P, Sarkissian H, Sommers T. (2012). Experimental philosophy.
Annual Review of Psychology, 63, 81–99. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-psych-120710-100350

20. **Robbins** P. (2009). Guilt by dissociation: Why mindreading may not be prior to metacognition after all.
Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 32(2), 159–160. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X09000788

19. **Robbins** P, Aydede M. (2009). A short primer on situated cognition.
In: Robbins P, Aydede M, eds. *The Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition* (pp. 3–10). Cambridge University Press. https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511816826.001

18. **Robbins** P. (2008). Consciousness and the social mind.
Cognitive Systems Research, 9(1–2), 15–23. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cogsys.2007.07.005

17. **Robbins** P. (2007). Minimalism and modularity.
In: Preyer G, Peter G, eds. *Context-Sensitivity and Semantic Minimalism* (pp. 303–319). Oxford University Press. https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780199213320.003.0013

16. **Robbins** P, Zacks JM. (2007). Attachment theory and cognitive science.
Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, 55(2), 457–467. https://doi.org/10.1177/00030651070550021401

15. **Robbins** P. (2006). The ins and outs of introspection.
Philosophy Compass, 1(6), 617–630. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1747-9991.2006.00043.x

14. **Robbins** P, Jack AI. (2006). An unconstrained mind: Explaining belief in the afterlife.
Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 29(5), 484. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X06469107

13. **Robbins** P, Jack AI. (2006). The phenomenal stance.
Philosophical Studies, 127(1), 59–85. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-005-1730-x

12. Boyer P, **Robbins** P, Jack AI. (2005). Varieties of self-systems worth having.
Consciousness and Cognition, 14(4), 647–660. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.concog.2005.08.002

11. **Robbins** P. (2005). The myth of reverse compositionality.
Philosophical Studies, 125(2), 251–275. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-005-7785-x

10. Jack AI, **Robbins** P. (2004). The illusory triumph of machine over mind.
Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 27(5), 665–666. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X0429015X

9. **Robbins** P. (2004). Knowing me, knowing you: Theory of mind and the machinery of introspection. *Journal of Consciousness Studies, 11*(7–8), 129–143. https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/imp/jcs/2004/00000011/f0020007/art00009

8. **Robbins** P. (2004). To structure, or not to structure? *Synthese, 139*(1), 55–80. https://doi.org/10.1023/B:SYNT.0000021308.22619.83

7. **Robbins** P. (2002). How to blunt the sword of compositionality. *Noûs, 36*(2), 313–334. https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0068.00373

6. **Robbins** P. (2002). Normativity, naturalism, and the necessity of virtue. In: Beltrán J, Pereda C, eds. *La Certeza, ¿Un Mito?* (pp. 63–70). IIF-UNAM.

5. **Robbins** P. (2002). The paradox of self-consciousness revisited. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, 83*(4), 424–443. https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0114.t01-1-00158

4. **Robbins** P. (2002). What domain integration could not be. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 25*(6), 696–697. https://doi.org/10.1017/s0140525x02460128

3. Aydede M, **Robbins** P. (2001). Are Frege cases exceptions to intentional generalizations? *Canadian Journal of Philosophy, 31*(1), 1–22. https://doi.org/10.1080/00455091.2001.10717558

2. **Robbins** P. (2001). What compositionality still can do. *Philosophical Quarterly, 51*(204), 328–336. https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9213.00232

1. **Robbins** P. (1998). Will the *real* philosopher behind the last logicist please stand up? *Southern Journal of Philosophy, 36*(2), 265–287. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.2041-6962.1998.tb01756.x

Encyclopedia articles

6. **Robbins** P., Drayson, Z. (2025). Modularity of mind. In: Zalta E, ed., *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2025 Edition). (Substantive revision of entry published in 2017.) https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/modularity-mind/

5. **Robbins** P. (2017). Modularity of mind. In: Zalta E, ed., *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2017 Edition). (Substantive revision of entry published in 2009.)

4. **Robbins** P. (2013). Situated cognition. In: Kaldis B, ed. *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, vol. 2 (pp. 870–872). Sage. https://doi.org/10.4135/9781452276052.n332

3. **Robbins** P. (2013). Modularity of the mind. In: Kaldis B, ed. *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, vol. 2 (pp. 627–629). Sage. https://doi.org/10.4135/9781452276052.n234

2. **Robbins** P. (2009). Modularity of mind. In Zalta E, ed., *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2009 Edition).

1. **Robbins** P. (2005). Systematicity. In Brown K., ed. *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, vol. 12, 2nd ed. (pp. 440-443). Elsevier. https://doi.org/10.1016/B0-08-044854-2/01230-X

Book reviews

3. **Robbins** P. (2008). Review of *Simulating Minds* by Alvin Goldman. *Mind, 117*(468), 1076–1079. https://doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzn130

2. **Robbins**, P. (2004). Review of *Philosophy of Mind* by David Chalmers (Ed.). *Philosophical Psychology, 17*(2), 319–320.

1. **Robbins** P. (2002). Review of *Conceptual Spaces* by Peter Gärdenfors. *Philosophical Psychology, 15*(2), 200–203.

Other publications

5. **Robbins** P., ed. (2015). Philosophical perspectives on social neuroscience. [Special issue]. *Cognitive Systems Research, 34–35*, 1–70.

4. Buckwalter W, Knobe J, Nichols S, Pinillos A, **Robbins** P, Sarkissian H, Weigel C, Weinberg J. (2012). Experimental philosophy. In: Pritchard D, ed. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Oxford University Press.

3. **Robbins** P. (2008). Teaching and learning guide for: The ins and outs of introspection. *Philosophy Compass, 3*(5), 1100–1102. https:/doi.org/10.1111/j.1747-9991.2008.00164.x

2. Boyer P, Jack AI, **Robbins** P, eds. (2005). The brain and its self. [Special issue]. *Consciousness and Cognition, 14*(4), 647–790.

1. **Robbins** P. (2000). Paradox twice lost. *Psycoloquy, 11*(57).

In preparation

AI-based training erodes trust in experts. (with F. Alvear)

Experimental Ethics. [under contract with Cambridge University Press]

Talks and presentations

99. Did your doctor use AI in med school? Effects of AI use during training on trust in experts. (with F. Alvear)
International Society for Moral Psychology, Cornell University, September 2026 [poster]

98. Of machines and men: Folk attributions of moral responsibility in AI-assisted warfare.
5th European Experimental Philosophy Conference, University of East Anglia, Norwick, UK, July 2025 [poster]

97. Of machines and men: Folk attributions of moral responsibility in AI-assisted warfare.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, June 2025 [poster]

96. Love, money, and blame: The effects of childhood adversity on judgments of criminal behavior.
University of Missouri, Department of Philosophy, April 2025

95. Minding the responsibility gap: The moral perception of disobedient robots. (with A. Tramel)
3rd International Conference on Ethics of AI, University of Azores, Azores, Portugal, September 2024 [virtual]

94. Adults' perceptions of childhood transgressions. (with A. Roderick, Y. Guo, and N. Campione-Barr)
Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, April 2024

93. The ethics of adversity: Towards a scientifically informed account of moral responsibility. [invited, keynote]
XII Jornadas Rolando Chuaqui Kettlun, Santiago, Chile, October 2022

92. W(h)ither modularity? Skeptical worries about a foundational concept in cognitive science. [invited]
XII Jornadas Rolando Chuaqui Kettlun, Santiago, Chile, October 2022

91. Deformative experience: The effect of past suffering on moral evaluation.
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Milan, Italy, July 2022

90. Deformative experience: The effect of past suffering on moral evaluation. (with F. Alvear)
University of Missouri, Department of Philosophy, April 2022

89. Moral handicapping: What it is, how it works, and why it matters. (with F. Alvear)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Mobile, Alabama, April 2022

88. The effect of valence on moral typecasting. (with F. Alvear and P. Litton)
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, July 2021 [virtual, poster]

87. Polarity matters: The effect of valence on moral typecasting. (with F. Alvear and P. Litton)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, December 2020 [virtual]

86. Polarity matters: The effect of valence on moral typecasting.
Social and Personality Area Meeting, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, September 2019

85. Crime, punishment, and causation: Contextual effects on moral perception. [invited]
VIII Workshop on Language, Cognition, and Context, Villa General Belgrano, Argentina, August 2019

84. To attract praise, be a victim, not a beneficiary.
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2019

83. The significance of linguistic illusions: Comments on Szabó.
Kline Workshop on Semantics and Logic, University of Missouri, October 2018

82. The moral agency of animals: Comments on Ferrin.
Kline Workshop on Animal Ethics, University of Missouri, April 2018

81. Does group improvisation require a plural subject? Comments on Hagberg.
Kline Workshop on Aesthetics and Philosophy of Music, University of Missouri, March 2018

80. Two questions of persistence: Comments on Rose. [invited]
Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, October 2017

79. Crime, punishment, and causation: The effect of etiological information on the perception of moral agency. (with P. Litton)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, Georgia, March 2017

78. Why so few? Gender stereotypes, ability beliefs, and the underrepresentation of women in philosophy. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, Texas, January 2017 [poster]

77. Crime, punishment, and causation: The effect of etiological information on the perception of moral agency. (with P. Litton)
Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, SUNY Buffalo, September 2016

76. More than a feeling: Towards an alternative dual-process account of moral judgment.
Missouri Philosophy of Science Workshop, University of Missouri, April 2016

75. Exploring philosophy's gender gap: Stereotyping, identity, and academic engagement. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., January 2016

74. Philosophy's leaky pipeline: Self-perceived competence outperforms stereotyping and identity in predicting academic engagement. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, California, January 2016 [poster]

73. Race-asymmetric moral assessments, ideological orientation, and symbolic racism. (with G. Marks-Wilt).
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, June 2015 [poster]

72. The racial division(s) of moral labor: Symbolic racism, political orientation, and race-asymmetric moral status ascription. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, SUNY Buffalo, October 2014

71. Race and racism in ascriptions of moral status. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, May 2014 [poster]

70. The gendered division of moral labor. (with G. Marks-Wilt)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, SC, February 2014

69. More than a feeling: Compassion predicts resistance to utilitarian moral judgments — even when it shouldn't.
Social and Personality Area Meeting, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, March 2013

68. More than a feeling: Counterintuitive effects of empathy on reasoning about moral dilemmas. [invited]
Mindreading, Understanding, and Emotion, UNC Chapel Hill, January 2013

67. Persons, minds, and morals.
Buffalo Experimental Philosophy Conference, SUNY Buffalo, October 2012

66. Consilience denied: Folk personology and the Balkanized brain.
Science Studies Colloquium, University of Missouri, September 2012

65. The social foundations of selfhood. [invited]
SMU Mind Workshop on Consciousness and the Self, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, April 2012

64. Persons, minds, and morals. [invited]
Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, April 2012

63. Minding the gaps: Comments on King.
Kline Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Epistemology. University of Missouri, October 2011

62. Mind perception and moral projection.
Quantitative Area, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, October 2011

61. A plea for excuses: Comments on Herman.
Kline Workshop on Kantian Ethics, University of Missouri, April 2011

60. Mind perception and moral projection.
University of Missouri, April 2011

59. Commonsense thinking about minds and morals.
MERG (Metropolitan Area Experimental Philosophy) Workshop, NYU, March 2011

58. Minds and morals: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited. [invited]
Henry Smits Memorial Lecture, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, November 2010

57. Minds and morals: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited. [invited]
Department of Cognitive Science, Case Western Reserve University, October 2010

56. Who's to judge? Comments on Jackson.
Kline Workshop on Experimental Philosophy, University of Missouri, April 2010

55. The self and its social body. [invited]
Society for Exact Philosophy, Kansas City, March 2010

54. Mentality and morality: The experientialist (hypo)thesis revisited.
University of Missouri, March 2010

53. Self-knowledge: A brain's-eye view. [invited]
APA Eastern Division, New York City, December 2009

52. Consciousness, meta-consciousness, and the social mind: Four lectures. [invited]
School of Philosophy and Center for Cognitive Science, University of Chile, Santiago, October 2009

51. Mirroring, language, and the viral mind: Reflections on Gordon and Fadiga. [invited]
Morris Symposium on Language, Cognition, and Motor Control, SUNY Stony Brook, May 2009

50. The fractionation of pragmatics: Comments on Stainton.
Kline Workshop on Meaning, University of Missouri, April 2009

49. A fresh look at the feeling of understanding.
Missouri Philosophy of Science (MOPS) Workshop, University of Missouri, September 2008

48. Subsentential speech and psychology. [invited]
APA Central Division, Chicago, April 2008

47. Thinking about consciousness.
SPAM (Social and Personality Area Meeting), Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, March 2008

46. The genuine problem of consciousness. [invited]
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, January 2008

45. Consciousness and the social mind.
Cognition and Neuroscience Group, University of Missouri, October 2007

44. The genuine problem of consciousness. [invited]
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Las Vegas, June 2007 (plenary symposium)

43. The genuine problem of consciousness. [invited]
BASIC Workshop on Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, and Self-Representation, Copenhagen, May 2007

42. The introspective self. [invited]
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, April 2007

41. Minding the gap. [invited]
Northern Illinois University, February 2007

40. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, January 2007

39. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
Colgate University, January 2007

38. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
York University, Toronto, January 2007

37. The mind of a minimalist. [invited]
University of Missouri, January 2007

36. The reappearance of introspection.
Washington University in St. Louis, December 2006

35. Anchoring intuitions: Comments on Swain, Alexander & Weinberg. [invited]
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), St. Louis, June 2006

34. Educating intuition: Explanatory gaps and the Balkanized brain. [invited]
Association for Philosophy of Education, APA Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon, March 2006

33. Folk personology and the Balkanized brain.
University of Missouri, December 2005 [invited]

32. Is semantics modular?
Workshop on Semantics and Psychological Evidence, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2005 (invited)

31. The phenomenal stance.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2005 (symposium) [invited]

30. The phenomenal stance.
Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, October 2004

29. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
SPP–EuroSPP, Barcelona, July 2004

28. Is self-awareness impaired in Asperger syndrome?
The Brain and Its Self, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2004

27. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., December 2003 (symposium)

26. Unifying Modulandia: Language as domain integrator. [with S. Bernal]
Washington University in St. Louis, October 2003

25. Reverse compositionality.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Pasadena, June 2003

24. Anti-Cartesian lessons from the theory of cognitive control: Comments on Thalos.
APA Central Division, Cleveland, April 2003

23. Autism, schizophrenia, and the self.
Washington University in St. Louis, April 2003

22. Reverse compositionality.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2003 (symposium)

21. Emotion, mood, and the body.
Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, March 2003

20. Reverse compositionality.
Washington University in St. Louis, February 2003

19. Reverse compositionality.
University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis, November 2002 [invited]

18. Reverse compositionality.
Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, October 2002

17. Can we afford to be broad-minded?
APA Pacific Division, Seattle, March 2002

16. Prototypes, compositionality, and syntax: Comments on Rives.
Illinois Philosophical Association, Bloomington, November 2001

15. Inferentialism and singular terms: Comments on McCullagh.
Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, October 2001

14. What compositionality still can do.
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2001

13. Getting to the heart of self-consciousness.
Washington University, St. Louis, January 2001 [invited]

12. Getting to the heart of self-consciousness.
Mississippi State University, Starkville, February 2001 [invited]

11. How to blunt the sword of compositionality.
Universidad Autónoma de Estado de Morelos, Cuernavaca, Mexico, July 2000 [invited]

10. The paradox of self-consciousness revisited.
Ohio University, Athens, February 2000 [invited]

9. Are Frege cases exceptions to intentional generalizations?
APA Pacific Division, Berkeley, April 1999

8. Rethinking self-consciousness.
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, February 1999 [invited]

7. Atomism for the narrow-minded.
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, January 1999 [invited]

6. Atomism for the narrow-minded.
Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science (RuCCS), Piscataway, January 1999

5. Atomism for the narrow-minded.
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 1999 [invited]

4. Can factualists solve the self-location problem?
APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., December 1998

3. Classical propositionalism, generation gaps, and the diagonal argument.
World Congress of Philosophy XX, Boston, August 1998

2. Classical propositionalism, generation gaps, and the diagonal argument.
   APA Central Division, Chicago, May 1998

1. Mathematical fictionalism in context.
   Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, February 1997

Invited guest lectures

8. Can we know anything about morality?
   Missouri Prison Outreach Program, Moberly Correctional Center, Moberly, Missouri, April 2026

7. AI ethics: A brief introduction.
   AI Certificate Program, MU College of Engineering, January 2026

6. Happiness, pleasure, and meaning in life.
   Missouri Prison Outreach Program, Moberly Correctional Center, Moberly, Missouri, April 2025

5. What is experimental philosophy, and what can it teach us about moral responsibility?
   Missouri Prison Outreach Program, Moberly Correctional Center, Moberly, Missouri, January 2024

4. Happiness, pleasure, and the good life.
   Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, November 2018

3. Thinking about thinking machines: Turing and the dawn of Artificial Intelligence.
   MU Honors College, Humanities Series, April 2017

2. Situating the self.
   Zygon Center for Religion and Science, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, February 2013

1. Is conscious will an illusion?
   MU Honors College, Social and Behavioral Science Series, September 2011

Grants and awards

Great Books Program, University of Missouri, Spring 2027 ($7.5k for course release)

Arts and Science Writing Program, University of Missouri, Fall 2024 ($5k for course release)

Funding for conference travel (XII Jornadas Rolando Chuaqui Kettlun), Arts and Science Faculty International Travel award, University of Missouri, April 2022 ($1k)

Funding for conference travel (SSPP 2022), Arts and Humanities Domestic Travel award, University of Missouri, April 2022 ($800)

Funding for conference travel (SSPP 2020), Arts and Humanities Domestic Travel award, University of Missouri, February 2020 ($600 [not used; trip cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)

Funding for development of *Blind Spots* (online critical thinking course), Intercampus Course Sharing Program, University of Missouri, November 2016 ($11,383)

Funding for experimental philosophy project on the effects of gender and race on moral perception, MU Arts and Humanities Small Grants Program, University of Missouri, September 2013 ($500)

Funding for experimental philosophy project on moral responsibility, MU Arts and Humanities Small Grants Program, University of Missouri, December 2012 ($500)

Funding to subsidize visit to Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy, Center for Humanities, University of Missouri, March 2012 ($500)

Outstanding Undergraduate Mentor Award Nominee, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Missouri, April 2011

Funding to subsidize visit to campus by Dr. Ernest Sosa (Rutgers University), Center for Humanities, University of Missouri, October 2009 ($500)

Purple Chalk Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, College of Arts and Science, University of Missouri, February 2009

Funding for the conference "The brain and its self: A new frontier of neuroscience," co-organized with P. Boyer (Psychology, Anthropology) and A. Jack (Neurology), Washington University Sesquicentennial Committee, April 2004 ($7,500)

Special Recognition for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring, Washington University, April 2003

APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend, December 1998

Whiting Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1997–1998

Ames Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1995–1997

Mellon Foundation Research Grant, University of Chicago, Summer 1995

Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1991–1995

University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1989–1990

Harvard College, John Harvard, and Farkas Scholarships, Harvard College, 1981–1985

National Merit Scholarship, 1981–1982

Media attention

EurekAlert! (September 2021)

Futurity (October 2017, September 2021)

Neuroscience News (August 2023)

Phys.org (September 2021, August 2023)

Science Daily (October 2017, September 2021, August 2023)

StudyFinds (August 2023)

St. Louis American (November 2017)

Technology Networks (October 2021)

PhD supervision (primary)

N. Rahman, *Individual Moral Responsibility in a Social World: Creating Duties and Distributing Blame* (University of Missouri, Philosophy,) 2025– [director]

S. Y. Bae, *Emotions, Emotion Concepts, and the Predictive Mind* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2023–2026 [co-director, with Gualtiero Piccinini]

C. Culak, *The Limits of the Virtue of Compassion* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2022–2025 [reader]

S. Shahi, *Three Essays on Knowledge-How* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2019–2024 [reader]

R. Agrawal, *Trolley Problems, Normativity, and Moral Psychology* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2019-2020 [reader]

S. Khawaja, *Naturalizing Epistemology: Reconsidering Quine and Nietzsche* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2018–2019 [reader]

T. Hall, *Three Studies in the Philosophy of Jazz* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2017–2018 [reader]

S. Kang, *The Consciousness of Visual Experience* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2015–2018 [reader]

K. Shields, *Amoralists, Inverted Commas, and the Puzzle of Moral Internalism: An Essay in Experimental Metaethics* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2013–2016 [director]

P. Zema, *Three Questions Concerning Reid's Moral Epistemology* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2014–2016 [reader]

R. Lauer, *Explanation for the Cognitively Bounded: Psychology and the Pragmatics of Explanation* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2014–2016 [reader]

L. Chiu, *Niche Construction and the Logic of Natural Selection Explanations* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2012–2015 [reader]

X. Liu, *Choice, Control, and Moral Responsibility* (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2009–2012 [reader]

J. R. Thompson, *Contexts, Intentions, and Content* (Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy), 2001–2004 [co-director, with Jesse Prinz]

D. Weiskopf, *A Defense of Conceptual Pluralism* (Washington University in St. Louis, PNP), 2001–2002 [reader]

K. Bradfield, *Mood and Representation* (Washington University in St. Louis, PNP), 2001–2007 [reader]

C. Vodehnal, *Motivation and Moral Responsibility* (Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy), 2002–2007 [reader]

E. Gaudet, *The Asymmetry Between Quine's Indeterminacy of Translation Thesis and Underdetermination of Theory* (Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy), December 2003 [reader]

E. Landers, *Mental Disorder in a Biomedical Age: Problems with Symptoms, Perils of Reduction* (Washington University in St. Louis, PNP), August 2003 [reader]

W. Schonbein, *An Intimate Affair: Cognition and Its Physical Basis* (Washington University in St. Louis, PNP), June 2002 [reader]

PhD supervision (secondary)

P. N. Michener-Portock, *Retrospective Revaluation Effects during Interpersonal Attributions* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2024–2025 [outside reader]

C. Von Gunten, *Assessing Whether Inhibition Tasks Are Associated with Self-Control and Self-Control Outcomes* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2017–2018 [outside reader]

N. Karcher, *Striatum Functional Activation and Psychosis Risk* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2015–2017 [outside reader]

M. Halusic, *Developing a Computer Coding Scheme for the Implicit Achievement Motive* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2014–2015 [outside reader]

S. Heintzelman, *The Motivational Primacy of Environmental Coherence: Self-Derogation and the Experience of Meaning in Life* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2014–2015 [outside reader]

J. Trent, *Judging Books by Their Covers: Mood, Individual Differences in Intuition, and Perceptions of Trustworthiness* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2012–2013 [outside reader]

D. Cicero, *Understanding Delusions: The Role of Aberrant Salience and Self-Relevant Information Processing* (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), May 2011 [outside reader]

N. Speer, *Text Comprehension Processes in the Brain* (Washington University in St. Louis, Psychology), November 2005 [outside reader]

M. Melinder, *Automatic vs. Controlled Priming in Individuals with Schizophrenia* (Washington University in St. Louis, Psychology), November 2003 [outside reader]

MA supervision (primary)

C. Funk, "A principled approach to carebot ethics," 2025–2026 [director]

N. Rahman, "Equal opportunity for welfare revisited," 2024–2025 [reader]

N. Stagg, "Why you should think twice," 2024–2025 [reader]

S. Y. Bae, "Determination of representational content: Correlational information and structural correspondence," 2022–2023 [reader]

S. Shahi, "Novelty and knowledge-how," 2017–2019 [reader]

C. Porter, "Semantic integration and know-how," 2017–2018 [reader]

A. Ray, "Dusting off the trade-off hypothesis," 2014–2015 [reader]

S. Khawaja, "Cognitive evaluation and epistemic diversity: Alternative approaches," Spring 2015 [reader]

G. Marks-Wilt, "The division of moral labor: Prospects, progress and problems in examining the moral status/social category relationship," 2013–2014 [director]

J. Kestner, "Hill's representationalism and the problem of hallucination," Summer 2014 [reader]

P. Zema, "Psychological altruism and religiosity: Is God watching?" Spring 2013 [reader]

J. Burmeister, "Trying to detect stakes effects for knowledge using bridge cases," Spring 2013 [reader]

R. Lauer, "Understanding, explanation, and knowledge of causes," Spring 2013 [reader]

K. Shields, "Motivational internalism and experimental philosophy," Spring 2012 [reader]

K. Shields,"Moral concepts, objectivity, and experimental philosophy," Spring 2012 [reader]

L. Chiu, "Justifying the role of metaphysics in the extended mind debate," Summer 2011 [reader]

J. Smart, "Dialecticism: Or, how to do philosophy with personal intuitions," Spring 2011 [reader]

J. Wright, "Ad hockery," Spring 2011 [reader]

H.-J. Kang, "Mental attribution of beliefs and desires," Spring 2010 [reader]

J. Coon, "The new mysterian response to Chalmers's conceivability argument," Spring 2010 [reader]

W. Fan, "Are kind properties represented in perception?" Spring 2010 [reader]

C. Rice, "Concept empiricism, content, and compositionality" (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [reader]

C. Rice, "Is language really the content integrator?" (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [reader]

Y. Rowher, "Towards a unified module concept: Evidential and definitional properties of module concepts in cognitive science and biology" (University of Missouri, Philosophy), Spring 2009 [reader]

MA supervision (secondary)

E. Holberg, "Happiness, suffering, and attributions of moral goodness" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2024–2025 [outside reader]

J. Hua, "Differentiating psychosis risk and mania risk scales and their associations with spontaneous eye blink rates" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2017 [outside reader]

G. L. Mitchell, "Can people think like pigeons? Motivation and the Monty Hall dilemma" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2015 [outside reader]

S. Glenn Baker, "Lay theories and the correction of mood influences on judgments" (Psychological Sciences, 2014–2016 [outside reader]

C. Von Gunten, "Resource-depletion: Outcome of failed energy management or adaptive emotion?" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2014–2015 [outside reader]

S. Heintzelman, "Positive affect, intuitive processing, and visual encoding" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2011–2012 [outside reader]

M. Halusic, "Autonomous orientation and self differentiation" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2011–2013 [outside reader]

M. Prentice, "Threat, low hope, and defensive belief in luck" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), Summer 2011 [outside reader]

N. Karcher, "Magical thinking, dopamine, and salience" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2011–2012 [outside reader]

J. Trent, "Intuition and facial feedback" (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), 2009–2010 [outside reader]

Miscellaneous graduate supervision

C. Von Gunten, comprehensive exam committee (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), December 2016 [outside member]

N. Karcher, comprehensive exam committee (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), September 2014 [outside member]

M. Halusic, comprehensive exam committee, outside member (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), August 2014 [outside member]

S. Heintzelman, comprehensive exam committee, (University of Missouri, Psychological Sciences), February 2014 [outside member]

BA supervision

A. Tramel, "When the gun fires itself: Autonomous weapons systems and responsibility in command," January 2024–May 2025 [director]

A. Roderick, "Parents' and non-parents' perceptions of childhood transgressions," McNair Scholar Program, September 2023–January 2025 [co-mentor, with Dr. Lisa Campione-Barr, Psychological Sciences]

E. Schonemann, "More than the brain: Effective psychotherapies for treating PTSD suggest human cognition to be wholly embodied through connections to the nervous systems," May 2021 [reader[

T. Tutin, "Free will and the insanity defense," August 2017 [reader]

T. Ryan, "Transactions, transfers, and gambles," May 2013 [reader]

E. Kirsch, "Commonsense attributions of moral roles: An empirical investigation," 2010–2011 [director]

R. Curl, "Agency in virtual worlds" (University of Missouri, Philosophy), 2007–2008 [director]

K. Vallier, "Eliminative materialism, self-refutation, and the status of content" (Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy), 2003–2004 [director]

A. Streed, "Color physicalism" (Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy), 2002–2003 [director]

R. Friedman, "Terrorism as civil disobedience" (Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy), 2002–2003 [reader]

S. Arekapudi, "Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia" (Washington University in St. Louis, Philosophy), 2001–2002 [reader]

S. Barks, "The study of theory of mind in non-human primates" (Washington University in St. Louis, PNP), 2001–2002 [reader]

Departmental service

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (member), 2020–2021

Curriculum Committee (member), 2020–2021

P&T Review Committee (Alex Radulescu; chair), 2019

Director of Graduate Studies, 2018–2020

Director of Graduate Admissions, 2018–2020

Graduate Affairs Committee (chair), 2018–2020

P&T Review Committee (Kenny Boyce; member), 2018

Raise Recommendation Advisory Committee (member), 2018–2020

Undergraduate Affairs Committee (member), 2017–2019

Departmental Workload Policy Committee (member), 2017

Graduate Affairs Committee (member), 2016–2018

Third-Year Review Committee (Marina Folescu, service), 2016

Third-Year Review Committee (Alexandru Radulescu, research), 2016

Curriculum Committee (member), 2014–2015, 2017–2018

P&T Policy Review Committee (member), 2012–2013

M&E Search Committee (member), 2012–2013

History Search Committee (member), 2012–2013

Director of Graduate Studies, 2012–2015

Graduate Affairs Committee (chair), 2012–2015

Graduate Student Teaching Prize coordinator, Spring 2012

Graduate Admissions Committee (member), 2010–2012

Graduate Affairs Committee (member), 2010–2012

Course Director for PHIL 1200: *Logic and Reasoning*, 2008–2009, Spring 2011

Faculty Advisor to Philosophy Club, 2007–2011

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2007–2011

Director of Speaker Series, 2008–2009

P&T Review Committee (Claire Horisk, service), 2007–2008

Awards Committee (chair), Washington University in St. Louis, 2005–2007

PNP Executive Committee (member), Washington University in St. Louis, 2001–2007

PNP Search Committee (member), Washington University in St. Louis, 2002–2004

Graduate Recruitment Committee (member), Washington University in St. Louis, 2001–2002, 2003–2004

University service

College of Arts and Science Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, 2018–2021

College of Arts and Science Appeals Committee, 2019–2021

Committee on Instruction and Advising, 2007–2011

Graduate Council faculty representative, Washington University in St. Louis, 2006–2007

Other service

Planning Committee, AI Research Interest Group, 2025–2026

Co-organizer, with H. Rubin and M. Schneider, Formal and Experimental Philosophy Workshop (FAX 3), University of Missouri, October 2023

Co-director, Planning Committee, Life Sciences and Society Program, for the symposium "Ethics and the Brain," University of Missouri, March 2011

Director, MU Experimental Philosophy Lab, May 2010–

Director, Kline Workshop on Experimental Philosophy, April 2010

Planning Committee, Life Sciences and Society Program, for the symposium "From Biology to Art, and Back Again," March 2010

Co-organizer, with A. Ariew, Missouri Philosophy of Science Workshop, September 2008

Organizer, Social Cognition Research Group, 2005–2006

Co-organizer, with R. Gordon (UMSL Philosophy), Social Cognition Reading Group, Spring 2005

Co-organizer, with P. Boyer (Psychology, Anthropology) and A. Jack (Neurology), "The Brain and Its Self: A New Frontier of Neuroscience," April 2004

Co-organizer, with B. Hyde (Linguistics) and A. Stump (Computer Science), Semantics Reading Group, 2003–2004

Co-advisor, with B. Hyde, Linguistics Special Major, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002–2007

Co-organizer, with A. Jack (Neurology), PNP Study Group on Introspection and Metacognition, Washington University in St. Louis, Summer 2002

Refereeing

Journals

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

British Journal for the Philosophy of Science

Crítica

Dialectica

Ergo

Erkenntnis

European Review of Philosophy

European Journal for Philosophy of Science

Frontiers in Psychology

Journal of Consciousness Studies

Journal of Experimental Criminology

Journal of Mind and Behavior

Journal of Philosophy

Managerial and Decision Economics

Mind
Mind and Language
Minds and Machines
The Monist
Nature Human Behavior
New Ideas in Psychology
Noûs
Open Mind: Discoveries in Cognitive Science
Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy
Perspectives on Psychological Science
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Philosopher's Imprint
Philosophical Explorations
Philosophical Psychology
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Philosophy of Science
Psychological Review
Ratio
Review of Philosophy and Psychology
Synthese

Presses

Cambridge University Press
Continuum Press
Longman
MIT Press
Oxford University Press
Routledge
Wadsworth
Wiley-Blackwell

Conferences

American Philosophical Association
Central States Philosophical Association
Cognitive Science Society
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Funding agencies

National Science Foundation

Canada Research Council

Israel Science Foundation

University of Missouri Research Board

Professional affiliations

International Society for Moral Psychology

Society for Philosophy and Psychology