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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016– Texas Christian University John V. Roach Honors College
Assistant Professor of the History and Philosophy of Science

Visiting Appointments

2017 University College Dublin School of Philosophy
Visiting Assistant Professor

2016–2017 “When Experts Disagree” (Irish Research Council grant project)
Visiting Research Fellow

EDUCATION

2016 University of Pittsburgh
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *Cognition in Practice: Conceptual Development and Disagreement in Cognitive Science*
Committee: Robert B. Brandom (director), Edouard Machery, Mazviita Chirimuuta, Mark Wilson, James F. Woodward

2009 University of Edinburgh
MSc with distinction in Philosophy of Mind, Language, and Embodied Cognition

2008 Swarthmore College
B.A. with High Honors in Philosophy

AREAS OF INTEREST

Specialization Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind
Competence Philosophy of Medicine, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed journal articles

forthcoming “Rethinking the Problem of Cognition.” *Synthese*. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-017-1383-2.

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- 2009 “The Precision of Locomotor Odometry in Humans.” (Durgin, Frank H., Mikio Akagi, Charles R. Gallistel & Woody Haiken). *Experimental Brain Research* 109: 429–436.

Refereed abstracts

- 2007 “Accurate Perception of Visual Space from Live-video in a Head-mounted Display.” (Akagi, Mikio & Frank H. Durgin). *Journal of Vision* 7: 283.
- 2006 “Visual Flow Speed Discrimination while Walking.” (Durgin, Frank H., Krista Gigone, Mikio Akagi & Kristina Simmons). *Abstracts of the Psychonomic Society* 11, 5.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

- 2016 “Parameterization as a Framework for Modeling Contested Scientific Concepts.” 25th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association. Atlanta, Georgia USA. 03–05 November (poster).
- 2016 “Cognition as the Sensitive Management of Organismal Behavior.” 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas USA. 01 June (poster).
- 2015 “Characterizing Cognition: Moving beyond the Mark of the Cognitive.” 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Duke University. Durham, North Carolina USA. 05 June.
- 2014 “Going against the Grain: Functionalism and Generalization in Cognitive Science.” 24th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association. Chicago, Illinois USA. 06 November.
- 2014 “Laying down the Law: Substituting Mechanism for Functionalism.” 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, British Columbia CANADA. 19 June (poster).
- 2013 “Cognitive Scientists Are Not Computational Functionalists.” Fourth Biennial Meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario CANADA. 29 June.
- 2013 “Cognitive Scientists Are Not Computational Functionalists.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Austin, Texas USA. 28 February.

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2012 “Phenomenal Consciousness, Conscious States, and the Hard Problem.” 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado USA. 22 June (poster).

Invited

2017 “Modular Explication in Philosophy of Medicine.” Workshop on “Methods under the Microscope: Investigating Methodological Diversity in Philosophy.” University College Dublin. Dublin, IRELAND. 27 October.

2017 “You Say Potato; I Say Parameterization: Modelling Conceptual Disagreement by Tracking Background Commitments.” Workshop on “Disagreement in Science and Beyond.” University College Dublin. Dublin, IRELAND. 04 July.

2017 “Representation Reconstructed” (directed discussion). Interdisciplinary workshop on “Being With: Intersubjectivity and Its Commitments.” University College Dublin. Dublin, IRELAND. 13 March.

2016 “A Model of Expert Conceptual Disagreement in Cognitive Science.” Interdisciplinary workshop on “Explanatory Pluralism in Cognitive Science.” University College Dublin. Dublin, IRELAND. 20 June.

2014 “Cognition as the Sensitive Management of Behaviour.” University of Glasgow. Glasgow, SCOTLAND. 07 March.

2014 “A New Approach to the Problem of Cognition.” University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, SCOTLAND. 24 January.

Campus talk

2016 “Mastery-based Assessment (for Moderates).” All Honors Faculty Meeting. Texas Christian University. Fort Worth, Texas USA. 02 December.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2017 Junior Faculty Summer Research Project Grant TCU

2015–2016 Provost’s Development Fund University of Pittsburgh

2013–2014 Wesley C. Salmon Fund University of Pittsburgh

2013 Graduate Student Travel Award Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

2009 Best Dissertation Award Univ. of Edinburgh School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences

2008–2009 Phi Beta Kappa Fellowship

2008–2009 Hannah A. Leedom Fellowship

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2008–2009 University of Edinburgh International Master’s Scholarship
2008 Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND SERVICE

Reviewer: *Minds and Machines*, *Synthese*, *Topoi*
2018 Honors College Curriculum Committee TCU
2017 Organizer: Workshop on “Methods under the Microscope: Investigating
Methodological Diversity in Philosophy.” University College Dublin/WEXD.
2017 Session chair: “Trust, Expert Opinion and Policy.” University College Dublin/WEXD.
2017 Trip organizer: “Disagreement in Dublin” Honors Abroad trip TCU
2017 Judge: Paul Wassenich Founder’s Medal Award TCU
2017 Chancellor’s Scholar Interviewer TCU
2016 Honors Advisor Search Committee TCU
2014–2016 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) University of Pittsburgh
2014–2015 Faculty Search Committee University of Pittsburgh Department of Philosophy
2012–2013 Teaching Fellow Mentor University of Pittsburgh Department of Philosophy
2012 Course Organizer: Teaching Practicum University of Pittsburgh Department of Philosophy
2011–2012 Chief organizer: Annual Pitt-CMU Philosophy Graduate Conference
2009–2011 Organizer: Annual Pitt-CMU Philosophy Graduate Conference

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Philosophy of Science Association
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice
American Philosophical Association
National Collegiate Honors Council

COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT

Texas Christian University Disease, Disorder, and Disability (3x)
Philosophy and Science of Social Justice
University College Dublin Critiquing Scientific Inference: Cognitive Psychology MA/MSc course (module)
University of Pittsburgh Social Philosophy (2x)
Swarthmore College Topics in Analytic Philosophy of Language
Lake Ridge Academy Introduction to Philosophy High school elective course