

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher (2021-2022)

University of Antwerp, Centre for Philosophical Psychology
PI: Bence Nanay
Funded through the ERC Consolidator Grant “Seeing Things You Don’t See: Unifying the Philosophy, Psychology, and Neuroscience of Multimodal Mental Imagery”

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy

The University of Texas at Austin
2016-2021 (Defended June 2021)
Dissertation: “Loss of Control and Phenomenology in Mental Disorder”
Committee: Michelle Montague (Chair), Galen Strawson, David Sosa, Tim Bayne (Monash University), Hanna Pickard (Johns Hopkins University)

Dissertation Abstract: The dissertation is centered around philosophical problems that arise from the so-called “loss of control” that occurs in mental disorder. First, I develop a model of the sense of agency that can explain how it is that individuals with anorexia nervosa can sincerely experience their disordered actions as being effortful and within their full control when this is not the case. Then, I propose a “horseshoe model” of loss of control that allows us to make sense of the complex web of similarities and dissimilarities between disorders marked by extreme compulsivity (e.g. anorexia) and extreme impulsivity (e.g. addiction). Finally, I pursue a question that arises out of my horseshoe model, namely: Why is one “half” of the model associated with the phenomenology of loss of control while the other “half” is associated with the phenomenology of extreme self-control? This line of inquiry ultimately leads to an understanding of how actions flowing from one’s pathological desires can be experienced differently depending on the contents of one’s self-image.

B.A. in Philosophy, Honors Track

University of Notre Dame
2012-2016

AOS

Philosophy of mind (including philosophy of psychology and cognitive science), philosophy of psychiatry, action theory

AOC

Applied ethics, bioethics, metaphysics

Publications

Anorexia Nervosa: Illusion in the Sense of Agency

Forthcoming in *Mind & Language*

Honors and Awards

Provost’s Graduate Excellence Fellowship

The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-2021

Competitive five-year recruitment package totaling \$44,000 of support per year, including three years of full (non-teaching) fellowship funding and summer funding

Selected Commencement Speaker for the Undergraduate Philosophy Major

University of Notre Dame, May 2016

Presentations

Invited Speaker: “Love, Beauty, and Objectification” Graduate Seminar and Faculty Research Seminar (Scheduled for February 2022)

University of Notre Dame

Interdisciplinary series hosted by philosophy and gender studies departments

“Agentive Awareness and Anorexia Nervosa”

Colloquium presentation, APA Pacific Division Meeting

San Francisco, April 2020 (rescheduled and presented via Zoom in 2021)

“Addiction and Willpower: Solving the Mismatch Problem”

University of Texas at Austin

MindWork pre-read colloquium series, March 2020

“Cognitive Penetration of Shape Experience”

University of Toronto

“Psy-Phi: Philosophy meets Psychology” Conference, May 2018

“An Indirect Mechanism for Cognitive Penetration”

The University of Texas at Austin

Departmental “Flash” Conference, September 2017

Teaching Experience

Lead Instructor (Courses I designed marked with “*”)

- ◆ Contemporary Moral Problems, Fall 2019*
(Applied ethics course with special emphasis on bioethics and mental illness)
- ◆ Mind and Body, Spring 2020*
(Introductory philosophy of mind course with transition to an online format)

Teaching Assistant

- ◆ Mind and Body, Fall 2018
(for Michael Tye)
- ◆ Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2019
(for Michelle Montague, including guest lectureship)

Teaching Preparation Series Certificate (May 2021)

- ◆ Awarded by the UT Austin Faculty Innovation Center upon completion of series aimed at furthering pedagogical best practices and fostering diversity and inclusion
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Mentorship and Professional Service

Graduate Student Representative

2020-2021 academic year

First-Year Interest Group (FIG) Invited Speaker

October 2019 (Pre-Law FIG), November 2019 (Liberal Arts FIG)
 Student-selected instructor chosen to speak at meeting focused on
 mentorship and fostering academic success in a liberal arts major

Prospective Students Committee Member

2017-2018, 2018-2019 academic years

AGENT Conference Referee

2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference

Organizer 2017, Referee 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

**Graduate
Coursework**

(Audited courses marked with “*”)

Philosophy of Mind

- ◆ Objective Reference (Fall 2016)—Michelle Montague and Katherine Dunlop
- ◆ Consciousness and Intentionality (Spring 2017)—Michael Tye and Mark Sainsbury
- ◆ Independent Study on Cognitive Penetration (Summer 2017)—Michelle Montague and Galen Strawson
- ◆ Independent Study on Disorders of Volition (Fall 2018)—David Sosa
- ◆ Perception and the Evolution of Consciousness* (Spring 2019)—Michael Tye and Mark Sainsbury
- ◆ Classics in Philosophy of Mind* (Fall 2019)—Michael Tye and Mark Sainsbury
- ◆ Mind* (Spring 2020)—Michelle Montague

Metaphysics

At University of Texas at Austin:

- ◆ Neo-Aristotelianism (Fall 2016)—Rob Koons
- ◆ Metaphysics of Modality (Fall 2017)—Jon Litland
- ◆ Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason (Fall 2018)—Ian Proops and Katherine Dunlop
- ◆ Metaphysics/Mind (Fall 2020)—Michelle Montague

Graduate Courses at University of Notre Dame:

- ◆ Contemporary Neo-Aristotelianism (Fall 2015)—Chris Shields
- ◆ Aristotle’s Metaphysics (Spring 2016)—Chris Shields

Additional Coursework

- ◆ First-Year Seminar (Fall 2016)—Galen Strawson and Michelle Montague
- ◆ Making an Effort (Fall 2017)—David Sosa
- ◆ Core Logic (Spring 2017)—Josh Dever
- ◆ Virtue Ethics (Spring 2017)—Matt Evans and Paul Woodruff
- ◆ Supervised Teaching in Philosophy (Spring 2018)—Michael Tye
- ◆ Expression* (Fall 2018)—David Sosa
- ◆ Dissertation Seminar (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)—Josh Dever, Galen Strawson

References**Michelle Montague**

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