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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Neuroscience.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Perception, Philosophy of Science, Logic & Computation.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2015–present Assistant Professor (Department of Philosophy, Rice University).
2013–2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Philosophy of Neuroscience Group, Center for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen).

EDUCATION

2014	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Certificate in Cognitive Science	Rutgers University–New Brunswick, USA
2004	B.A. HONS (1st class) in Philosophy	University of Auckland, NZ
2003	B.Sc. in Logic & Computation	University of Auckland, NZ

DISSERTATION

TITLE: *On the Matter of Memory: Neural Computation and the Mechanisms of Intentional Agency.*
COMMITTEE: Frances Egan & Robert Matthews (co-chairs), C. Randy Gallistel, Gualtiero Piccinini.

PUBLICATIONS

Morgan, A. (2014). Representations Gone Mental, *Synthese*, 191(2): 213-244.
Morgan, A. & Piccinini, G. (2017). Towards a Cognitive Neuroscience of Intentionality, *Minds & Machines*, 28(1): 119-139.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Mar. 2017 “Pictures, Plants and Propositions” (*Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, San Antonio*).
- Dec. 2017 “Autonoetic Animals” (*Australasian Society for Cognitive Science, Charles Sturt University*).
- Dec. 2017 “Autonoetic Animals” (*New Zealand Association of Philosophy Conference, Otago University*).
- Nov. 2017 “Autonoetic Animals” (*Workshop on the Philosophy of Cognitive Science, University of Buenos Aires*).
- Jul. 2017 “Autonoetic Animals” (*Issues in Philosophy of Memory Conference, University of Cologne*).
- Jul. 2017 “Toward a Phylogeny of Representation” (*Department of Philosophy, University of Tübingen*).
- Nov. 2016 Comments on Don Berkich’s “The Problem of Original Agency” (*Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, Corpus Christi*).
- Sep. 2016 “Mindless Accuracy” (*Newton Fund Conference on the Philosophies of Mind, Language & Action, University of São Paulo*).
- Dec. 2015 “Naturalizing Perspectives” (*New Zealand Association of Philosophy Conference, Massey University*).
- Sept. 2015 “Naturalizing Perspectives” (*Cognitive Tea, Department of Psychology, Rice University*).
- May 2015 Comments on Adrian Alsmith’s “Spatial Perspective Without Self-Location” (*Finding Perspective Workshop, MPI for Biological Cybernetics at Tübingen*).
- Dec. 2014 “Constancies: Towards an Integrated Perspective” (*Naturalizing Agency Workshop, University of Tübingen*).
- Nov. 2014 “Constancies: Towards an Integrated Perspective” (*Philosophy of Neuroscience Group Winter Research Forum, University of Tübingen*).
- Oct. 2014 “Constancies: Towards an Integrated Perspective” (*A Workshop with Tyler Burge, University of Graz*).
- Oct. 2014 “Mental Action, Predictive Processing, and the Flexibility of Perceptual Content” (*Conference of the German Cognitive Science Society, University of Tübingen*).
- Jul. 2014 Comments on Susanna Schellenberg’s “The Particular Elements of Perceptual Experience” (*Workshop on New Perspectives in the Philosophy of Perception, University of Tübingen*).
- Jul. 2014 “Affective Arbitration between Model-Based and Model-Free Learning” (*Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, University of Geneva*).
- May 2014 “How (Not) to Naturalize the Mind” (*Philosophy of Neuroscience Group Summer Research Forum, University of Tübingen*).
- Feb. 2014 Comments on Wayne Wu’s “Against Division: Consciousness, Information and the Visual Streams” (*Attention to Action Workshop, Forum Scientiarum, University of Tübingen*).
- Feb. 2014 Comments on Axel Lindner’s “Attributing Self-Agency to One’s Reaching Movements” (*Markers of Agency Workshop, Center for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen*).
- Dec. 2013 “Representations Gone Mental” (*Porto-Tübingen Workshop on Rationality, Self-Knowledge and Human Agency, University of Porto*).
- Nov. 2013 Comments on Sally Linkenauger’s “Perception Viewed as a Phenotypic Expression” (*Body Perception Workshop, Center for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen*).
- Jun. 2013 “Representations Gone Mental” (*Philosophy of Neuroscience Work in Progress Group, University of Tübingen*).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

- Jul. 2011 “Artificial Neural Networks: What Are They, and What Are They Good For?” (*Rutgers-Merck Summer Bioethics Institute, Newark, NJ*).
- Jun. 2010 “Are Brains Turing Machines? Do People Have Wheels? On the Perils of Armchair Neuroscience” (*Rutgers-Siena Joint Workshop on Mind & Culture, Rutgers University*).
- Jul. 2009 Comments on Corey Maley’s “Analog and Digital, Continuous and Discrete” (*Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology, Savannah*).

SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

- Fall 2018 Faculty Teaching Release (*Rice University*).
- 2017 Office of the Dean of Humanities Grant (*Rice University*).
- 2016 Humanities Research Center Faculty Research Grant (*Rice University*).
- 2015-16 Mosle Research Award (*Rice University*).
- 2014 Co-recipient of grant for summer school on ‘Action: Philosophical, Psychological and Neuroscientific Perspectives’ (*University of Tübingen Excellence Initiative*), €18,000.
- 2011-12 Sellon Fellowship (*Rutgers University*).
- 2010-11 Rutgers Graduate Fellowship (*Rutgers University*).
- 2009-10 Center for Cultural Analysis Fellowship (*Rutgers University*).
- 2005-07 Rutgers Graduate Fellowship (*Rutgers University*).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

- 2017 Participant in ‘Neural Engineering Summer School’ (*Centre for Theoretical Neuroscience, University of Waterloo, Ontario*).
- 2014 Participant in ‘International Summer School in Affective Sciences: Emotion Meets Action’ (*Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, University of Geneva*).
- 2014 Participant in ‘International Summer School on the Neurobiology of Emotions’, with António Damásio and Sabine Döring (*Forum Scientiarum, University of Tübingen*).
- 2009-10 Participant in year-long interdisciplinary working group on ‘Evidence and Explanation in the Arts and Sciences’ (*Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University*).
- 2006 Participant in the ‘Theoretical Neuroscience & Complex Systems Summer School’ (*Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies and the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research*).
- 2005 Research assistant to Dr. Gavin Hunt, studying tool-use in New Caledonian crows (*Department of Psychology, University of Auckland*).
- 2004 Participant in the ‘ISHPSSB Future Directions in the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology Graduate Workshop’ (*University of San Francisco*).
- 2003 & ‘04 Summer research projects using high-density EEG to investigate dichotic pitch perception and neuronal phase synchronization (*Center for Cognitive Neuroscience and the Department of Physics, University of Auckland*).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Refereeing

BOOKS: MIT Press, Routledge.

JOURNALS: Adaptive Behavior, American Philosophical Quarterly, Biology & Philosophy, Brain & Cognition, British Journal of Philosophy of Science, Journal of Cognitive Science, Minds & Machines, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophical Psychology, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Synthese, Topoi.

University & Departmental Service (Rice University)

2017–present Co-Director of Graduate Placement.
2016–present Rice University Research Committee.
2016–present Graduate Admissions Committee.
2015–present Humanities Course Review Committee.
2016–17 Speaker Program Coordinator.
2015–17 Steering Committee for Rice Neuroscience Major.
2016 Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professorship.

Conference & Workshop Organization

2016 Organizer, ‘Rice Summer Workshop on the Interface Between Perception & Cognition’ (*Rice University*).

2015 Co-Organizer and Faculty Member, Summer School on ‘Action: Philosophical, Psychological and Neuroscientific Perspectives’ (*Forum Scientiarum, University of Tübingen*).

2014 Organizer and Chair, ‘Session on Philosophy & Cognitive Science’ (*APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia*).

2014 Organizer, ‘Symposium on Predictive Processing’ for the 12th Biannual Conference of the German Cognitive Science Society (*Cognitive Science Center, University of Tübingen*).

2014 Organizer, ‘Workshop on New Perspectives in the Philosophy of Perception’ (*Center for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen*).

2014 Organizer, ‘Attention to Action: A Workshop with Wayne Wu’ (*Forum Scientiarum, University of Tübingen*).

2013–14 Organizer of reading groups: ‘Action, Space, and Objectivity’ and ‘Predictive Processing,’ (*Center for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen*).

2013–14 Organizer, ‘Work in Progress Talk Series’ (*Center for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen*).

2013 Organizer, ‘Philosophy of Neuroscience Research Forum 2013’ (*Center for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen*).

2011 Faculty Member, ‘Rutgers-Merck Summer Bioethics Institute,’ a summer enrichment program for disadvantaged high-school students in Newark, NJ.

2006 Co-Organizer, 8th Annual Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Philosophy Conference.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2018–present	Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness.
2015–present	New Zealand Association of Philosophers.
2009–present	Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
2008–present	Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
2008–present	American Philosophical Association.
2005–08	International Society for the History, Philosophy & Social Studies of Biology.

TEACHING & ADVISING

Advising & Examining

RICE	Joshua Reagan (PhD student in Philosophy): Dissertation committee, 2016–present. Robert Brockman (PhD student in Neuroscience): Qualifying committee, 2017. Waisan Ng (PhD student in Philosophy): Qualifying committee, 2017. Don Oxtoby (PhD student in Philosophy): Qualifying committee, 2016. Tao Wei (PhD student in Psychology): Outside reader, 2015–16 (defended June '16). Kira Wegner-Clemens (BSc student in Cognitive Science): Honors thesis advisor, 2016–17 (completed May '17).
MACQUARIE	Dorian Minors (MRes student in Cognitive Science): External examiner, 2017.
TÜBINGEN	Ferdinand Pöhlmann (PhD student in Philosophy): Secondary advisor, 2014–15 (defended Oct. '15).

Graduate Teaching

RICE	PHIL 512: Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Perceptual Content (Spring '16). PHIL 512: Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Information & Intentionality (Spring '17). PHIL 512: Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Action, Perception & Objectivity (Spring '18).
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Undergraduate Teaching

RICE	PHIL 103: Philosophical Aspects of Cognitive Science (Fall '15, Spring '17, Spring '18). PHIL 310: Philosophy of Biology (Fall '16, Fall '17). PHIL 352: Philosophy of Psychology (Fall '15). PHIL 359: Animal Minds (Fall '16, Fall '17).
RUTGERS	PHIL 201: Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Summer '07, Fall '07, Summer '08, Fall '12). PHIL 329: Minds, Machines & Persons (Fall '08, Summer '09, Summer '10, Summer '11).

Teaching Assistance

RUTGERS	PHIL 104: Introduction to Philosophy, Prof. Martin Bunzl (Spring '08). PHIL 106: Current Moral & Social Issues, Prof. Larry Temkin (Spring '13). PHIL 252: The Ethics of Food Choices, Prof. Andrew Egan (Spring '11, Fall '11).
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REFERENCES

Dissertation

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Teaching

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