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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley: Ph.D. 2009 (Dissertation: "The Homeostatic Mind")
Stanford University: A.M. (Master's thesis: "Consciousness and the Context Problem")
University of California, Berkeley: B.A.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Cognitive science (philosophy of mind), artificial intelligence.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, American philosophy, logic (introductory), philosophy of science, cognitive psychology, environmental health.

OTHER TEACHING INTERESTS

Consciousness, pragmatism, artificial intelligence computing techniques, naturalized approaches to ethics, developmental psychology, Nietzsche, embodied theories of cognition, simulation semantics.

DISSERTATION

The Homeostatic Mind: A Developmental Study of Object Cognition

From buzzing confusion how do we come to experience the external world such that it appears pre-divided into object? Objects are discerned through interactions, interactions are executed under the control of an agent, and control is best understood as a homeostatic system.

Committee: Professors Hans Sluga, Chair (Dept. of Philosophy), John Searle (Dept. of Philosophy), and George Lakoff (Dept. of Linguistics).

PUBLICATIONS

McBride, Russ & Aubrey Gilbert. (in preparation). "An analysis of EEG data in tests of the simulation theory of action initiation".

McBride, Russ (in preparation). *The Homeostatic Mind*.

McBride, Russ. (1999). "Consciousness and the state/transitive/creature distinction". *Philosophical Psychology*, vol. 12, no. 2, pp 181-196.

Horn, Robert, Russ McBride, Jeff Yoshimi. (1998). *Can Computers Think: The History and Status of the Debate*. A series of 7 maps and handbook. MacroVu Inc. BainBridge, WA.

McBride, Russ. (1994). *Consciousness and the Context Problem*. Master's Thesis. Philosophy Dept., Stanford University.

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PRESENTATIONS

- Rosenthal's Higher-Order Theory of Consciousness.* Poster Presentation. (1996). Tucson, AZ. Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference.
- Consciousness and the Tripartite Distinction.* (1997). Tucson, AZ. Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference.
- Analysis of Higher-Order Approaches to Conscious Experience.* (1999). U.C. Berkeley. Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference.
- Turing's Claim and the Status of Artificial Intelligence. (2000). U.C.S.F. Sponsored by the Bhaktivedanta Institute.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- College of Alameda (1994 - 1999), primary instructor:
Introductory logic
Introduction to philosophy
- Laney College (1995 - 1999), primary instructor:
Introduction to philosophy
- U.C. Berkeley, teaching assistant (1999 - 2009):
Philosophy of mind (under John Searle, 1998)
Philosophy of science (under Thomas Ryckman, 1999)
Introductory logic (under Paolo Mancosu, 2000)
Cognitive science (under Bill Prinzmetal, Dept. of Psychology, 2006)
The Nature of Mind (under John Campbell, 2006)
Linguistics and cognitive science (under George Lakoff, Dept. of Linguistics, 2007)
- SupelInfo University:
Artificial Intelligence (2009 - 2012)

OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- Lexington Institute, researcher in philosophy & artificial intelligence
Programmer, UC Berkeley's IST dept.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- The Dean's Fellowship, Normative Time, 2003-4
Who's Who Among American Teachers, 1998
Cum Laude, U.C. Berkeley
Golden Key Honors Society, U.C. Berkeley
Faculty scholarship, Pepperdine University
Seaver scholarship, Pepperdine University

COURSES TAKEN

- Undergraduate courses--
Moral philosophy (Prof. Samuel Sheffler)
Philosophy of language (Prof. John Searle)
Cognitive science & philosophy (Prof. George Lakoff)
Epistemology (Prof. John Perry)
Introductory logic (Prof. David Gibson)
Modern Philosophy (Prof. David Gibson)
Philosophy of mind (Prof. John Searle)
Philosophical methods (Prof. Bruce Vermazen)
Later Wittgenstein (Prof. Barry Stroud)
Nietzsche (Prof. Hans Sluga)
Kant (Prof. Hanna Ginsborg)
Plato (Prof. Wallace Matson)
Ancient philosophy (Prof. Paul Feyerabend)

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Philosophy of religion (Prof. Wallace Matson)
Philosophy of science (Prof. John Dupré)
Analytic philosophy (Prof. Hans Sluga)
Graduate seminars--
Animal cognition (Prof. Fred Dretske)
Aristotle (Prof. Alan Code)
First year graduate seminar (Prof. Barry Stroud and Prof. Richard Wollheim)
Aristotle's Rhetoric (Prof. Christof Rapp)
Metaphysics (Prof. Barry Stroud)
Philosophy of science (Prof. Peter Godfrey-Smith)
Approaches to consciousness (Prof. Güzeldere)
Aesthetics and psychology (Prof. Steve Palmer, Dept. of Psychology)
Fuzzy Logic (Prof. Lotfi Zadeh, Dept of Electrical Engineering)
Free will & society (Prof. John Searle)
Consciousness (Prof. John Searle)
Color & Physicalism (Prof. Barry Stroud)
Vagueness (Prof. John MacFarlane)
Consciousness (Prof. Alva Nöe)
Ethics and values (Prof. Samuel Sheffler)

NATURAL LANGUAGES

French

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Objective-C
Java
Ruby
Python
Javascript

REFERENCES

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Hans Sluga, Prof. of Philosophy, UC Berkeley sluga@berkeley.edu
George Lakoff, Prof. of Linguistics, UC Berkeley lakoff@berkeley.edu
Bruce Mangan, Instructor, UC Berkeley mangan@cogsci.berkeley.edu

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