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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Mind and Psychology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Action Theory
Epistemology
Moral Psychology

GRADUATE EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy (in Philosophy) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Dissertation: Entertaining Metaphors Committee: William Lycan (chair), Dorit Bar-On, Joshua Knobe, Ram Neta, Jesse Prinz	2009 (exp)
Master of Arts (in Philosophy) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Thesis: Recent Rumblings from a Dead Theory of Metaphor Committee: William Lycan (chair), Fred Dretske, Ram Neta, Jesse Prinz	2005
Master of Science (in Philosophy) University of Utah Thesis: Where Oedipus Went Wrong (and Other Accounts of Informational Individuation) Committee: Ram Neta (chair), Lex Newman, Guy Rohrbaugh	2003

PUBLICATIONS

“Is the Trade-off Hypothesis Worth Trading For?” (with Hagop Sarkissian), *Mind and Language* (forthcoming)

“The Folk Strike Back; Or, Why You Didn’t Do It Intentionally, Though It Was Bad and You Knew It” (with Hagop Sarkissian), *Philosophical Studies* (2008), 138, 291-8.

UNDER REVIEW

“The Inadequacy of Paraphrase is the Dogma of Metaphor”

“Evidence that Stakes Don’t Matter for Evidence” (with Ram Neta)

PRESENTATIONS

“Only Intellectuals are Anti-Intellectualists” (with Ram Neta), at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 34th Annual Meeting (Poster Presentation). Philadelphia, PA June 2008.

“Dirty Cheap Contextualism” at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. Pasadena, CA March 2008.

“The Explicit Perlocution and Metaphor” at the joint meeting of the North and South Carolina Philosophical Societies. Chapel Hill, NC March 2008.

“The Difficulty of Paraphrase is the Dogma of Metaphor” at the 3rd Int. Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication. Riga, Latvia December 2007.

“The Explicit Perlocution and Metaphor” invited talk at the University of Helsinki. Helsinki, Finland December 2007.

“The Difficulty of Paraphrase is the Dogma of Metaphor” at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 33rd Annual Meeting. Toronto, ON June 2007.

“The Folk Strike Back; Or, Why You Didn’t Do It Intentionally, Though It Was Bad and You Knew It” (with Hagop Sarkissian), at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. Chicago, IL April 2007.

“The Red Herring of Compositionality and Beyond” at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. Portland, OR March 2006.

“The Red Herring of Compositionality and Beyond” at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 31st Annual Meeting (Poster Presentation). Winston-Salem, NC June 2005.

“Two Types of Object of Perception” at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. New Orleans, LA April 2004.

“On Numerous Coincident Objects of the Same Kind” at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. San Francisco, CA March 2003.

“Expanding the Higher-Order Representational Account to Perceptual Consciousness” at the University of Texas, San Antonio Philosophy Symposium. San Antonio, TX November 2002.

“On Numerous Coincident Objects of the Same Kind” at the Mountain and Plains Philosophy Conference. Las Vegas, NV October 2002.

“On Numerous Coincident Objects of the Same Kind” at the Northwest Philosophy Conference. Portland, OR October 2002.

COMMENTS

On George Schueler’s “A Puzzle About the Humean Theory of Motivation” at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. San Francisco, CA March 2005.

On Saikat Guha’s “Against Substantivalism” at Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference. NV, 2002.

On Matt Haber’s “The Applicability of Probability to Systematics” at the Northwest Philosophy Conference. Portland, OR October 2002.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

ACLS/Andrew H. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2008—2009

Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Prize, Pacific APA, 2008

UNC Department of Philosophy, Non-service Fellowship, Fall 2007

Graduate Student Opportunity Fund Grant, UNC Graduate School, October 2007

Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Prize, Central APA, 2007

Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Prize, Pacific APA, 2006

UNC Department of Philosophy, Non-service Fellowship, 2003—2004

University of Utah Department of Philosophy, Tanner Fellowship, 2002—2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNC	PHIL 165: Bioethics, Summer 2008
Sole-Instructor	PHIL 229: 20 th Century Philosophy (Linguistic Philosophy), Spring 2008
	PHIL 165: Bioethics, Summer 2007
	PHIL 230: Experience and Reality (Philosophy of Language), Spring 2007
	PHIL 101: Main Problems, Fall 2006
	PHIL 165: Bioethics, Summer 2006
	PHIL 110: Great Works, Fall 2005
	PHIL 165: Bioethics, Summer 2005
Assistant	PHIL 101: Main Problems (with Ram Neta), Spring 2005
	PHIL 160: Introduction to Ethics (with Bill Lycan), Fall 2004
UTAH	PHIL 1000: Introduction to Philosophy (with Bruce Landesman), Spring 2002
Assistant	PHIL 2600: World Religions (Dean Chatterjee), Fall 2001

Graduate Course Record

Philosophy of Mind	The Mind/Body Debate.....	Lycan, UNC
	Moral Psychology.....	Knobe, UNC
	Research Group: Consciousness.....	Lycan, UNC
	Philosophy of Mind (Survey).....	Lycan, UNC
	Mental Content.....	Prinz, UNC
	Perception and Introspection.....	Dretske and Güzeldere, Duke
Epistemology	Philosophy of Mind.....	Ramsey, Utah (Visiting Prof)
	Regress of Reasons.....	Neta, UNC
	Justification.....	Rosenberg, UNC
	Empiricism and Foundations.....	Lange, UNC
	Perception and Introspection.....	Dretske and Güzeldere, Duke
	Perception.....	Neta, Utah
Ethics	Moral Psychology.....	Knobe, UNC
	Practical Reasoning.....	Millgram, Utah
	Contemporary Ethics.....	Andreou, Utah
Logic	Symbolic Logic.....	Resnick, UNC
	Symbolic Logic.....	MacIntosh, Utah
	Deductive Logic.....	Black, Utah
History of Philosophy	Aristotle.....	Reeve, UNC
	Continental Rationalism.....	Nelson, UNC
	Hume.....	Newman, Utah
Philosophy of Science	Philosophy of Science (Survey).....	Roberts, UNC
	Philosophy of Biology (Survey).....	Lange, UNC and Rosenberg, Duke
	Psychobiology.....	Thalos, Utah
Philosophy of Language	Philosophy of Language (Survey).....	Bar-On, UNC
Metaphysics	Composition and Identity.....	Rohrbaugh, Utah
Neuroscience	Cognitive Neuroscience.....	Cabeza, Duke

Miscellaneous Protoseminar..... Long and Neta, UNC
Proseminar.....Downes, Utah

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee, Mind and Language
Organized Colloquium on Figurative Language for the joint meeting of the North and South Carolina Philosophical Societies (with Anne Bezuidenhout)
Referee, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 33rd Meeting, Toronto, ON, 2007
Work-in-Progress Talk Coordinator, UNC, Philosophy Dept., Spring 2006
Speakers Committee Student Representative, UNC-Chapel Hill, Philosophy Dept., 2004-05
President, Graduate Student Philosophical Association, University of Utah, 2002-2003
President, Kumamoto Association of Japanese English Teachers 4/2000-4/2001

Dissertation Abstract: Entertaining Metaphors

By saying, “Sid is an ogre,” Sally might mean to assert that, ‘Sid is a cruel being.’ She might also intentionally entertain her audience with the idea that, ‘Sid is a giant oaf that carries a club.’ According to my account, if she does, then because she does, Sally utters a metaphor, a kind of figurative utterance.

By means of figurative utterances we directly assert what we figuratively assert. But I do not believe that the significance of any figurative utterance is exhausted by an act of asserting together with a single expressed content which is asserted. I defend the view that figurative utterances directly express two contents. One’s aim with one expressed content of one’s figurative utterance is to make an assertion, or to ask a question, or to pronounce sentence, or to perform some other conventional act. And with the other content, one aims to affect the psychology of one’s hearer—perhaps to frighten her, or to shock her, or to cause her to be entertained.

PHILOSOPHERS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO HAVE CITED MY WORK IN PUBLICATIONS

John Bengson, University of Texas	Alfred Mele, Florida State University
Fiery Cushman, Harvard University	Thomas Nadelhoffer, Dickinson College
Steve Guglielmo, University of Oregon	Eddy Nahmias, Georgia State University
Joshua Knobe, University of North Carolina	Ram Neta, University of North Carolina
Edouard Machery, University of Pittsburgh	Marga Reimer, University of Arizona
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References

Fred Dretske (dretske@acpub.duke.edu) Senior Research Scholar Duke University	Edouard Machery (machery@pitt.edu) Assistant Professor of History and Philosophy of Science University of Pittsburgh
William G. Lycan (ujanel@email.unc.edu) William Rand Kenan Professor of Philosophy University of North Carolina	Ram Neta (neta@email.unc.edu) Associate Professor of Philosophy University of North Carolina
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