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### AOS/AOC

Philosophy of Mind & Cognitive Science/Philosophy of Action; Applied Ethics; Metaphilosophy

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor. Philosophy, University of California, Merced	2023–present
Chair. Philosophy, University of California, Merced	2023–2024
Associate Professor. Cognitive & Information Sciences, University of California, Merced	2019–2023
Assistant Professor. Cognitive & Information Sciences, University of California, Merced	2013–2019
Postdoctoral Researcher. <i>Between Perception and Action</i> , University of Antwerp	2012–2013
Research Assistant. <i>Vision Lab</i> , Boston University	2011–2012

### EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, Boston University	2006–2012
MA Psychology, Boston University	2011–2012
MA Philosophy, University of St Andrews (undergraduate degree)	2000–2004

### MANUSCRIPTS

<i>Attention and Mental Control</i> ; Cambridge University Press (Elements Series)	2022
<i>The Attending Mind</i> ; Cambridge University Press	2020

### JOURNAL ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (\*PEER-REVIEWED)

Human and Machine: Analyzing Language Trends... (invited chapter with A. Dayer, ...)	<i>forthcoming</i>
Consciousness and Mind. <i>Cambridge Handbook of Analytic Philosophy</i> (CUP)	<i>forthcoming</i>
Attention, Technology, & Creativity. <i>Scenes of Attention</i> (Columbia UP; with S. Tabatabaieian)*	2023
Dynamic Attentional Mechanisms... <i>Philosophy and the Mind Sciences</i> (with S. Tabatabaieian)*	2023
Networks in Philosophy:... <i>Metaphilosophy</i> (with D. Hicks & P. Contreras Kallens)*	2022
Attention. <i>Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience: A Philosophical Introduction</i> (Routledge)	2022
APDA 2021 Survey of Philosophy PhD Students & Recent ... <i>Metaphilosophy</i> (with A. Dayer)	2022
The Diversity of Philosophy Students & Faculty. <i>Philosophical Topics</i> (with E. Schwitzgebel,...)	2021
Attention in Skilled Behavior:... <i>Review of Philosophy and Psychology</i> (with A. Dayer)*	2021
Practical Realism about the Self. <i>Commonsense Metaphysics</i> ... (Routledge)	2020
Women in Philosophy:... <i>Public Affairs Quarterly</i> (with E. Schwitzgebel)*	2017
Action without Attention. <i>Analysis</i> (with B. Nanay)*	2016
Attention and Perceptual Organization. <i>Philosophical Studies</i> *	2015
Consciousness without Attention. <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> *	2015
The Subject of Attention. <i>Synthese</i> *	2012
Inductive Parsimony and the Methodological Argument. <i>Consciousness &amp; Cognition</i> *	2012
It Takes Two: Ethical Dualism and the Vegetative State. <i>Neuroethics</i> *	2009

### SHORTER PUBLICATIONS (\*PEER-REVIEWED)

The Death and Rebirth of Attention. <i>The Institute of Art and Ideas</i>	2024
Book Review of <i>Emergence in Context. Mind and Matter</i> *	2023
Attention and the Mind. <i>Bobcat Comics</i> (with Pino Cao)	2022
Distinctly Entangled:... <i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i> *	2022
Introduction. <i>Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience: A Philosophical Introduction</i> (Routledge)	2022

Too much attention, too little self? <i>Philosophy &amp; Phenomenological Research</i>	2020
Toward a Neurophysiological Foundation for Altered States... <i>BBS</i> (with S. Tabatabaeian)*	2018
I Attend, Therefore I Am:... <i>Aeon</i>	2017
The Standard Theory of Conscious Perception. <i>Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Society*</i>	2015
Review of <i>Hidden in Plain Sight</i> by Eviatar Zerubavel. <i>Choice Reviews</i>	2015
Implicit Association in Mathematics & Science. <i>Proceedings of CSS</i> (with Y. Chernykhovskaya,...)*	2015
Review of <i>Attention</i> by Wayne Wu. <i>Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*</i>	2014
Properly Pragmatic: A Response to Corns and Campbell. <i>Consciousness &amp; Cognition</i>	2012
Review of <i>The Ego Tunnel</i> by Thomas Metzinger. <i>Journal of Consciousness Studies</i>	2010
Re-thinking the active-passive distinction in attention. <i>Journal of Vision</i> (with T. Watanabe)*	2010
Playing Nice and Teaching Good. <i>Philosophy Now</i>	2007
<b>EDITED VOLUMES</b>	
<i>Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience: A Philosophical Introduction</i> (with Ben Young; Routledge)	2022
<i>Proceedings of the 37th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society</i> (with D. Noelle,...)	2015
<b>RESEARCH REPORTS</b>	
The Diversity and Inclusivity Survey: Final Report. <i>APA Funded Projects</i>	2019
The Diversity and Inclusivity Survey...: Preliminary Report. <i>APA Funded Projects</i>	2018
Academic Placement Data and Analysis: 2017 Final Report. <i>APA Funded Projects</i>	2017
Academic Placement Data and Analysis: 2016 Final Report. <i>APA Funded Projects</i>	2016
Academic Placement Data and Analysis: 2015 Report Update. <i>APA Funded Projects</i>	2016
Academic Placement Data and Analysis: 2015 Final Report. <i>APA Funded Projects</i>	2015
<b>RECENT PRESENTATIONS (*INVITED)</b>	
The Power of Attention, Mind and Perception Group at Washington University, St Louis*	2025
The Attention Mechanism, AI, Consciousness, and Culture Workshop at Calvin University*	
Attention, Technology, and Social Unity, Eastern APA*	2024
Panelist for The State of Philosophy, Pacific APA*	
Commentator for Perception Matters Panel (Noë, O'Callaghan, and Arango), Pacific APA*	
The Power of Attention, Neural Mechanisms Online*	
The Power of Attention, UC Santa Barbara Colloquium*	
Can Zombies Pay Attention? ASSC Tokyo	
Collective Attention, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen*	
Consciousness as Relation, Alva Noë's Friday Group at UC Berkeley*	
Consciousness as Relation, Consciousness Club at University College London*	
Collective Attention, Work-In-Progress Seminar at UC Berkeley*	
Consciousness as Relation, Co-Embodied Self Lab (Lisbon)*	2023
Consciousness as Relation, ASSC	
Attention, Memory, and Altered States, Memory and Attention Workshop*	
Consciousness as Relation, Sussex Workshop on Emergence*	
What is social attention? Good Attention Project*	
What is social attention? Cardiff Philosophy Visiting Speaker Series*	
Commentary on "The Dissociative Model of Habit" for Pacific APA*	
Strategic automaticity and its implications for a theory of agency, Dynamics of Agency Workshop*	
Does Consciousness Emerge? University of Helsinki Colloquium*	
Measuring diversity and inclusivity in academic philosophy. ExPhi Workshop at UC Davis*	2022
Employment Trajectories and Graduate Experience... UC Merced Center for the Humanities*	

Does Consciousness Emerge? Models of Consciousness Conference at Stanford  
 The Attending Mind, *Reason Through* podcast with Jacob Garcia\*  
 Attention and Emergence. Workshop on Emergence, University of Sussex\*  
 Does Consciousness Emerge? Philosophy Day Keynote, California State University Long Beach\*  
 The Attending Mind. Faculty Author Series, UC Merced Library\*  
 Attention, Technology, and Creativity. Graduate Center at CUNY\* 2021  
 Diversity and Inclusion in Philosophy. London School of Economics Conference Keynote\*  
 Strategic Automaticity and Attention-Based Control. Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
 Panel on Women in Philosophy with Heather Demarest. Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy\*  
 Attention and Epistemic Injustice. Pacific APA, San Francisco (online)\*  
 Attention, Technology, and Creativity. Princeton University Workshop on Attention (online)\*  
 Practical Realism About The Self. Eastern APA (online)  
 The Attending Mind. MTS Series, UC Merced\* 2020  
 The Attending Mind. University of Paris (online)\*  
 Attention and Mind-Wandering in Skilled Behavior: An Argument for Pluralism. SSPP (online)  
 Attention and Mind-Wandering in Skilled Behavior. Central Valley Philosophical Association 2019  
 From Attention to Self. University of Sydney\*  
 Attention and Skilled Behavior. Australian National University\*  
 From Attention to Self. Australian National University\*  
 From Attention to Self. New York University\*  
 How to Increase Diversity in Philosophy Programs. Southern Connecticut State University\*  
 From Attention to Self. San Francisco State University\*

TEACHING AT UC MERCED (\*MULTIPLE TIMES)

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
Attention*	Attention
Consciousness (Philosophy & Cog. Science)*	Consciousness
Critical Reasoning*	Foundations of Cognitive Science*
Experimental Philosophy*	Mental Causation
Free Will (Philosophy & Cog. Science)*	Mind, Technology, and Society*
Philosophy of Mind*	

ADVISING (COGNITIVE AND INFORMATION SCIENCES)

Alex Dayer (advisor, PhD program)	2018–2024
Shadab Tabatabaeian (advisor, PhD program; previously advisor, IH master’s program)	2016–2023
Adam Holm (advisor, master’s program)	2021–2022
Aramis Munoz-Valverde (advisor, master’s program)	2020–2022
Ayonna Jones (advisor, master’s program)	2021–2022
Morgan Fleming (committee member, PhD program)	2014–2020
Sam Spevack (committee member, PhD program)	2014–2019

SERVICE

<i>Profession</i>	
Associate Editor, <i>Philosophy and the Mind Sciences</i>	2022–present
Member at Large, Executive Committee of Pacific APA	2022–present
Member of the APA Data Task Force	2016–present

Academic Placement Data and Analysis (APDA; philosophydata.org)	2011–present
Ad Hoc Reviewer for <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Blackwell</i> , <i>Cognitive Science</i> , <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Hypatia</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Mind</i> , <i>Noûs</i> , <i>Philosophical Psychology</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B</i> , <i>Philosophy of Science</i> , <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> , <i>Routledge</i> , <i>Society for Philosophy and Psychology</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , <i>Teaching Philosophy</i> , and <i>Thought</i>	2010–present
Scientific Committee, Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness	2023–2024
Review Panelist for the National Endowment of the Humanities	2017
Member of the APA Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement	2016–2017
Member of the APA Committee on Non-Academic Placement	2015–2016
<i>University</i>	
Medical Education Search Committee (cluster hire, 6 lines)	2024
Temporary Academic Staff Budget Work Group	2024
Chair, Philosophy Department	2023–2024
Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation	2022–2024
Philosophy Website and Events Coordinator	2013–2024
Philosophy Program Lead	2021–2023
Undergraduate Council of UC Merced Senate	2022
Cognitive and Information Sciences Search Committee (cluster hire, 4 lines)	2018–2019
Inequality, Power, and Social Justice Search Committee (cluster hire, 5 lines)	2016–2017
Inequality, Power, and Social Justice Steering Committee	2015–2017
Philosophy Curriculum and Meeting Coordinator	2013–2016
Inequality, Power, and Social Justice Research Initiative	2014–2015
Faculty Accreditation Organizer, Philosophy Minor	2013–2015
<i>Other</i>	
Emory Tibet Science Initiative; Faculty Mentor (Neuroscience)	2023–present
AAUW Dinner with a Scientist; Main Speaker	2019
Cognitive Science Society Conference; Organizing Committee	2014–2015
Emory-Tibet Science Initiative: Ganden Shartse College; Teacher (Neuroscience)	2014–2015
<i>Neuphi</i> (monthly workshop with invited speakers); Founder and Organizer	2007–2013
<i>Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on Consciousness</i> ; Founder and Organizer	2008–2011
FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS	
UC Merced Senate Grant (APDA)	2023–2024
UCHRI Grant (Philosophy Works: a workshop on nonacademic careers for philosophers)	2023
UC Merced Center for the Humanities Grants (APDA, Bobcat Comics, book subvention)	2016–2023
Australian National University Visiting Fellowship	2019
American Philosophical Association Grants (APDA)	2015–2019
UC Merced Senate Grant (APDA)	2016–2017
Mind Science Foundation Grants (CSS, IGCC, Neuphi)	2009–2015
Boston University Dissertation Fellowship	2009–2011
Shimony Prize	2010