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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Science

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Early Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, Kant, Metaphysics

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### **Associate Professor (tenured)**

California State University, Long Beach – Department of Philosophy  
Fall 2008 - Present  
Department Chair, Fall 2010 - Present  
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Fall 2005 - Spring 2008  
Early tenure and promotion awarded prior to AY 2008-2009  
On leave in AY 2008-2009

### **Assistant Professor (tenure-track)**

University of California, Irvine – Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science  
Fall 2008 - Spring 2010  
On leave in AY 2009-2010

### **Visiting Researcher**

University of California, Irvine – Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science  
Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

### **Visiting Lecturer**

Washington University in St. Louis – Department of Philosophy  
Fall 2003 - Spring 2005

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Temple University, August 1999  
Dissertation: *The Nonconceptual Representational Content of Perceptual Experience*  
Committee: Michael Tye (Chair), Gerald Vision, David Welker, Abraham Witonsky

M.A., Philosophy, University of Florida, May 1996  
Thesis: "The Two Arguments of Kant's B-Deduction"  
Committee: John Biro, Chuang Liu, Kirk Ludwig (Chair)

B.A., Philosophy, Hofstra University, May 1993  
Honors Thesis: "Kant, Stroud, and Skepticism"  
Committee: Terry Godlove (Chair), Robert Holland, Elliot Jurist

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Publications**

- "Perception, color, and realism," forthcoming in *Erkenntnis*.
- "The physical unnaturalness of Churchland's ellipses," *Philosophy of Science* 76 (July 2009): 391-403.
- "Reply to Philipona and O'Regan" (w/ Kent Johnson), *Visual Neuroscience* 25 (March 2008): 221-224.
- "Why naturalize consciousness?" *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 45 (Winter 2007): 583-607.
- "Explanation and the hard problem," *Philosophical Studies* 132 (January 2007): 301-330.
- "Visual stuff and active vision," *Philosophical Psychology* 19 (April 2006): 129-149.
- "Colors as properties of the special sciences" (w/ Kent Johnson), *Erkenntnis* 64 (March 2006): 139-168.
- "Distracted drivers and unattended experience," *Synthese* 144 (March I 2005): 41-68.
- "Projectivist representationalism and color," *Philosophical Psychology* 16 (December 2003): 515-533.
- "A dilemma for Jackson and Pargetter's account of color," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 41 (Spring 2003): 125-142.
- "McDowell, demonstrative concepts, and nonconceptual representational content," *Disputatio* 14 (May 2003): 37-51.
- "Fodor's epistemic intuitions of analyticity," *Sorites* 14 (October 2002): 110-116.

### **Invited Contributions and Reviews**

- "Enactivism's Vision: Neurocognitive Basis or Neurocognitively Baseless?" (w/ Charles Wallis), in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Neuroscience*, edited by John Bickle.
- Review of Stephen Schiffer's *The Things We Mean*, *Disputatio* 18 (May 2005): 191-197.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Recent Refereed Submissions**

- "Appearance matches and color constancy," at the 2009 APA Pacific Division Meeting.
- "Canonical approximations and hue magnitudes: still no grounds for color physicalism," at the 2009 APA Central Division Meeting.
- "Opponent processing and the physical basis of color," at the 2008 Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- "Perceptual externalism, color, and realism," at the 2007 Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- "Colors as properties of the special sciences," (w/ Kent Johnson) at the 2004 APA Pacific Division Meeting and at the 2003 Meeting of the Illinois Philosophical Association.
- "Transparency and aspects," at the 2004 Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- "Projectivist representationalism and color," at the 2003 Midsouth Philosophy Conference and at the 2002 Meeting of the Illinois Philosophical Association.

### **Recent Invited Talks**

- "The nature of the hues," for the Mind, Technology, and Society Colloquium Series at the University of California, Merced (April 2010)
- "Developing an account of colors as statistical constructs," for the Departments of Philosophy and Psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno (April 2009).

“A hazard of looking to the world to explain color phenomena: the seductive appeal of *argument ad pictorium*,” for the Horizons of Vision Research Conference at California State University, Long Beach (March 2008).

“Perception, color, and realism,” for the Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series at the University of Missouri, Kansas City (February 2007) and for the Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science Colloquium Series at the University of California, Irvine (October 2006).

“Naturalization and the science of consciousness,” for the Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series at California State University, Long Beach (May 2006).

Comments on Robert Lurz’s “Wordless thoughts and their supposed limits,” at the 2006 APA Pacific Division Meeting (March 2006).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **California State University, Long Beach**

Courses: Action and Perception (grad and undergrad), Critical Reasoning, Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Kant’s Transcendental Deduction of the Categories (grad and undergrad), Philosophy of Mind (grad and undergrad), Philosophy of Science, Proseminar on Color and Color Perception (grad), Seminar on Color and Color Perception (grad), Seminar on Naturalism and the Mind (grad), Symbolic Logic

### **University of California, Irvine**

Courses: Color and Color Perception (grad and undergrad), Philosophy of Psychology, Symbolic Logic

### **Washington University in St. Louis**

Courses: Great Philosophers, Problems in Philosophy, Introduction to Logic

## **SERVICE**

### ***Department - CSULB***

Member of the faculty advisory committee to the interim department chair (2007-2008, 2009-2010)

Chair of the Department’s Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee (2009-2010)

Undergraduate Advisor (2007-2008)

Tenure-Track Search Committee (multiple years, once as committee chair)

Various routine departmental and graduate student committees

Masters Degree Exam Committee (chair), “Kant on Space and Time” (2006)

McNair Scholars Program (faculty mentor), “Clearing the Confusion on Consciousness” (2008-2009)

### ***University - CSULB***

Program Review Committee, Department of Economics (2006-2007)

Faculty Council (2007-2008)

### ***Department - UCI***

Various routine departmental committees

Colloquium Series Director (2008-2009)

***Department - WUSTL***

Honors Thesis Committee, “Making Rape an Impotent Weapon of War” (2004)

***Profession***

Reviewed book proposals for Acumen Publishers and Oxford University Press

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition*, *Cognitive Systems Research*, *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*

Session Chair, Empathy – An International Interdisciplinary Conference, California State University, Fullerton (2006)

Session Chair, Virtue and Vice: Moral and Intellectual – An International Interdisciplinary Conference, California State University, Fullerton (2008)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division  
Philosophy of Science Association

**NONACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**Solutions Engineer**

Action Technologies – Northeast US Territory  
April 2001 - June 2003

**Sales Engineer**

NextiraOne (formerly Williams Communications) – CTI Lab, Woodbridge, NJ  
June 1999 - April 2001