Geordie McComb
Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2020   Phd in philosophy – University of Toronto
Committee: James R. Brown (supervisor), Sonia Sedivy, Yiftach Fehige
External Examiner: Harald Wiltsche
Dissertation: *Thought Experiments & Literary Learning*

2009   MA in philosophy – Queen's University
Advisor: Henry Laycock
Master's Research Project: *On Definition and Thought Experiment*

2008   BA (honours with distinction) – University of Victoria

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR

2023-24   Sessional Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria

PHIL225   Death & Dying
PHIL 201   Critical Thinking (3x)

2022-24   Sessional Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies,
Vancouver Island University

PHIL 248/448 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 100   Critical Thinking (3x)
PHIL 248/448 Death & Dying
PHIL111   Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge & Reality

2014   Sessional Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan

PHIL 281.3   Theory of Knowledge

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2023   Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria

PHIL 201   Critical Thinking

2009-20   Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

PHL103   Intro. to Phil.: Knowledge & Reality
PHL232   Knowledge & Reality
PHL243   Philosophy of Sexuality
PHL240   Persons, Minds & Bodies
PHL100   Introduction to Philosophy
PHL210   17th & 18th Century Philosophy

2008-09   Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Queen's University

PHL115   Fundamental Questions

RESEARCH AREAS

AOS: Epistemology, Aesthetics
AOC: Philosophy of Science, M&E, Early Analytic Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

2012   "Thought Experiment, Definition and Literary Fiction" in *Thought Experiments in Philosophy, Science, and the Arts*. Eds. James R. Brown, Mélanie Frappier, Letitia Meynell. New York; London: Routledge.

TALKS - REFEREED

2021   "How Imaginings in Thought Experiments and Literary Stories Differ" – Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Alberta
2014   "Are Thought Experiments and Arguments Token-Identical?" – Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Brock University
2013   "Thought Experiment, Fiction and Make-Believe" – Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Victoria

2013	"Two Pictures of Thought Experiments" – Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting, University of Victoria
2013	"When Thought Experiments are not Fictions" – Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy, Université de Montréal and Université du Québec à Montréal
2011	"Naturalistic Methods, Constitutive Principles and Einstein's Elevator" – OSSA Annual Conference, University of Windsor
2009	"Multiculturalism, Cultural Essentialism and Cultural Distinctness" – Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis
2009	"Towards a Revised Goodmanian Account of Musical Works" – Canadian Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Carleton University
2009	"The Mathematical Aesthetics Thesis in the Philosophy of Science" – Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting, Carleton U.

TALKS - INVITED

2023	"Consideration Machines: Short Stories as Thought Experiments" – Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Victoria
2014	"*Demons* and Details in the Laboratory of the Mind: Can Complex Literary Fictions be Thought Experiments?" – Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Saskatchewan
2014	Commentary on Andrew Brigham's "Darwinian Epistemology and the Reliability of Commonsense" – Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Brock University
2014	"When are Fictions Thought Experiments?" – Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Saskatchewan
2013	Commentary on Robert Hudson's "Versus Robustness Reasoning" – Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Winnipeg
2013	Commentary on Masashi Kasaki's "Is Epistemological Disjunctivism Viable" – Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Victoria
2013	Commentary on Thomas Heyd's "Re-reading Kant on Free and Adherent Beauty" – Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Victoria
2012	Commentary on Catherine Elgin's "Literary Fictions and Thought Experiments" – Thought Experiments in Science: Four Blind Spots (An International Workshop), University of Toronto
2011	Commentary on Joshua Hollowell's "Incompatibilism and the Exclusion Thesis" – 2011 University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy
2010	"Are Literary Fictions Thought Experiments?" – Halifax Thought Experiment Workshop, Dalhousie University

AWARDS

2014-15	University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award ($6,208)
2009-13	University of Toronto Foundation/Ontario Graduate Scholarship at the Faculty of Arts & Science ($15,000/Award) (Awarded Three Times)
2008-09	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program, Master's Scholarship ($17, 500)

SERVICE

2024	Second Reader - Honours Student Essay, Vancouver Island University
2023	Judge - Canadian High School Ethics Bowl, Vancouver Island University
2021-22	Reviewer – Journal for General Philosophy of Science
2015	Co-organizer – Walter Murray Lecture, U. of Saskatchewan Philosophy Dept.
2015	Lecturer – 12 Philosophy for Children Outreach Classes, Bedford Road Collegiate & Marion Graham Collegiate, University of Saskatchewan
2013	Public Philosophy Talk – Philosophy in the Community Lecture Series, University of Saskatchewan
2013	Referee & Commentary Organizer – 2013 University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy
2012	Chair – 2012 University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy
2011-12	Graduate Student Union Representative – Graduate Philosophy Student Union, University of Toronto
2010-11	Referee – 2011 University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy
2010-11	Graduate Student Member of Colloquium Committee – Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
2010-11	Secretary – Graduate Philosophy Student Union, University of Toronto
2008-09	Graduate Student Representative to Committee of Graduate Studies – Department of Philosophy, Queen's University

LANGUAGES

English	native
French	fluent
Spanish	reading, with dictionary

REFERENCES

James R. Brown (Professor, Philosophy, Toronto)	jrbrown@chass.utoronto.ca
Yiftach Fehige (Associate Professor, IHSPT, Toronto)	yiftach.fehige@utoronto.ca
Sonia Sedivy (Professor, Philosophy, Toronto)	sonia.sedivy@utoronto.ca
Harald Wiltsche (Professor, IKOS, Linköping)	harald.wiltsche@liu.se