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EMPLOYMENT

2019-2025 Research Fellow, Jagiellonian University in Cracow

EDUCATION

2011-2018 Doctor of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University in Cracow
Thesis: *Experiential Pluralism in Epistemology and Philosophy of Perception*
Supervisor: Sebastian T. Kołodziejczyk
Assistant Supervisor: Michał Klincewicz
Referees: Mark E. Kalderon, Craig French

2004-2011 Master of History, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce
Thesis: *Reconstruction in the United States 1863-1877*
Supervisor: Włodzimierz Batóg

2005-2010 Master of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University in Cracow
Thesis: *The Zombie Argument and its Role in the Contemporary Philosophical Debate about Consciousness*
Supervisor: Józef Bremer

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Perception, Epistemology of Perception

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Representationalism vs. relationalism debate about perception, the perception-cognition divide, internalism vs. externalism debate in epistemology, cognitive significance of consciousness. My doctoral dissertation concerns the relational theory of perception and its epistemological ramifications. My research falls within the ambit of empirically-oriented analytic philosophy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

180 hours of classes (Consciousness – 120h, Philosophy of Mind – 45h, Epistemology – 15h);
20 hours of e-learning (A tutorial on studying techniques for first-year students).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022-2025 Research grant ‘Sonata 17’ awarded by Narodowe Centrum Nauki
Value: 558 766 PLN
Project title: ‘The Purely Relational Theory of Perception’
Position: Principal Investigator

2020 Rector of Jagiellonian University award

2019-2022 Research grant ‘Sonatina 3’ awarded by Narodowe Centrum Nauki
Value: 575 537 PLN

Project title: 'The Role of Unconscious Seeing in Action and Knowledge Acquisition'
Position: Principal Investigator

- 2013, 2015-2017 DSC scholarship for doctoral students and young researchers at the Philosophy Department of Jagiellonian University (four times)
- 2015-16, 2017-18 Doctoral scholarship (two times)
- 2015-2018 Doctoral scholarship augmentation (three times)
- 2017-2018 Rector of Jagiellonian University scholarship (once)

RESEARCH STAYS

X 2021- III 2022 University of Barcelona
Supervisor: Joshua Shepherd

PUBLICATIONS

In English:

1. Zięba, P.J. (2022). The epistemic import of phenomenal consciousness. *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*.
2. Zięba, P.J. (2022). Seeing colours unconsciously. *Synthese*, 200(3), 1-36.
3. Zięba, P.J. (2021). Selectionism and Diaphaneity. *Axiomathes*.
4. Zięba, P. J. (2019). Naïve realism about unconscious perception. *Synthese*, 196(5), 2045-2073.
5. Zięba, P. J. (2017). Unconscious Perception and Perceptual Knowledge. In C. Limbeck-Lilienau & F. Stadler (Eds.), *The Philosophy of Perception and Observation. Contributions of the 40th International Wittgenstein Symposium August 6-12, 2017 Kirchberg am Wechsel* (pp. 301–303). Kirchberg am Wechsel: ALWS.
6. Zięba, P. J. (2015). The (Un)Holy Grail of Epistemology. *Organon F*, 22(1), 21–33.
7. Zięba, P. J. (2014). In Search of the Holy Grail of Epistemology. *Kriterion - Journal of Philosophy*, 28, 55–74.

In Polish:

1. Zięba, P. J. (2018). Alternatywizm, dysjunktywizm i pluralizm doświadczeniowy. *Studia Humanistyczne AGH*, 17(1), 7–19.
2. Zięba, P. J. (2016). Dysjunktywizm i natura percepcyjnej relacji. *Analiza i Egzystencja*, 35, 87–111.
3. Borowiecki, Ł., & Zięba, P. J. (2015). Dysjunktywizm metafizyczny a kryterium werydyczności doświadczeń religijnych. In M. Kaszubowska & M. Jakubiak (Eds.), *Umysł i Poznanie* (pp. 113–126). Szczecin: volumina.pl.
4. Zięba, P. J. (2014). Czy logiczna możliwość implikuje metafizyczną możliwość? *Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce*, 55, 75–89.

INVITED TALKS

1. November 2022, *Unconscious Perceptual Judgment* at Cognitive Science Speaker Series organized by CUNY Graduate Center.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

Abroad:

1. November 2013, *The (Un)Holy Grail of Epistemology* at International Conference “Perception, Thought and Judgment – Perspectives on Subjectivity” organized by Research Group “Mind, Language and Action Group (MLAG)” of the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Porto.
2. December 2013, *A Commentary on Soren Overgaard’s talk ‘The Unobservability Hypothesis’* at ‘The Scope and Limits of Direct Perception’ workshop organized by Center for Subjectivity Research at the University of Copenhagen.
3. August-September 2014, *Burge vs. McDowell. Senses as the Source of Perceptual Knowledge* at Eighth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP8) organized by the University of Bucharest and the Romanian Society for Analytic Philosophy.
4. September 2014, *In Search of the Holy Grail of Epistemology* at Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy organized by the University of Salzburg.
5. September 2014, *Disjunctivism and Acquaintance. In Search of the Holy Grail of Epistemology* at Epistemology of Perception conference organized by the University of Leuven.
6. February 2016, *Naïve Realism, Common Sense and Empirical Science* at Science vs. Common Sense? organized by the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
7. July 2016, *Knowledge First and Disjunctivism* at European Epistemology Network Meeting 2016 organized by ENS and EHES in Paris.
8. September 2016, *In Defense of Epistemological Disjunctivism* at XII Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA) organized by the UNISER Pistoia.
9. September 2016, *In Defense of Epistemological Disjunctivism* at Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy organized by the University of Salzburg.
10. October 2016, *Naïve Realism and Epistemological Disjunctivism* at BPPA Masterclass on Naïve Realism and Its Challenges organized by the University of Warwick.
11. August 2017, *Unconscious Perception and Perceptual Knowledge* at 40th International Wittgenstein Symposium: Philosophy of Perception and Observation organized by Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society in Kirchberg am Wechsel.
12. August 2017, *Naïve Realism about Unconscious Perception* at Ninth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP9) organized by the University of Munich.
13. January 2018, *A Commentary on Casey O’Callaghan’s talk ‘Senses as Capacities’* at ‘The Borders of Perception’ workshop organized by The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
14. June 2018, *Lucky Knowledge and Lucky Understanding* at European Epistemology Network Meeting 2018 organized by the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
15. May 2020, *Unconscious Perception of Colour, Phenomenal Overflow, and the Manifest Image of the World* at ‘The clash between the scientific and the manifest image of the world’ workshop organized online by the Université Catholique de Louvain.
16. August 2020, *Seeing Colours Unconsciously* at Tenth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP10) organized online by the University of Utrecht.
17. June 2021, *Seeing Colours Unconsciously* at The Third Conference of East European Network for Philosophy of Science organized online by the University of Belgrade.
18. August-September 2021, *Does the Argument from Irregular Grounding Refute Selectionism?* at 28th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology organized online by the University of Leipzig.
19. September 2021, *Does the Argument from Irregular Grounding Refute Selectionism?* at XIV Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy organized in Noto by the University of Messina.
20. June 2022, *Smithies on the Epistemic Role of Consciousness* at European Epistemology Network Meeting organized by the University of Glasgow.

21. June 2022, *Can Unconscious Perception Guide Action?* at 'Beyond Free Will: Variety in Understanding of Choice, Luck, and Necessity' conference organized by the University of Vilnius.
22. June-July 2022, *Can Unconscious Perception Guide Action?* at 'Conscious and Unconscious Mind: Commonalities and Differences' conference organized in Prague by the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences.
23. July 2022, *Can Unconscious Perception Guide Action?* at 3rd Joint Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology organized by the University of Milan.
24. August 2022, *Can Unconscious Perception Guide Action?* at The Fourth Conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science organized by the University of Tartu.
25. August 2022, *Unconscious Perceptual Judgment* at VI International Conference of the Latin American Association of Analytic Philosophy (ALFAn) organized by Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago de Chile.
26. September 2022, *Committal Looks and Unconscious Comparative Looks* at Eighth National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy – ENFA 8 organized by the Portuguese Society for Analytic Philosophy and the University of Porto.

In Poland:

1. April 2013, *Dysjunktywizm a tzw. screening-off problem* at 'Mózg - granica czy narzędzie umysłu?' organized by the UMCS in Lublin.
2. May 2013, *Intencjonalistyczny dysjunktywizm* at 'X Warsztaty Filozoficzne w Pobierowie: Werydyczność przekonań' organized by the University of Szczecin.
3. June 2013, *Disjunctivism, indistinguishability and qualia* at IX Zlot Filozoficzny Philosopher's Rally in Poznań organized by the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.
4. April 2014, *Burge vs. McDowell. Senses as the source of perceptual knowledge* at VI Cracow Cognitive Science Conference "Senses" organized by the Department of Cognitive Science of the Institute of Philosophy of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow.
5. June 2014, *Disjunctivism and the Mindreading Debate* at Cognition and Action: Jagiellonian-Rutgers Conference in Cognitive Science co-organized by the Jagiellonian University and the University of Rutgers.
6. July 2014, *In Search of The Holy Grail of Epistemology* at X Zlot Filozoficzny Philosopher's Rally in Warsaw organized by the University of Warsaw.
7. October 2014, *Dysjunktywizm i kryterium werydyczności doświadczeń religijnych* [with Łukasz Borowiecki] at Panel Filozoficzny of Międzynarodowa Konferencja Doktorantów Uniwersytetu Szczecińskiego organized by the University of Szczecin.
8. October 2014, *What are hinges for?* at Rocznice. Perspektywy analitycznej: filozofii nauki, filozofii języka, fenomenologii organized by the Pedagogical University in Cracow.
9. April 2015, *Motywy epistemologiczne w literaturze mistycznej* at Interferencje Filozoficzno-Literackie organized by the UMCS in Lublin.
10. April 2015, *Werydyczność doświadczeń mistycznych* [with Łukasz Borowiecki] at Oblicza Mistyki organized by the Silesian University in Katowice.
11. May 2015, *Czy przekonania ramowe są ucieleśnione?* at 'Skąd ciało wiedziało? - edycja 2' organized by the University of Warsaw.
12. June 2015, *Czy wiem, czy tylko mniemam, że jestem świadomy?* at 'Filozofia: od mniemań do wiedzy (?)' organized by the Pedagogical University in Cracow.
13. July 2015, *Spór o moc poznawczą introspekcji* at XI Zlot Filozoficzny Philosopher's Rally in Lublin organized by the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.
14. September 2015, *Alternatywizm, dysjunktywizm i pluralizm doświadczeniowy* at 10. Polski Zjazd Filozoficzny organized by the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.

15. January 2016, *Realizm naiwny a badania empiryczne* at "Między empirią a teorią" Abp Józef Życiński (1948-2011) in memoriam organized by the John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin.
16. June 2016, *Nieredukcyjna koncepcja wiedzy a tzw. alternatywizm* at 'II Konferencja Filozoficzna: od mniemań do wiedzy (?)' organized by the Pedagogical University in Cracow.
17. September 2016, *Kontrowersje wokół nieświadomej percepcji* at XI Zjazd Polskiego Towarzystwa Kognitywistycznego organized by the University of Białystok.
18. September 2018, *Nieświadome uzasadnienie epistemiczne* at XII Zjazd Polskiego Towarzystwa Kognitywistycznego organized by Jagiellonian University in Cracow.
19. September 2019, *Co to jest charakter fenomenalny percepcji?* at XI Polski Zjazd Filozoficzny organized by the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.
20. April 2021, *Unconscious perception and epistemic luck* at Roman Ingarden and Our Times. An International Philosophical Congress organized by Jagiellonian University in Cracow.

WORKSHOPS/SUMMER SCHOOLS

1. September 2013, 8th Cologne Summer School in Philosophy "Radical Scepticism" with Duncan Pritchard organized by the University of Cologne.
2. November 2013, A short research visit at The Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience at the University of Glasgow.
3. April 2014, Workshop on Acquaintance organized by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim.
4. August 2014, Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind organized by Center for Subjectivity Research at the University of Copenhagen.
5. September-October 2015, 10th Cologne Summer School in Philosophy "Imagining, Knowing, Doing" with Timothy Williamson organized by the University of Cologne.
6. April 2016, Intensive Paper-Writing Workshop for PhD Students organized in Rocca di Papa (Italy) by the University of Copenhagen.

LANGUAGES

Polish (native), English C2 (Cambridge Proficiency in English), Spanish (basic).

REFERENCES

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