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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Georgia State University: Department of Philosophy
Neuroscience Institute
Associate Professor
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Fall 2008-present (Assistant Professor, Fall 2005-Spring 2008).

Florida State University: Department of Philosophy, Assistant Professor
Fall 2001-Spring 2005

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Moral Psychology (esp. Free Will and Moral Responsibility), Experimental Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Science (esp. Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Biology); Ethics; Metaphysics; History of Modern Philosophy

EDUCATION

Duke University: Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2001
Dissertation: *Free Will and the Knowledge Condition*

University of St. Andrews, Scotland: Bobby Jones Scholarship (philosophy), 1992-1993

Emory University: B.A. (with Highest Honors) in English Literature, 1992

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

❖ = refereed • = invited ○ = invited commentary

- ❖ *Rediscovering Free Will* (contracted with Oxford University Press).
- ❖ *Moral Psychology: Historical and Contemporary Readings*. Co-edited with Thomas Nadelhoffer and Shaun Nichols. Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.
 - “Introduction to *Moral Psychology*.” (with Thomas Nadelhoffer and Shaun Nichols)
 - “Introduction to Section 3: Virtue and Character.” In *Moral Psychology*.
 - “Introduction to Section 4: Agency and Responsibility.” In *Moral Psychology*.
 - “Scientific Challenges to Free Will.” In *A Companion to the Philosophy of Action*, ed. by T. O’Connor and C. Sandis (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing).
 - “Experimental Philosophy on Free Will: An Error Theory for Incompatibilist Intuitions.” (with Dylan Murray). In *New Waves in Philosophy of Action*, ed. by J. Aguilar, A. Buckareff, and K. Frankish (Palgrave-Macmillan).

- “The Psychology of Free Will.” In *The Oxford Handbook on Philosophy of Psychology*, ed. by J. Prinz (Oxford University Press).
- “Free Will and Moral Responsibility.” In *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science*.
- “Intuitions about Free Will.” In *The Oxford Handbook on Free Will*, 2nd Edition, ed. by R. Kane (Oxford University Press).
- “Why ‘Willusionism’ Leads to ‘Bad Results’: Comments on Baumeister, Crescioni, and Alquist.” *Neuroethics*.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Temperament and Intuition: A Commentary on Feltz and Cokely” (with Thomas Nadelhoffer and Trevor Kvaran). *Consciousness and Cognition* 18: 342–350, March 2009.
- ❖ “Is Incompatibilism Intuitive?” (with Stephen Morris, Thomas Nadelhoffer, & Jason Turner). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 73(1): 28-53, July 2006.
Reprinted in *Experimental Philosophy*, ed. by S. Nichols and J. Knobe (Oxford University Press, 2008).
- ❖ “Polling as Pedagogy: Experimental Philosophy as a Tool for Teaching Philosophy.” (with Thomas Nadelhoffer). *Teaching Philosophy* 31: 39-59, 2008.
- “Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Mechanism: Experiments on Folk Intuitions.” (with D. Justin Coates and Trevor Kvaran). *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 31: 214-242, 2007.
- “The Past and Future of Experimental Philosophy.” (with Thomas Nadelhoffer). *Philosophical Explorations* 10(2): 123-149, 2007.
- ❖ “Close Calls and the Confident Agent: Free Will, Deliberation, and Alternative Possibilities.” *Philosophical Studies* 131(3): 627-667, 2006.
- “Autonomous Agency and Social Psychology.” In *Cartographies of the Mind: Philosophy and Psychology in Intersection*, ed. by M. Marraffa, M. Caro, and F. Ferretti (Springer, 2007), 169-185.
- ❖ “Are the Folk Agent Causationists?” (with Jason Turner). *Mind and Language* 21(5): 597-609, 2006.
- “Folk Fears about Freedom and Responsibility: Determinism vs. Reductionism.” *Journal of Cognition and Culture* 6(1-2): 215-237, 2006.
- “The Problem of Pain: Commentary on Price and Aydede.” In *New Essays on the Nature of Pain and the Methodology of its Study*, ed. by M. Aydede (MIT Press, 2005), 307-314.
- ❖ “Agency, Authorship, and Illusion.” *Consciousness and Cognition* 14(4): 771-785, December 2005.
- ❖ “Surveying Freedom: Folk Intuitions about Free Will and Moral Responsibility.” (with Stephen Morris, Thomas Nadelhoffer, & Jason Turner). *Philosophical Psychology* 18(5): 561-584, October 2005.
- “Review of *Freedom and Determinism*.” *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, June 2005.
- ❖ “Some Practical Suggestions for Teaching Small Philosophy Classes.” *Teaching Philosophy* 28(1): 59-65, March 2005.
- ❖ “The Phenomenology of Free Will.” (with Stephen Morris, Thomas Nadelhoffer, and Jason Turner). *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 11(7-8): 162-179, July/August 2004. Reprinted in *Trusting the Subject, Vol. 2.*, ed. by A. Jack and A. Roepstorff (Imprint Academic, 2004), 162-179.
- ❖ “When Consciousness Matters: A Critical Review of Daniel Wegner’s *The Illusion of Conscious Will*.” *Philosophical Psychology* 15(4): 527-541, December 2002.
- ❖ “Verbal Reports on the Contents of Consciousness: Reconsidering Introspectionist Methodology.” *Psyche: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Consciousness*, 8(21), October 2002.
- “Is Human Intelligence an Adaptation? Cautionary Observations from the Philosophy of Biology.” (with Owen Flanagan & Valerie Hardcastle). In *The Evolution of Intelligence*, ed. by R. Sternberg and J. Kaufman (Lawrence Erlbaum, 2001), 199-222.
- “Darwin’s Continuum and the Building Blocks of Deception.” (with Güven Güzeldere & Rob Deaner). In *The Cognitive Animal*, ed. by C. Allen, M. Bekoff, and G. Burghardt (MIT Press, 2001), 353-362.

PRESENTATIONS

❖ = refereed • = invited ○ = invited commentary

- Invited Symposium on the Experience of Agency
American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division: San Francisco, April 2010
- Commentary on Baumeister
Florida State University, January 2010
- “What Does it Mean When Scientists Say ‘Free Will is an Illusion?’”
University of South Carolina, October 2009
Georgia State University, October 2009
Templeton Foundation Retreat on The Science of Free Will: New York, July 2009
- “Implications of Scientists’ Claims that Free Will is an Illusion.”
Defining Wisdom Meeting: University of Chicago, June 2009
- “Mele is Half-right about How Libet is Wrong”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP): Savannah, April 2009
- “Scientific Challenges to Free Will.” Symposium on Human Freedom and the Brain & Behavioral Sciences. *American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division: Chicago, February 2009*
- “Free Will and Wisdom in the Age of the Mind Sciences.”
Defining Wisdom Grant Competition: University of Chicago, August 2008
- “What is Experimental Philosophy?” Workshop on Experimental Philosophy.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP): Philadelphia, June 2008
- “Intuitions about Free Will and Moral Responsibility: Mapping the Terrain.” (with D. Justin Coates and Trevor Kvaran). Invited Symposium on Experimental Philosophy.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP): Toronto, June 2007
- “If the Mind is the Brain, Can we Have Free Will?”
Neurophilosophy Meeting: GSU, March 2007
- “Collins’ Sure Bet is Either Costly or Self-Defeating”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP): Atlanta, March 2007
- “Free Will as Knowledge” (with commentary by John Fischer)
New Work in Free Will and Moral Responsibility: San Francisco, November 2006
- ❖ “Emotional and Cognitive Components of Social Anxiety” (poster with Erin McClure, Trevor Kvaran, and Bryan Miller)
International Society for Research on Emotions (ISRE): Atlanta, August 2006
- “Experimental Philosophy: Come for the Answers, Stay for the Questions! Commentary on Joshua Knobe and Ericca Roedder’s ‘The Concept of Valuing’” (with Thomas Nadelhoffer)
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP): St. Louis, June 2006
- “Is it Fair to Beat a Beast to Build it Better? Commentary on Manuel Vargas’ ‘Building a Better Beast’”
On-line Philosophy Conference: May 2006
- ❖ “Relocating the Problem of Free Will”
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference (INPC): Moscow, ID, March 2006
- “Re-thinking the Problem of Free Will: Folk Intuitions about Determinism and Reductionism”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP): Charleston, March 2006
- “Free Will, Determinism, and Neuroscience”
Georgia State University Neuroscience Retreat: Atlanta, October 2005
- “Mind and Brain in the Media”
Neurophilosophy Meeting: GSU, Sept. 2006
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP): Wake Forest, June 2005
- ❖ “The (Un)reliability of Moral Intuitions: Evidence from Neuroeconomics” (with Zachary Ernst)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP): Durham, March 2005
- “Free Will, Knowledge, and the Threat of Social Psychology”
Georgia State University: January 2005

Washington University, St. Louis: February 2001

Florida State University: February 2001

- “The State of the Free Will Debate: From Frankfurt Cases to the Consequence Argument”
University of South Florida: March 2004
- “I Know I Authored This: Commentary on Daniel Wegner’s ‘How Do You Know You’re the One Reading This?’” *The Brain and Its Self: Washington University, St. Louis, April 2004*
- “Surveying Freedom: Folk Intuitions about Free Will and Moral Responsibility” (poster)
The Brain and Its Self: Washington University, St. Louis, April 2004
- “The Phenomenology of Free Will”
University of Arizona’s Center for Consciousness Studies: Tucson, October 2003
- ❖ “When Consciousness Matters: A Response to the Theory of Apparent Mental Causation”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP): Atlanta, April 2003
- “Commentary on Jing Zhu’s ‘Is Conscious Will and Illusion?’”
American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division: Cleveland, April 2003
- ❖ “Close Calls and the Confident Agent: Free Will, Deliberation, and Alternative Possibilities”
Florida Philosophical Association (FPA): Gainesville, November 2002
- ❖ “Pain Reports as Vital Signs”
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP): Edmonton, June 2002
- ❖ “First-Person Reports and the Contents of Consciousness”
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC): Duke University, May 2001
- ❖ “Free Will and the Threat of Social Psychology”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP): New Orleans, April 2001
- ❖ “Undesired Free Actions and The Problem of Strength of Will”
American Philosophical Association (APA), Eastern Division: New York, December 2000
- ❖ “A Problematic Proposal for the Evolution of Consciousness”
International Society for History, Philosophy, Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB): Seattle, July 1997
- ❖ “Why Our Brains Got So Big: Reciprocal Altruism, Deception, Theory of Mind”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP): Atlanta, March 1997
- ❖ “What is False-Belief Theory of Mind?” (poster)
Toward a Science of Consciousness III: Tucson, May 1998

TEACHING

Georgia State University:

- Free Will and the Sciences of the Mind (Graduate Seminar): Spring 2010
- Moral Psychology (Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Mind): Fall 2008
- Philosophy of Mind: Spring 2007, Spring 2008
- Great Questions of Philosophy: Spring 2007, Fall 2007 (2 sections)
- Free Will and Moral Responsibility (Graduate Seminar in Metaphysics): Fall 2006
- Ethics, Agency & the Sciences of the Mind (Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Mind): Fall 2005
- Philosophical Thinking: Spring 2006, Fall 2005
- Director or Co-director, MA Theses: Dylan Murray (2010), Aaron Brown (2009), Kelley Smith (2009), Jason Outlaw (2009), Barclay Brown (2009), Bradley Thomas (2008; PhD student in neuroscience at Iowa), E. Ben Kelsey (2008; PhD student at FSU), Jimmy Vaught (2008; PhD student at St. Louis Univ.), D. Justin Coates (2007; PhD student at UC-Riverside), Trevor Kvaran (2007; PhD student in psychology at Arizona), Bryan Miller (2007; PhD student at Johns Hopkins), Jessica Owensby-Sandifer (2006)
- Committee Member, MA Theses: Daniel Burnston (2009; PhD student at UCSD), Brandie Bedard-Martinez (2008), Jim Sias (2007; PhD student at UNC)
- Directed Readings: Experimental Philosophy (Summer 2008), Free Will (Summer 2007)
- McNair Mentor: Johnson Ashu (Summer 2007)

Florida State University:

- Philosophy of Mind: Consciousness & Mental Causation (Graduate Seminar): Spring 2005
- Theories of Human Nature (Honors Seminar): Spring 2005, Fall 2001
- Philosophy of Mind (Upper-level Undergraduate): Fall 2004, Summer 2003, Fall 2002, Fall 2001
- Free Will and the Sciences of the Mind (Upper-level Undergraduate): Spring 2004
- Readings in Free Will (Graduate): Summer 2003
- Free Will (Graduate Seminar): Spring 2003
- Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 2003, Spring 2002 (Bryan Hall)
- Ethical Issues and Life Choices: Spring 2003 (Bryan Hall), Fall 2002 (Honors Seminar)
- Philosophy of Mind: Recent History and Issues (Graduate Seminar): Spring 2002
- Teaching Philosophy (Graduate student teaching course): Fall 2003, Fall 2001
- Director, MA Thesis: Matt James
- Director, Honors Thesis: Matt James
- PhD Committee: Thomas Nadelhoffer; Christina Huggins; Brandon Schmeichel (psychology); Stephen Morris; Kermit Harrison; Jonathan Caro; Melissa Lammey
- MA Committee: Jason Turner; David Sumney
- Honors Thesis Committee: Michael Killian (psychology); Amanda Gilchrist (psychology)

Duke University:

- Philosophy of Mind: Summer 2001
- Free Will and the Sciences of the Mind: Spring 2001
- Logic: Fall 1999
- Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 1999, Spring 1999, Fall 1998
- Sleep, Dreams, and the Evolution of the Conscious Mind, with Owen Flanagan (FOCUS): Fall 1999

Talent Identification Program (TIP), Duke University:

- The Mind and the Brain: Summer 1999, Summer 1998
- British Philosophy (London): Summer 2000, Summer 1999

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Defining Wisdom, University of Chicago Arete Initiative (2008-2010), \$100,000 grant.
- Research Initiation Grant (RIG): “Defending Free Will from the Sciences of the Mind” (2007)
- Brains & Behavior Seed Grant, Co-PI on a \$30,000 grant to initiate research project: “Neurobiological, Emotional, and Cognitive Components of Social Anxiety: Behavioral and fMRI Studies” (2005-2006)
- Superior Honors Teaching Award, for best teacher in the FSU Honors Program (2002-2003)
- First-Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) Research Grant, FSU (2002)
- W. Bernard Peach Instructor, Duke University Teaching Fellowship (2000-2001)
- James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University (1995-1999)
- Kenan Ethics Program, Graduate Student Colloquium Award, Duke University (2000-2001)
- APA Travel Grant, Eastern Division (2000)
- SSPP Travel Grant (2001)
- AAPT Teaching Seminar for Graduate Students, APA Travel Grant (2000)
- Bobby Jones Scholarship, St. Andrews University (1992-1993)
- Means Scholarship (full tuition), Emory University (1988-92)
- National Merit Scholarship (1988-92)
- Georgia Governor’s Scholar (1988-92)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Emory University (initiated 1990)
- NEH Younger Scholars Grant (1991)

SERVICE

To College and University:

- Undergraduate Studies Council, GSU (2005-2009)
- Neuroscience Institute Committee to Develop Major, GSU (2008-2009)
- Neuroscience Institute Seed Grant Committee, GSU (2009)
- Neuroscience Institute Task Force, GSU (2007-2008)
- Brains & Behavior Scientific Committee, GSU (2006-2008)
- Brains & Behavior Retreat Planning Committee, GSU (2008, 2006)
- Department of Philosophy Chair Search Committee, FSU (2004)
- Faculty Advisory Committee, FSU (2002-2003)
- Arts and Sciences Academic Honor Panel, FSU (2001-2005)
- Professional Relations and Welfare Committee, FSU (2003)

To Department:

- Director of Undergraduate Studies, GSU (2005-2009)
- Chair, Undergraduate Committee, GSU (2005-2009)
- Honors Program Advisor, GSU (2008-2009)
- Self-Study Committee, GSU (2008-2009)
- Tenure and Promotion Committee, GSU (2008-2009)
- Executive Committee, GSU (2007-2008)
- Member, Search Committee for Junior Position in Philosophy of Mind, GSU (2008-2009)
- Member, Search Committee for Lecturer, GSU (2008)
- Chair, Search Committee for Senior Position, GSU (2006-2008)
- Chair, Search Committee for Junior Position in Metaphysics/Epistemology, GSU (2005-2006)
- Chair, Improving Great Questions in Philosophy (PHIL 2010) Committee, GSU (2006-2007)
- Teaching Assistant (TA) Coordinator & Trainer, FSU (2004-2005)
- Colloquium Organizer, FSU (2002-2004)
- Placement Officer, FSU (2002-2004)
- Hiring Committees, FSU (2001-2002, 2002-2003)
- Faculty Advisor, Student Philosophical Association (SPA), FSU (2001-2005)
- Liaison to the Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE), FSU (2003-2005)
- Graduate Student Admissions Committee, FSU (2002-2004)
- Philosophy of Science Hiring Committee, Duke University (1999)
- Graduate Student Representative to the Philosophy Faculty, Duke University (1997-98)

To Philosophical Community:

- Organizer and Chair, Workshop on Experimental Philosophy (SPP 2008)
- Executive Committee, Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP 2005-2008)
- Executive Council, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP 2006-2009)
- Program Co-Chair, On-line Philosophy Conference (OPC 2006, OPC 2007)
- Program Chair, 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP 2005)
- Organizer and Chair, Panel Discussion on “Mind and Brain in the Media” (SPP 2005)
- Referee: *Oxford University Press* (2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005); *Mind* (2009, 2008); *Consciousness and Cognition* (2009, 2006, 2005, 2004); *Philosophical Psychology* (2009, 2007, 2006, 2004); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2009); *Florida Philosophical Review* (2009); Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005); Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology (2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004); *European Review of Philosophy* (2008); *Routledge Press* (2008); *Wiley-Blackwell Press* (2008, 2005); *Neuroethics* (2008); *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2008); *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2007); *MIT Press* (2006); *Philosophy of Science* (2006); *Philosophical*

- Explorations* (2005); *Philosophical Quarterly* (2004); *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (2003); *Inquiry* (2002); *Psyche* (2002); *Journal of Intelligent Systems* (2001); European Science Foundation's Eurocorpes Program for proposal titled "Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context" (2006)
- Session Chair: Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP 2009, 2006); Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP 2005, 2004, 2001); *Action and Agency* (University of Florida 2005)
 - Regular contributor to: *AskPhilosophers.org* (website offering answers to philosophical questions from the public); *Garden of Forking Paths* (free will blog); and *Experimental Philosophy* blog.

REFERENCES

- John Martin Fischer, University of California, Riverside
- Owen Flanagan, Duke University
- George Graham, Georgia State University
- Alfred Mele, Florida State University
- Shaun Nichols, University of Arizona
- George Rainbolt, Georgia State University