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Academic Employment

- January 2006—
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
Lecturer (permanent), Department of Philosophy
- June 2004—November 2005
Australian National University, Australia
Research Fellow and Deputy Program Manager of the Ethics and Biotechnology Program,
Australian Research Council Special Research Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics
- December 2004—May 2005
University of Alberta, Canada
Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy
- July 2003—November 2003
Macquarie University, Australia
Fixed-Term Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

Education

- Ph.D. in Philosophy
September 2000—May 2004
Australian National University, Australia
Dissertation: *Omniscience: Puzzles in the Philosophy of Religion and Mind*
Advisory Panel: Martin Davies, Frank Jackson, Daniel Stoljar (Chair)
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- B.A. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy (Minor: Applied Mathematics)
July 1996—May 2000
State University of New York at Stony Brook, United States
- Summer School
June 1999—August 1999
Harvard University, United States
- Liberal Arts
April 1994—March 1995
Meiji Gakuin University, Japan

Areas of Specialisation

- Applied Ethics
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

- Epistemology
- Logic
- Philosophy of Language

Publications

Book

2004

1. *There's Something About Mary: Essays on Phenomenal Consciousness and Frank Jackson's Knowledge Argument* (edited with Peter Ludlow and Daniel Stoljar), Cambridge, MA, MIT Press.

Articles

Forthcoming

1. Forthcoming (2006). 'Rosenberg's Panexperientialism', Symposium on Gregg Rosenberg's *A Place for Consciousness, Psyche*.
2. Forthcoming (2005). 'Physicalism and Omniscience: A Reply to Beyer', *Sophia*.
3. Forthcoming (2005). 'Anything You Can Do God Can Do Better' (with Campbell Brown), *American Philosophical Quarterly*.
4. Forthcoming (2005). 'Defensive Medicine and the Disclosure of Surgeons' Performance Data', in Steve Clarke and Justin Oakley (eds.), *Informed Consent and Clinical Accountability: the Ethics of Auditing and Reporting Surgeon Performance*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

2005

5. 'Critical Notice of Richard Swinburne's *The Evolution of the Soul* (Revised Version)', *The Secular Web*.
(http://www.infidels.org/library/modern/yujin_nagasawa/soul.html).
6. 'I Can't Make You Worship Me' (with Campbell Brown), *Ratio* 18, pp. 138-144.
7. 'The Best of All Possible Worlds' (with Campbell Brown), *Synthese* 143, pp. 309-320.
8. 'Chappell on the Consistency of Criticisms of Christianity', *Ratio* 18, pp. 104-106.

2004

9. 'Introduction' (with Daniel Stoljar) in *There is Something About Mary: Essays on Frank Jackson's Knowledge Argument*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, pp. 1-36.
10. 'Skeptical Theism and Moral Skepticism: A Reply to Almeida and Oppy' (with Nick Trakakis), *Ars Disputandi* 4 (<http://www.arsdisputandi.org/publish/articles/000178/article.htm>).
11. 'Subjective Character of Experience in Medical Ethics: A Reply to Atkins', *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 21, pp. 219-223.
12. 'Salvation in Heaven?' (with Graham Oppy and Nick Trakakis), *Philosophical Papers* 33, pp. 95-117. To be reprinted in Graham Oppy (forthcoming) *Arguing About Gods*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

2003

13. 'Thomas vs. Thomas: A New Approach to Nagel's Bat Argument', *Inquiry* 46, pp. 377-394.
14. 'Divine Omniscience and Experience: A Reply to Alter', *Ars Disputandi* 3
(<http://www.arsdisputandi.org/publish/articles/000098/index.html>).
15. 'Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*', *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (Kluwer) 53, pp. 73-82.
16. 'Moral Evil and Human Freedom: A Reply to Tierno', *Sophia* (Ashgate) 42, pp. 107-111.

17. 'SARS and Health Care Workers' Duties', *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics* 13, p. 208.
18. 'God's Point of View: A Reply to Mander', *The Heythrop Journal: A Quarterly Review of Philosophy and Theology* (Blackwell) 44, pp. 60-63.
19. 'I Trust You, You're a Doctor', *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics* 5, pp. 70-73.

2002

20. 'Externalism and the Memory Argument', *Dialectica* 56, pp. 335-346.
21. 'The Knowledge Argument Against Dualism', *Theoria* 68, pp. 205-223.

2000

22. "'Very-Slow-Switching" and Memory: A Critical Note on Ludlow's Paper', *Acta Analytica* 15, pp. 173-175.

Book Reviews and Notes

2005

1. 'Note on Mark Rowlands' *Externalism: Putting Mind and World Back Together Again*', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83, pp. 150-151.

2004

2. 'Review of John Perry's *Knowledge, Possibility and Consciousness*', *Psyche* 10.
(http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/book_reviews/perry/)
3. 'Note on Robert Kirk's *Mind and Body*', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82, pp. 368-369.

2002

4. 'Review of Michael Palmer's *The Question of God*', *Teaching Theology and Religion* (Blackwell) 5, pp. 246-247.
5. 'Review of Joseph Levine's *Purple Haze: The Puzzle of Consciousness*', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 80, pp. 245-247.

Discussions of My Work

1. Gorman, Michael (forthcoming), 'Nagasawa vs. Nagel: Omnipotence, Pseudo-Tasks, and a Recent Discussion of Nagel's Doubts About Physicalism', *Inquiry*.
2. Clarke, Steve (2004), 'Doctor, Doctor, Gimme the News: A Response to Nagasawa', *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*.
3. Tierno, Thomas (2004), 'On the Alleged Connection Between Moral Evil and Human Freedom: Response to Nagasawa and Trakakis', *Sophia* (Ashgate) 43.
4. Austin Cline (2004), 'Can You Be Commanded to Worship?', *Atheism.About.Com* (<http://atheism.about.com/b/a/092338.htm>).
5. Sven Bernecker (2004), 'Memory and Externalism', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 69, pp. 605-632.

Non-refereed Articles

1. 2001. 'The Library of Living Philosophers: Georg Henrik von Wright', *Philosophy Now* 31, p. 49.
2. 2000. 'Has Physicalism Really Won Against Dualism?', *Thesis XII* 7, p. 4.

Presentations

Conferences

2004

1. 'Defensive Medicine and the Disclosure of Surgeons' Performance Data', Publishing Performance Data on Individual Surgeons: the Ethical Issues, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, November 16.

2003

2. 'Salvation in Heaven?' (with Graham Oppy), the Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Adelaide, Australia, July 10.

2002

3. 'Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*', the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Program, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States, December 29.
4. 'The Knowledge Argument Against Dualism', concurrent session 'Qualia and Materialism', Toward a Science of Consciousness, Tucson, Arizona, United States, April 9.
5. 'Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*', the Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Regional Meeting, Washington, United States, April 6.

2001

6. 'Externalism and the Memory Argument', the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, York University, York, United Kingdom, July 7.
7. 'The Knowledge Argument, Dualism, and the Parity of Reasons Objection', the 7th Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, April 19.

2000

8. 'Social Externalism, Slow-Switching, and Memory', the Australasian Association of Philosophy (New Zealand Division) Conference, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand, December 6.

Others

2005

1. 'Omniscience and Indexical Knowledge', University of Glasgow, UK, July 5.
2. 'Omniscience and Indexical Knowledge', University of Birmingham, UK, June 27.
3. 'The Knowledge Argument, Epiphenomenalism and Causal Theories of Knowledge', University of Aberdeen, UK, June 6.
4. 'Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals', University of Bristol, UK, May 26.
5. 'Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals', Bilkent University, Turkey, March 8.
6. 'Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals', Philosophy Colloquia, University of Alberta, February 10.
7. 'The Free Will Defence and Heaven', Keble College, University of Oxford, January 25.

2004

8. 'Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals', University of Manchester, UK, November 24.
9. 'Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals', University of Durham, UK September 29.
10. 'Substituted Judgment, Counterfactuals and the End of life', University of Adelaide, Australia, September 7.
11. 'Substituted Judgment, Counterfactuals and the End of life', Philosophy Program, RISSS, Australian National University.
12. 'Substituted Judgment, Counterfactuals and the End of life', CAPPE Seminar, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, Australia, August 12.
13. 'Substituted Judgment, Counterfactuals and the End of life', CAPPE Seminar, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, August 3.

2002

14. 'Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*', the ANU Philosophy Society, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, November 5.
15. 'Thomas vs. Thomas: A New Approach to the "What Is It Like To Be" Argument', the ANU Philosophy Society, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, May 21.
16. 'Anything You Can Do God Can Do Better' (with Campbell Brown), the ANU Philosophy Society, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, April 30.

2001

17. 'Externalism and the Memory Argument', the ANU Philosophy Society, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, June 12.

Prizes and Awards

1. 2002. Foreign Scholar Travel Stipend, the American Philosophical Association.
2. 2001. Conference Grant for the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, the Aristotelian Society.
3. 2000-2004. ANU Graduate School Scholarship Funded by the Endowment for Excellence, Australian National University.
"The scholarships are for outstanding applicants of all nationalities who will be comparable with the top 15 percent of scholarship recipients. Applicants must have an excellent Bachelor degree record with first class honours (or an equivalent degree), very strong support from referees, very strong support from a supervisory area within the University and very strong support from the relevant Graduate Program."
4. 2000-2004. ANU PhD Scholarship, Australian National University.
5. 2000. Highest GPA among graduating philosophy majors, State University of New York at Stony Brook.
6. 2000. *Phi Sigma Tau* (New York *Delta*) Undergraduate Excellence in Philosophy, United States.
7. 2000. Election to *Phi Beta Kappa* Honor Society, United States.
8. 1999. Election to *Phi Sigma Tau* International Honor Society in Philosophy, United States.
9. 1998. Election to Golden Key International Honour Society, United States.
10. 1996-2000. Dean's List, State University of New York at Stony Brook.
11. 1994. Meiji Gakuin Scholarship Award for the Highest GPA, Meijigakuin University.

Teaching

Macquarie University

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy of Mind

Language, Logic and Computation

Charles Sturt University

Reasoning, Values, and Communication

Australian National University

Critical Thinking

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University of the Third Age Inc.

Consciousness

Philosophy of Mind

Guest Lectures

Critical Thinking (Medgar Evers College, City University of New York)

Professional Ethics (University of Adelaide)

Qualification

1. 2001. Graduate Teaching Program (completed with merit), Graduate School, Australian National University.

Professional Service

1. 2005. PhD thesis examiner, University of New South Wales.
2. 2005. Referee, *Inquiry*.
3. 2004. Referee, *Psyche*.
4. 2004. Referee, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
5. 2004. Referee, Oxford University Press.

6. 2003. Referee, *Philosophical Psychology*.
7. 2003. Coordinator of a reading group with Robert Merrihew Adams on the problem of evil, March.
8. 2002. Referee, *Philosophical Quarterly*.
9. 2002. Referee, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*.
10. 2002. Convenor of the ANU Philosophy Society (weekly departmental seminar series), Philosophy Program, Australian National University, February-December.
11. 2001. Coordinator of a reading group on the knowledge argument, Philosophy Program, Australian National University, August-September.

Dissertation Summary

The aim of this work is to shed light on the concept of omniscience and demonstrate that it plays crucial roles in a number of important philosophical topics, particularly in the philosophy of religion and the philosophy of mind. In Part I, I try to provide a proper formulation of omniscience and show that the issue of omniscience emerges in many distinct areas of philosophy, such as the philosophy of religion, epistemology, aesthetics, the philosophy of language, logic and the philosophy of mind. In Part II, I focus on the philosophy of religion and analyse two arguments that are held to refute the existence of an omniscient God: the argument from knowledge *de se* and the argument from concept possession. I evaluate the existing objections to these arguments and demonstrate that none of them is successful. I then provide my own objections to the arguments by utilising the concept of omniscience. To evaluate these anti-theist arguments is an important task in itself. However, in Part III, I argue that my analyses of the arguments are applicable to quite different arguments in the philosophy of mind: Thomas Nagel's bat argument and Frank Jackson's knowledge argument, both of which purport to undermine the dominant physicalist position on the mind-body problem. I construe the arguments in terms of omniscience and, on that basis, I maintain that the bat argument is parallel to the argument from knowledge *de se*, and that the knowledge argument is parallel to the argument from concept possession. By comparing the knowledge argument and the bat argument with their counterparts I construct new objections to the arguments.

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