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Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

Ph.D. in philosophy, May 2002                      University of California, Berkeley  
B.A. in philosophy and psychology, June 1992      Dartmouth College

**Academic Employment**

2009 – present      Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz  
2004 - 2009          Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz  
2002 - 2004          Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz

**Recent Research**

- “Sensation, Introspection, and the Phenomenal,” forthcoming in *Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mind*, eds. J. Ellis & D. Guevara, Oxford University Press.
- “Introduction to *Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mind*,” with Daniel Guevara, forthcoming in *Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mind*, eds. J. Ellis & D. Guevara, Oxford University Press.
- “Stroud’s Proposal for Removing the Threat of Skepticism,” in *The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Reflections on the Thought of Barry Stroud*, eds. J. Bridges, N. Kolodny, & W. Wong (Oxford University Press, 2011).
- “The Significance of Radical Interpretation for Understanding the Mind,” in *Dialogues with Davidson: Acting, Interpreting, Understanding*, ed. J. Malpas (MIT Press, 2011).
- “On the Concept of a Game,” *Philosophical Investigations* Vol. 34, No. 4, October 2011.
- “Phenomenal Character, Phenomenal Concepts, and Externalism,” *Philosophical Studies* Vol. 47, No. 2, 2010.
- “Content Externalism and Phenomenal Character: A New Worry about Privileged Access,” *Synthese* Vol. 159, No. 1, November 2007.
- “The Contents of Hume’s Appendix and the Source of His Despair,” *Hume Studies* Vol. 32, No. 2, November 2006.
- “Color, Error, and Explanatory Power,” *Dialectica* Vol. 60, No. 2, June 2006.
- “Thinking about Thinking about Thinking about Thinking (about Poker),” in *Poker and Philosophy*, ed. E. Bronson (Open Court Press, 2006).
- “Colour Irrealism and the Formation of Colour Concepts,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 83, No. 1, March 2005.
- “Context, Indexicals and the Sorites,” *Analysis* Vol. 64, No. 4, October 2004.

## **Awards & Grants**

Committee on Teaching (UCSC), Instructional Improvement Grant (2010), \$6000  
Research Cluster Grants, for Santa Cruz Language and Linguistics Group, co-  
directed with Pranav Anand, Adrian Brasoveanu, and Donka Farkas, each year  
\$1,000 - \$3,000, 2005-2011  
Senate Service Scholar Award, course relief for Fall 2009, to serve on Committee on  
Educational Policy (UCSC) in Fall 2009  
Junior Faculty Award, course relief for Spring 2008, Committee on Research, UCSC  
Humanities Research Fellowship, course relief for Winter 2008, Institute for  
Humanities Research, UCSC  
Small Research Grant for Faculty, \$500, 2007-08, Institute for Humanities Research  
Conference Grant, \$8000, University of California Humanities Research Institute,  
awarded jointly to me and my colleague, Daniel Guevara, for June 2007 conference,  
“Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mind” (see below)  
Matching Grant, \$5,000, Institute for Humanities Research, UCSC, awarded to me and D.  
Guevara for conference “Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mind”  
Challenge Grant, \$5,000, Institute for Humanities Research, UCSC, awarded to me and  
D. Guevara for conference “Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mind”  
Certificate of Merit, awarded by Class of 2007, Crown College, UCSC, for teaching  
Small Research Grant for Faculty, \$500, 2006-07, Institute for Humanities Research,  
UCSC

## **Other Professional Activities**

Participant, “Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy: Philosophy of Mind,” Oberlin  
College, May 4-6, 2012  
Co-Chair (with Pranav Anand, Adrian Brasoveanu, and Donka Farkas), 2005-2011.  
Santa Cruz Language and Linguistics Group, an interdisciplinary reading group at  
U.C. Santa Cruz comprised of faculty members and graduate students from  
Linguistics and Philosophy. The group hosts the ongoing Distinguished Visitor  
Colloquia Series.  
Chair, Symposium, “Wittgenstein and the Paradoxes of Consciousness,” American  
Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 19, 2008  
“Philosophical Introspection and Phenomenal Character,” Wittgenstein Workshop,  
University of Chicago, February 29, 2008  
Commentator, UC Riverside Conference on the Self, February 23, 2008, on N. Eilan,  
“The Perspective of Consciousness”  
“Philosophical Introspection and Phenomenal Character,” Cognitive Psychology  
Program, UCSC, November 7, 2007  
“Philosophical Introspection and Phenomenal Character,” Wittgenstein and the  
Philosophy of Mind Conference, UCSC, June 24, 2007  
Co-director (with Daniel Guevara, Philosophy), “Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of  
Mind,” a conference, held at UCSC, June 21-28, 2007  
Chair, Colloquium: Philosophy of Perception, American Philosophical Association,  
Eastern Division, December 30, 2006  
Co-director (with Sandra Chung, Linguistics), Santa Cruz Language and Linguistics  
Group, an interdisciplinary reading group comprised of philosophers and linguists at

U.C. Santa Cruz, since July 2005. This group hosts the ongoing Distinguished Visitor Colloquia Series.  
Graduate Advisor, Department of Philosophy (January 2006 – June 2007)  
“Can an Externalist about Concepts Be an Internalist about Consciousness?” poster presentation at the sixth Toward a Science of Consciousness conference (Tucson, AZ), April 8, 2004.  
Commentator, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 26, 2004, on A. Egan & J. John, “A Puzzle about Perception”  
“Can an Externalist about Thought Be an Internalist about Experience?” U.C. Santa Cruz, Colloquium Series, May 15, 2003  
Commentator, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 28, 2003, on L. Dempsey, “The Many Explanatory Gaps Problem”  
“Can an Externalist about Thought Be an Internalist about Experience?” submitted colloquium paper, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 25, 2002  
Participant, “Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy: Philosophy of Perception,” Oberlin College, April 12-14, 2002

### **Teaching Experience, University of California, Santa Cruz**

#### Lower Division Courses

Logic, Numbers, and Emotion, Spring 2011  
Defining Things (with Daniel Guevara), 2-unit, Winter 2009  
Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Winter 2006, Winter 2007, Winter 2009, Winter 2010  
The Empiricists, Spring 2005

#### Upper Division (often with graduate satellite seminars)

Philosophy of Mind, Winter 2002, Winter 2003, Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Spring 2010  
Knowledge and Rationality, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2005

#### Senior Seminars

The Good Life (senior seminar), Spring 2010, Fall 2010  
Wittgenstein (senior seminar), Spring 2004

#### Graduate Seminars

Epistemology and Delusion in the Social Sciences (graduate seminar), Fall 2010  
Wittgenstein, Fall 2009  
Wittgenstein and the Philosophy of Mind (graduate seminar), Spring 2007  
First-Quarter Seminar (graduate seminar), Fall 2007