

# Jackson Kernion

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Early Modern, Early Analytic Philosophy

## Education

UC Berkeley · Ph.D, Philosophy

EXPECTED 2019

DISSERTATION: *The Structure of Experience*

How does our concept of conscious experience guide and constrain our attempts to understand the mind's place in nature? If we say that experience is conceptually independent of functional structure, we risk our ability to justify everyday judgments about experience and the intelligibility of any metaphysics of mind—or so I argue. Instead, I try to show: a) how we must already be committed to a certain (albeit limited) conceptual connection between conscious experience and its functional structure, and b) how that commitment ought to shape our enquiry into the nature of conscious experience.

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

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

2012

Certificate in Mind, Brain, and Behavior

## Manuscripts

**Strange Experience: Why Experience Without Access Makes No Sense**

**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

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

## DEPARTMENTAL (UC BERKELEY)

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

## Fellowships & Awards

Graduate Student Traveling Stipend · <i>APA, Pacific Division</i>	2017
Doctoral Completion Fellowship · <i>UC Berkeley</i>	2017
Philosophy Department Summer Grant · <i>UC Berkeley</i>	2014, 2016
Mary Gordon Roberts Fellowship · <i>Harvard</i>	2011
Michael C. Christian Traveling Fellowship · <i>Harvard</i>	2010

## 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

Philosophy of Mind Group · <i>Founder, Co-Organizer</i>	2016–
With Greyson Abid, started a reading/working group for grad students, faculty	
GSI Assignment Committee · <i>Lead Organizer</i>	2015–
Lead an effort to revise the system by which GSIs are assigned, move it online	
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

P- vs. A-Consciousness: A Methodological Puzzle · <i>Geoffrey Lee</i>	2014–2015
How Perceptual Experiences Justify External World Beliefs · <i>John Campbell</i>	
Concepts and Correctness · <i>Barry Stroud</i>	

### COURSEWORK (\* = Audited)

Why Is There Anything Except Physics?* · <i>Shamik Dasgupta &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; John MacFarlane</i>	FALL 2012

## References

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