

# JACOB F. BERGER

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## RESEARCH/TEACHING AREAS

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**AOS:** Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science

**AOC:** Epistemology, Philosophy of Science

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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### Lycoming College

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy 2022-present

Chair, Department of Philosophy 2023-2026

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy 2019-2022

### Idaho State University (ISU)

Assistant Professor, Department of English and Philosophy 2014-2019

### University of Antwerp

Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Philosophical Psychology 2013-2014

### Baruch College

Instructor, Department of Philosophy 2008-2013

## EDUCATION

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### The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY)

Ph.D., Philosophy, with concentration in Cognitive Science September 2013

DISSERTATION: *A Holistic Approach to Representationalism*

M.Phil., Philosophy February 2010

### Swarthmore College

B.A., High Honors, Honors Major in Philosophy, Minor in Psychology June 2005

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

**A Higher-Order Account of the Phenomenology of Particularity** 2024

*Erkenntnis* doi: [10.1007/s10670-023-00764-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-023-00764-6).

**HOTT and Heavy: Higher-Order Thought Theory and the Theory-Heavy Approach to Animal Consciousness** 2024

*Synthese* [203\(98\)](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-024-04529-8): doi: 10.1007/s11229-024-04529-8 (with Myrto Mylopoulos).

**Quality-Space Functionalism about Color** 2021

*The Journal of Philosophy* [18\(3\)](https://doi.org/10.1017/S002226072100011): 138-164.

- Conceptualizing Consciousness** 2021  
*Philosophical Psychology* [34\(5\): 637-659](#) (with Richard Brown).
- Default Hypotheses in the Study of Perception: A Reply to Phillips** 2021  
*Journal of Consciousness Studies* [28\(3-4\): 206-219](#) (with Myrto Mylopoulos).
- Perceptual Consciousness Plays No Epistemic Role** 2020  
*Philosophical Issues* [30\(1\): 7-23](#).
- Implicit Attitudes and Awareness** 2020  
*Synthese* [197\(3\): 1291-1312](#).
- On Scepticism about Unconscious Perception** 2019  
*Journal of Consciousness Studies* [26\(11-12\): 8-32](#) (with Myrto Mylopoulos).
- A Defense of Holistic Representationalism** 2018  
*Mind & Language* [33\(2\): 161-176](#).
- Unconscious Perceptual Justification** 2018  
*Inquiry* [61\(5-6\): 569-589](#) (with Bence Nanay & Jake Quilty-Dunn).
- Working Memory and Consciousness: The Current State of Play** 2018  
*Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* [12:78](#) (with Marjan Persuh & Eric LaRock).
- A Dilemma for the Soul Theory of Personal Identity** 2018  
*International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* [83\(1\): 41-55](#).
- How Things Seem to Higher-Order Thought Theorists** 2017  
*Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* [56\(3\): 503-526](#).
- Relationalism and Unconscious Perception** 2016  
*Analysis* [76\(4\): 426-433](#) (with Bence Nanay).
- Virtue, Situationism, and the Cognitive Value of Art** 2016  
*The Monist* [99\(2\): 144-158](#) (with Mark Alfano).
- The Sensory Content of Perceptual Experience** 2015  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* [96\(4\): 446-468](#).
- Consciousness is Not a Property of States: A Reply to Wilberg** 2014  
*Philosophical Psychology* [27\(6\): 829-842](#).
- Mental States, Conscious and Nonconscious** 2014  
*Philosophy Compass* [9\(6\): 392-401](#).
- Do We Conceptualize Every Color We Consciously Discriminate?** 2012  
*Consciousness and Cognition* [21\(2\): 632-635](#).
- CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES
- Rosenthal's Representationalism** 2022  
 In *Qualitative Consciousness: Themes from the Philosophy of David Rosenthal*, Josh Weisberg (ed.), Cambridge University Press: [123-141](#) (with Richard Brown).
- Kinds of Consciousness** 2022  
 In *Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience: A Philosophical Introduction*, Carolyn Dicey Jennings & Benjamin Young (eds.), Routledge: [251-265](#).
- Perceptual Justification Outside of Consciousness** 2014  
 In *Consciousness Inside and Out: Phenomenology, Neuroscience, and the Nature of Experience*, Richard Brown (ed.), Springer: [137-145](#).
- BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS
- The Mind-Body Problem: What Are Minds?** 2024  
*1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology* [3 February](#).
- Consciousness and Its Place in Epistemology: Review of *The Epistemic***

- Role of Consciousness by Declan Smithies** 2023  
*Philosophical Psychology* doi: [10.1080/09515089.2022.2153660](https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2022.2153660).
- Review of Modest Nonconceptualism: Epistemology, Phenomenology, and Content by Eva Schmidt** 2016  
*Grazer Philosophische Studien* 93(4): 600-606.
- Review of Naturalism and the First-Person Perspective by Lynne R. Baker** 2015  
*Mind* 124(493): 317-321.
- 'You Gotta Listen to How People Talk': Machines and Natural Language** 2009  
 In *Terminator and Philosophy: I'll be Back, Therefore I Am*, Richard Brown & Kevin Decker (eds.), Wiley & Sons: [239-252](#) (with Kyle Ferguson).

## PRESENTATIONS

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PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND TALKS (\* indicates invited; otherwise, refereed)

- HO Theories and Animal Consciousness** (with Myrto Mylopoulos)  
 Society for the Study of Ethics & Animals, Pacific APA, Portland, OR\* March 2024  
 Faculty Research Presentation, Humanities Research Center, Lycoming\* February 2024  
 The Science of Consciousness, Taormina, Sicily May 2023
- How Qualities and Content Interact in Perception**  
 ASSC, New York, NY June 2023
- Quality-Space Functionalism about Color**  
 Philosophy Department Colloquium, Kent State University, Kent, OH\* February 2023  
 Philosophy Department Colloquium, Carleton University, ON\* November 2019
- Episode 37: Rainbow in the Dark (with Jacob Berger)**  
*SpaceTimeMind* Podcast with Pete Mandik\* May 2022
- The Apparent Particularity of Perceptual Experience**  
 Cognitive Science Series, CUNY\* April 2022  
 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Mobile, AL March 2022
- Episode 60: Jacob F. Berger Live!**  
*Consciousness Live!* Podcast with Richard Brown\* March 2021
- Perceptual Holism and Reliable Misperception**  
 Eastern APA, Philadelphia, PA January 2020  
 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati, OH March 2019
- Conceptualizing Consciousness**  
 Philosophy of Mind Discussion Group, New York University, NY\* November 2019
- Can Visual Masking Provide Evidence for Unconscious Perception?**  
 Pacific APA, San Diego, CA (with Myrto Mylopoulos) March 2018  
 Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Brigham Young University, UT November 2017
- Implicit Attitudes and Modes of Awareness**  
 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, GA March 2017  
 Anthropology Department Colloquium, ISU\* April 2015  
 Perspectives on Moral Responsibility, Utah Valley University, UT March 2015
- Two New Arguments for Holistic Representationalism**  
 ASSC, Poster, Buenos Aires, Argentina June 2016
- Mental Qualities and Nonconceptual Content**  
 Conference in Honor of David Rosenthal, Taipei University, Taiwan\* August 2015

<b>Seeing Through Transparency</b>	
Eastern APA, Philadelphia, PA	December 2014
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX	February 2013
<b>An Introduction to Perceptual Holism</b>	
Paris (Self-)Consciousness Group, Institut Jean Nicod, France*	April 2014
Mind and Cognition Workshop, Tilburg University, Netherlands	December 2013
<b>Action Phenomenology and the Mental Antecedents of Action</b>	
8th Annual Seminar in Phenomenology, University of Liege, Belgium	April 2014
Workshop on Action Phenomenology, University of Antwerp	March 2014
<b>Consciousness is Not a Property of States</b>	
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, GA	March 2012
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Montreal, QC	July 2011
<b>Conceptualism, Perception, and Perceptual Sensations</b>	
Conceptual Content Conference, Cambridge University, UK	September 2011
<b>Intentionalism and Representational Qualitative Character</b>	
Cognitive Science Series, CUNY*	October 2010
ASSC, Poster, Toronto, ON	June 2010
<b>Fodor and the Structure of Iconic Representations</b>	
Toward a Science of Consciousness, Poster, University of Arizona, AZ	April 2010
<b>A Situationist Challenge to Aristotle's Aesthetics</b>	
Long Island Philosophical Society, Long Island, NY	October 2009
<b>Armstrong and the Difference between Particulars and Universals</b>	
Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC	April 2009
Long Island Philosophical Society, Long Island, NY	October 2008
<b>Textualism and Judicial Lawmaking</b>	
Language and Law Conference, University of Oslo, Norway*	June 2008
<b>Do Experiences Constitute Phenomenal Beliefs?</b>	
Cognitive Science Series, CUNY*	March 2008
<b>The Ineffability of the Phenomenal Aspect of Mental States</b>	
Philadelphia Undergraduate Consortium Conference, Swarthmore, PA	April 2005

## COMMENTARIES

<b>Paul Coates' "Reflections on the Two-Component Model of Experience"</b>	
<i>Academia Letters</i> , Online	July 2021
<b>Ori Beck's "Naive Realism for Unconscious Perceptions"</b>	
Central APA, Chicago, IL	February 2018
<b>Nicholas Shea &amp; Chris Frith's "The Case for 'Type Zero' Cognition"</b>	
The Brains Blog, Online <i>Neuroscience of Consciousness</i> Symposium	October 2017
<b>Laura Gow's "Everything is Clear: All Experiences Are Transparent"</b>	
Minds Online Conference	September 2016
<b>Richard Brown's "The Phenomenology of HOT"</b>	
Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA	March 2013
<b>Benj Hellie's "There It Is"</b>	
Third Online Consciousness Conference	Spring 2011
<b>William S. Robinson's "Challenges for a Humanoid Robot"</b>	
On the Human, National Humanities Center Online Project	Summer 2011
<b>Pete Mandik's "Color-Consciousness Conceptualism"</b>	
Second Online Consciousness Conference (with David Pereplyotchik)	Spring 2010

## HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>Professional Development Grant (\$2,200)</b> , Lycoming	2023
“Higher-Order Theories and the Search for Consciousness”	
<b>Faculty Travel Funds (\$1,000-\$1,600)</b> , Lycoming	x4; 2020-present
<b>Research Enhancement Grant (\$4,000)</b> , College of Arts & Letters, ISU	2017
<b>Faculty Travel Grants (\$500-\$1,250)</b> , College of Arts & Letters, ISU	x5; 2016-2018
<b>Pilot Grant (\$15,000)</b> , Consciousness Science Center, University of Michigan	2015
“Nonconscious Working Memory,”	
(with Eric LaRock, Marjan Persuh, & Chandra Sripada)	
<b>Dissertation Fellowship Award (\$22,000)</b> , CUNY (declined)	2013
<b>Doctoral Student Research Grant (\$1,440; \$1,600)</b> , CUNY	2010; 2013
<b>Student Travel Grant (\$300)</b> , CUNY	2009; 2013
<b>Winner of Student Poster Competition</b> , ASSC, Toronto, ON	2010
<b>Chancellor’s Graduate Teaching Fellowship (\$18,000 per year)</b> , CUNY	2007-2012
<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b> , Swarthmore College	2005

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND SERVICE

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### REFEREEING

*1000-Word Philosophy; Academia Letters; Acta Analytica; AI & Society; American Philosophical Quarterly; Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Behavioural Brain Research; British Journal for the Philosophy of Science; Cambridge University Press; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Cognitive Neurodynamics; Consciousness and Cognition; Czech Science Foundation; Dialogue; Ergo; Erkenntnis; Frontiers in Human Neuroscience; Frontiers in Psychology; International Journal of Philosophical Studies; Inquiry; i-Perception; iScience; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Journal of Consciousness Studies; Journal for General Philosophy of Science; Journal of Philosophical Research; The Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology; Mind; Mind & Language; Minds Online; Oxford University Press; Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences; Philosophia; The Philosophical Forum; Philosophical Issues; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies; Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B; Philosophy Compass; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Philosophy of Science; Problemos; Ratio; Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Routledge; Society for Analytical Philosophy; Society for Philosophy and Psychology; Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology; Springer; Synthese; Theoria; THEORIA*

### CONFERENCE AND TALK ORGANIZING

<b>Departmental Sponsor, Quayshawn Spencer, Douthat Lecture</b> , Lycoming	March 2023
<b>Organizer, Gregg Caruso on <i>Rejecting Retributivism</i></b> , Lycoming	February 2022
<b>Organizer, Workshop on Action Phenomenology</b> , University of Antwerp	March 2014
<b>Organizer, Session on Perception</b> , Third Online Consciousness Conference	Spring 2011
<b>Co-Organizer, Philosophy Graduate Student Conference</b> , CUNY	Spring 2009

### TRAININGS

<b>Certificate, eISU Quality+ Online Teaching Program</b> , ISU	Fall 2018
<b>Course, Improving Your Online Course</b> , Quality Matters, ISU	February 2018
<b>Course, Applying the Quality Matters Rubric</b> , Quality Matters, ISU	January 2018
<b>Course, Introduction to Online Teaching</b> , Quality Matters, ISU	Summer 2014

**Workshop, Writing-Across-the-Curriculum (WAC) Pedagogy, CUNY** Fall 2011

COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE

<b>Member, Committee on Budgets, Salaries, &amp; Benefits, Lycoming</b>	2024-2029
<b>Member, General Committee on Academic Affairs, Lycoming</b>	2023-present
<b>Member, Institutional Review Board, Lycoming</b>	2023-2024
<b>Member, Academic Freedom &amp; Grievances Committee, Lycoming</b>	2023-2026
<b>Member, Faculty Library Advisory Committee, Lycoming</b>	2022-present
<b>Member, All-In Campus Democracy Challenge Advisory Board, Lycoming</b>	2022-present
<b>Tutor, LSAT Prep Course, Lycoming</b>	2022-present
<b>Member, Remote Learning Committee, Lycoming</b>	2022-present
<b>Member, Committee on Student Life, Lycoming</b>	2022-2023
<b>Mentor, Incoming Faculty, Lycoming</b>	2022-2023
<b>Untenured Member, Faculty Executive Council, Lycoming</b>	2021-2022
<b>Member, Academic Standards Committee, Lycoming</b>	2020-2021
<b>Member, COVID-19 Curriculum Committee, Lycoming</b>	Summer 2020
<b>Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Lycoming</b>	2020-present
<b>Academic Advisor, Lycoming</b>	2020-present
<b>Participant, Neuroscience Colloquium (NEURO 449), Lycoming</b>	2019-present
<b>Faculty Sponsor, Young Democrats, ISU</b>	2018-2019
<b>Member and Chair, Departmental Publicity Committee, ISU</b>	2017-2019
<b>Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, ISU</b>	2015-2019
<b>Member, Philosophy Program Committee, ISU</b>	2014-2019
<b>Member, Ro Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, The City College, CUNY</b>	2012-2013
<b>Writing Fellow, New York City College of Technology, CUNY</b>	2011-2012
<b>Student Member, Philosophy Program Executive Committee, CUNY</b>	Fall 2008
<b>Intern, Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania</b>	Summer 2003

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL-DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

<b>An Overview of My Current Research</b>	
Faculty Research Forum, Lycoming	November 2022
<b>Morality and Me</b>	
Resident Life Faculty Presentation, Lycoming	April 2022
<b>Going Remote with Moodle</b>	
Incoming Student Workshop, Lycoming	August 2020
Faculty Teaching Workshop, Lycoming	July 2020
Faculty Teaching Workshop, Lycoming	March 2020
<b>An Introduction to Implicit Bias</b>	
National Campus Teach-In for Racial Justice, Lycoming	September 2020
Campus Recreation Student Leadership Group, ISU	February 2019
Brown Bag Series, Diversity Resource Center, ISU	September 2018
<b>What is a University Philosophy Course Like?</b>	
Liberal Arts High, Highland High School, Pocatello, ID	September 2018
Liberal Arts High, Highland High School, Pocatello, ID	September 2016
Liberal Arts High, Rigby High School, Rigby, ID	April 2016
<b>The Mind You Don't Know</b>	
New Knowledge Adventures, ISU	October 2017
Philosophy for the Public Series, Marshall Library, Pocatello, ID	May 2015

## COURSES TAUGHT (AS SOLE INSTRUCTOR)

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### Lycoming College

Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (PHIL 130)	eight times
Central Problems in Philosophy (PHIL 140)	five times
Modern Philosophy (PHIL 203) (writing focused)	two times
Symbolic Logic (PHIL 225)	five times
Philosophy of Natural Science (PHIL 333) (writing focused)	three times
Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science (PHIL 335) (writing focused)	one time
Special Topics: Mind or Cognitive Science (PHIL 340) (writing focused)	four times
First-Year Seminar: Virtual Worlds (FYS 159)	one time
First-Year Seminar: Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art (FYS 159)	one time

### ISU

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL-1101)	nine times
Introduction to Philosophy (Online) (PHIL-1101)	eight times
Philosophy of Art (PHIL-4400/5500)	one time
Philosophy of Language (PHIL-4410/5510)	three times
Philosophy of Mind (PHIL-4420/5520)	three times
Metaphysics (PHIL-4435/5535)	one time
Philosophy of Cognitive Science (PHIL-4499/5599; PSYC-4999)	one time

### Baruch College

Major Issues in Philosophy (PHI 1500)	fifteen times
Logic and Moral Reasoning (PHI 1600)	one time
Thought and Reality (PHI/PSY 3030)	three times

## STUDENTS SUPERVISED / ADDITIONAL TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

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### Supervisor, Haberberger Fellowship, Lycoming

Morgan Clouser, "Theories of and the Origins of Consciousness"	2022-2023
Presented, Lycoming Undergraduate Humanities Research Conference	April 2023
Published, <i>Mid-Atlantic Humanities Review</i> 1: 164-184.	2024

### Director, Philosophical Research/Writing Thesis (PHIL 440), Lycoming

Dominick Philip, "Was That Some Kind of Joke?"	Fall 2023
Morgan Clouser, "Evolutionary Origins of Consciousness"	Fall 2022
Sarah Eddinger, "Caruso's Epistemic Argument against Retributivism"	Spring 2022
Luke Husic, "Lying and Misleading are Equally Wrong"	Fall 2021
Jason Chappell, "Harrison on the Moral Value of Consciousness"	Spring 2021
Inga Brostek, "The No-Self Sense of Agency"	Spring 2021

### External Examiner, Senior Honors Examination, Swarthmore College

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science (PHIL 118), Alan Baker	May 2023
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### Committee Member, Doctoral Dissertation, ISU

Charles Parker, "Rote Rehearsal and Working Memory," Psychology	2017-2019
Anelise Farris, "Disability in Virtual Spaces," English	2017-2019

### Director, Philosophy Tutorial (PHIL-4480), ISU

Jordan Forde, "Theory of Knowledge"	Spring 2015
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<b>Committee Member, Senior Philosophy Thesis (PHIL-4492), ISU</b>	
Marc Hirsch, “Rethinking Health,” Director	Spring 2019
Derrick Huestis, “Incompatibilist Free Will and Understanding”	Spring 2019
Graeme Hemphill-Hart, “Centering Projectability in Human Conception”	Fall 2018
Alex Asay, “The Meaningful-Narrative Account of Sport,” Director	Spring 2017
Amanda Rolle, “Accounting for Implicit Attitudes,” Director	Spring 2016
Jordan Forde “Authenticity, Anxiety, and Happiness”	Fall 2015
Tyler Moore, “Unintuitive Ethical Perception,” Director	Fall 2015
Samuel Culbertson, “Free Will and the Time-Lag Hypothesis,” Director	Spring 2015
Austin Graves, “Rawlsian Liberalism: In Defense of Same-Sex Marriage”	Fall 2014

#### INVITED GUEST LECTURES

<b>Scholars Colloquium (SCHOL 301), Lycoming</b>	
Innovations in Consciousness Studies	November 2022
Data and Falsification	February 2021
Is the Singularity Near?	March 2020
<b>Neuroscience Colloquium (NEURO 449), Lycoming</b>	
Consciousness and Prefrontal Cortex	March 2022
Kinds of Consciousness	February 2021
Quality-Space Functionalism about Color	March 2020
Exploring the HOT Theory of Consciousness	September 2019
<b>Philosophical Psychology (PHIL H360), Joel Yurdin, Haverford College</b>	
Holistic Representationalism	November 2017
<b>History of Analytic Philosophy (PHIL 3325), Russell Wahl, ISU</b>	
Kripke’s Descriptivism	April 2017
<b>Cognitive Science and Literature (ENG 6625), Curt Whitaker, ISU</b>	
The Unconscious and Literature	October 2015

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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<b>American Philosophical Association (APA)</b>	2008-present
<b>Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC)</b>	2010-present
<b>Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP)</b>	2011-present
<b>Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP)</b>	2012-present

#### NONACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Honors Paralegal, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC</b>	2005-2007
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#### REFERENCES

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[Available upon request.]