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RESEARCH

My areas of specialization are Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, and History of Philosophy. My published work explores the role of similarity-based mental representations like icons and diagrams in both conscious experience and logical reasoning. My methods are mainly analytic, but I occasionally venture into American pragmatism, Continental phenomenology, and Chinese Philosophy, especially when these traditions connect with results in current Cognitive Science. My long-term goal is to exhibit the potential of Philosophy of Signs or Semiotics (the name given by Locke) as the least known yet most promising branch of philosophy ending in -ics.

APPOINTMENTS

- 2018–19 Faculty Member, Dept. of Philosophy, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- 2015–17 Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Trent University (see Awards)
- 2014–15 Post-Doctoral Researcher, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Helsinki
- 2013–14 Instructor (Course Director), Dept. of Philosophy, York University
- 2013 Translator, Northwestern University Press
- 2009–13 Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Philosophy, York University
- 2006 Adjunct Researcher, Canada Research Chair in the Theory of Knowledge
- 2005 Research Assistant, Centre de recherche interuniv. sur la form. et la prof. enseignante
- 2003–4 Visiting Member, Peirce-Wittgenstein Research Group

DEGREES

- Ph.D. Philosophy, York University, 2014
Dissertation: “The Semiotic Mind: A Fundamental Theory of Consciousness” (see Awards)
Supervisor: Henry Jackman, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy
- M.A. Philosophy, York University, 2009
- Ph.D. Semiotics, University of Quebec in Montreal, 2008
(Multidisciplinary program hosted by communications, art history, literature, philosophy)
Dissertation: “Atomism, Wholism, and the Search for a Tenable Third Way.”
Supervisor: Serge Robert, Professor, Dept. of Philosophy
- B.A. Art History with Philosophy, Concordia University, 2000
- D.E.C. Champlain College St. Lambert, 1997

COURSES TAUGHT (as sole instructor)

Upper division courses

Advanced Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology (fall 2015, winter 2017)
Epistemology (fall 2016; guided study, summer 2019)
Seminar in Pragmatism (summer 2014)
Business Ethics (fall 2018; two sections, winter 2019; summer 2019)
Philosophy of Emotion (winter 2016, fall 2016; cross-listed with Psychology)
Early Modern Philosophy (fall 2016)

Second year courses

Metaphysics (winter 2019)
Critical Reasoning (fall 2013)
Love and Desire (winter 2017)
Philosophy of Sport and Recreation (fall 2015)
Philosophy of Law (winter 2016; cross-listed with Political Studies)

First year courses

Introduction to Philosophy (winter 2019)
Introduction to Formal Logic (two sections, fall 2018)
Critical Thinking (fall 2015, winter 2016, winter 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2018 *Consciousness and the Philosophy of Signs: How Peircean Semiotics Combines Phenomenal Qualia and Practical Effects*. “Studies in the History of Philosophy of Mind,” edited by Henrik Lagerlund and Mikko Yrjönsuuri, vol. 19. Cham: Springer.
DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-73338-8

“Marc Champagne makes large claims and indeed undertakes what might seem to some readers a Herculean task—to solve the ‘hard problem’, as the problem of qualia has come to be identified in the philosophy of mind. [...] This is a very suggestive book. It is moreover a clearly and engagingly written text, and (for the most part) a carefully and responsibly argued one.”

*(Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews; also reviewed in
The Journal of Mind and Behavior and Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia)*

Articles

In press “Why Images cannot be Arguments, but Moving Ones Might.” (with A.-V. Pietarinen)
Argumentation.

DOI: 10.1007/s10503-019-09484-0

In press “Diagrams and Alien Ways of Thinking.”
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science.

DOI: 10.1016/j.shpsa.2018.09.010

- In press “Day Shift God, Night Shift God.”
Think: Philosophy for Everyone.
- 2019 “_____ is Necessary for Interpreting a Proposition.”
Chinese Semiotic Studies, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 39–48.
DOI: 10.1515/css-2019-0003
- 2018b “Kantian Schemata: A Critique Consistent with the *Critique*.”
Philosophical Investigations, vol. 41, no. 4, pp. 436–445.
DOI: 10.1111/phn.12199
- 2018a “Teaching Argument Diagrams to a Student who is Blind.”
Diagrammatic Representation and Inference, edited by P. Chapman, G. Stapleton, A. Moktefi, S. Perez-Kriz, and F. Bellucci, pp. 783–786. Cham: Springer.
DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-91376-6_81
- 2016g “Brandom, Peirce, and the Overlooked Friction of Contraposition.”
Synthese, vol. 193, no. 8, pp. 2561–2576.
DOI: 10.1007/s11229-015-0866-2
- 2016f “On Alethic Functionalism’s (absurdly?) Wide Applicability.”
Teorema, vol. 35, no. 2, pp. 29–39.
Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/44077438>
- 2016e “Tracking Inferences is not enough: The Given as Tie-Breaker.”
Logos and Episteme, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 129–135.
DOI: 10.5840/logos-episteme20167214
- 2016d “God, Human Memory, and the Certainty of Geometry: An Argument Against Descartes.”
Philosophy and Theology, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 299–310.
DOI: 10.5840/philtheol2016102158
- 2016c “Can Pragmatists Believe in Qualia? The Founder of Pragmatism Certainly Did...”
Cybernetics and Human Knowing, vol. 23, no. 2, pp. 39–49.
URL: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/imp/chk/2016/00000023/00000002/art00004>
- 2016b “Diagrams of the Past: How Timelines can Aid the Growth of Historical Knowledge.”
Cognitive Semiotics, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 11–44.
DOI: 10.1515/cogsem-2016-0002
- 2016a “Peat Bogs, Sperm and Family Values: Teaching Naturalism Charitably.”
Sexuality and Culture, vol. 20, no. 3, pp. 526–534.
DOI: 10.1007/s12119-016-9339-0
- 2015j “Beauvoir and Rand: Asphyxiating People, Having Sex, and Pursuing a Career.”
(with Mimi R. Gladstein) *The Journal of Ayn Rand Studies*, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 23–41.
DOI: 10.5325/jaynrandstud.15.1.0023
- 2015i 分析的是哲学, 欧陆的是文学? [Chinese translation of Champagne 2015a]
Douban.com
Stable URL: <https://www.douban.com/group/topic/77931680/>
- 2015h “A Less Simplistic Metaphysics: Peirce’s Layered Theory of Meaning as a Layered Theory of Being.”
Sign Systems Studies, vol. 43, no. 4, pp. 523–552.
DOI: 10.12697/SSS.2015.43.4.10
- 2015g “Disjunctivism and the Ethics of Disbelief.”
Philosophical Papers, vol. 44, no. 2, pp. 139–163.
DOI: 10.1080/05568641.2015.1056964

- 2015f “Experience and Life as Ever-Present Constraints on Knowledge.”
Metaphilosophy, vol. 46, no. 2, pp. 235–245.
 DOI: 10.1111/meta.12129
- 2015e “Sound Reasoning (Literally): Prospects and Challenges of Current Acoustic Logics.”
Logica Universalis, vol. 9, no. 3, pp. 331–343.
 DOI: 10.1007/s11787-015-0127-7
- 2015d “Poinset versus Peirce on Merging with Reality by Sharing a Quality.”
Versus: Quaderni di studi semiotici, vol. 120, pp. 31–43.
 URL: <http://versus.dfc.unibo.it/arc1b.php?articolo=845>
- 2015c “Rational Choice and its Limits.”
Reason Papers, vol. 37, no. 1, pp. 137–147.
 Stable URL: https://reasonpapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/rp_371_12.pdf
- 2015b “Bridging the Responsibility Gap in Automated Warfare.” (with Ryan Tonkens)
Philosophy and Technology, vol. 28, no. 1, pp. 125–137.
 DOI: 10.1007/s13347-013-0138-3
- 2015a “Analytic Philosophy, Continental Literature?”
Philosophy Now, no. 109, pp. 21–23.
 Stable URL: https://philosophynow.org/issues/109/Analytic_Philosophy_Continental_Literature
- 2014d “Referring to the Qualitative Dimension of Consciousness: Iconicity Instead of Indexicality.”
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, vol. 53, no. 1, pp. 135–182.
 DOI: 10.1017/S0012217313000899
- 2014c “Just Do It: Schopenhauer and Peirce on the Immediacy of Agency.”
Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy, vol. 18, no. 2, pp. 209–232.
 DOI: 10.5840/symposium201418225
- 2014b “Semiotics.”
Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy, edited by Duncan Pritchard.
 DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780195396577-0179
- 2014a “Review of Christian List and Philip Pettit’s *Group Agency*.”
Philosophy of the Social Sciences, vol. 44, no. 2, pp. 252–258.
 DOI: 10.1177/0048393112463187
- 2013d “One’s a Crowd? On Greenwood’s Delimitation of the Social.”
Philosophy of the Social Sciences, vol. 43, no. 4, pp. 519–530.
 DOI: 10.1177/0048393112454335
- 2013c “Can ‘I’ Prevent You from Entering my Mind?”
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, vol. 12, no. 1, pp. 145–162.
 DOI: 10.1007/s11097-011-9196-0
- 2013b “Choosing between the Long and Short Informational Routes to Psychological Explanation.”
Philosophical Psychology, vol. 26, no. 1, pp. 129–138.
 DOI: 10.1080/09515089.2011.631999
- 2013a “A Necessary Condition for Proof of Abiotic Semiosis.”
Semiotica, vol. 197, pp. 283–287.
 DOI: 10.1515/sem-2013-0092
- 2012b “Russell and the Newman Problem Revisited.”
Analysis and Metaphysics, vol. 11, pp. 65–74.
 URL: <https://addletonacademicpublishers.com/contents-am/117-volume-11-2012/796-russell-and-the-newman-problem-revisited>

- 2012a “Bridging the Responsibility Gap in Automated Warfare.” (with Ryan Tonkens)
The Machine Question: AI, Ethics and Moral Responsibility, edited by David J. Gunkel, Joanna J. Bryson, and Steve Torrance, pp. 67–72.
 Stable URL: <http://events.cs.bham.ac.uk/turing12/proceedings/14.pdf>
- 2011b “Axiomatizing Umwelt Normativity.”
Sign Systems Studies, vol. 39, no. 1, pp. 9–59.
 DOI: 10.12697/SSS.2011.39.1.01
- 2011a “What About Suicide Bombers? A Terse Response to a Terse Objection.”
The Journal of Ayn Rand Studies, vol. 11, no. 2, pp. 233–236.
 Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41560413>
- 2010b “Reply to my Commentator.”
Argument Cultures, edited by Juho Ritola. Windsor: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.
 Stable URL: <https://scholar.uwindsor.ca/ossaarchive/OSSA8/papersandcommentaries/178>
- 2010a “We, the Professional Sages: Analytic Philosophy’s Arrogation of Argument.”
Argument Cultures, edited by Juho Ritola. Windsor: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.
 Stable URL: <https://scholar.uwindsor.ca/ossaarchive/OSSA8/papersandcommentaries/33>
- 2009c “A Note on M. Barbieri’s ‘Scientific Biosemiotics.’”
The American Journal of Semiotics, vol. 25, nos. 1–2, pp. 155–161.
 DOI: 10.5840/ajs2009251/27
- 2009b “Explaining the Qualitative Dimension of Consciousness: Precission instead of Reification.”
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, vol. 48, no. 1, pp. 145–183.
 DOI: 10.1017/S0012217309090088
- 2009a “Some Semiotic Constraints on Metarepresentational Accounts of Consciousness.”
Specialization, Semiosis, Semiotics, edited by John N. Deely and Leonard G. Sbrocchi, pp. 557–564. Toronto: Legas Press.
 DOI: 10.5840/cpsem200877
- 2008 “What Anchors Semiosis: How Descartes Changed the Subject.”
Recherches sémiotiques / Semiotic Inquiry, vol. 28/29, no. 1/3, pp. 183–197.
 DOI: 10.7202/1005869ar

PRESENTATIONS (peer reviewed unless otherwise noted)

- 2019 “A Pragmatic-Semiotic Defence of Bivalent Logic.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver, June 1–4.
- 2019 “Using Philosophy of Signs to Demystify the Mystery of Consciousness.”
Cognitive Science Department, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, May 8. [Invited]
- 2019 “Preparing the Way for Logic as Semiotics in the First English Language Philosophy Journal.”
American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, April 17–20.
- 2018 “Can Images be Arguments?”
KPU Philosophy Lecture Series, Surrey, November 16. [Invited]
- 2018 “Teaching Argument Diagrams to a Student who is Blind.”
10th Intern. Conf. on the Theory and Application of Diagrams, Edinburgh, June 18–22.

- 2018 “Why Images cannot be Arguments, but Moving Ones Might.” (with A.-V. Pietarinen)
Canadian Philosophical Association, Montreal, June 4–7.
- 2018 “Kripke et Saussure affirmaient-ils la même chose?”
Association Canadienne de Philosophie, Montreal, June 4–7.
- 2017 “Civil Disobedience in Plato’s *Crito* and its Relevance Today.”
Heritage College, Gatineau, August 1. [Invited]
- 2017 “Epistemic Closure and Enclosed Spaces.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, May 28–31.
- 2017 “Inferring Exoplanets, Inferring Exominds.”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Toronto, May 27–29.
- 2017 “A Genuinely Introductory Introduction to C. S. Peirce’s Existential Graphs.”
Critical and Creative Thinking Working Group, Trent University, January 18. [Invited]
- 2015 “Homosexuality in Professional Male Bodybuilding: The Telling Case of Bob Paris.”
The Feminist Society roundtable, Trent University, November 25. [Invited]
- 2015 “Can Pragmatists Believe in Qualia? The Founder of Pragmatism Did...”
Trent University colloquium series, October 15. [Invited]
- 2015 “Must a Pragmatist Interested in Consciousness be Pragmatic 24 Hours a Day?”
Toward a Science of Consciousness, Helsinki, June 9–13.
- 2015 “Timelines and the Growth of Historical Knowledge.”
Nordic Network for Philosophy of Science, Helsinki, April 23–24.
- 2015 “Poinset versus Peirce on the Possibility of Complete Iconicity.”
American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, April 1–4.
- 2014 “The Peircean Categories: How they Work, and why they Matter.”
Tartu University Institute of Philosophy and Semiotics, November 25. [Invited]
- 2014 “The Chameleonic Gland.”
University of Helsinki Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, October 2. [Invited]
- 2014 “Introducing Peircean Iconicity to Reshape Current Debates about Consciousness.”
Helsinki Metaphysical Club, September 10. [Invited]
- 2014 “A Peircean Semiotic Interpretation of the Sperling Results.”
Applying Peirce 2, Tallinn, Estonia, April 21–23.
- 2014 “Does the Mind have an ‘Undo Button?’”
York University philosophy lecture series, February 12. [Invited]
- 2012 “Bridging the Responsibility Gap in Automated Warfare.” (with Ryan Tonkens)
International Association of Computing and Philosophy, Birmingham, UK, July 2–6.
- 2012 “Psillos Thinks We Ought To Be Realists. But Why?”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Waterloo, May 26–29.
- 2012 “Stuck Between Two Soup Cans: Limits of Rational Decision.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Waterloo, May 27–30.
- 2012 “Russell, History, and the Newman Problem.”
Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Hamilton, May 24–26.
- 2011 “Is the Functionalist Account of Truth Too Good to be True?”
Arché Centre for Logic, Language, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Scotland, Oct. 8–9.
- 2011 “A Critical Look at Information Theoretic Structural Realism.” (with Dan McArthur)
Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Science, University of Chicago, May 13–15.
- 2010 “Remedying a Lacuna in Russell’s Early Analysis of Objectivity.”
Canadian Society for Epistemology, Ottawa, November 12–13.

- 2010 “Organisms, Values, and Umwelten: Locating Normativity in the Natural Order.”
British Psychological Society, Oxford, September 10–12.
- 2010 “On Structural Realism’s Optimistic Meta-Induction.”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Montreal, May 28–30.
- 2009 “Knowledge: An Offer You Can’t Refuse.”
Canadian Society for Epistemology, Ottawa, November 6–7.
- 2009 “We, the Professional Sages.”
Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, Windsor, June 3–6.
- 2008 “Has Embodiment Paved the Way for Introspection’s Comeback?”
Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Toronto, Aug. 15.
- 2008 “Some Semiotic Constraints on Metarepresentational Accounts of Consciousness.”
Semiotic Society of America, Houston, October 16–19.
- 2008 “Analog Continuity and Digital Discontinuity: What Epistemological Role Should they Play?”
National Institute for Scientific Research, Quebec City, May 5.
- 2007 “‘De-Materializing’ the Fregean Argument from Conjunction.”
Francophone Association for Knowledge, Trois-Rivières, May 7–11.
- 2006 “McDowell and the Standing Obligation of Rationality.”
Canadian Society for Epistemology, Sherbrooke, September 29–30.
- 2006 “Concepts: Where Fodor Went Wrong.”
Beyond the Brain: Embodied, Situated, and Distributed Cognition, August 19–21.
- 2006 “On W. Sellars’ Asymmetry of Indexicality Thesis.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, May 29–June 1.
- 2005 “On Semantic Holism, Given the Aristotelian Construal of Time.”
Quebec Philosophy Society, Chicoutimi, May 11–13.

AWARDS

- 2018 Nanqiang Outstanding Young Talents, First Place Award [Personally declined]
- 2017 Nominated for the Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching, Trent University
- 2017 Nominated for the Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation, Trent University
- 2015 University-wide Award for Best Dissertation of the Year, York University (\$2000)
[First philosopher ever to win this award]
- 2014 Oxford University Press Graduate Award (\$250)
- 2014 Graduate Development Fund competition, York University (\$1000)
- 2013 Susan Mann Dissertation Scholarship (\$23,000) [Personally declined]
- 2013 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
- 2012 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
- 2011 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
- 2010 Graduate Development Fund competition, York University (\$800)
- 2009 Admission Scholarship, York University Ph.D. Program in Philosophy (\$3,000)
- 2008 Graduate Development Fund competition, York University (\$250)
- 2007 Masters Scholarship, York University (\$14,000)
- 2003 Ian Bailey Award for Interdisciplinary work, University of Quebec in Montreal (\$500)
- 2002 Admission Scholarship, Univ. of Quebec in Montreal Ph.D. in Semiotics (\$2,000)
- 1999 Excellence Bursary, Concordia University (\$1,000)

- 1999 Bursary, Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America (\$1,250)
1998 Bursary, Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America (\$1,250)

SERVICE

Profession

Curriculum Committee, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (2019)
Philosophy Club Advisor, Dept. of Philosophy, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (2018–19)
Member of Undergraduate Awards Committee, Department of Philosophy, Trent U. (2016–17)
Symposium Organizer, 15th Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science (2015)
Member Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Philosophy, York University (2011)

Community

“Figuring Out What Is Really Real”, TALK: Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (2019)
Academic Member, Heterodox Academy (2018–present)
Founder and Head Coach, Kwantlen Reason Mapping Team (2018)
“Figuring Out What Is Really Real,” Trent Enrichment Program for high school students (2017)
Workshop on Service Learning and Community-Based Research, Trent University (2016)
“Who Needs Philosophy?” St. Peter Secondary School, Peterborough (2016)
Workshop on Teaching Sensitive / Controversial Topics, Trent University (2015)
Four graduate courses in Higher Education, UQAM (2002–03) and U. of Montreal (2004–03)
Certificate in Public Speaking (CTM), Toastmasters International, McGill (2002–03)

Refereeing

Teaching Philosophy; Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences; Axiomathes; Philosophical Papers; Sign Systems Studies; Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences; International Journal of General Systems; Metatheoria; Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review; Acta Analytica; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Philosophy of the Social Sciences; Annals of the University of Bucharest Philosophy Series; The American Journal of Semiotics; Czech Science Foundation.

REFERENCES

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