Curriculum Vitae

Jeffrey J. Watson

LECTURER, PHILOSOPHY
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL & RELIGIOUS STUDIES
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Area of Specialization: Metaphysics / Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence: Logic, Ethics, Epistemology, History of Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy

Arizona State University, 2008 - 2013

Dissertation: Emergence and Cosmic Hermeneutics

Committee: Bernard W. Kobes (chair), Ángel Pinillos, Steven Reynolds, Terry Horgan

Dissertation Summary: Emergentism is the view that sometimes "the whole is more than the sum of its parts". Originating in J. S. Mill's *System of Logic*, emergentist accounts have been offered for a whole host of phenomena in the natural and social sciences, most notably phenomenal consciousness. However, it is rarely clear what claims of "emergence" are committed to. I offer a coherent and unified account of emergence, and defend it as an intermediate position between materialism and dualism from common objections.

B.A., Political Science & Linguistics

M.A., Philosophy

University of Arizona, 1999 – 2002

Arizona State University, 2008 - 2012

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers

2010 – present 2017 – present

Research Interests: Emergence, Mental Causation, Consciousness, Vagueness, Paradoxes, Counterfactuals, Varieties of Possibility, Representation, Responsibility.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Lecturer, Arizona State University 2014 – present

PAST EMPLOYMENT: Arizona State University: Instructor (2013-2014), Faculty Associate (2012-2013), Teaching Assistant (2009 - 2012), Grader (2008 - 2009), Tutor for Writing Center, GRE Prep, and Disability Resources Center (2008 - 2009). Northern Arizona University, Prescott Valley, Adjunct Faculty (2011-2012). Yavapai College, Prescott, Adjunct Faculty (2011-2012).

RESEARCH - PRESENTATIONS		
"Overdetermination isn't the Problem" American Philosophical Association, Central Division	Denver, CO	Feb. 23, 2019
"Symposium on Marvin Mooney's Paradox" American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division	New York, NY	Jan. 7, 2019
"Sustainability, Conservation, and the Categorical Imperational Society for Environmental Ethics	tive" Allenspark, CO	June 2, 2017
"Can I Know What I Would Have Freely Done?" American Philosophical Association, Central Division	Seattle, WA	April 12, 2017
"Lifting Two Burdens on Epistemicism" American Philosophical Association, Central Division	Kansas City, MO	Mar. 1, 2017
"Borderline Cases without Borderlines" Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium – Analytic Group	Washington, PA	Sept. 10, 2016
"Just Reasons to Refuse Just Reparations" American Philosophical Association, Central Division	St. Louis, MO	Feb. 19, 2015
"The Ethics of Insults" Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	Boulder, CO	Aug. 10, 2013
"Two Notions of Sufficiency" Philosophy Society, Australian National University	Canberra, Australia	Mar. 5, 2013
"Mental Causation: Two Notions of Sufficiency" American Philosophical Association, Central Division	New Orleans, LA	Feb. 23, 2013
"Harm and Reasonable Expectations" American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division	Seattle, WA	April 5, 2012
"Logic and Perceptual Content" American Philosophical Association, Central Division	Chicago, IL	Feb. 16, 2012
"Mending the Broken Promises of the Past: On Responsib American Philosophical Association, Central Division	ility to Repair Historica Minneapolis, MN	al Wrongs" April 1, 2011

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy*
PHI 105: Introduction to Ethics
PHIV 111: Social and Moral Philosophy
PHIV 110: Introduction to Critical Thinking
HUM 205: Technology and Human Values

PHI 329: History of Modern Philosophy*
PHI 330: Theory of Knowledge*
PHI 332: Metaphysics*
PHI 333: Symbolic Logic
PHI 334: Philosophy of Mind*
PHI 335: History of Ethics

PHI 403: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy* PHI 420: Consciousness Seminar*

PHI 591: Consciousness Seminar Co-Instructor (2012, 2016, 2018)

MENTORING AND INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION

Teaching Mentor for Ph.D. Students: Aubrey Spivey (2020)

Independent Study Courses Directed: IDS 401: Brenna Hansen (Fall 2019), PHI 499: B. Hoogstra, J. Berger (Fall 2016); HPS 495: B. Hoogstra, with Prof. Karin Ellison (Fall 2015, Spring 2016).

Independent Non-Credit Research by Undergraduate Students: Z. Puetz, S. Russell (2017). C. Postlewaite (2016). T. Campbell, F. Schreick, T. Woods (2015). B. Johnson, J. Watkins-Quesada, A. Farvin (2014).

Post-Graduate Researcher Mentoring: B. Hoogstra, M.Sc. Thesis, University of Amsterdam (2019-2020), F. Schreick, M.A. Thesis, Arizona State University (2017-2018); C. Postlewaite, Visiting Scholar, CUNY (2017-2018); P. Brooks, Texas Tech (2018); J. Watkins-Quesada (2014-2018).

Student Interviews: Student Interview, Ethan Kleiner, "Stoicism" (2019), Student Video Interview, Alyssa Clark, "Philosophy and Gender" (2014); Video Blog Interview, Morgan Tyler, "Personal Identity & Creating a Character" (2017); Student Podcast, Roddy Nikpour, "The Soul" (2016).

Other Mentoring: Advising students seeking admission to Barrett Honors College (2015 - 2017); Advising graduating students pursuing postgraduate study (2014-2019); 1st Year SHPRS Majors Philosophy Chats (Fall 2014).

BARRETT HONORS FACULTY

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Rachael Kha: Causation as Causal Influence	2019-2020
Ismael Guerrero: Chief Executives	2018-2019
Tyler Woods: Virtue Ethics: Maximizing Enjoyment in Life	2016-2017
Dalton Woodard: Artificial Intelligence and Consciousness	2016-2017
Radu Moga: Narrative Conceptions of Identity	2015-2017
Dillyn Foy: Philosophy of Crime and Punishment	2015-2016

BARRETT HONORS FACULTY, HONORS THESIS SECOND READER

Troy Anderson, The Moral Responsibility of Complex Robots	2019-2020
Allison George, Islamic Approaches to the Free Will Defense	2019-2020
Parker Shea, The Free Will Defense	2019
Elana Quint, Consciousness in the Grey Zone	2019
Chelsea Gulinson, The Ethics of Food Localization	2014-2015
Nathan Broderick, Ethics and Documentary Filmmaking	2013-2014

HONORS ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS

2019: 2, 2018: 4, 2017: 6, 2016: 2, 2015: 8, 2014: 3, 2013: 1

^{*}Indicates online course development.

PUBLISHED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Watson, J. (2019) Introduction to Logic, Cogbooks, Orlando, FL.

An online adaptive learning system with text readings, videos, interactive exercises, quizzes, and supplemental resources, that introduces formal and informal logic to students while tracking their progress.

Watson, J. (2016) *Introduction to Philosophy: Deducing Answers*, Kendall Hunt, Dubuque, IA.

An introduction to philosophy textbook with focused descriptions of philosophical problems, such as skepticism, the mind/body problem, and free will, and includes an anthology of historical and contemporary texts.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Philosophy Awards Committee	2016-2021
EPIC Discussion Group	2016-2020
EdPlus - Cogbooks User Testing	2020
ASU C.P.E Theory of Knowledge Preview Course	2020
SHPRS Writing Tutorial Videos	2020
SHPRS "Remote Prepping" Video	2020
The LEAD Project, Office of the University Provost	2015-2020
UTO - Student Response System RFP Committee	2019-2020
The College Advising Hub - First-Year Advising "Major of the Week" Speaker	2020
EdPlus - Theory of Knowledge Preview Video	2019
LEAD - Principles of Sound Reasoning Preview Video	2019
Canvas "Ally" Accessibility Pilot	2019
PHI 101 "Master Class" Development Team, SHPRS	2015-2019
Presentation to Undergraduate Philosophy Club, "Mental Causation"	2019
"Pitch" Pilot for Online Teaching	2018
Faculty Co-Advisor, Online Undergraduate Philosophy Club	2013-2018
Philosophers Talkin' Pedagogy discussion group participant	2017
SHPRS iConsume Panel	2017
EdPlus Academic Integrity Video Content	2017
Canvas Pilot Program, University Technology Office	2016-2017
Philosophy Summer Hiring Committee	2016
CLAS Demofest Presenter	2016
CLAS Humanities Early Start Planning Meetings	2015
"Mini-Seminar" for High School Philosophy Students	2015
SHPRS FAC Talks, "Teaching Philosophy Online"	2014
Mini-Conference Planning Committee, Philosophy Unit	2013

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

Faculty Advisor, Graduate Philosophical Society

2013-2021

Presentations: "Overdetermination is not the Problem" (2018), "Marvin Mooney's Paradox" (2017),

"Responsibility for Harm" (Fall 2015), "Funding Conference Travel" (Fall 2015), "New Graduate Student Q & A" (Fall 2014), "Just Reparations" (Fall 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AS A REVIEWER

Oxford University Press	2020, 2014
Rowman & Littlefield	2017
Broadview Press	2015
Bloomsbury Academic	2015
ANSR-Source / McGraw Hill	2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AS A COMMENTATOR

Peter Finocchiaro, "A Puzzle About Parsimony"

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago IL February 26, 2020

Marco Stango, "A Category Mistake in Philosophy of Consciousness and Naturalistic Dualism" American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Savannah GA January 4, 2018

Claire Hamlett, "A Framework for Thinking about Environmental Practices"

International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, CO

June 2, 2017

Jason Hanschmann, "A Problematic Approach to Resolving the Sorites Paradox"

Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Colorado Springs, CO

October 6, 2016

Analytic Working Group: Language, Mind & Metaphysics

Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium September 10, 2016

Matt Smith, "Luck and Responsibility in Politics"

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO August 10, 2013

Nick Cesare, "Absurd Results from Posthumous Harm"

Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ April 5, 2013

Ralf Bader, "Aggregating vs. Balancing Harms"

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division April 5, 2012

Jonathan Spelman, "A Defense of Phenomenal Conservativism"

Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ March 3, 2012

Neil Mehta, "Is there a Phenomenological Argument for Representationalism?"

Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ March 6, 2011

Benjamin Jarvis, "The Instrumental Value of Truth"

Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ March 21, 2009

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AS A SESSION CHAIR

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Fransisco, CA April 11, 2020 Colloquium by Bridger Landle and William Kilborn, "Theon's Revenge and Commonsense Ontology"

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL Symposium by Torin Alter, "Russellian Monism and Structuralism about Physics" February 29, 2020

31st Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science, Boulder, CO October 17, 2015
Sessions by Nora Berenstein, "Strengthening Weak Emergence"; Kevin Morris, "Truthmaking, Levels of Reality, and the Mysteries of Emergence."; Fatema Amijee, "Emergence and Metaphysical Explanation"

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC Colloquium by Chris Melenovsky, "Rawlsian Objectivity"

April, 2015

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Interview on Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence, Arizona State Press	Oct. 2018
Interview on Philosophy and Corporate Brand Identity, <i>Phoenix Business RadioX</i>	Oct. 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ASU Copyright and Fair Use for Instructors	2019
Quality Matters: Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) Certificate	2018
American Association of Philosophy Teachers - APA Workshop	2018
American Association of Philosophy Teachers - APA Workshop	2017
ASU Teaching Controversial Topics Workshop	2017

AWARDS

Visiting Ph.D. Student in Philosophy, RSSS, The Australian National University	2013
Doctoral Research Grant, Arizona Board of Regents	2013
Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Arizona State	2013
Graduate Student Travel Awards, American Philosophical Association	2010-2013
Graduate Student Travel Awards, Arizona State University (GPSA, SHPRS)	2010-2013