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## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Neuroscience.

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Biology, Logic & Computation.

## Education

- 2005 - PhD in Philosophy, *Rutgers University, USA*
- 2004 BA (Hons, 1st class) in Philosophy, *University of Auckland, NZ.*
- 2003 BA in Philosophy, BSc in Logic & Computation, *University of Auckland, NZ.*

## Selected Grants & Awards

- 2009 Center for Cultural Analysis Fellowship, *Rutgers University.*
- 2006 Travel Award to 'Theoretical Neuroscience & Complex Systems' Summer School, *Frankfurt Institute of Advanced Studies.*
- 2005 Rutgers Graduate Fellowship, *Rutgers University.*
- 2004 Travel Awards to International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) Graduate Workshop, *University of Auckland* and *University of California, Davis.*
- 2004 Faculty of Science Summer Research Scholarship, *University of Auckland.*
- 2003 Access Award, *University of Auckland.*
- 2002 Faculty of Science Summer Research Scholarship, *University of Auckland.*

## Publications & Talks

### *In Progress*

On Swampman and the Proper Interpretation of Teleosemantics. *Biology and Philosophy* (provisionally accepted).

Consciousness, Computation, and Reversibility: Bringsjord & Zenzen's Missing Link. *Synthese* (provisionally accepted).

## Conference Presentations

- 2009 Invited commenter on Corey Maley's 'Analog and Digital, Continuous and Discrete'. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference*, April.
- 2004 On Swampman and the Proper Interpretation of Teleosemantics. *Conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy (NZ Branch)*, November.
- 2003 The Language of Life: Toward a Teleosemantic Explication of 'Genetic Information'. *Conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy (NZ Branch)*, December.
- 2003 The Language of Life: Toward a Teleosemantic Explication of 'Genetic Information'. *University of Auckland Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*, September.

## Research Experience

- 2005 Research assistant to Dr. Gavin Hunt (University of Auckland), studying tool-use in New Caledonian crows, *New Caledonia*.
- 2004 Summer research project analyzing measures of phase synchronization in EEG data, *Department of Physics and the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Auckland*.
- 2003 Summer research project investigating dichotic pitch perception in humans using high-density EEG. *Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Auckland*.

## Professional Service

### *Affiliations*

- 2008 - Member, American Philosophical Association.
- 2008 - Member, Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- 2005 - Member, International Society for the History, Philosophy & Social Studies of Biology.

### *Activities*

- 2008 Manuscript reviewer for *Philosophy & Biology* and *British Journal of Philosophy of Science*.
- 2006 Co-organizer of the 8th Annual Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Philosophy Conference.
- 2006 Participated in the 'Theoretical Neuroscience & Complex Systems Summer School', *Frankfurt Institute of Advanced Studies* and *Max-Planck Institute for Brain Research*.
- 2004 Manuscript reviewer for *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*.
- 2004 Participated in the ISHPSSB Future Directions in the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology Graduate Workshop, *University of San Francisco*.

## Teaching

### *Rutgers University (2007-present)*

- 2009 Summer, Instructor, Phil 329: 'Minds, Machines & Persons'.
- 2009 Spring, Instructor, Phil 201: 'Introduction to Symbolic Logic'.
- 2008 Fall, Instructor, Phil 329: 'Minds, Machines & Persons'.

- 2008 Summer, Instructor, Phil 201: 'Introduction to Symbolic Logic'.  
2008 Spring, Teaching Assistant, Phil 104: 'Introduction to Philosophy'.  
2007 Fall, Instructor, Phil 201: 'Introduction to Symbolic Logic'.  
2007 Summer, Instructor, Phil 201: 'Introduction to Symbolic Logic'.

## Graduate Coursework

### *Cognitive Science*

Proseminar in Cognitive Science (Thomas Papathomas); Cognitive Development (Lila Gleitman and Rochel Gelman); Animal Cognition (Randy Gallistel).

### *Logic & Computation*

Mathematical Logic (Ted Sider); Computational Modelling (Ken Shan).

### *Philosophy of Mind & Language*

Proseminar in Philosophy (Colin McGinn and Stephen Neale); Computation and Mind (Adam Elga, Princeton); Nativism (Jerry Fodor); Intentional Dispositions (Robert Matthews, audited); Mindreading (Alvin Goldman, audited); Metaphor (Ernest Lepore and Matthew Stone, audited).

### *Epistemology & Philosophy of Science*

Seminar in Epistemology (Peter Klein); Experimental Philosophy (Stephen Stich); Scientific Representation (Bas van Fraassen, Princeton); Decision Theory (Frank Arntzenius, audited).

### *History & Ethics*

Early Modern Philosophy (Martha Bolton); History of Analytic Philosophy (Jason Stanley); Ignorance, Error, and Uncertainty in Moral Theory (Holly Smith).