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Curriculum vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Rev. John A. O'Brien Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2010-)
Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame (2006-2010)
Assistant Professor, McGill University (2003-2006)

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Philosophy, Princeton University (August, 2003)
Dissertation: "Three Views of Language and the Mind"
Advisors: Scott Soames and Gideon Rosen.
B.A. summa cum laude in Philosophy & the Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame (1997)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of mind, philosophy of language.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of analytic philosophy, logic (introductory & intermediate).

OTHER RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Metaphysics, philosophy of religion, philosophy of action, the philosophy of Wittgenstein.

BOOK

- *New Thinking About Propositions*, with Jeffrey King and Scott Soames (under contract with Oxford University Press).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Is there a problem about nonconceptual content?", *Philosophical Review* 114:3 (2005), 359-398.
- "Is mental content prior to linguistic meaning?" *Noûs* 40:3 (2006), 428-467.

- “Truth theories, translation manuals, and theories of meaning,” *Linguistics & Philosophy* 29:4 (2006), 487-505.
- “Conversational implicature, thought, and communication,” *Mind & Language* 23:1 (2008), 107-122.
- “The normativity of content and ‘the Frege point’,” *European Journal of Philosophy* 17:3 (2009), 405-415.
- “Transparency, intentionalism, and the nature of perceptual content,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 79:3 (2009), 539-573.
- “Epistemic two-dimensionalism and the epistemic argument,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88:1 (2010), 59-78.
- “Attention and intentionalism,” *Philosophical Quarterly* 60:239 (2010), 325-342.
- “Explaining the disquotational principle,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 40:2 (2010), 211-238.
- “Millian descriptivism defended,” *Philosophical Studies* 149:2 (2010), 201-208.
- “Spectrum inversion without a difference in representation is impossible,” *Philosophical Studies* 156:3 (2011), 339-361.
- “Frege’s puzzle and descriptive enrichment,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 83:2 (2011), 267-282.
- “Foreknowledge, evil, and compatibility arguments,” *Faith & Philosophy* 28:3 (2011), 269-293.
- “On possibly nonexistent propositions,” forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

INVITED PAPERS

- “Introduction, transmission, and the foundations of meaning”, in *New Waves in the Philosophy of Language*, ed. Sarah Sawyer (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), 226-249.

DICTIONARY & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- “Theories of meaning,” in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (15,000 words).
- “Intentionality,” forthcoming in *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences* (3000 words).

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Review of Donald Davidson, *Truth and Predication*,” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2006.08.06.
- “Review of Stewart Candlish, *The Russell/Bradley Dispute and its Significance for Twentieth Century Philosophy*,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 86:3 (2008), 509-512.
- “Review of David Chalmers, *The Character of Consciousness*,” invited for the *Philosophical Review*.

TALKS

The reduction of phenomenal character

- University of Oklahoma Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, March 2011.

An argument against phenomenism, Fregeanism, appearance property-ism, and some kinds of functionalism about perceptual content

- Jowett Society, Oxford University, March 2011.
- Rutgers University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, December 2010.
- Rice University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, November 2010.
- Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Great Lakes Mind & Science Consortium (Chicago), February 2010.

Can linguistic representation be explained in terms of perceptual representation?

- Mind & Language Seminar, NYU, December 2010.
- Colloquium on Thought and Language, University of Cincinnati, May 2010.

Against the new Fregeanism

- University of Michigan at Ann Arbor Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, January 2010.
- University of Texas at Austin Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, December 2009.
- University of Northern Illinois Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, September 2009.
- University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, November 2008.

Epistemic two-dimensionalism and the epistemic argument

- Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Los Angeles), April 2008.

Spectrum inversion without misrepresentation is impossible

- McGill University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series (Montreal), October 2007.

Transparency and its consequences

- Philosophical Society, Oxford University, June 2006.
- Auburn University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, April 2006.
- Colloque Référence et Attitude, Université Québec à Montréal, April 2006.

Nonconceptual content and the content of thought

- University of Notre Dame Colloquium Series, February 2006.

Is there a problem about nonconceptual content?

- Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference (Winnipeg), 2005.
- FCAR Group for the Study of Concepts (Montreal), 2003.

Explaining the disquotational principle

- University of Maryland Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series (College Park, MD), September 2004.

- University of Southern California School of Philosophy Colloquium Series (Los Angeles), February 2005.

REPLIES

- Comments on Benj Hellie’s “There it is,” Third Annual Online Consciousness Conference, February 2011.
- Reply to Michael McGlone’s “Propositional structure and truth conditions,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Chicago, IL), 2010.
- “Against a Fregean response to the McKinsey argument for incompatibilism,” Princeton/Rutgers Graduate Conference in Philosophy (New Brunswick, NJ), 2001.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Best Paper Prize, Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2010)
- Thomas P. Madden Award for Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen (2008-9)
- Standard Research Grant (individual), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (awarded April, 2006)
- Nominated for Principal’s Prize for Excellence in Teaching, McGill University (2006)
- The Paul Ramsey Fellowship, Princeton University (2002-2003)
- Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University (1998-2003)
- Graduate Representative, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University (2001-2002)
- Graduate Fellow of Forbes College, Princeton University (1999-2003)
- Graduate School Summer Fellowships, Princeton University (1999-2002)
- Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, Princeton University (1998-1999)
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Notre Dame (1997)
- Edward Cronin Award, University of Notre Dame (1997)
- Otto Bird Award, University of Notre Dame (1997)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, American Philosophical Association (2003 –).
- Member, Canadian Philosophical Association (2003-2005).
- Journal submissions reviewed for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, and *Theoria*.
- Book manuscripts reviewed for Princeton, Oxford, Blackwell’s, Routledge, and McGill-Queens University Press.
- Conference papers reviewed for meetings of the Canadian Philosophical Association and the American Philosophical Association.
- Reviewer, FNP Prize (Fundacja na rzecz Nauki Polskiej) (2011).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- College of Arts & Letters Advisory Board (2001-2004)
- Judge for Cronin Writing Award, Program of Liberal Studies (2008)
- College of Arts & Letters Honesty Committee (2011-12)
- University Committee for the First Year of Studies (2011-12)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- Graduate Committee, Department of Philosophy (2007-10; 2011-)
- Undergraduate Committee, Department of Philosophy (2011-)
- Colloquium Committee, Department of Philosophy (2007-10)
- Teaching mentor for Sorin Society Fellow (2007-8, Dan McKaughan; 2009-10, Nate King; 2010-11, Joshua Rasmussen)
- Honesty Committee, Department of Philosophy (2006-7)

TEACHING

Courses taught at Notre Dame (2006-):

- PHIL 10100 Introduction to philosophy. (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010)
- PHIL 13185 First year seminar in philosophy. (Spring 2007)
- PHIL 13195 Honors seminar in philosophy. (Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011)
- PHIL 20208 Minds, brains, and persons. (Fall 2006)
- PHIL 20229 Paradoxes. (Spring 2008, Spring 2010, Spring 2012; also available on Notre Dame's Open Courseware site)
- PHIL 43503 Philosophy of action. (Spring 2009)
- PHIL 43904 Origins of analytic philosophy. (Fall 2007)
- PHIL 83104 Proseminar: 20th Century Analytic Philosophy. (Fall 2011)
- PHIL 93507 Topics in the philosophy of mind: Perception. (Fall 2009, Spring 2012)
- PHIL 93515 Language and mind. (Spring 2007)
- PHIL 93914 Philosophy of language. (Spring 2008)
- PHIL 96697 Directed readings in semantics (Spring 2010)

Courses taught at McGill (2003-6):

- PHIL 201 Introduction to philosophy. (Winter 2005, Winter 2006)
- PHIL 370 Problems in analytic philosophy. (Winter 2004, Fall 2004)
- PHIL 415 Philosophy of language. (Fall 2003, Winter 2005)
- PHIL 515 Perception & intentionality. (Winter 2006)

PHIL 519 Epistemology: Self-knowledge. (Winter 2004)
PHIL 519 Action. (Fall 2004)
PHIL 682 Proseminar on meaning. (Fall 2005)
PHIL 780 The metaphysics of consciousness. (independent study, Fall 2004)
PHIL 780 Universals and particulars. (independent study, Fall 2005)
PHIL 780 Religious perception, religious language, & religious belief. (independent study, Fall 2005)

Undergraduate theses supervised:

2008-9 Claire McGathey, 'Skepticism and the case for withholding', co-supervised with Fritz Warfield (Dockweiler Award winner)
2006-7 Dan Sportiello, 'Wittgenstein on rule-following' (Dockweiler Award winner)

Dissertation committees:

8/2011 Andrew Bailey, *Person and Animal*.
5/2010 John Keller, *Telling the Whole Truth: The Role of Paraphrase in Philosophical Inquiry*.
4/2010 Joshua Rasmussen, *What Propositions Correspond To and How They Do It*.
7/2007 Dan McKaughan, *Toward a Richer Vocabulary for Epistemic Attitudes*.
7/2007 Pierre Charette, *Nature, Reasons, and Moral Meaningfulness* (at McGill).
8/2005 Brian van den Broek, *What is Constant in Logic?* (at McGill).
3/2005 Max Jarvie, *Acceptance, Belief, and Cognition* (at McGill).
9/2004 Gerald Beaulieu, *Moral Experience and the Moral Problem* (at McGill).