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Education:

Ph.D. (Philosophy) Syracuse University 1991

B.A. (Philosophy/Religion) Hunter College (CUNY) 1985

Primary Areas of Specialization/Interest:

Philosophy of Mind & Cognitive Science, Metaphysics, History of Early Modern Philosophy//Applied Ethics, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Science, History of Analytic Philosophy.

Mind and Cognitive Science, Area Editor, *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (www.iep.utm.edu)

Major Publications:

Books:

The Consciousness Paradox: Consciousness, Concepts, and Higher-Order Thoughts, The MIT Press, 2012.

The Interplay between Consciousness and Concepts, editor, Imprint Academic, 2007. This is a special double Issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (vol. 14, Sept/Oct) which I guest edited. It is also sold separately as a book.

Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness, editor, John Benjamins Publishers, 2004.

A Dialogue on Ethical Issues of Life and Death, University Press of America, 2002.

New Essays on the Rationalists, edited with Charles Huenemann, Oxford University Press, 1999.

Consciousness and Self-Consciousness: A Defense of the Higher-Order Thought Theory of Consciousness, John Benjamins Publishers, 1996. (Advances in Consciousness Research series.)

Mind and Brain: A Dialogue on the Mind-Body Problem, Hackett Publishing Company, 1996.

Articles, Book Chapters, Selected Book Reviews:

“Review of Christof Koch’s *Consciousness: Confessions of a Romantic Reductionist*,” *The American Journal of Psychology*, forthcoming 2013.

“The Argument from Brain Damage Vindicated” (with Yonatan Fishman) in *The Myth of Afterlife: The Case against Life after Death*, Michael Martin & Keith Augustine (eds.), McFarland Publishers, forthcoming 2012.

"Synesthesia, Experiential Parts, and Conscious Unity," *Philosophy Study*, 2, pp. 73-80 (Feb. 2012).

["Animals, Consciousness, and I-Thoughts,"](#) in *Philosophy of Animal Minds*, Robert Lurz (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 184-200.

["Are There Pure Conscious Events?"](#) in *Rethinking Mysticism*, Gordon Haist and Chandana Chakrabarti (ed.), Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008, pp. 100-120.

"Representation of a Representation: Reflections on *Las Meninas*," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 15 (9), pp. 47-50 (Sept. 2008).

["Representationalism, Peripheral Awareness, and the Transparency of Experience,"](#) *Philosophical Studies*, 139, pp. 39-56 (May 2008).

"Consciousness and Concepts: An Introductory Essay" in a special double issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 14 (9-10), pp. 1-19 (Sept/Oct 2007).

"Consciousness," Dictionary Entry, in *The Language of Science*, Giandomenico Sica (ed.), Polimetrica: Italy, 2007. Available at: <http://www.polimetrica.org/site/>

"Review of Peter Carruthers' *Consciousness: Essays from a Higher-Order Perspective*," *PSYCHE*, 12, July 2006. Available at: http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/book_reviews/carruthers3/Carruthers.pdf

"Aspects of the Unity of Consciousness and Everyday Memory Failures," *Consciousness and Cognition*, 15, pp. 372-385 (June 2006) (with Douglas Herrmann and Michael Sarapata).

"The Ties That Bind: A Review of Axel Cleeremans (ed.) *The Unity of Consciousness: Binding, Integration, and Dissociation*," *American Journal of Psychology*, 119, pp. 511-516 (Fall 2006).

["Between Pure Self-Referentialism and the \(Extrinsic\) HOT Theory of Consciousness,"](#) in *Self-Representational Approaches to Consciousness*, U. Kriegel and K. Williford (eds.), MIT Press, 2006, pp. 221-248. [\[Figure in PDF\]](#)

"Defining Consciousness (A Commentary on de Quincey)" *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 13 (4), pp. 24-5 (April 2006).

["Consciousness,"](#) *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2005.

["The HOT Theory of Consciousness: Between a Rock and a Hard Place?"](#) *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 12 (2), pp. 3-21 (Feb. 2005).

["Higher-Order Thoughts, Animal Consciousness, and Misrepresentation: A Reply to Carruthers and Levine,"](#) in *Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness*, Rocco J. Gennaro (ed.), John Benjamins Publishers, 2004, pp. 45-66.

["Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness: An Overview,"](#) introductory chapter to *Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness*, Rocco J. Gennaro (ed.), John Benjamins Publishers, 2004, pp. 1-13.

"Inferences About the Mental Processes of Other People" (with Doug Herrmann, Eric Anderson, Tom Johnson, and Carol Yoder), *Journal of Social Psychology*, 143, pp. 355-373 (June 2003).

["Papineau on the Actualist HOT Theory of Consciousness,"](#) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 81, pp. 581-586 (Dec. 2003).

["Jean-Paul Sartre and the HOT Theory of Consciousness,"](#) *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 32, pp. 293-330 (Sept. 2002).

"Review of Richard Rorty's *Truth and Progress: Philosophical Papers Vol. 3*," *Journal of Constructivist Psychology*, 14, pp. 65-76 (Jan. 2001) (with Tom Johnson).

"A Note on Abortion and Capital Punishment," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 40, pp. 491-495 (Dec. 2000).

["Fiction, Pleasurable Tragedy, and the HOT Theory of Consciousness,"](#) *Philosophical Papers*, 29, pp. 107-119 (July 2000).

["Leibniz on Consciousness and Self-Consciousness,"](#) in *New Essays on the Rationalists*, Rocco J. Gennaro and Charles Huenemann (eds.), Oxford University Press, 1999, pp. 353-371.

"The Relevance of Intentions in Morality and Euthanasia," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 36, pp. 217-227 (June 1996).

"Does Mentality Entail Consciousness?," *Philosophia*, 24, pp. 331-358 (Dec. 1995).

"Kant versus Lewis on the Singularity of Space and Time," *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 11, pp. 205-218 (April 1994).

"Brute Experience and the Higher-Order Thought Theory of Consciousness," *Philosophical Papers*, 22, pp. 51-69 (April 1993).

"Consciousness, Self-Consciousness, and Episodic Memory," *Philosophical Psychology*, 5, pp. 333-347 (Dec. 1992).

Work in Progress:

Psychopathology and Theories of Consciousness: New Essays, editor, publisher TBD

"HOT Theory and Two Psychopathologies"

"Consciousness and Freedom of Will"

"Synesthesia and Representationalism"

"Temporality and Consciousness"

"Does Spinoza have a Theory of Consciousness?"

Presentations (since 1999):

Title TBA, Plenary Talk to be presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Agra, India, March 2013.

"Reply to Critics" for an "Author-Meets-Critics" session on *The Consciousness Paradox*, Central Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, New Orleans LA, February 2013.

"Should HOT Theory require that Conscious States involve Prefrontal Cortical Activity?" to be presented at the 16th annual meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, The University of Sussex, Brighton UK, July 2-6, 2012.

"HOT Theory and the Prefrontal Cortex" presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 10, 2012.

"Commentary on Miguel Sebastian's 'Experiential Awareness: Do you Prefer It to Me?'" 4th Annual OnLine Consciousness Conference (Richard Brown, Organizer), February 17th 2012 (and subsequent on-line discussion).

Comments on Gualtiero Piccinini and Carl Craver's "Integrating Psychology and Neuroscience: Functional Analysis as Mechanism Sketches," presented at the Eastern Division APA Meetings, Washington D.C., December 29, 2011.

"Conceptualism and the Richness Argument" presented at the Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, Wayne State University, Detroit MI, September 25, 2010.

"Conceptualism and HOT Theory" presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 2010.

"The HOT Theory of Consciousness and its Neural Realization" to be presented at the University of Evansville, Evansville IN, February 17, 2010.

"Conceptualism, HOT Theory, and the Richness Argument" presented at the Eastern APA Meetings in New York City, December 28, 2009.

"Representational Theories of Consciousness," presented at the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington TX, March 6, 2009.

"Representational Theories of Consciousness," presented at Marquette University, Milwaukee WI, October 24, 2008.

"Does Mentality Entail Consciousness?" presented at a Workshop on Consciousness and Intentionality, University of Fribourg, Fribourg Switzerland, July 3-5, 2008.

"How 'Global' is HOT Theory? presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, AZ, April 11, 2008.

"Representational Theories of Consciousness," presented at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH, November 9, 2007.

"Visual Agnosia and Higher-Order Thought Theory" presented at the eleventh annual meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Las Vegas NV, June 23, 2007. Powerpoint available at: <http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu/310/01/VisualAgnosia-HOTTheory.pdf>

Comments on Bryce Huebner's "If you like Pina Coladas..." presented at a Philosophy of Mind Colloquium, Pacific Division APA Meetings, San Francisco CA, April 6, 2007.

"Representational Theories of Consciousness," Indiana University, Bloomington IN, November 8, 2006.

"Four Theses on Peripheral Awareness," presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 4, 2006.

"Higher-Order Theories of Consciousness" presented at the Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion Group Meeting, Eastern Division APA Meetings, New York City, December 28, 2005.

"Higher-Order Representational Theories of Consciousness," presented at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, November 10, 2005.

Participant/Discussion Panelist, Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network (SPAWN) Conference on Consciousness, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY, July 28-30, 2005.

"Between Pure Self-Referentialism and the (Extrinsic) HOT Theory of Consciousness," presented at a CUNY Graduate Center Philosophy Colloquium, New York City, April 6, 2005.

"Comments on Uriah Kriegel's "An Ontological Assay of Consciousness," presented at "Self-Representational Approaches to Consciousness," University of Arizona, March 19, 2005.

Series of Four Lectures on the "Mind-Body Problem," sponsored by the Dewey Institute for Lifelong Learning, Indiana State University, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2005.

"Higher-Order Thoughts and Misrepresentation," presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 10, 2004.

"Higher-Order Thoughts, Animal Consciousness, and Misrepresentation: A Reply to Carruthers and Levine," presented at the Graduate Center – CUNY, New York City, July 10, 2003.

"Carruthers on Animal Consciousness and the Dispositional HOT Theory," presented at the seventh annual meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, June 2, 2003.

"The HOT Theory of Consciousness: Between a Rock and a Hard Place?" presented at the Central APA Meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, April 26, 2003.

"The HOT Theory of Consciousness: Between a Rock and a Hard Place?" presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 9, 2002.

"Jean-Paul Sartre and the HOT Theory of Consciousness," presented at the fifth annual meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Duke University, May 28, 2001.

"The Unity of Mind, Everyday Memory Failures, and Slips of Action," (poster) presentation (with Douglas Herrmann) at the fifth annual meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Duke University, May 28-30, 2001.

"Fiction, Pleasurable Tragedy, and the HOT Theory of Consciousness," presented at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 14, 2000.

"The Problem of Other Minds," presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (as part of a Symposium entitled "Other Minds: Psychological and Philosophical Perspectives"), Louisville, Kentucky, April 1, 1999.

Courses Taught Since 1995:

Upper-Level:

Consciousness

Free Will and Determinism

Philosophy of Science

Minds, Machines, and Cognition

Philosophy of Psychology

Seminar: Ethics and Psychology

Theory of Knowledge

Aesthetic Theory

Modern Philosophy I

Modern Philosophy II

Independent Study: Immortality

Metaphysics

Analytic Philosophy

Lower-Level:

Ethics and the Good Life

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Logic

Introduction to Aesthetics