

Jacob Browning

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

History and Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Modern, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence

Normative Philosophy and Applied Ethics, Cognitive Science, History of Philosophy

Positions

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| Substitute Assistant Professor, Baruch College | 2025-Present |
| Adjunct Assistant Professor, John Jay College | 2021-2025 |
| Post-Doctoral Associate/Visiting Scientist, New York University & MIT Berggruen/Templeton World Charity Fellow | 2019-24 |

Education

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| PhD, Philosophy | 2018 |
| The New School for Social Research Dissertation: "Inventing Perceptual Content: The Given from Kant to McDowell" | |
| M.A., Philosophy | 2011 |
| The New School for Social Research | |
| B.A., Religion | 2003 |
| Pepperdine University | |

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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| The Unimaginability of Non-Human Minds: Kant on Animal and Divine Consciousness | 2024 |
| <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i> | |
| Getting it Right: The Limits of Fine-Tuning Large Language Models | 2024 |
| <i>Ethics of Information Technology</i> | |
| Why Twitter Does Not Gamify Communication | 2023 |
| <i>Inquiry</i> Co-authored with Zed Adams | |
| Personhood and AI: Why Large Language Models Don't Understand Us | 2023 |
| <i>Artificial Intelligence and Society</i> | |
| Language, Common Sense, and the Winograd Schema Challenge | 2023 |
| <i>Artificial Intelligence</i> Co-authored with Yann LeCun | |
| The History of Qualia and C.I. Lewis's Role in It | 2023 |
| <i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i> | |
| Putting Explainable AI in Context | 2022 |
| <i>Ethics of Information Technology</i> Co-authored with Mark Theunissen | |
| C.I. Lewis: Pragmatist or Reductivist? | 2022 |
| <i>International Journal of Philosophical Studies</i> | |
| Kant and the Determinacy of Intuition | 2022 |
| <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> | |
| The Pittsburgh Kantians: Brandom, Conant, Haugeland and McDowell on Kant | 2021 |
| <i>History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis</i> | |
| Meier, Reimarus, and Kant on Animal Minds | 2021 |
| <i>Kantian Review</i> | |
| How Color Qualia Became a Problem | 2020 |
| <i>Journal of Consciousness Studies</i> Co-authored with Zed Adams | |
| McDowell and the Contents of Intuition | 2019 |
| <i>dialectica: A Journal of Analytic Philosophy</i> | |

Critical Thinking
Philosophy of Mind
Ethics
Ethics of Information Technology

Social and Political Philosophy
Ancient Philosophy
Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Law

Fellowships and Awards

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| Beyond the Ivory Tower Fellowship Northeastern University and the John Templeton Foundation | 2024 |
| Berggruen/Templeton World Charity Research Fellowship MIT University and New York University | 2019-21 |
| List Holocaust Memorial Dissertation Fellowship New School for Social Research | 2016-7 |
| Teaching Fellowship New School for Public Engagement | 2017 |
| Research Assistantship New School for Social Research | 2011-16 |
| Tuition Scholarship New School for Social Research | 2007-11 |

Referee and Academic Service

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| <i>AI and Society</i> | <i>Erkenntnis</i> |
| <i>AI and Ethics</i> | <i>Minds and Machines</i> |
| <i>Episteme</i> | <i>Philosophical Studies</i> |
| <i>European Research Council</i> | <i>Synthese</i> |
| <i>Course Design: AI Ethics (John Jay College)</i> | |

Public Consulting

“The Future of Generative AI”
Policy Horizons Social Foresight, Canadian Government Report

“Plagiarism Engine: Google’s Content-Swiping AI Could Break the Internet”
Avram Piltch, *Tom’s Hardware*

“Why are the people who pushed for artificial intelligence now signing so many doomsday manifestos?”
Jordi Pérez Colomé, *El País*

Languages

German – Proficient Reading Knowledge
Ancient Greek – Competent Reading Knowledge

Academic References

Zed Adams, Associate Professor — The New School for Social Research
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Jay M. Bernstein, University Distinguished Professor — The New School for Social Research
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Yann LeCun, Silver Professor — New York University
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Teaching References

Ruth Maher, Adjunct Associate Professor — William Paterson University
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