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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Logic, Meta-ethics, Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy

Education

2004-2012 PhD in Philosophy, New York University
1998-2002 BA in Philosophy, Columbia University

Current Position

2015-Present *Postdoctoral Fellow*, NYU Department of Philosophy, Center for Mind, Brain and Consciousness

Previous Positions

2013-2015 *Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow*, Philosophy Department, Tulane University
2012-2013 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Centre for Consciousness, Australian National University
2002-2004 *Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter*, Institute for Formal Ontology and Medical Information Science (IFOMIS), University of Leipzig

Publications

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND / METAPHYSICS

- 2018 Simon, Jonathan (forthcoming), “Experiencing Left and Right in a Non-Orientable World”, *Analytic Philosophy*. [Winner of the 2018 Sanders Prize in Mind.]
- 2018 Simon, Jonathan (forthcoming), “Fragmenting the Wave Function”, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Vol. 12. [Awarded ‘First Runner Up’ for the 2017 Sanders Prize in Metaphysics.]
- 2017 Simon, Jonathan (2017), “The Hard Problem of the Many”, *Philosophical Perspectives*, Vol. 31, Issue 1. pp. 449-468.
- 2017 Simon, Jonathan and Marshall, Colin (2017), “Mendelssohn, Kant and the Mereotopology of Immortality”, *Ergo*, Vol. 4, No. 29. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3998/ergo.12405314.0004.029>
- 2017 Simon, Jonathan (2017), “Vagueness and Zombies: Why ‘Phenomenally Conscious’ has no Borderline Cases”, *Philosophical Studies* vol. 174, no. 8: 2105-2123.
- 2014 Simon, Jonathan (2014), “Indeterminate Comprehension”, *Thought* vol. 3, no. 1: 39-48.
- 2014 Simon, Jonathan (2014), “What is Acquaintance with Consciousness?” in *Consciousness Inside and Out: Phenomenology, Neuroscience and the Nature of Experience*, Ed. Brown, R. *Studies in Brain and Mind* vol. 6, Springer: 103-118.
- 2013 Simon, Jonathan (2013), “The Protestant Theory of Determinable Universals”, in *Johanssonian Investigations: A Festschrift for Ingvar Johansson*, Eds. Svennerlind, C., Almang, J., and Ingthorsson, R. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter: 503-515.
- 2007 Smith, Barry and Simon, Jonathan (2007), “Truthmaker Explanations”, in *Truthmakers and Metaphysics*, Ed. Monnoyer, J.M. Frankfurt a.M.: Ontos: 105-156. Reprinted in translation as “Explications Verifactionnistes” (trans. Anne-Marie Boisvert), *Philosophiques*, vol. 38 no. 1, 2011: 177-194.
- 2005 Simon, Jonathan (2005), “Is Time-Travel a Problem for the Three-Dimensionalist?”, *The Monist* vol. 88, no. 3: 353-361.

REVIEWS

- 2018 Simon, Jonathan (2018), Review of Ludwig Jaskolla's *Real Fourdimensionalism: An Essay in the Ontology of Persistence and Mind*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.
- 2015 Simon, Jonathan (2015), Review of Michael Pelczar's *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and its Contents*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.

LAW / POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

- 2016 Alexander, Heather and Simon, Jonathan (2017), "No Port, No Passport: States without Territory Can Have No Citizens", *Washington International Law Journal*. Vol 26. No. 2. 307-323
- 2014 Alexander, Heather and Simon, Jonathan (2014), "'Unable to Return' in the 1951 Refugee Convention: Stateless Refugees and Climate Change", *Florida Journal of International Law*, vol. 26, no. 3.
- 2014 Alexander, Heather and Simon, Jonathan (2014), "Sinking into Statelessness", *Tilburg Law Review: Special Issue on Statelessness* vol. 19, no. 1-2: 20-25.
- 2012 Barry, Christian and Simon, Jonathan (October 1, 2012), "Boat Migrants to Australia Deserve their Refugee Rights", www.policyinnovations.com.

FORMAL ONTOLOGY

- 2005 Simon, Jonathan; Fielding, Matthew; Dos Santos, Mariana; and Smith, Barry (2005), "Formal Ontology for Natural Language Processing and the Integration of Biomedical Databases", *International Journal of Medical Informatics* vol. 75 (3-4): 224-231.
- 2004 Simon, Jonathan (2004), "How to be a Bicategorialist about Persistents", *Proceedings of FOIS (Formal Ontology in Information Systems) 2004*. IOS Press: 60-69.

Works Under Review

- "Transparency About Pain Reconsidered" (R&R at *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*)
- "Temporal Coding and Time's Arrow" (*under review at J-Phil*)
- "What is it Like to be AlphaGo?" (*for Aeon.co*)

Recent Talks, Comments & Public Debates

TALKS

- April 2017 “Moral Perception High and Low”, Pacific APA, Seattle
July 2016 “Time’s Arrow, Temporal Coding, and the Geography of Experience”, Rutgers-Barnard-Columbia Workshop in the Philosophy of Mind, Columbia
May 2016 “Painkillers for the Representationalist’s Headache”, Workshop on Moral Perception, University of Washington; Cog-Sci Seminar, CUNY
Feb 2015 “Synaesthetic Binding as Semantic Binding”, UC Davis
Jan 2015 “Faster than Neurons can Fire”, University of Toronto
Jan 2015 “The Puzzle of Permuted Pain”, University of Victoria
Nov 2014 “Aristotelean Quantum Metaphysics” with John Bigelow, Australian Metaphysics Conference, Kioloa
Aug 2014 “Killer Beliefs and Access Internalism” with Ole Koksvik, Workshop on First-Personal Data, University of Bergen, Norway
July 2013 “The Phenomenology of Harmonic Experience”, ANU, Intentionality at the Beach
Oct 2012 “The Protophenomenal Concepts Strategy”, U. of Melbourne Thurs Seminar
July 2012 “Mixed Feelings about the Combination Problem”, Panpsychism on the Reef, Lady Elliott Island

COMMENTS & PUBLIC DEBATES

- August 2017 On Stephan Leuenberger (Glasgow), “Inscrutable Cross-Family Sentences”, NYU La Pietra Workshop on Consciousness and Grounding
June 2015 “Molyneux’s Problem: Troubles with the Logic of Identity”. Symposium on Bernard Molyneux, “The Logic of Mind-Body Identification.” Philosophyofbrains.com
March 2015 On Aaron Henry (U of Toronto), “Introspecting the Temporal Structure of Perceptual Experience”, Central APA, St. Louis
April 2014 On Bernard Molyneux (UC Davis), “The Logic of Mind-Body Identification”, Pacific APA, San Diego
March 2013 On Nathaniel Bulthuis (Cornell), “Rescuing Rule Following: How Dispositionalism Can Help with Rule Following Primitivism”, Pacific APA, San Francisco
Feb 2011 On Phillip Goff (Hertfordshire), “Property Dualists Should be Panpsychists”, Third Annual Online Consciousness Conference
Nov 2010 On Tony Ro (CUNY City College), “Auditory Influences on Touch Perception and Visual Awareness”, CNRS-NYU Workshop, Perception and Multimodality
April 2010 *Advocatus Diaboli*, Debate with Peter Kreeft (Boston College), “Pascal’s Wager”, Church of St Joseph’s, New York

Teaching

TULANE UNIVERSITY

- Spring 2015 Philosophy of Language: Semantics and Metasemantics (Advanced)
- Fall 2014 The Limits of Introspection: Empirical Issues (Advanced)
- Spring 2014 Desire, Motivation and Value (Advanced)
- Fall 2013 Philosophy of Mind: The Mind-Body Problem (Advanced)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- Spring 2013 Graduate Foundations Seminar in Philosophy of Mind (Advanced)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

- Spring 2011 Logic (Beginner)
- Fall 2010 Logic (Beginner)
- Summer 2010 Intro to Philosophy (Beginner)
- Spring 2010 Metaphysics (Intermediate)
- Fall 2009 Central Problems in Philosophy (Intermediate)
- Summer 2009 Minds and Machines (Beginner)
- Summer 2008 Philosophy of Mind (Intermediate)
- Summer 2007 Philosophy of Mind (Intermediate)

TEACHING ASSISTANT, NYU

- Spring 2009 History of Modern Philosophy, Don Garrett
- Spring 2007 Metaphysics, Peter Unger
- Fall 2006 History of Ancient Philosophy, Matt Evans/Philip Mitsis
- Spring 2006 Philosophy of Science, Jill North

Service to the Profession

EVENT ORGANIZATION

- 2015 - 2018 Coordinator of three major conferences (“Animal Consciousness”, “Ethics of AI”, “Is The Brain Bayesian?”), one workshop and seven debates sponsored by the NYU Center for Mind, Brain, and Consciousness.
- Feb 2014 Organizer, Mardi Gras in Mind 2014: A Workshop in the Philosophy of Mind, Tulane University
- 2012-2013 Convenor of ANU Thursday Seminar Series (August 2012 - July 2013)
- Nov 2010 Co-organizer with David Chalmers, NY Consciousness Project Workshop: “The Phenomenology of Synaesthesia”, NYU
- Spring 2010 NYU Mind and Language Seminar Fellow
- 2009-2010 NYU Departmental Colloquium Committee
- 2006 Co-organizer, Columbia/NYU Grad Student Conference

REFEREE

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Blackwell-Wiley, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Minds and Machines*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *PPQ*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Topoi*

OTHER

Spring 2010 Research Assistant for Ronald Dworkin, *Justice For Hedgehogs*
2009-2010 NYU Graduate Representative (Faculty Liaison)

Academic Awards

2018 Winner, Marc Sanders Prize in Mind, 2018
2017 First Runner Up, Marc Sanders Prize in Metaphysics, 2017
2004-2009 MacCracken Fellowship Grant, New York University
2002-2004 Research Fellowship, Wolfgang Paul Program of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Universitaet Leipzig
2002 Graduation Magna Cum Laude with Departmental Honors, Columbia University
2002 Adam Leroy Jones Prize in Logic, Columbia University

References

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