

**Curriculum Vitae: February 2005**  
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**Citizenship:** Canadian/ American

**Education:**

- 1990 University of Toronto: Ph.D. (Philosophy).  
Dissertation Title: *The Meaning of Living Languages*.  
Committee: Calvin Normore (Supervisor), Ian Hacking, William Seager (Advisors).
- 1984 University of Toronto: M.A. (Philosophy).
- 1981 Dartmouth College: A.B. Honours (Double Major in Government and Philosophy).

**Areas of Specialization:**

- philosophy of mind and cognitive psychology (with special emphasis on normal and abnormal development, and comparative psychology)
- moral psychology
- philosophy and literature.

**Research Appointments**

- Princeton University: Research Faculty, University Center for Human Values; 2004-
- Simon Fraser University: Adjunct Professor 1999-2005
- Princeton University: Visiting Fellow, Dept. of Philosophy 2002 (Sept.-Dec.); 2003-04
- Australian National University: Program Visitor in Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences 2001-03; 2004 (Jan-Feb)
- New York University: Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Philosophy 1999-2001
- Columbia University: Visiting Scholar 1998-99
- University of California, Berkeley: Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute of Human Development (Gopnik Laboratory) 1992-94
- Dalhousie University: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dept. of Philosophy 1991-92

**Teaching Appointments**

- Princeton University: Lecturer, Dept. of Philosophy 2004- ; Dept of Politics 2003-04
- Vanderbilt University: Assistant Professor of Philosophy 1992 (fall semester); 1994-98
- University of Toronto: Graduate Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Philosophy 1984-90.

**Grants and Fellowships:**

postgraduate:

- McDonnell Project in Philosophy and the Neurosciences, Senior Member 2001-05  
Research Proposal: "Rethinking Mindreading: philosophical, psychological and neurological implications of a regulative account of our folk-psychological capacities" (description available on request)

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Research Fellowship 1992-94
- Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dalhousie University 1991-92

graduate:

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship 1986-89
- University of Toronto Open Fellowship 1985-86

**Awards:**

postgraduate:

- University Research Council Summer Award, Vanderbilt University 1996
- Alice B. Wilson Award, The Royal Society of Canada 1993
- Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award, The Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology 1993

graduate:

- George Paxton Young Memorial Award, University of Toronto 1990; 1989; 1988; 1987; 1985

**Publications:**

Articles forthcoming:

- “Out of the Mouths of Autistics: Subjective Report and its role in Cognitive Theorising”. In *Cognition and the Brain: The Philosophy and Neuroscience Movement*, eds. Andrew Brook and Kathleen Akins. C.U.P 2005

Articles in print:

- “Developing Trust on the Internet”. *Analyse und Kritik* 26 (2004) 91-107.
- “Autistic Self-Awareness”. *Philosophy, Psychiatry and Psychology* 11:3 (2004) 235-251.
- “The Art of Good Hope”. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 592 (2004) 100-127.
- “The Trouble with Mary”. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 84:4 (2003) 384-393.
- (with Philip Gerrans), “Theory of Mind in Autism and Schizophrenia”. In *Individual differences in theory of mind: Implications for typical and atypical development*, eds. E. Repacholi and V. Slaughter. Brighton: Psychology Press 2003.
- (with Philip Pettit), “The Self-Regulating Mind”. *Language and Communication* 22:3 (2002) 281-299.
- “Developing Trust”, *Philosophical Explorations* 5:1 (2002) 21-38.
- “Psycho-practice, Psycho-theory and the Contrastive Case of Autism: how practices of mind become second-nature”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 8:5-7 (2002) 109-32.
- “Is ‘Self-Knowledge’ an Empirical Problem? Renegotiating the Space of Philosophical Explanation,” *Journal of Philosophy* 93:10 (1996) 483-515
- “Rationality and Error: A Surd Spot in Rational Intentionalism,” *Philosophia* 21:3-4 (1992) 295-309.

Reviews, Commentaries and Encyclopedia entries forthcoming:

- Commentary on J. Carpendale and C. Lewis, “Constructing an Understanding Mind: the development of children’s social understanding within social interaction”, *Behavioural and Brain Sciences* (2005)

Reviews, Commentaries and Encyclopedia entries in print:

- “Self-Knowledge: Philosophical Aspects”. In *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, eds. N.J. Smelser and P.B. Baltes. Oxford: Elsevier Science, 2001. Vol. 20, pp. 13837-41.
- Book Review of Akeel Bilgrami’s *Belief and Meaning*, *Journal of Philosophy* 91:8 (1994) 430-439.

**Work in progress:**

Under Revision:

- “Moral Travel and the Narrative Work of Forgiveness” (revise and resubmit requested from *Ethics*)
- “Deconstructing Swampman” (revision requested for *Philosophy and Psychology*).

In preparation:

- “Doing Away with Introspection: A Direct Expressivist Account of Self-Reflective Awareness”.
- “Reheeding Ryle”
- “Imagination and the development of moral wisdom: philosophical reflections on Eliot’s *Middlemarch*”
- Special issue on Autism for *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (guest editor)

- “Trust, Hope and Empowerment”, for a volume of collected essays on trust edited by Peter Graham.
- Book review of Nichols, S. & Stich, S.P. (2003). *Mindreading: An integrated account of pretence, self-awareness, and understanding other minds*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. For *Philosophical Psychology*

Planned:

- Commissioned MS for a special issue of *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, ed by Alva Noe (on Dennett’s conception of heterophenomenology)
- Commissioned MS for an anthology entitled *Minding Our Practice: Folk-psychology reassessed* (eds. Hutto, D and Radcliffe, M.)
- Empirical studies on eye-gaze monitoring in autistic children (in collaboration with Dr. Susan Leekam, Dept. of Psychology, University of Durham) (proposal available on request)
- *Mind in Time* (Book project under contract to MIT Press – project description available on request).
- *Moral Developments: Essays in Moral Psychology*: including essays on trust, forgiveness, guilt, sentimentality, reconciliation, moral imagination and the development of moral wisdom.

**Conferences:**

Invited presentations:

- “The Moral Development of First-Person Authority”. American Philosophical Association, annual meeting (Pacific Division). San Francisco, March 2005.
- “Trust, Hope and Empowerment”. Conference on Trust at University of California, Riverside February 2004.
- “Multimedia Trust”. Conference on Trust and Community on the Internet. Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (Zif), University of Bielfeld, Germany, August 2003.
- “Autism and Self-report”. American Philosophical Association, annual meeting (Pacific Division). San Francisco, March 2003.
- “Doing Away with Introspection: A Direct Expressivist Account of Self-Reflective Awareness”, Philosophy and Neuroscience Conference. Carleton University, Canada, October 2002.
- “Intentionality, Active and Passive”, co-authored with Philip Pettit. Presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Italian-American Philosophy Conference, “Normativity and Legitimacy”. New York, October 1999.
- “Raising Consciousness: A Developmental Approach to the problem of Other Minds”. Co-authored with David Braybrooke. Austin Conference on Communication and Social Selves at the University of Texas. Austin, February 1992.

Submitted presentations:

- “Imagining a new moral ideal: the developmental challenge of *Middlemarch*”. Inaugural Conference of the North American Victorian Studies Association. University of Indiana, Bloomington, October 2003
- “The Zombie Knowledge Argument”, Australasian Association of Philosophy, annual meeting. Hobart, July 2001
- “Out of the Mouths of Autistics: Subjective Report and its role in Cognitive Theorising”, Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness”, annual meeting. Duke University, May 2001
- “Moral Travel and the Narrative work of Forgiveness”, 2000 International Conference of the Society for the Study of Narrative Literature. Atlanta, March 2000.
- “Deconstructing Swampman”, Conference on Methodologies in the Philosophy of Science, New School of Social Research. New York, December 1998.
- “Love’s Labour’s Lost: What’s Amiss with the Swampman Thought-Experiment”, Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. St. John’s, Newfoundland, June 1997.
- “Developing Trust,” Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. St. Catherine’s, June 1996.
- “Where Meaning Lies in Living Languages: or Why You can’t Derive an ‘Ought’ from the Putnam-Burge Thought Experiments.” Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Montreal, June 1995.
- “Externally Constructed Agents: New Grist for the Theory of Mind Mill”. Symposium presentation at the Society of Research in Child Development. Indianapolis, April 1995.
- “The Ways of Error in Language, Games, and Language-Games.” American Philosophical Association

- Pacific Division Meetings. San Francisco, March 1995.
- “Knowing Ourselves: An Externalist Account of Self-Knowledge”. Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Vancouver, June 1993. Also presented at the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Ottawa, June 1993. A substantially different version was also presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting. New Orleans, April 1993.
- “Davidson's Omniscient Interpreter: An Argument that Couldn't Be”. American Philosophical Association - Pacific Division Meetings. San Francisco, March 1993.
- “Social Externalism and First Person Authority: A Communicative Approach”. Western Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Vancouver, October 1991.
- “Being at Home with Language”. Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, “Perspectives on Language”, Montreal, Quebec, September 1989.
- “Rationality and Error: A Surd Spot in Rational Intentionalism.” Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Quebec City, June 1989.
- “Salmon and van Fraassen: The Case for the Common Cause.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, annual meeting. Montreal, June 1985.

Commentaries:

- Commentary on John Dunn, “The Politics of Imponderable and Potentially Lethal Judgement for Mortals: Hobbes's Legacy to the Understanding of Modern Politics”. The 17th International Symposium of Philosophy: The Theoretical Legacy of Hobbes, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas. Mexico City, August 1999.
- Commentary on Akeel Bilgrami, “Identity, Relativism and the Liberal State”. The 17th International Symposium of Philosophy: The Theoretical Legacy of Hobbes, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas. Mexico City, August 1999.
- Commentary on A. Mercier's, "A Perverse Case of the Contingent *A Priori*." Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Montreal, June 1995.
- Commentary on M. Hogan's, “Causal Theories of Representation and the Problem of False Belief”. Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Kingston, May, 1991.
- Commentary on R. Murray's, “Davidson's Argument for the Causal Theory of Action”. Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Kingston, May, 1991.
- Commentary on M. Stack's, “Davidson, Optimism and God”. Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Victoria, May 1990.
- Commentary on C. McKinnon's, “The Case Against Theories of Meaning”. Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, “Perspectives on Language”, Montreal, Quebec, September 1989.
- Commentary on D. Davies', “Curbing the Realist Flights of Fancy”. Canadian Philosophical Association, annual meeting. Hamilton, June 1987.

**Invited talks, Workshops and Special Events:**

- Invited speaker, Symposium on “Trust and Responsibility – Critical and Analytic Perspectives on Social Capital” in Villa Nante, Rome, Italy. September 2005
- 2004-05: invited talks to be given at Vanderbilt University and the New School University
- Interdisciplinary workshop on George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, participant. Chapel Hill University, October 2003
- “Developing Moral Imagination: reflections on George Eliot's *Middlemarch*”, interdisciplinary workshop on *Middlemarch*, RSSH, Australian National University, February 2003.
- “Theory of mind, levels of explanation and integrative theories of schizophrenia”, co-authored with Philip Gerrans. Interdisciplinary workshop on Mindreading and Behaviour: Individual Differences in Theory of Mind and Implications for Social Functioning. Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science (MACCS), Macquarie University, in Sydney, July 2001.
- “Out of the Mouths of Autistics: subjective report and its role in cognitive theorising”, presented to the philosophy departments at California Technical Institute (Spring 2001), ANU (January 2002), Macquarie University (April 2002) and Monash University (May 2003).
- “Autism and the Self-Regulating Mind”, presented at the Tofino Meeting of the McDonnell Project for

Philosophy and the Neurosciences (June 2000).

- “Reheeding Ryle”, presented to the philosophy departments at University of Pennsylvania (October, 1998) and Williams College (March 1999). Revised version, presented to City College of New York (November, 1999), UC Riverside (February 2000) and Tufts University (October 2001).
- “Deconstructing Swampman: A Case Study in Leading Misleading Thought-Experiments”, presented to the Philosophy Departments at the University of Pennsylvania (Oct. 1998) and the University of Oregon (March 1998).
- “Developing Trust”, presented to the Philosophy Departments at McMaster University, York University and the University of Toronto, in October 1996, November 1996, and March 1997 respectively.
- “The Curious Relationship of Self-Report to Self-Knowledge: A Case Study in the Value of Inter-disciplinary exchange” presented to the Cognitive Science Seminar, Vanderbilt University, March, 1996.
- “The Self-Knowledge of Agents” presented to the Philosophy Department at the University of Alberta in March, 1995.
- “The Ways of Error in Language, Games and Language-Games” presented to the Philosophy Department at the University of California, Davis in November, 1994.
- “Knowing Ourselves” presented to the Philosophy Departments at the University of Chicago and York University in March 1993.
- “The Normativity of Self-Knowledge” presented to the Philosophy Department at Central Michigan University in March, 1992.
- “Skepticism, Interpretation and the Omniscient Red-Herring” presented to the Philosophy Departments at University of Calgary, University of British Columbia and University of Victoria, all in October, 1991.
- “The Mind in Cognition: Where Philosophy fits in Cognitive Disciplines”. Royal Society of Canada, Awards Ceremony. June, 1993.

#### **Interviews:**

- “Knowing Ourselves: The Puzzling Phenomena of Consciousness,” by Brenda Ellis in *Research at Vanderbilt*, Spring 1996.
- Radio interview on Self-Knowledge and Development at *MTSU*, April 1996.

#### **Teaching:**

##### graduate courses:

- Topics in Philosophy of Mind / Metaphysics
  - From Descartes to Dennett: the naturalist turn
  - Dispositions in Mind and Matter
  - The Development of Agency: from folk-psychology to moral reasoning
- Topics in Philosophy of Language
  - Wittgenstein,
  - Theories of Representation
- Topics in Epistemology
  - Foundationalism and Coherentism; Naturalized Epistemology

##### undergraduate courses:

- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Language
- Introductory Logic
- Introduction to Philosophy (Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics and Political Theory)
- Introduction to the History of Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Descartes, Pascal, Locke, Leibniz, Berkeley, Hume, Rousseau, Kant, Mill, Marx, Freud)

#### **Professional Activities:**

##### committees:

- RSSH, Australian National University: Co-convenor, Interdisciplinary Workshop on George Eliot's *Middlemarch*. February 2003
- American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division): Program Committee, 1999-2001.
- Society for Philosophy and Psychology: Executive Committee, 1999-2001.
- Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology Richard M. Griffith Award Committee, April, 1995

journal refereeing

- *Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Dialogue*
- *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.

conference refereeing:

- American Philosophical Association 1999-2001
- Canadian Philosophical Association 1988-92

**University and Departmental Service:**

Vanderbilt University:

- Sub-Committee on the Humanities, 1997-98
- Freshman Advisor, 1995-96
- Committee on Linguistics, 1994-97
- Speakers Committee, Dept. of Philosophy 1994-9:

Dalhousie University

- Speakers Committee, Dept. of Philosophy

University of Toronto:

- Graduate Philosophy Student Union Representative 1984-86