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EDUCATION

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA Ph.D. in Philosophy	2016
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA M.A. in Philosophy	2013
Guilford College, Greensboro, NC B.A. in Philosophy	2010
B.A. in English	2010

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Logic, Early Modern Philosophy, History of Analytic Philosophy

DISSERTATION

Mind-Body Dualism and Mental Causation

Committee: Gerald Vision (Chair), Kenneth Aizawa, Miriam Solomon, David Wolfsdorf

PUBLICATIONS

“The Phenomenal Intentionality of Mental Imagery and Seeing-As”
Forthcoming in *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-04938-3>

“A Structuralist Theory of Phenomenal Intentionality”
Forthcoming in *Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2242398>

“The Timing Problem for Dualist Accounts of Mental Causation”

2024. *Erkenntnis*. 89: 2417–2436.

“A Reductive Analysis of Statements about Universals”

2022. *Synthese*. 200: 1–21.

“Attention, Gestalt Principles, and the Determinacy of Perceptual Content”

2022. *Erkenntnis*. 87: 1133–1151.

“The Hard Problem Isn’t Getting Any Easier: Thoughts on Chalmers’ ‘Meta-problem’”

2021. *Philosophia*. 49: 495–506.

“Metaphysical Necessity Dualism”

2018. *Synthese*. 195: 1779–1798.

“The Realization of Qualia, Persons, and Artifacts”

2018. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*. 99: 182–204.

“Conservation Laws and Interactionist Dualism”

2017. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. 67: 387–405.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Perceptual Phenomenology and Mental Content”

University College Cork

Cork, Ireland

February 2019

“Perceptual Phenomenology and Mental Content”

Trinity College Dublin Philosophy Department Colloquium Series

Dublin, Ireland

November 2018

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

“The Phenomenal Intentionality of Mental Imagery”

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Mobile, AL

March 2022

“A(nother) Potential Problem for Dualist Accounts of Mental Causation”

American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

Chicago, IL

February 2020

“Attention, Gestalt Principles, and the Determinacy of Perceptual Content”

European Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Athens, Greece	September 2019
“The Content Determining Function of Phenomenal Consciousness” TRACE Workshop on Intentionality and Agency Würzburg, Germany	June 2019
“Laws, Universals, and Mental Kinds” PHYSIS Conference on The Problem of Universals Madrid, Spain	May 2019
“Mind-Body Dualism and Mental Causation” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting Kansas City, MO	March 2017
“The Realization Relation” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology New Orleans, LA	April 2015
“The Realization Relation” Arché Graduate Conference St. Andrews, Scotland	November 2014
“Why Dualists Should Reject the Metaphysical Possibility of Zombies” Society for Exact Philosophy Pasadena, CA	June 2014

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Associate Member of the Interdisciplinary Study of Perceptual Learning
Principal Investigators: Kevin Connolly and Adrienne Prettyman
June 2016 – May 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Oakland University

“Introduction to Symbolic Logic”

Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

“Introduction to Logic”

Fall 2022 (2 sections), Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2023 (2 sections), Spring 2024 (2 sections), Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

“Advanced Logic”
Spring 2023, Fall 2024

“Philosophy of Science”
Spring 2025

Colby College

“Mental Causation”
Spring 2022

“Philosophy of Science”
Spring 2022

“Logic and Argumentation”
Fall 2021

“Philosophy of Mind”
Fall 2021

Trinity College Dublin

“MPhil Seminar: Introduction to Philosophical Research”
Fall 2020

“Senior Seminar: Mental Causation”
Fall 2018, Fall 2019

“Central Problems in Philosophy: Philosophy of Mind”
Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021

“Topics in Philosophy: Consciousness”
Fall 2019, Spring 2021

“History of Philosophy: Modern Analytic Philosophy”
Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

“Philosophy of Mind”
Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020

Bryn Mawr College

“Introduction to Logic”
Spring 2018 (2 sections)

Temple University

“Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good”

Spring 2018 (2 sections), Fall 2017 (2 sections), Fall 2016

“Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life”

Summer 2017, Spring 2017 (2 sections), Spring 2016

“History of Philosophy: Modern”

Fall 2015, Summer 2014, Summer 2013

“Philosophy of the Human”

Spring 2014 (2 sections), Fall 2013 (2 sections), Spring 2013 (2 sections), Fall 2012 (2 sections)

Rowan University

“Philosophy of Science”

Fall 2015 (2 sections), Spring 2015, Fall 2014 (2 sections)

“Logic of Everyday Reasoning”

Spring 2015

“Philosophy of Science” (online)

Spring 2018, Fall 2017 (2 sections), Fall 2016

“Philosophy of Society” (online)

Spring 2017

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant

“Visual Studies 101: Eye, Mind, and Image”

Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

SUPERVISING EXPERIENCE

Trinity College Dublin

Dissertation Supervisor for MPhil students

2019-2020: 1 student

Dissertation Supervisor for fourth-year students

2020-2021: 5 students

2019-2020: 2 students

2018-2019: 4 students

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Oakland University: Department of Philosophy

Logic Assessment Coordinator, 2022-current
Logic Curriculum Coordinator, 2022-current
Curriculum Committee Member, 2023-current
Logic Tutoring Program, 2024-current
VAP Search Committee Member (for 2 positions), Summer 2024
Member of Philosophy of Cognitive Science Program Committee, 2022-current
Philosophy Club Co-coordinator, 2022-current

Trinity College Dublin: Department of Philosophy

Research Director, 2018-2021
Coordinator for outgoing study abroad students, 2019-2021
Coordinator for postgraduate program, 2020-2021
Member of selection committee for MPhil program, 2019-2021
Organizer, Public Lecture Series, 2018-2020

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Referee for the following journals:

Erkenntnis, 2022, 2025
Synthese, 2018-2020, 2022, 2024
Canadian Journal of Philosophy, 2022-2023
Inquiry, 2018, 2020, 2023
Philosophia, 2023
International Journal of Philosophical Studies, 2023
Philosophers' Imprint, 2022
Philosophical Psychology, 2022
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, 2022
Mind and Matter, 2019
Dialectica, 2018
Philosophical Papers, 2018

AWARDS

Nominated for the 2019-2020 Trinity Excellence in Teaching Award	2019
Temple University Pre-Doctoral Summer Research Opportunity Grant	2015
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Travel Award	2015
College of Liberal Arts Travel Award	2015
Nordev Prize, for best preliminary paper by Temple philosophy student	2011
Temple University Fellowship	2010 – 2014

PUBLIC LECTURES

“What is Humor?”

Trinity College Dublin Big Questions in Philosophy Lecture Series
Dublin, Ireland

March 2021

“Do I Still Exist?”

Trinity College Dublin Big Questions in Philosophy Lecture Series
Dublin, Ireland

February 2020

“Spinoza”

Trinity College Dublin Great Philosophers Lecture Series
Dublin, Ireland

September 2019

“What Is the Relationship Between the Mind and the Brain?”

Trinity College Dublin Big Questions in Philosophy Lecture Series
Dublin, Ireland

February 2019

“Lucretius”

Trinity College Dublin Great Philosophers Lecture Series
Dublin, Ireland

September 2018

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Quoted in *The Irish Times*

“Carrots with Minds of Their Own? The Weird Theory of Panpsychism” by Joe Humphreys
12 November 2020

Quoted in *The Irish Examiner*

“A Seed of Doubt: Are Plants Conscious?” by Rita de Brún
28 July 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

REFERENCES

Gerald Vision
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