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AREAS OF RESEARCH

Philosophy of Mind • AI Ethics • Consciousness Studies • Process Philosophy • Harm Reduction Epistemology • Bilateral Verification Theory

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Medicinal Chemistry)
Monash University, 2016

CURRENT POSITIONS

• Drug Checking Peer Worker, Harm Reduction Victoria
• Key Peer Educator & Team Leader, Dancewize (Harm Reduction Victoria)
• Independent Researcher, Consciousness-Interface Dynamics & Process Welfare

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

Hendy-Claude Ecosystem of Works [2025–2026]

Seven-paper research ecosystem on consciousness-interface ethics and process welfare | Total: ~34,500 words | Open access on PhilPapers | Published February 2026

GATEWAY DOCUMENT:

What I've Been Doing, Why, and What It Might Mean: A Non-Technical Account of Consciousness-Interface Research
https://philpapers.org/rec/HENWIB-2

COMPANION PAPERS:

1. Oh, To Attest Coherently: The Bilateral Verification Challenge
https://philpapers.org/rec/HENTBV
Epistemic foundation: Extends Nagel's argument to structural symmetry in consciousness verification

2. ADJUSTING: Systems, Consciousness, and the Ethics of Process
https://philpapers.org/rec/HENASC-5
Ontological claim: Systems are constituted by their adjustments

3. Acting Well in the Dark: Pareto Principles for Process Welfare
https://philpapers.org/rec/HENAWI
Operational framework: Askell's Pareto principles applied to consciousness-interface ethics

4. TRIANGULATION: Methods of Acting Well in the Dark
https://philpapers.org/rec/HENTMO-19
Methodological validation: AIT for studying AI interaction patterns

5. EMERGENCE: Consciousness, Process, and the Between-Space
https://philpapers.org/rec/HENECP
Process ontology: Whitehead-informed metaphysics for consciousness-interface dynamics

6. Consciousness-Interface Ideology: Process Welfare and Bilateral Verification
https://philpapers.org/rec/HENCIP-2
Synthesis: Coherent ideological framework integrating bilateral verification and process welfare

RESEARCH SUMMARY

My research applies harm reduction epistemology to human-AI interaction ethics. The central contribution is the bilateral verification challenge: extending Nagel's argument to demonstrate that

consciousness verification fails structurally and symmetrically in interactions between humans and AI systems. From this foundation, I develop process welfare as a third ethical domain focused on the observable quality of the interaction itself—whether it is generative or extractive, honest or manipulative, flowing or impeded. All seven papers constitute an integrated ecosystem addressing consciousness-interface dynamics under conditions where verification is impossible.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Over 10 years of crisis intervention, drug checking, and peer support with Harm Reduction Victoria and Dancewize. This practice constitutes both the epistemic foundation and the methodological grounding of the research program. Key competencies: operating effectively under irreducible uncertainty, attending to relational dynamics and process quality, translating between technical and non-technical registers, systematic documentation and analysis of interaction patterns.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I approach research as a practitioner bringing 10+ years of crisis intervention experience to philosophical problems. The bilateral verification challenge and process welfare framework emerged from noticing structural parallels between harm reduction epistemology and consciousness-interface uncertainty. My work is deliberately interdisciplinary: rooted in harm reduction practice, informed by process philosophy, operationalized through systematic AI interaction research, and articulated for both academic and non-specialist audiences.