

CURRICULUM VITAE (updated November 2011)
Associate Professor Jason Bridges
Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy
Associate Professor, 2009-present
Assistant Professor, 2001-2009

EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley, Department of Philosophy, PhD, July 2001
Harvard University, B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, June 1994

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Action, some areas in Philosophy of Language and Moral Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political Philosophy, Wittgenstein, Logic.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

1. "Context and Use", Forthcoming in *Harvard Review of Philosophy*
2. "Rule-Following Skepticism, Properly So Called"
Forthcoming in "Skepticism in Context", James Conant and Andrea Kern (eds.), Blackwell.
3. "Meaning and Understanding," forthcoming in *Blackwell Companion to Wittgenstein*, Hans-Johann Block and John Hyman, Blackwell Press.
4. "Dispositions and Rational Explanation"
Forthcoming in 2011 in *The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Essays for Barry Stroud*, Jason Bridges, Niko Kolodny, and Wai-hung Wong (eds.), Oxford University Press.
5. "The Quest to Understand Philosophy"
With Niko Kolodny, forthcoming in *The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Essays for Barry Stroud*.
6. "Wittgenstein vs. Contextualism", in *Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: A Critical Guide*, A. M. Ahmed (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2010.
7. "Rationality, Normativity and Transparency"
Mind 118 (2009): 353-367.
8. "Does Informational Semantics Commit Euthyphro's Fallacy?"
Noûs 40 (2006): 522-547.
9. "Davidson's Transcendental Externalism"
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research LXXIII (2006): 290-315.
10. "Teleofunctionalism and Psychological Explanation"
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, 87 (2006): 403-421.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. "Review of Richard Gaskin, *Experience and the World's Own Language*"
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, January 2007.
2. "Review of Robert Audi, *The Architecture of Reason*"
Mind 117 (2007): 1083-1088.

EDITED VOLUMES

1. *The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Reflections on the Thought of Barry Stroud*
Co-edited with Niko Kolodny and Wai-hung Wong
Oxford University Press, November 2011.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. "Economic Contextualism"
Under submission.
2. "The Normativity of Rationality"
Manuscript available upon request.
3. "Representation and Rationality"
In progress.
4. "Burge, Evans and Wittgenstein on Content"
Manuscript available upon request
5. "Deliberative Simulationism about Rational Explanation"
In progress.
6. *In Defense of Reason: Rationality and its Discontents.*
In progress.

TALKS AND CONFERENCES

1. "Moral Rationalism and the Explanatory Role of Reasons", University of Nottingham, Nov. 2011.
2. "On Not Taking Philosophy for Granted", University of California at Berkeley, Oct. 2011
3. "Contextualism, Pragmatism and Provincialism", Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2011
4. "Burge vs. Individual Representationalism", King's College, London, April 2011
5. "Reasons and the Structure of Deliberation: Reply to Jonathan Dancy" Symposium on Practical Reasoning, Pacific American Philosophical Association, San Diego, April 2011
6. "Broad Contextualism", University of Cincinnati, May 2010
7. "Contextualist and Anti-Contextualist Themes in Wittgenstein", Wittgenstein Workshop, University of Chicago, April 2010
8. "Taking Contexts Seriously: The Cases of 'Rich' and 'Know'", Northwestern University, November 2009
9. Comments on François Recanati's "De se Thought and Immunity to Error through Misidentification", Conference on Perspectival Thought, University of Chicago, November 2009
10. Comments on Jennifer Hornsby's "Pre-Davidsonian Innocence", Conference on Anscombe's *Intention*, University of Chicago, April 2009
11. "Reasons and Attitudes", Indiana University, December 2008
12. Invited discussant, Conference on the Rule-Following Considerations, Michigan State University, October 2007
13. "The Normativity of Rationality", Pacific American Philosophical Association, April 2007
14. Discussion leader, Midwest Faculty Seminar on John Rawls, 2007
15. "Wittgenstein and Contextualism", Colloque 'Les Defis D'Hilary Putnam', Université Paris 1, 2005
16. "Doing What Comes Naturally: Wittgenstein on Rule-Following and Rational Action", University of Chicago Wittgenstein Workshop, 2004
17. Discussion leader, Midwest Faculty Seminar on Animal Rights, 2004

18. "Response to 'Rule-Following and the Background'", Central States Philosophical Society Conference, 2003
19. "Rules, Norms and Reasons", Peking University, Beijing, 2002
20. "Norms, Reasons and Naturalism", University of Chicago Wittgenstein Workshop, 2002
21. "The Ambitions of Naturalism", Franke Institute for the Humanities, 2002
22. "Does Informational Semantics Commit Euthyphro's Fallacy?", University of Chicago, 2001
23. "Varieties of Naturalism", Townsend Center for the Humanities, 2001

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. Whiting Foundation Research Fellowship for Excellence in Core Teaching
One year of paid leave Chicago, 2007-2008
2. Residency Fellowship at the Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University
One year of paid leave (turned down) Rutgers, 2007-2008
3. Nominated for "Provost's Teaching Week" Chicago, 2006
4. Franke Institute Fellowship Chicago, 2003-04
5. Townsend Center for the Humanities Fellowship Berkeley, 2000-01
6. Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Berkeley, 2000
7. Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching Harvard, 1999
8. Phi Beta Kappa, Scholarship for Graduate Work Berkeley, 1998-99
9. Ralph W. Church Scholarship Berkeley, 1994-95
10. Thomas T. Hoopes Prize Harvard, 1994
11. Francis Bowen Prize Harvard, 1994

COURSES TAUGHT

As professor at University of Chicago:

1. Contextualism
2. Deliberation and Self-Knowledge
3. Elementary Logic (five times)
4. First-year Seminar
5. Intentional Content
6. Moral Psychology
7. Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities (seven times)
8. Philosophy of Action
9. Philosophy of Mind: The Mind/Body Problem
10. Philosophy of Mind: Thought, Community and Environment
11. Practical Determinants of Thought and Meaning
12. Rationality
13. Reasons and Reasoning
14. Semantic Naturalism
15. Seminar on Free Will
16. Senior Honors Seminar
17. Theory of Meaning

As graduate student at University of California at Berkeley

Teaching assistant for numerous courses in Ethics, Metaphysics, Epistemology and History of Philosophy

As visiting graduate student at Harvard University

Teaching assistant for courses in Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Law

ADDITIONAL TEACHING SERVICE

1. Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Department, 2009-present
2. Co-Director, Philosophy of Mind Workshop (2002-2009)
3. Talk on “Integrating Teaching and Research” at Center for Teaching and Learning conference, April 2009
4. Talk at Humanities Open House, University of Chicago, 2008, 2006, 2005
5. Lecture at alumni outreach, University of Chicago, 2005
6. Talk on “Authority and Ethics in the Classroom”
Workshop on Teaching in the College, University of Chicago, 2004
7. Disciplinary discussion leader
Workshop on Teaching in the College, University of Chicago, 2003 and 2004
8. Invited participant, discussion group on Perception and Action, Psychology Dept., 2003
9. Guest lecturer, “Scientific Approaches to Mental Illness” (BioSci 278), 2001

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Referee for articles
Mind and Language, European Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Philosophia, Noûs, Philosophers’ Imprint
2. Referee for book manuscripts
Harvard University Press (multiple), Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press
3. Referee for book proposals
Cambridge University Press
4. Referee for research projects
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
5. Session moderator, American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division conference, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2006 and 2004

CURRENT RESEARCH

My current research projects are on rational explanation and contextualism. I have also written or am writing on the ‘naturalization’ of mental content, the normativity of rationality, externalism about content, and Wittgenstein’s treatment of understanding and related phenomena.