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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Early Modern

Education

UC Berkeley · Ph.D, Philosophy

EXPECTED 2019

DISSERTATION: *Constraining Consciousness*

Philosophers regularly commit themselves to a conceptual distinction between phenomenal experience and functional architecture. But this is a mistake. It generates a series of unsatisfying, intractable debates, and creates insurmountable methodological difficulties for a science of consciousness. We can't make sense of experiences *as* experiences unless they meet certain functional constraints. This much can be demonstrated by considering test cases that keep the phenomenal facts fixed while zeroing out or altering the functional facts, cases that are an inversion of the classic absent qualia and inverted qualia thought experiments. The result is a modest form of conceptual functionalism that reconciles competing dualist and physicalist intuitions.

COMMITTEE: John Campbell, Geoffrey Lee, Tania Lombrozo (Psychology)

New York University · Visiting Ph.D Student

2018-2019

FACULTY SPONSOR: David Chalmers

Harvard College · A.B. *cum laude*, Philosophy

2012

Certificate in Mind, Brain, and Behavior

Manuscripts

Strange Experience: Why Experience Without Access Makes No Sense · *Under Review*

The Mental Measurement Problem

Making Room for Modest Conceptual Functionalism

Presentations

REFEREED

Making Room for Modest Conceptual Functionalism

JUN 2018

Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness

The Mental Measurement Problem

JUN 2017

The Society for Philosophy and Psychology

The Mental Measurement Problem

JUN 2017

The Science of Consciousness Conference

Strange Experience: Why Experience Without Access Makes No Sense

APR 2017

Pacific APA

COMMENTS

- Complex Thought and Private Language** JAN 2018
Sebastian Grève · Eastern APA
- How Does Acausal Physics Underwrite Special Science Causation?** MAY 2017
Alexander Franklin · Berkeley-London Conference
- Can Matching Systems Contribute To a Solution of the Refugee Crisis?** MAY 2016
Philippe van Basshuysen · Berkeley-London Conference

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

- Strange Experience** OCT 2018
Philosophy of Mind Group (NYU, Center for Mind, Brain, and Consciousness)
- Dissonant Qualia** OCT 2018
Washington Square Circle (NYU, Weekly Grad Student Talk)
- The Mental Measurement Problem** OCT 2018
Mind Research Group (Rutgers)
- Phenomenal Residue and Phenomenal Realism** MAY 2018
The Dennes Lectures on Mind (UC Berkeley, Semi-Annual Workshop)
- Making Room for Modest Conceptual Functionalism** APR 2018
Richard Wollheim Society (UC Berkeley, Weekly Grad Student Talk)
- The Case for Austere Conceptual Functionalism** SEP 2017
Richard Wollheim Society
- The Mental Measurement Problem** FEB 2017
Work In Progress Lunch (UC Berkeley, Weekly Departmental Event)
- The Conceptual Interaction Problem** JAN 2017
Richard Wollheim Society
- Strange Experience** SEP 2016
Phil Forum (UC Berkeley, Undergraduate Organization)
- The Mental Measurement Problem** SEP 2016
Richard Wollheim Society
- Strange Experience** APR 2016
The Dennes Lectures on Mind
- P- vs. A-Consciousness: A Methodological Puzzle** OCT 2015
Richard Wollheim Society
- The Core of Wittgenstein's On Certainty** DEC 2014
Phil Forum
- Do Experiences Immediately Justify External-World Beliefs?** DEC 2014
Richard Wollheim Society
- Can Illusions Look Illusory?** APR 2013
Richard Wollheim Society
- How We Make Emotions** OCT 2012
Richard Wollheim Society

Teaching

AS GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR (UC BERKELEY)

The Nature of Mind · <i>John Campbell</i>	SPRING 2018
Metaphysics · <i>Geoffrey Lee</i>	FALL 2016
Modern Philosophy · <i>Hannah Ginsborg</i>	SPRING 2016
Philosophical Methods · <i>Barry Stroud</i>	FALL 2015
The Nature of Mind · <i>Umrao Sethi</i>	SUMMER 2015
Knowledge & Its Limits · <i>John Perry</i>	SPRING 2015
Theory of Knowledge · <i>Barry Stroud</i>	FALL 2014
Introduction to Logic · <i>Daniel Warren</i>	SPRING 2014
The Nature of Mind · <i>John Campbell</i>	FALL 2013
Philosophy of Mind · <i>Paul Skokowski</i>	SUMMER 2013

Service

AI Reading Group (NYU) · <i>Co-Organizer</i> With Robert Long, organized a reading group for grad students and faculty	2018-2019
Dennes Lectures on Mind · <i>Lead Organizer</i> Organized semi-annual research workshop, for UC Berkeley's philosophy of mind community	2018
Philosophy of Mind Group · <i>Founder, Co-Organizer</i> With Greyson Abid, started a reading/working group for grad students and faculty	2016-2018
GSI Assignment Committee · <i>Lead Organizer</i> Lead an effort to revise the system by which GSIs are assigned, move it online	2015-2017
Prospective Graduate Student Visit · <i>Co-Organizer</i>	2013, 2014
Faculty Meetings · <i>Grad Student Co-Representative</i>	2013, 2015, 2017

Graduate Studies

QUALIFYING EXAMS	2014-2015
P- vs. A-Consciousness: A Methodological Puzzle · <i>Geoffrey Lee</i>	
How Perceptual Experiences Justify External World Beliefs · <i>John Campbell</i>	
Concepts and Correctness · <i>Barry Stroud</i>	
COURSEWORK (* = <i>Audited</i>)	
Why Is There Anything Except Physics?* · <i>Shamik Dasgupta & Geoffrey Lee</i>	SPRING 2018
Causation and Perception* · <i>John Campbell</i>	SPRING 2017
Topics in Philosophy of Perception* · <i>Geoffrey Lee</i>	SPRING 2017
Objective and Subjective in Experience* · <i>Michael Martin</i>	FALL 2016
Learning By Thinking* · <i>Tania Lombrozo</i>	FALL 2016
Some Varieties of Mental Causation* · <i>John Campbell</i>	SPRING 2016

Space, Time, and Consciousness* · <i>Geoffrey Lee</i>	FALL 2015
Does the Mind Have a Causal Structure?* · <i>John Campbell</i>	FALL 2014
Later Wittgenstein* · <i>Barry Stroud</i>	SPRING 2014
Time, Experience, and Mental Representation · <i>Geoffrey Lee</i>	FALL 2013
Aristotle's Physics I · <i>Timothy Clarke</i>	FALL 2013
Foundations of Cognition* · <i>Tania Lombrozo & Tom Griffiths</i>	FALL 2013
Metaphysics · <i>Barry Stroud</i>	SPRING 2013
Theory of Meaning · <i>John MacFarlane</i>	SPRING 2013
Reasons and Normativity · <i>Jay Wallace</i>	SPRING 2013
Perceptual Attention, Disorders, & the First Person · <i>John Campbell</i>	SPRING 2013
Spinoza · <i>Tim Crockett</i>	FALL 2012
Art and the Limits of Neuroscience · <i>Alva Noë</i>	FALL 2012
First-Year Graduate Seminar · <i>Hannah Ginsborg & John MacFarlane</i>	FALL 2012

References

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