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*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Perception

**Areas of Competence**

Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Applied Ethics

**Academic Positions**

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University, Fall 2003 - Present

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Consciousness, Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National University, Spring 2007

**Degrees**

The University of Arizona  
Ph.D. in Philosophy (minor in Cognitive Science), 2003  
Dissertation: *The Nature of Phenomenal Content*  
Committee: David Chalmers (Chair), Terry Horgan, Joseph Tolliver

Rice University  
B. A. in Philosophy, Psychology, and Cognitive Science (triple major), 1997

**Publications**

- Thompson, B. forthcoming. "The Spatial Content of Experience," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- Thompson, B. forthcoming. "Senses for Senses," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- Thompson, B. forthcoming. "The Inverted Spectrum," in Bayne, T., Cleeremans, A., and Wilken, P. (eds.) *Oxford Companion to Consciousness*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Thompson, B. 2008. "Representationalism and the Argument from Hallucination," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 89: 384-412.
- Thompson, B. 2008. "Representationalism and the Conceivability of Inverted Spectra," *Synthese* 160: 203-213.
- Thompson, B. 2007. "Shoemaker on Phenomenal Content," *Philosophical Studies* 135: 307-334.
- Thompson, B. 2006. "Colour Constancy and Russellian Representationalism," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 84: 75-94.

Thompson, B. 2006. "Moral Value, Response-Dependence, and Rigid Designation," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 36: 71-94.

Thompson, B. 2006. "Comments on Jenann Ismael's 'Doublemindedness: A model for a dual content cognitive architecture,'" *Psyche* 12 (2).

### **Under Review**

Thompson, B. "Perceptual Demonstratives and Hallucination," invited for a planned volume of papers presented at the *Hallucination on Crete* conference, Center for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow.

### **Honors**

Travel Grant, University Research Council, Southern Methodist University, Summer 2004

University Research Grant, Southern Methodist University, Summer 2004

William Fink Prize (for best overall graduate student), Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2002.

Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona, 2002.

Tsanoff Essay Prize (awarded for best student essays), Department of Philosophy, Rice University, 1997.

### **Presentations**

#### *Refereed*

"Seeing Through Appearances," Tucson 8: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2008.

"The Spatial Content of Experience," Tucson 7: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2006.

"Color Constancy and Russellian Representationalism," Joint Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Barcelona, July 2004

"Representationalism and the Argument from Hallucination," Tucson 6: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2004

"The Significance of Transparency," Tucson 2002: Toward a Science of Consciousness, April 2002.

"Railton on Rigidified Response-Dependence," Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, March 2002.

#### *Invited*

"Perceptual Demonstratives and Hallucination", Conference on Hallucination, Crete, September 2008

Comments on Brian Fiala, "Materialism and the Psychology of Explanation," Pacific APA, March 2008

- “Seeing Through Appearances,” University of Sydney, March 2007
- “Seeing Through Appearances,” Monash University, March 2007
- “The Spatial Content of Experience,” University of Melbourne, March 2007
- “The Time-Lag Argument Revisited,” Consciousness @ the Beach 2, ANU/Kioloa, February 2007
- “Seeing Through Appearances,” Australian National University, February 2007
- “The Problem of Perception,” Dallas Philosopher’s Forum, October 2006.
- Comments on Torin Alter, “On the Conditional Analysis of Phenomenal Concepts,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2004.
- “Is a Science of Consciousness Possible?” SMU Philosophy Club, September 2004.
- “Do We See the World Upside-Down?” SMU Philosophy Club, October 2003.
- “The Significance of Transparency,” NEH Summer Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality, June 2002.
- “Epistemological Problems in the Science of Consciousness,” Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, February 2001.
- “Consciousness and Self-Knowledge,” Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, March 1999.

### **Work in Progress**

- “The Time-lag Argument Revisited”  
“Seeing Through Appearances”

### **Other Professional Activities**

- Co-founder and Co-contributor to *Brain Pains*, a group blog in the philosophy of mind.  
<http://brainpains.com>
- Workshop participant (invited), SPAWN 2008: Perception, Syracuse University, August 2008
- Workshop participant (invited), SPAWN 2005: Consciousness, Syracuse University, July 2005

### **Service**

- Member of the University Council on General Education, SMU, 2008-2009
- Coordinator, Philosophy Department Work in Progress Dinners, SMU, 2007-8, 2008-9
- Update and maintenance of the SMU Philosophy Department website
- Interviewer for two tenure-track positions, SMU, 2007
- Interviewer for two lecturer positions, SMU, 2005
- Referee for *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *Psyche*, *Philosophia*, McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology
- Speaker at the Dallas Philosopher’s Forum

Speaker for the SMU undergraduate Philosophy Club (3 times) and discussion participant  
Discussion participant for the SMU undergraduate organization, Students for a Better Society

## Teaching Experience

### *Independently Taught*

#### *Southern Methodist University:*

PHIL 1318: Contemporary Moral Problems, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008

PHIL 1318H: Contemporary Moral Problems (Honors), Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006

PHIL 3315: Philosophy of Mind, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Spring 2008

PHIL 3310: Advanced Topics: Appearance and Reality, Spring 2005

PHIL 3310: Advanced Topics: Consciousness, Spring 2006, Fall 2007

PHIL 3310: Advanced Topics: Perception, Fall 2006, Fall 2008

#### *University of Arizona:*

PHIL/PSYC 346: Minds, Brains, and Computers, Summer 2001

PHIL/PSYC 346: Minds, Brains, and Computers, Summer 2000

INDV 101: Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual, Winter 1999

PHIL 262: Early Modern Philosophy, Summer 1999

PHIL 111: Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 1998

## References

David Chalmers, ARC Federation Fellow and Professor of Philosophy, Australian National University

Douglas Ehring, W. E. Easterwood Professor of Philosophy, Southern Methodist University

Benj Hellie, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto

David Rosenthal, Professor of Philosophy, City University of New York, Graduate Center and Lehman College

Sydney Shoemaker, Susan Linn Sage Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, Cornell University

Michael Tye, Professor of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin