

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

- B.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1971
Philosophy and Mathematics
- B.A. Balliol College, Oxford University, 1973
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1981
Philosophy, Dissertation title: *Functionalism and Propositional Content*

FELLOWSHIPS:

Marshall Scholarship, Oxford University, 1971-1973

TUFTS DEPARTMENTAL AFFILIATIONS;

Philosophy, International Literary and Visual Studies, Film and Media Studies

PRIMARY AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Aesthetics, Film, and Media Studies

OTHER AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Phenomenology and Existentialism, Philosophy of Language, Metaethics.

TEACHING POSITIONS

2011-16 Professor of Philosophy, Tufts University

Courses: Special Topics: Nothingness, Rational Choice, Special Topics: Kant and Philosophy of Mind, Special Topics: Experimental Documentary Film, Seminar: The Aesthetics of Experimental Documentary Film, Special Topics: Experimental Film.

- 1992-11 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Tufts University
- Courses: Aesthetics, Epistemology, Phenomenology and Existentialism, Seminar on Mind, Meaning, and Value, Seminar on German Idealism, Epistemology, Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy and Film, Special Topics: The End of History and the End of Man, Special Topics: Problems of the Self, Special Topics: Moral Psychology, Special Topics: Skepticism, 1Special Topics: Phenomenology, Moral Psychology, Special Topics: Aesthetic Psychology.
- 1986-92 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Tufts University
- Courses: Philosophy of Mind, Ethical Theory, Theories of Human Nature, Radical Social Philosophy, Liberal Social Philosophy, Rational Choice, Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Seminar in Moral Psychology.
- 1985-86 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, New York University
- Courses: Ethics and Society, Professional Ethics (Minicourse), Medical Ethics (Minicourse), Introduction to Philosophy, Seminar in Moral Psychology.
- 1979-86 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan
- Courses: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Language and Mind, Mind, Matter, and Machines, Philosophy and Human Nature, Philosophy and the Arts, Introduction to Philosophy, Undergraduate Seminar in Moral Psychology, Seminar in Philosophy of Mind.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

- 1987-88 Visiting Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
(Thesis adviser: philosophy of mind and the cognitive sciences)

PUBLICATIONS:

The Unity of the Self, (Cambridge: Bradford/MIT Press, 1991).

"Partial Character and the Language of Thought," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 63 (October 1982) 347-365. Reprinted as Chapter 1 of *The Unity of the Self*.

"Curse of the Qualia," *Synthese*, 68 (August 1986) 333-368. Reprinted as Chapter 3 of *The Unity of the Self*, and in Ned Block, Owen Flanagan, and Guven Guzeldere, eds., *The Nature of Consciousness: Philosophical Debates* (Cambridge: Bradford/MIT Press, 1997).

"What Is It Like to Be a Homunculus?" *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 68 (1987) 148-174. Reprinted as Chapter 6 of *The Unity of the Self*.

"Self-Deception and Responsibility for the Self," in Brian McLaughlin and Amelie Rorty, eds., *Perspectives on Self-Deception* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988). Reprinted as Chapter 7 of *The Unity of the Self*.

"Transcendentalism and its Discontents," *Philosophical Topics* 17 (1989) 231-261. Reprinted as Chapter 4 of *The Unity of the Self*.

"Metapsychological Relativism and the Self," *The Journal of Philosophy* 86 (1989) 298-323. Reprinted as Chapter 5 of *The Unity of the Self*.

"Rationality, Responsibility, and Pathological Indifference," in Owen Flanagan and Amelie Rorty, eds., *Character and Morality: Essays in Moral Psychology* (Cambridge: Bradford/MIT Press, 1990). Reprinted as Chapter 9 of *The Unity of the Self*.

Review of Galen Strawson, *Freedom and Belief*, *The Philosophical Review* 100 (1991) 119-122.

"The Desire to Survive," Contribution to the Symposium on Peter Unger's *Identity, Consciousness, and Value*, in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, March 1992, Volume 52, No. 1.

"Color and Notional Content," *Philosophical Topics* 22 (1994) 471-503

"Narrow Content," in Robert Wilson and Frank Keil eds., *The MIT Encyclopedia of the Cognitive Sciences* (Cambridge: Bradford/MIT Press, 1999).

"Self," in Robert Wilson and Frank Keil eds., *The MIT Encyclopedia of the Cognitive Sciences* (Cambridge: Bradford/MIT Press, 1999).

"Why Egalitarians Should Be Interested in Positive Liberty," translated and published in Italy under the title "Perche i sostenitori dell'eguaglianza dovrebbero interessarsi alla liberta positive" in *Filosofia e Questioni Pubbliche* (Rome: Luiss University Press, 2003)

"Skepticism, Deflation, and the Rediscovery of the Self," *The Monist*, General topic: Self-consciousness 87 (April 2004) 275-298

"Subjectivity and the Agential Perspective," in Mario De Caro and David Macarthur, eds., *Naturalism in Question* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004).

"A Posteriori Identities and the Requirements of Rationality," in Dean Zimmerman, ed., *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Volume 2 (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2006).

"Property Dualism, Phenomenal Concepts, and the Semantic Premise," in Torin Alter and Sven Walter, eds., *Phenomenal Concepts and Phenomenal Knowledge* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

"Empirical Psychology, Transcendental Phenomenology, and the Self," in Massimo Marraffa, Mario De Caro, and Francesco Ferretti, eds., *Cartographies of the Mind* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2007).

"The Transcendental Significance of Phenomenology," in the internet published journal *Psyche* 13/1 (2007) available at <http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/>.

"On the Absence of an Interface: Putnam, Direct Perception, and Frege's Constraint," *The European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 4 (2008)

"Mental Maps and the Varieties of Spatial Imagination" (with Mario De Caro), in Per Aage Brandt, Claus Carstensen, and Inge Merete Kjeldgaard, eds., *The Map Is Not the Territory* (Esbjerg, Denmark: Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, 2008).

"Qualia," in T. Bayne, Axel Cleeremans, and Patrick Wilken eds., *The Oxford Companion to Consciousness* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).

"The Other as Mirror: Epistemological, Political, and Existential Themes," in *Annali della Facolta di Lingue e Letterature Straniere dell'Universita di Sassari, vol. 6, Lost in Translation. Testi e culture allo specchio*. Workshop Papers, Sassari, 17-18/12/2007, Sassari 2009

"Michel Gondry and the Phenomenology of Perceptual Experience," in Christopher Grau, ed., *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (New York: Routledge, 2009).

"The Property Dualism Argument," in George Bealer and Robert Koons eds., *The Waning of Materialism: New Essays* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010).

"The Normativity of Practical Reason," in *Normativity and Naturalism*, Mario De Caro and David Macarthur eds., (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010).

"Reply to Putnam," *The European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, in press.

"The Evolution of Morality," *Paradigmi*, Anno XXX-Nuova serie Gennaio-Aprile 2012 (Italy)

"A Defense of Transcendental Arguments," to appear in *The Handbook of Liberal Naturalism*, edited by David Macarthur and Mario De Caro.

"Sartre's Act-Based Theory of Experience," to appear in *Thinking with Sartre*, edited by Talia Morag.

A Critique of Causal Theories. Currently a long paper that I am converting to a short monograph.

Reasons Regained: Transcendentalism, Phenomenology, and the Internalism/Externalism Debate, under revision.

"What Can Phenomenology Tell Us about the Internalism-Externalism Debate?"

PAPERS DELIVERED:

"Metapsychological Relativism and the Self"

Read at the Department of Philosophy, Columbia University, April 25, 1985.

"The Moral Critic: Reply to Beardsley"

Read at Rutgers University, Nov. 16, 1985.

"Level-Generation and the Individuation of Actions: Reply to Franken"

Read at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 28, 1986.

"Parfit on Pathological Indifference"

Read at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 29, 1986.

"Supervenience and Narrow Content: Reply to Kenneth Taylor,"

Read at the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, March, 1988.

"Three Dialogues on Newcomb's Problem"

Talk presented at the Department of Philosophy, University of Nebraska, April 1, 1988.

"The Strategist in the Machine"

Talk presented at the Department of Philosophy, Vassar College, April 28, 1988.

"Narrow Content and Narrow Interpretation"

Read at the conference "Mind, Meaning, and Nature," Wesleyan University, March 31, 1989.

"Color and the Narrow Content of Experience"

Invited talk, read at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, December 1993.

"Constraints on an Evolutionary Explanation of Morality"

Read at the Department of Philosophy, Yale University, April 18, 1991.

Delivered as the *George Myro Memorial Lecture*, University of California Berkeley, November 19, 1992.

Read at the Department of Philosophy, Vassar College, November 1995.

Read at Luiss University, Rome, March 2, 2001.

"Consciousness and the Problem of Perspectival Grounding"

Read at the *Workshop on Consciousness Naturalized*, Certosa di Pontignano, Siena, May 28, 1999.

Read at the Department of Philosophy, Amherst College, December 6, 1999.

"Why the Property Dualism Argument Won't Go Away"

Read at the New York University Language and Mind Colloquium, April 4, 2000.

Read at the *Workshop on Conceivability and Possibility*, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, December 8, 2001.

"Why Egalitarians Should Be Interested in Positive Liberty"

Read at Luiss University, Rome, March 1, 2001.

Delivered at the Luiss University Summer School, Orvieto, Italy, June, 2006.

"Skepticism and the Re-emergence of the Self"

Read at the University of Rome (Roma Tre), May, 2003.

Read at the University of Sassari (Sardinia), May, 2003.

"Metaethics and Moral Psychology"

Read at the University of Rome (Roma Tre), May, 2004.

Read at the University of Sassari (Sardinia), May, 2004.

"Phenomenology and the Normativity of Practical Reason"

Read at Luiss University, Rome, May 2005.

"Internalism and Externalism in Semantics, Epistemology, Metaethics, and Practical Reason"

Read at Luiss University, May 2006.

"The Normativity of Practical Reason"

Delivered at the Luiss University Summer School, June 4-24, Orvieto, Italy, June 22, 2006

"Liberalism, Skepticism, and Multiculturalism,"

Delivered at the University of Sassari (Sardinia), April 2007.

"*The Matrix*, Multiculturalism, and the Science Wars"

Delivered at the Culture Technology Research Center, Gwangju, Korea, May, 2007.

"American Philosophy in a Multicultural World"

Read at Chunnam University, Gwangju, Korea, May, 2007.

"Reply to O'Shaughnessy"

Delivered at Harvard University, *Workshop on Bodily Awareness*, November 4, 2007.

"On the Absence of an Interface: Putnam, Direct-Perception, and Frege's Constraint"

Delivered at the Rome Conference on the Work of Hilary Putnam, University of Rome (Roma Tre), November 6, 2007.

"*The Piano*, The Self, and the Other"

Lecture delivered at the University of Sassari, Sardinia, December, 2007.

"The Other as Mirror: From Epistemology to Political Sociology"

Keynote address at the conference *Lost in Translation: Texts and Cultures at the Mirror*, University of Sassari, Sardinia, December 17-18, 2007.

"Michel Gondry and the Phenomenology of Perceptual Experience"

Paper delivered at the conference *Film and Philosophy/Philosophy and Film*, University of the West of England, Bristol, UK, July 4-6, 2008

"The Indeterminacy of Translation: Fifty Years Later."

Paper delivered at the University of Rome (Roma Tre), June 2009

Paper delivered at the conference: *Word and Object: Fifty Years Later*, University of Rome (Sapienza), June 2010.

"What Can Phenomenology Tell Us about Internal and External Reasons?"

Paper delivered at the *Workshop on Putnam's Collapse of the Fact/Value Distinction*, University of Sassari, June, 2010.

Paper delivered at the conference: *Reasons and Belief-Desire Psychology: Under Review*, University of Sydney, July 10-11, 2010

"The Obscure Object of the Sublime: Images of the Self in Terrence Malick's *Badlands*."

Paper delivered on February 22 at the conference "The Sublime: A Re-Evaluation," held at the University of Sydney, February 21-22, 2011

"Can Physicalism Accommodate the Agential Perspective?"

Paper delivered at the Pacific Division APA, Seattle, April 6, 2012.

"An Analogy between Skeptical Doubts: Free Will and the External World"

Paper delivered at the Workshop on Free Will, Tufts University

"Modern Media, The Transcendental Background, and the Embedded Perspective"

Paper delivered as one of the two keynote talks at the conference *The Image in Question*, the University of Sydney, Sydney Australia, August 1-3, 2014.

"Is There a Transcendental Argument for Other Minds?"

Paper delivered at the conference *Forms of Naturalism*, Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy, October 30-31, 2014

