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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

- 2017 Simon, Jonathan (forthcoming), “Fragmenting the Wave Function” *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Vol. 12. [Awarded ‘Runner Up’ for the 2017 Sanders Prize in Metaphysics.]
- 2017 Simon, Jonathan (forthcoming), “The Hard Problem of the Many”, *Philosophical Perspectives*, Dec. 2017.
- 2017 Simon, Jonathan and Marshall, Colin (2017), “Mendelssohn, Kant and the Mereotopol-ogy of Immortality”, *Ergo*.
- 2017 Simon, Jonathan (2017), “Vagueness and Zombies: Why ‘Phenomenally Con-scious’ has no Borderline Cases”, *Philosophical Studies* vol. 174, no. 8: 2105-2123.
- 2015 Simon, Jonathan (2015), Review of Michael Pelczar’s *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and its Contents*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.
- 2014 Simon, Jonathan (2014), “Indeterminate Comprehension”, *Thought* vol. 3, no. 1: 39-48.
- 2014 Simon, Jonathan (2014), “What is Acquaintance with Consciousness?” in *Con-sciousness 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 *Truth-makers 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.

### 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](http://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

- “Time’s Arrow, Temporal Coding and Phenomenal Vehicle Externalism”  
 “Arithmetic Competency and The Problem of the Many Minds”  
 “Painkillers for the Representationalist’s Headache”  
 “Moral Perception High and Low”  
 “Matter Doesn’t Matter”

#### 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

## 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
- 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 - 2017 Coordinator of three major conferences (“Animal Consciousness”, “Ethics of AI”, “Is The Brain Bayesian?”), one workshop and six 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*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Topoi*

### OTHER

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

## Academic Awards

- 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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