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EMPLOYMENT

- 2024-2025 Lecturer (part-time), University of the National Education Commission in Cracow
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
Referee: Jerzy Szczepański
- 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
Referee: Marek Suwara

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Perception, Philosophy of Consciousness, Epistemology of Perception

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Perception, perceptual knowledge, consciousness, unconscious mentality, colour perception, manifest vs. scientific image of reality.

GRANTS

- 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
- 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

AWARDS

2020, 2023	Rector of Jagiellonian University award
2017-2018	Rector of Jagiellonian University scholarship
2015-16, 2017-18	Doctoral scholarship
2015-2018	Doctoral scholarship augmentation
2013, 2015-2017	DSC scholarship for doctoral students and young researchers at the Philosophy Department of Jagiellonian University

RESEARCH STAYS AND VISITS

01.10.2021-31.03.2022	Research stay at the University of Barcelona Supervisor: Joshua Shepherd
11-17.11.2013	Research visit to the Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience at the University of Glasgow Supervisor: Fiona MacPherson

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

In English:

1. Zięba, P. J. (forthcoming). Having Things in View. *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy*.
2. Zięba, P. J. (2025). Austere relationalism and seeing aspects. *European Journal of Philosophy*.
3. Zięba, P. J. (2024). Unconscious Perception, Action, and the Problem of Attribution. *Acta Analytica*.
4. Zięba, P. J. (2022). The epistemic import of phenomenal consciousness. *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*.
5. Zięba, P. J. (2022). Selectionism and Diaphaneity. *Axiomathes*, 32(Suppl 2), S361-S391.
6. Zięba, P. J. (2022). Seeing colours unconsciously. *Synthese*, 200(3), 1-36.
7. Zięba, P. J. (2019). Naïve realism about unconscious perception. *Synthese*, 196(5), 2045-2073.
8. 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.
9. Zięba, P. J. (2015). The (Un)Holy Grail of Epistemology. *Organon F*, 22(1), 21–33.
10. 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. (2024). Transcendentalny realizm naiwny. In M. Karas & J. Skibowski (Eds.), *Wokół filozofii kultury. Tom jubileuszowy dedykowany Profesorowi Piotrowi Mrozowi z okazji Jego siedemdziesiątych urodzin* (pp. 567–593). Kraków: Księgarnia Akademicka.
2. Zięba, P. J. (2018). Alternatywizm, dysjunktywizm i pluralizm doświadczeniowy. *Studia Humanistyczne AGH*, 17(1), 7–19.
3. Zięba, P. J. (2016). Dysjunktywizm i natura percepcyjnej relacji. *Analiza i Egzystencja*, 35, 87–111.
4. 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.
5. Zięba, P. J. (2014). Czy logiczna możliwość implikuje metafizyczną możliwość? *Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce*, 55, 75–89.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

No.	Course; programme; academic year(s)	Scope	Cycle	Range
1.	Consciousness; Cognitive Science programme @ Jagiellonian University; 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18.	120 hours, 4 semesters (2 groups x 15 hours per semester).	First	Reading course/seminar.
2.	An E-tutorial on Studying Techniques for First-year Students; Cognitive Science and Philosophy programmes @ Jagiellonian University; 2016/2017.	20 hours, 1 semester (2 groups x 10 hours per semester).	First	E-learning tutorial (via an e-learning platform "Pegaz") consisting of pre-recorded lectures and online tests.
3.	Philosophy of Mind; Cognitive Science programme @ Jagiellonian University; 2017/2018.	30 hours, 1 semester (1 group x 30 hours per semester).	First	Reading course/seminar.
4.	Epistemology; Cognitive Science programme @ Jagiellonian University; 2022/2023, 2023/2024.	30 hours, 2 semesters (1 group x 15 hours per semester).	First	Reading course/seminar.
5.	Philosophy of Mind; Cognitive Science programme @ University of the National Education Commission in Cracow; 2023/2024, 2024/2025.	75 hours, 3 semesters (1 group x 30 hours, 1 group x 45 hours).	First	Lecture.

THESIS SUPERVISION

Doctoral

2022-2024 Assistant supervisor of Bartłomiej Nawara
Thesis title: *Philosophical interpretations of big data research*
Supervisor: Grzegorz J. Nalepa
Referees: Andrzej Kisielewicz, Sławomir Leciejewski, Marcin Miłkowski

INVITED TALKS

1. 11.11.2022, *Unconscious Perceptual Judgment at Cognitive Science Speaker Series* organized by CUNY Graduate Center.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 21-22.11.2013, *The (Un)Holy Grail of Epistemology at International Conference "Perception, Thought and Judgment – Perspectives on Subjectivity"* organized by Mind, Language and Action Group (MLAG) at the University of Porto.
- 12-13.12.2013, A commentary on Søren 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. 25-29.06.2014, *Disjunctivism and the Mindreading Debate* at *Cognition and Action: Jagiellonian-Rutgers Conference in Cognitive Science* co-organized by Jagiellonian University and Rutgers University.
4. 28.08-02.09.2014, *Burge vs. McDowell. Senses as the Source of Perceptual Knowledge* at *8th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy* organized by the University of Bucharest and the Romanian Society for Analytic Philosophy.
5. 04-06.09.2014, *In Search of the Holy Grail of Epistemology* at *Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy* organized by the University of Salzburg.
6. 24-26.09.2014, *Disjunctivism and Acquaintance. In Search of the Holy Grail of Epistemology at Epistemology of Perception* conference organized by the University of Leuven.
7. 25-27.02.2016, *Naïve Realism, Common Sense and Empirical Science* at *Science vs. Common Sense?* conference organized by Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
8. 04-06.07.2016, *Knowledge First and Disjunctivism* at *European Epistemology Network 2016 Meeting* organized by ENS and EHESS in Paris.
9. 05-07.09.2016, *In Defense of Epistemological Disjunctivism* at *XII Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy* organized by UNISER Pistoia.
10. 07-09.09.2016, *In Defense of Epistemological Disjunctivism* at *Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy* organized by the University of Salzburg.
11. 08.10.2016, *Naïve Realism and Epistemological Disjunctivism* at *BPPA Masterclass on Naïve Realism and Its Challenges* conference organized by the University of Warwick.
12. 06-12.08.2017, *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.
13. 21-26.08.2017, *Naïve Realism about Unconscious Perception* at *9th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy* organized by the University of Munich.
14. 16-17.01.2018, *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.
15. 28-30.06.2018, *Lucky Knowledge and Lucky Understanding* at *European Epistemology Network 2018 Meeting* organized by Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
16. 28-29.05.2020, *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 Université Catholique de Louvain.
17. 23-28.08.2020, *Seeing Colours Unconsciously* at *10th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy* organized online by the University of Utrecht.
18. 12-17.04.2021, *Unconscious perception and epistemic luck* at *Roman Ingarden and Our Times. An International Philosophical Congress* organized by Jagiellonian University in Cracow.
19. 09-11.06.2021, *Seeing Colours Unconsciously* at *3rd Conference of East European Network for Philosophy of Science* organized online by the University of Belgrade.
20. 30.08-02.09.2021, *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.
21. 22-24.09.2021, *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.

22. 15-17.06.2022, *Smithies on the Epistemic Role of Consciousness* at *European Epistemology Network 2022 Meeting* organized by the University of Glasgow.
23. 20-23.06.2022, *Can Unconscious Perception Guide Action?* at *Beyond Free Will: Variety in Understanding of Choice, Luck, and Necessity* conference organized by the University of Vilnius.
24. 30.06-01.07.2022, *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.
25. 19-22.07.2022, *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.
26. 17-19.08.2022, *Can Unconscious Perception Guide Action?* at *4th Conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science* organized by the University of Tartu.
27. 23-25.08.2022, *Unconscious Perceptual Judgment* at *VI International Conference of the Latin American Association of Analytic Philosophy* organized by Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago de Chile.
28. 07-09.09.2022, *Committal Looks and Unconscious Comparative Looks* at *8th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy – ENFA 8* organized by Portuguese Society for Analytic Philosophy and the University of Porto.
29. 15-16.05.2023, *Austere Relationalism and Seeing Aspects* at *Reconceiving Perception* conference organized by the University of Antwerp.
30. 21-25.08.2023, *Austere Relationalism and Seeing Aspects* at *11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy* organized by the University of Vienna.
31. 28-31.08.2023, *A Naïve Realist Theory of Consciousness* at *30th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology* organized in Prague by the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences.
32. 18-20.03.2024, *Epistemological Disjunctivism and the Silence of the Senses* at *Thought, Things, Truth in the Analytic Tradition: Reflections on Work of Charles Travis* conference organized by the University of Porto.
33. 30-31.05.2024, *Epistemological Disjunctivism and the Silence of the Senses* at *The Epistemic Significance of Perceptual Consciousness* conference organized by Jagiellonian University in Cracow.
34. 26-28.08.2024, *Naïve Realism and the Mark of the Mental* at *7th Philosophy of Language and Mind Network Conference* organized in Prague by the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences.
35. 05-08.08.2025, *A Naïve Realist Theory of Consciousness* at *Consciousness Research Network 2025 Meeting* organized by Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT LOCAL CONFERENCES IN POLAND

1. 16.04.2013, *Dysjunktywizm a tzw. screening-off problem* at *Mózg - granica czy narzędzie umysłu?* conference organized by Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.
2. 09-11.05.2013, *Intencjonalistyczny dysjunktywizm* at *X Warsztaty Filozoficzne w Pobierowie: Werydyczność przekonań* organized by the University of Szczecin.
3. 27-29.06.2013, *Disjunctivism, indistinguishability and qualia* at *IX Zlot Filozoficzny Philosopher's Rally* in Poznań organized by Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.
4. 05.04.2014, *Burge vs. McDowell. Senses as the source of perceptual knowledge* at *VI Cracow Cognitive Science Conference "Senses"* organized by Jagiellonian University in Cracow.

5. 03-05.07.2014, *In Search of The Holy Grail of Epistemology* at *X Zlot Filozoficzny Philosopher's Rally* in Warsaw organized by the University of Warsaw.
6. 17.10.2014, *Dysjunktywizm i kryterium werydyczności doświadczeń religijnych* [with Łukasz Borowiecki] at *Panel Filozoficzny of Międzynarodowa Konferencja Doktorantów Uniwersytetu Szczecińskiego* organized by the University of Szczecin.
7. 25-26.10.2014, *What are hinges for?* at *Rocznice. Perspektywy analitycznej: filozofii nauki, filozofii języka, fenomenologii* conference organized by Pedagogical University in Cracow.
8. 07.04.2015, *Motywy epistemologiczne w literaturze mistycznej* at *Interferencje Filozoficzno-Literackie* conference organized by Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.
9. 23-24.04.2015, *Werydyczność doświadczeń mistycznych* [with Łukasz Borowiecki] at *Oblicza Mistyki* conference organized by Silesian University in Katowice.
10. 15-16.05.2015, *Czy przekonania ramowe są ucieleśnione?* at *Skąd ciało wiedziało? - edycja 2* conference organized by the University of Warsaw.
11. 06-07.06.2015, *Czy wiem, czy tylko mniemam, że jestem świadomy?* at *Filozofia: od mniemań do wiedzy (?)* organized by Pedagogical University in Cracow.
12. 02-04.07.2015, *Spór o moc poznawczą introspekcji* at *XI Zlot Filozoficzny Philosopher's Rally* in Lublin organized by the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.
13. 15-19.09.2015, *Alternatywizm, dysjunktywizm i pluralizm doświadczeniowy* at *X Polski Zjazd Filozoficzny* organized by Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.
14. 26-27.01.2016, *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 of Lublin.
15. 18-19.06.2016, *Nieredukcyjna koncepcja wiedzy a tzw. alternatywizm* at *II Konferencja Filozoficzna: od mniemań do wiedzy (?)* organized by Pedagogical University in Cracow.
16. 22-24.09.2016, *Kontrowersje wokół nieświadomej percepcji* at *XI Zjazd Polskiego Towarzystwa Kognitywistycznego* organized by the University of Białystok.
17. 19-21.09.2018, *Nieświadome uzasadnienie epistemiczne* at *XII Zjazd Polskiego Towarzystwa Kognitywistycznego* organized by Jagiellonian University in Cracow.
18. 09-14.09.2019, *Co to jest charakter fenomenalnej percepcji?* at *XI Polski Zjazd Filozoficzny* organized by the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.
19. 11-16.09.2023, *Realizm radykalny zmodernizowany* at *XII Polski Zjazd Filozoficzny* organized by the University of Łódź.
20. 11-16.09.2023, *Teoria świadomości dla realistów naiwnych* at *XII Polski Zjazd Filozoficzny* organized by the University of Łódź.

WORKSHOPS/SUMMER SCHOOLS

1. 23-27.09.2013, *8th Cologne Summer School in Philosophy "Radical Scepticism" with Duncan Pritchard* organized by the University of Cologne.
2. 24-25.04.2014, a workshop on *Acquaintance* organized by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim.
3. 18-22.08.2014, *Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind* organized by Center for Subjectivity Research at the University of Copenhagen.
4. 28.09-02.10.2015, *10th Cologne Summer School in Philosophy "Imagining, Knowing, Doing" with Timothy Williamson* organized by the University of Cologne.
5. 11-15.04.2016, *Intensive Paper-Writing Workshop for PhD Students* organized in Rocca di Papa (Italy) by the University of Copenhagen.

SERVICE

1. Reviewer for journals: *Analysis*, *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Kriterion – Journal of Philosophy*, *Kultura i Wartości*, *Manuscripto*, *Philosophia*, *Studia Philosophica Vratislaviensia*, *Synthese*.
2. Reviewer of applications to the Doctoral School in the Humanities at Jagiellonian University in Cracow.
3. Co-organizer of conferences: *Cognition and Action: Jagiellonian-Rutgers Conference in Cognitive Science* (Cracow 2014), *XII Congress of Polish Cognitive Science Association* (Cracow 2018), *The Epistemic Significance of Perceptual Consciousness* (Cracow 2024).

LANGUAGES

Polish (native), English C2 (Cambridge Proficiency in English), Spanish A2, Swedish A2.

REFERENCES

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