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# Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Cognitive Science; Feminist Philosophy

# Areas of Competence

Non-Human Animal Minds; Philosophy of Biology; Contemporary Metaphysics;

Philosophy of Dance and Movement

# Current Position

* Associate Professor, Department of English and Philosophy, Arkansas State University (2012 – present)

# Previous Positions

* Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida (2011 – 2012)
* Visiting Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, Department of Philosophy (2009 – 2011)

# Education

* Ph.D. Philosophy, University of South Florida, Defended October 14, 2010

Dissertation Title: *“Queering Cognition: Extended Minds and Sociotechnologically Hybridized Genders”* Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Rebecca Kukla (co-chair); Shaun Gallagher (co-chair); Andy Clark; Alex Levine; Thomas Williams.

* M.A. Philosophy, University of South Florida, May 2007

Thesis Title: *“Minimally Innate Ideas”* (Defended Spring 2007) Chair: Daniel Weiskopf

* M.A. Applied Linguistics, University of South Florida, May 2007

Comprehensive Linguistic Analysis (Fall 2007) and Treatment Plan (Spring 2007)

* B.A. Philosophy, University of North Florida, Cum Laude, December 2002.

(Attended 2000-2002) Senior Honor’s Thesis Title: *“Critical Examination of Husserl’s Pure and Personal I”* (Defended November 2002) Chair: John Maraldo

* Attended Cambridge University, Literature Summer School (Summer 2002)
* Attended Oglethorpe University (August 1999-May 2000)

**Grant Funded Research**

* (2014-ongoing) Co-Investigator for: *“Dangerous Embodiments”*, Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Awarded Spring.

# (2014) Provost’s Faculty Development Award, to fund project *“Depressed Dogs, Heartbroken Humans, and a New Philosophy of Emotions”*, Arkansas State University.

# (2014) Eleanor Lane Foundation Travel Grant, to fund travel to Minding Animals Conference in New Delhi, India, Arkansas State University

* (2008) Summer School/Collegium: “*Social Cognition and Social Narrative*,” San Marino, Instructors: Stephen Fiore, Shaun Gallagher, Joelle Proust, Dan Hutto, Peter Hobson, Corrado Sinigaglia, Stephen Stich, Dan Zahavi
* (2007-2009) Junior-Researcher member, *"Theoretical and conceptual advances in the cognitive neuroscience of self-representation: Representations of the minimal self in self-narrative"*Part of the CNCC (Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context), Shaun Gallagher, director. Funded by the National Science Foundation <http://www.philosophy.ucf.edu/pcs/basic.html>.

# Publications

# *Books*

# In Press: *Minding Dogs: Co-Evolving Cognition in the Human-Canine Dyad,* University of Georgia Press. Expected late 2018.

* In Production, *“Mind on the Move: Reflections at the Intersection of Dance and Cognitive Science”*, Edited Volume.

# *Book Chapters*

* Forthcoming, Fall 2018: “Stereotype Threat and the Female Athlete: Swimming, Surfing, and Sport Martial Arts”, co-authored with Audrey Yap (University of Victoria), Caren Diehl (U.A.E. University), & Cassie Comley (University of Oregon), to appear in: *The MIT Press Handbook of Embodied Cognition and Sport Psychology,* edited by Massimiliano L. Cappuccio (U.A.E. University).
* 2014: “Making (Non)Sense of Gender”, in T. Froese & M. Cappuccio, eds. *Enactive Cognition at the Edge of Sense-Making: Making Sense of Non-Sense,* part of the series: *New Directions in Cognitive Science.* Palgrave-MacMillan.

# *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*.

* Under Review: “Nosewise Dogs: Human-Canine Dyads and the Evolution of Content”, *Synthese*
* Accepted, under revision, *Journal of the Philosophy of Emotion:* “Any Body Not My Own: Collective Emotions and the Constitution of Eating Disorders”, expected late 2017.
* In Production, “Depressed Dogs and Heartbroken Humans: In Defense of Shared Affectivity.”
* In Production, “What the Dog Nose: Dog Olfaction as a Case of Enacted Sensorimotor Know How”
* 2015: “Dismantling Standard Cognitive Science: It’s time the Dog has its Day”, *Biology and Philosophy* 30(6), 811-829.
* 2015: “Thinking-Is-Moving: Dance, Agency, and a Radically Enacted Mind” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 14(1), 95-110. DOI:10.1007/s11097-013-9314-2, online version, 2014.
* 2013: “Instituting Impairment: Extended Cognition and the Construction of Female Sexual Dysfunction” *Cognitive Systems Research* (25-26), 47-53.
* 2011: “The Cure for the Cure: Networking the Extended Mind” *Philosophical Psychology* 24(4), 463-485.
* 2008: “Nativism and Neurobiology: Representations, Representing, and the Continuum of Cognition.” *Review of General Psychology*, July Issue.

# *Edited Issues in Journals*

* Special Issue in *Cognitive Systems Research*: *Socially Extended Cognition,* with S. Varga, co-editor. Online: August,2013, in print: December, 2013, Volume 25-26.

# *Book Reviews*

* 2015: “Kristin Andrews: The animal mind: an introduction to the philosophy of animal cognition.” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences,* DOI: 10.1007/s11097-015-9442-y.

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# Invited Presentations

# *Non-Human Thinkers: Emotions and Ethical Responsibility in the Evolving Field of Cognitive Ethology,* William Paterson University, February 11, 2016.

# *Body Image Disruptions and Social Emotions,* Mississippi State University, November 20, 2015.

* *Emotional Attunement in Human-Canine Interactions: A Case for Extended Emotions*, Clemson University, November 6, 2015.
* *Sensitivity and the Social: A Two-Way Relation,* New University of Lisbon, “Self and the Social” Symposium, March 6-8, 2014.
* *The Socio-Sexually Extended Mind,* University of Memphis, symposium on Socially Extended Cognition, November 17, 2011.
* *When Cognitive Science and Queer Theory Collide,* Flagler University, Philosophy Club Symposium, November 11, 2011.
* *Enacted Cognition, Mental Institutions, and Socio-Functionally Extended Minds.* Free University, Symposium on “Socially Extended Cognition and Affect.” Berlin, March 21-22, 2011.
* *Lived Bodies and Loaded Dice: Images, Schemas, and the Making of ‘The Female Subject.’* University of Central Florida, Phenomenology and Cognitive Science Symposium, May 22, 2009.

# Peer-Reviewed Papers Delivered at Professional Conferences

* *Problematizing Emotional Support Animals,* at “Minding Animals 4”, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Ciudad de Mexico, January 17-24, 2017.
* *Well-Adjusted Wives and Good Dogs:* *Feminism, Animal Welfare, and Liberation from the Pharmiarchy,* University of Kentucky Women and Gender Studies 1st Annual Conference, September 16, 2017.
* *Doing Disability with Dogs,* Panel Participant at “Living with Animals 3” biennial conference, Eastern Kentucky University, March 23-26, 2017.
* *Domesticated Disability: Canine Coupling and Problematic Partnerships,* part of the invited panel on “The Ethics and Social Ontology of Human-Pet Relationships,” at theAmerican Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Annual Meeting, January 7-11, 2017.
* *Embodied Subectivity, Radical Enactivism, and the Phenomenology of Dance*, at “Engagement: Symposium on the Philosophy of Dance,” Texas State University, September 8-11, 2016

# Panel on “(Un)disciplining Bodies,” Paper title: *Light and White: Race, Class, Gender, and The Anorexic-Athletic Aesthetic,* at the Eastern Division of the American Association for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, April 15, 2016.

# *AnyBody Not My Own: Collective Emotions and the Constitution of Eating Disorders,* American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 30-April 3, 2016.

# *Depressed Dogs, Heartbroken Humans, and a New Philosophy of Emotions,* Eastern Kentucky University, “Living with Animals” second biennial conference, March 19-22, 2015.

# *Dismantling Standard Cognitive Science with Dognition,* Rhodes College, Midsouth Philosophy Society, Annual Meeting, March 13-14, 2015.

# *Dogs and Dualisms: What the Humanities Can Learn from Canine Cognition*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. “Minding Animals” third international triennial meeting, January 13-20, 2015.

# *Dogmented Thinking: Meaning Making in Canine-Human Coupling,* Rhodes College, Midsouth Philosophy Society, Annual Meeting, February 21-22, 2014.

* *Canine Co-Cognition: Dogs and Participatory Sense-Making,* at “Living With Animals”, Department of Psychology sponsored conference at Eastern Kentucky University, March 20-22, 2013.
* *The Cure for the Cure: Googling the Extended Mind*, at the Joint Annual Meeting for the South Carolina Philosophical Society/North Carolina Society for Philosophy, Queen’s University, Charlotte, NC, February 2010.
* *Authoring and Owning Bodies in Action: Refining the Agency/Ownership Distinction,* at “Winter School on *The Phenomenological Mind*,” San Raffaele University, Milan, Italy, January 2010.
* *Phrenological Paranoia: Re-Membering How to Read Sociotechnologically Hybridized Bodies,* at “(Re)Visioning Gender,” 5th Annual Somatechnics Research Centre Conference, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, November 2009.
* *Reconstruction at the Intersextion: Beyond Heteronormativity, Power and Postmodernity,* at the Florida Philosophical Association’s Annual Meeting, Daytona Beach, FL, November, 2008.
* *It’s Not All in Your Head: An Externalist-Process Approach to Consciousness,* at the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness Twelfth Annual International Meeting, Taipei, Taiwan, June 19-22, 2008.
* *Experimenting with Narrative: A Review of the CNCC Project to Date*, with Leon de Bruin, at “Metacognition,” Second Biennial Meeting, Ioannina, Greece, May 8-10, 2008.
* *Undoing Transgender, Transcending Binaries, and Becoming What We Already Were*, at “Transomatechnics: Theories and Practices of Transgender Embodiment,” International Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, May 1-3, 2008.
* *The ‘Phallusy’ of Medical Technology in Transformative Surgeries,* at “Gender and Technology,” National Conference, University of Texas, Austin, April 10-11, 2008.
* *Cyborg Sex: Dispelling the Disorder of Wanting to Change*, at “Cognition: Embodied, Embedded, Enacted, Extended,” International Conference at University of Central Florida, Orlando, October 20-24, 2008.
* *Misrepresenting Representational Nativism: The Assumption of Multiple Realizability and a False Dilemma*, at “Intersections Between the Humanities and Neuroscience,” International Conference at Bucknell University, Lewisville, April 27-30, 2007.

# Peer-Reviewed Papers Delivered at Graduate Student Conferences

* *Body-Conscious: Schemas, Images, and the Limits of Unmediated Representation,* with Michael Thompson. Boston University Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Consciousness. April 24-25, 2009.
* *Designing a Mind Not Entirely in the Head: Social Cognition and the Modularity Debate*, at the PPNB graduate student conference, University of Edinburgh, June 26, 2008.
* *Round Pegs in Square Holes: The Metaphysics of Will in Aquinas and the Contemporary Freedom-Determinism Debate*, at “Actions that Make a Difference,” Graduate Student Conference, University of South Florida, Tampa, March 21-22, 2008.
* *Fused Horizons and Social Constructions,* at “Seventh Annual Philosophy Undergraduate Conference, University of North Florida, March 2002.

# Languages

* German (Intermediate Reading, Intermediate Speaking)
* Spanish (Intermediate Reading, Fair Speaking)
* Japanese (Fair Reading, Beginner Speaking)
* Other Languages Studied: Danish, Icelandic, Hungarian

# Awards and Honors

* Faculty of the Game, Honoring Faculty who make a Difference to Athletes, Fall 2017
* Teaching Grant, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (summers 2017, 2015, 2014 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009), Princeton, Franklin and Marshall, and Skidmore College Sites. Course Titles: Human Nature and Technology, Philosophy of Mind, Logic
* Full Tuition and Travel Grant, Summer School on Social Cognition and Social Narrative, San Marino, Italy, 2008 - Travel Grant, Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness Twelfth Annual International Meeting, 2008
* Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida, Department of Philosophy (2003-2008)
* Teaching Assistantship, University of South Florida, Department of Applied Linguistics (Spring 2007)
* Outstanding Undergraduate Philosophy Student, University of North Florida (2002-2003)
* Outstanding Undergraduate Philosophy Paper, University of North Florida (2001)
* Four-year Academic Scholarship, Oglethorpe University

# Teaching Experience

*Arkansas State University*

Philosophy of Mind (Fall 2017; Fall 2015; Spring 2013)

History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2012)

Philosophy of Cognitive Science (Fall 2014)

Topics in Feminist Philosophy (Fall 2016, Spring 2014)

Metaphysics (Spring 2016, Fall 2013)

Introduction to Philosophy (Every Semester)

*Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2015) and Skidmore College (Summer 2014, 2013)*

Logic: Principles of Reasoning (part of Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Summer School)

*University of Central Florida, Graduate Level*

Embodiment (Spring 2012)

*University of Central Florida, Undergraduate Level*

Formal Logic II – Metalogic (Spring 2012); Introduction to Philosophy (Fall, 2011); Formal Logic I (Fall, 2011)

*University of South Carolina*

Human Nature and Technology (Fall 2010, Summer 2010); Mind and Nature; (Fall 2010, Spring 2011);

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2010); Philosophy of Sex (Fall 2009, Spring 2011);

Logic (Fall 2009-Spring 2011)

*Princeton University (Summer 2009; Summer 2012)*

Human Nature and Technology (part of Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Summer School)

*Franklin and Marshall College (Summer 2011)*

Philosophy of Mind (part of Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Summer School)

*University of Tampa*

Logic (Fall 2008, Spring 2009)

*University of South Florida*

Philosophy of Mind (Summer 2010, 2009, 2008, Spring 2007, Summer 2007) Acquisition of Knowledge (Honor’s College, Fall 2008); Science and Society (Spring 2009, Spring 2008); Critical Thinking (Fall 2007, Spring 2006); Introduction to Formal Logic (Fall 2006); Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2005)

# Professional Memberships

# Society for the Study of Animal Minds

# American Philosophical Association (APA)

# Women and Gender Studies, Arkansas State University

* Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC) Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP)
* International Linguistics Association (ILA)

# Service

# Department Promotions/Handbook Committee, Fall 2017 – current

# Organizer, “Southern Feminisms”, conference at Arkansas State University, October, 2016

# Coordinator, Women and Gender Studies Minor and University Program, Arkansas State University, Fall 2016 – present

# Co-Coordinator, Cognitive Science Minor, Arkansas State University, Fall 2012 – present

# Faculty Sponsor, Gay-Straight Alliance, Fall 2016 – present

# Sexual Assault Awareness Training, Arkansas State University, 2015 and 2016

* Assessment Committee, Arkansas State University, Fall 2012 – present
* Curriculum Committee, Arkansas State University, Fall 2013 – Spring 2016
* Faculty Co-Sponsor, Philosophy Club, Arkansas State University, 2012 – present
* Library Liaison to the Department, University of Central Florida (2011-2012)
* Committee Member, Philosophy Curriculum, University of Central Florida (2011-2012) President, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, USF (2006-2007)
* Treasurer, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, USF (2004-2006)

# References

# John Bickle, Professor of Philosophy, Mississippi State University, [jbickle@philrel.msstate.edu](mailto:jbickle@philrel.msstate.edu)

# Eric Cave, Professor of Philosophy, Arkansas State University, [ecave@astate.edu](mailto:ecave@astate.edu)

* Andy Clark, Professor of Logic and Metaphysics, University of Edinburgh, [Andy.Clark@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Andy.Clark@ed.ac.uk)
* Shaun Gallagher, Professor of Philosophy, Memphis University, sgallagher@memphis.edu
* Tom Froese, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, [t.froese@gmail.com](mailto:t.froese@gmail.com)
* Joel Krueger, Lecturer, University of Exeter, U.K, [J.Krueger@exeter.ac.uk](https://webmail.astate.edu/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=gWSzA1Xy6lLTrElMTs5gfKLOQqWlIQM-mPPs4P51jCiiMFH1SMTSCG0AYQBpAGwAdABvADoASgAuAEsAcgB1AGUAZwBlAHIAQABlAHgAZQB0AGUAcgAuAGEAYwAuAHUAawA.&URL=mailto%3aJ.Krueger%40exeter.ac.uk)
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