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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, especially Cognitive Science; Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Movement and Performance; Philosophy of Technology; Logic; Linguistics; Queer Theory; Animal Cognition

Current Position

Assistant Professor, Department of English and Philosophy, Arkansas State University

Previous Positions

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida (2011-2012)

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, Department of Philosophy (2009-2011)

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Thinking-Is-Moving: Dance, Agency, and a Radically Enacted Mind” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, forthcoming.

“Instituting Impairment: Extended Cognition and the Construction of Female Sexual Dysfunction” *Cognitive Systems Research*, in press.

“The Cure for the Cure: Networking the Extended Mind” *Philosophical Psychology* 24(4), 463-485.

“Nativism and Neurobiology: Representations, Representing, and the Continuum of Cognition.” *Review of General Psychology*, July 2008.

Publications, Editorial

Special Issue in *Cognitive Systems Research*: “The Social Mind: Replies to Gallagher’s *Socially Extended Cognition*”. Contributors include: Shaun Gallagher, Richard Menary, Bryce Huebner, Deb Tollefson, Somogy Varga, Joel Krueger, Mason Cash.

Research

Junior-Researcher member, "**Theoretical and conceptual advances in the cognitive neuroscience of self representation: Representations of the minimal self in self-narrative**" Part of the CNCC (Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context), Shaun Gallagher, director. Funded by the National Science Foundation
<http://www.philosophy.ucf.edu/pcs/basic.html>

Summer School/Collegium: “**Social Cognition and Social Narrative**,” San Marino, July 2008 Instructors: Stephen Fiore, Shaun Gallagher, Joelle Proust, Dan Hutto, Peter Hobson, Carrado Sinigaglia, Stephen Stich, Dan Zahavi

Invited Presentations

The Socio-Sexually Extended Mind, University of Memphis, symposium on Socially Extended Cognition, November 17, 2011

When Cognitive Science and Queer Theory Collide, Flagler University, Philosophy Club Symposium, November 11, 2011.

Enacted Cognition, Mental Institutions, and Socio-Functionally Extended Minds. Free University, Symposium on “Socially Extended Cognition and Affect.” Berlin, March 21-22, 2011.

Lived Bodies and Loaded Dice: Images, Schemas, and the Making of 'The Female Subject.' University of Central Florida, Phenomenology and Cognitive Science Symposium, May 22, 2009

Peer-Reviewed Papers Delivered at Professional Conferences

Canine Co-Cognition: Dogs and Participatory Sense-Making, at “Living With Animals”, Department of Psychology sponsored conference at Eastern Kentucky University, March 20-22, 2013.

The Cure for the Cure: Googling the Extended Mind, at the Joint Annual Meeting for the South Carolina Philosophical Society/North Carolina Society for Philosophy, Queen’s University, Charlotte, NC, February 2010.

Authoring and Owning Bodies in Action: Refining the Agency/Ownership Distinction, at “Winter School on *The Phenomenological Mind*,” San Raffaele University, Milan, Italy, January 2010.

Phrenological Paranoia: Re-Membering How to Read Sociotechnologically Hybridized Bodies, at “(Re)Visioning Gender,” 5th Annual Somatechnics Research Centre Conference, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, November 2009.

Reconstruction at the Intersextion: Beyond Heteronormativity, Power and Postmodernity, at the Florida Philosophical Association’s Annual Meeting, Daytona Beach, FL, November, 2008.

It’s Not All in Your Head: An Externalist-Process Approach to Consciousness, at the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness Twelfth Annual International Meeting, Taipei, Taiwan, June 19-22, 2008.

Experimenting with Narrative: A Review of the CNCC Project to Date, with Leon de Bruin, at “Metacognition,” Second Biennial Meeting, Ioannina, Greece, May 8-10, 2008.

Undoing Transgender, Transcending Binaries, and Becoming What We Already Were, at “Transomatechnics: Theories and Practices of Transgender Embodiment,” International Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, May 1-3, 2008.

The ‘Phallusy’ of Medical Technology in Transformative Surgeries, at “Gender and Technology,” National Conference, University of Texas, Austin, April 10-11, 2008.

Cyborg Sex: Dispelling the Disorder of Wanting to Change, at “Cognition: Embodied, Embedded, Enacted, Extended,” International Conference at University of Central Florida, Orlando, October 20-24, 2008.

Misrepresenting Representational Nativism: The Assumption of Multiple Realizability and a False Dilemma, at “Intersections Between the Humanities and Neuroscience,” International Conference at Bucknell University, Lewisville, April 27-30, 2007

Peer-Reviewed Papers Delivered at Graduate Student Conferences

Body-Conscious: Schemas, Images, and the Limits of Unmediated Representation, with Michael Thompson. Boston University Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Consciousness. April 24-25, 2009

Designing a Mind Not Entirely in the Head: Social Cognition and the Modularity Debate, at the PPNB graduate student conference, University of Edinburgh, June 26, 2008.

Round Pegs in Square Holes: The Metaphysics of Will in Aquinas and the Contemporary Freedom-Determinism Debate, at "Actions that Make a Difference," Graduate Student Conference, University of South Florida, Tampa, March 21-22, 2008.

Fused Horizons and Social Constructions, at "Seventh Annual Philosophy Undergraduate Conference, University of North Florida, March 2002,

Education

Ph. D. Philosophy, University of South Florida, Defended October 14, 2010

Dissertation Title: "*Queering Cognition: Extended Minds and Sociotechnologically Hybridized Genders*"

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Rebecca Kukla (co-chair); Shaun Gallagher (co-chair); Andy Clark; Alex Levine; Thomas Williams.

M.A. Philosophy, University of South Florida, May 2007

Thesis Title: "Minimally Innate Ideas" (Defended Spring 2007) Chair: Daniel Weiskopf

M.A. Applied Linguistics, University of South Florida, May 2007

Comprehensive Linguistic Analysis (Fall 2007) and Treatment Plan (Spring 2007)

B.A. Philosophy, University of North Florida, Cum Laude, December 2002.

(Attended 2000-2002) Senior Honor's Thesis Title: "Critical Examination of Husserl's Pure and Personal I"

(Defended November 2002) Chair: John Maraldo

Attended Cambridge University (Summer 2002), Literature Summer School

Attended Oglethorpe University (August 1999-May 2000)

Languages

German (Intermediate Reading, Intermediate Speaking)

Spanish (Intermediate Reading, Fair Speaking)

Japanese (Fair Reading, Beginner Speaking)

Danish (Beginner)

Czech (Beginner)

Awards and Honors

Teaching Grant, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (upcoming, summer 2009), Princeton University site. Course Title: Human Nature and Technology

Full Tuition and Travel Grant, Summer School on Social Cognition and Social Narrative, San Marino, Italy, 2008

Travel Grant, Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness Twelfth Annual International Meeting, Taipei, 2008

Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida, Department of Philosophy (2003-2008)

Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida, Department of Applied Linguistics (Spring 2007)

Outstanding Undergraduate Philosophy Student, University of North Florida (2002-2003)

Outstanding Undergraduate Philosophy Paper, University of North Florida (2001)

Four-year Academic Scholarship, Oglethorpe University

Teaching Experience

Arkansas State University

Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2013)
History of Modern Philosophy (Fall 2012)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

University of Central Florida, Graduate Level:

Embodiment (Spring 2012)

Undergraduate Level:

Formal Logic II – Metalogic (Spring 2012)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall, 2011)
Formal Logic I (Fall, 2011)

Franklin and Marshall College (Summer 2011)

Philosophy of Mind (part of Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Summer School)

University of South Carolina:

Human Nature and Technology (Fall 2010, Summer 2010)
Mind and Nature (Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2010)
Philosophy of Sex (Fall 2009, Spring 2011)
Logic (Fall 2009-Spring 2011)

Princeton University (Summer 2009)

Human Nature and Technology (part of Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Summer School)

University of Tampa

Logic (Fall 2008, Spring 2009)

University of South Florida

Philosophy of Mind (Summer 2010, 2009, 2008, Spring 2007, Summer 2007)
Acquisition of Knowledge (Honor's College, Fall 2008)
Science and Society (Spring 2009, Spring 2008)
Critical Thinking (Fall 2007, Spring 2006)
Introduction to Formal Logic (Fall 2006)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2005)

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association (APA)
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP)
South Carolina Society for Philosophy (SCSP)
Florida Philosophical Association (FPA)
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
International Linguistics Association (ILA)

Service

Library Liaison to the Department, University of Central Florida (2011-2012)
Committee Member, Philosophy Curriculum, University of Central Florida (2011-2012)
President, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, USF (2006-2007)
Treasurer, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, USF (2004-2006)

Graduate Coursework

Transcripts Available Upon Request; GPA: 3.92

References

Rebecca Kukla, Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 813.635.6245, rkukla@gmail.com

Shaun Gallagher, Professor of Philosophy, Memphis University, 407.823.2273, gallaghr33@gmail.com

Andy Clark, Professor of Logic and Metaphysics, University of Edinburgh, Andy.Clark@ed.ac.uk

Daniel Weiskopf, Assistant Professor, Georgia State University, dweiskopf@gsu.edu

Anne Bezuidenhout, Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, ANNEBEZ@mailbox.sc.edu

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