

CURRICULUM VITAE (updated April 2015)
Associate Professor Jason Bridges
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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, Wittgenstein

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language, Political Philosophy.

PUBLISHED AND IN-PRESS ARTICLES

1. "Meaning and Understanding"
Forthcoming in *The Blackwell Companion to Wittgenstein*, Hans-Johann Block and John Hyman, Blackwell Press, expected 2015.
2. "Rule-Following Skepticism, Properly So Called"
Skepticism in Context, James Conant and Andrea Kern (eds.). De Gruyter, 2014.
3. "Context and Use"
Harvard Review of Philosophy, September 2013.
4. "Dispositions and Rational Explanation"
The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Essays for Barry Stroud, Jason Bridges, Niko Kolodny, and Wai-hung Wong (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2011.
5. "The Quest to Understand Philosophy" (co-written with Niko Kolodny)
The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Essays for Barry Stroud, 2011.
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, ETC.

1. "Barry Stroud", forthcoming in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, Robert Audi (ed.), Cambridge University Press.
2. "Review of Robert W. Lurz (ed.), *The Philosophy of Animal Minds*", *Analysis*, 2012.
3. "Review of Richard Gaskin, *Experience and the World's Own Language*"
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, January 2007.

4. "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", for projected volume on ordinary language philosophy.
2. "The Ecology of Reasons", manuscript available upon request.
3. "Necessitation and Practical Reason", manuscript available upon request.
4. "Objectivity and Rationality", in progress.
5. "Davidson, Wittgenstein and Contextualism", to appear in *Wittgenstein and Davidson on Thought and Action*,
Cambridge University Press.
6. *The Ecology of Reasons*, in progress.

TALKS AND CONFERENCES

1. "The Conditions of Objective Thought", Midwest Faculty Seminar, Chicago, 2015.
2. "Rationalization as a Species of Causal Explanation", ANPOF, Brazil, October 2014.
3. "Wittgenstein, Stroud and Contextualism", ANPOF, October 2014.
4. "Reasons and Rationality", Graham Center, Chicago, October 2014.
5. "The Fantasy of Maximization", NYU Abu Dhabi, January 2014.
6. "The Fantasy of Maximization", York University, January 2014.
7. "Rational Causation", Carleton College/St. Olaf College, October 2013
8. "Rule-Following Skepticism, Properly So-Called", University of Leipzig, August 2013.
9. "The Ecology of Reasons", University of Leipzig, July 2013
10. "The Ecology of Reasons", Berlin Institute of Technology, July 2013.
11. "The Ecology of Reasons", Potsdam University, July 2013.
12. "The Ecology of Reasons", Auburn University, March 2013.
13. "The Ecology of Reasons", University of Oslo, March 2013.
14. "Moral Rationalism and the Explanatory Role of Reasons", University of Nottingham, Nov. 2011.
15. "On Not Taking Philosophy for Granted", University of California at Berkeley, Oct. 2011
16. "Contextualism, Pragmatism and Provincialism", Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop,
University of Chicago, May 2011
17. "Burge vs. Individual Representationalism", King's College, London, April 2011
18. "Reasons and the Structure of Deliberation: Reply to Jonathan Dancy" Symposium on Practical
Reasoning, Pacific American Philosophical Association, San Diego, April 2011
19. "Broad Contextualism", University of Cincinnati, May 2010
20. "Contextualist and Anti-Contextualist Themes in Wittgenstein", Wittgenstein Workshop, University of
Chicago, April 2010
21. "Taking Contexts Seriously: The Cases of 'Rich' and 'Know'", Northwestern University, November
2009
22. Comments on François Recanati's "De se Thought and Immunity to Error through Misidentification",
Conference on Perspectival Thought, University of Chicago, November 2009
23. Comments on Jennifer Hornsby's "Pre-Davidsonian Innocence", Conference on Anscombe's *Intention*,
University of Chicago, April 2009
24. "Reasons and Attitudes", Indiana University, December 2008
25. Invited discussant, Conference on the Rule-Following Considerations, Michigan State University,
October 2007
26. "The Normativity of Rationality", Pacific American Philosophical Association, April 2007
27. Discussion leader, Midwest Faculty Seminar on John Rawls, 2007

28. "Wittgenstein and Contextualism", Colloque 'Les Defis D'Hilary Putnam', Université Paris 1, 2005
29. "Response to 'Rule-Following and the Background'", Central States Philosophical Society Conference, 2003
30. "Rules, Norms and Reasons", Peking University, Beijing, 2002
31. "The Ambitions of Naturalism", Franke Institute for the Humanities, 2002
32. "Does Informational Semantics Commit Euthyphro's Fallacy?", University of Chicago, 2001
33. "Varieties of Naturalism", Townsend Center for the Humanities, 2001

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. Franke Institute Fellowship Chicago, 2012-2013
2. Whiting Foundation Research Fellowship for Excellence in Core Teaching
One year of paid leave Chicago, 2007-2008
3. Residency Fellowship at the Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University
One year of paid leave (turned down) Rutgers, 2007-2008
4. Nominated for "Provost's Teaching Week" Chicago, 2006
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

SELECTED COURSES

1. Mental Causation
2. Contextualism
3. Deliberation and Self-Knowledge
4. Elementary Logic
5. Free Will
6. Intentional Content
7. Language and Skepticism
8. Moral Psychology
9. Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities
10. Philosophy of Action
11. Philosophy of Mind: The Mind/Body Problem
12. Philosophy of Mind: Thought, Community and Environment
13. Practical Determinants of Thought and Meaning
14. Reasons and Reasoning
15. Semantic Naturalism
16. Theory of Meaning

ADDITIONAL TEACHING SERVICE

1. Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Department, 2009-2012
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, 2014, 2004, 2003
8. Invited participant, discussion group on Perception and Action, Psychology Dept., 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Referee for articles
Mind and Language, European Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Philosophia, Noûs, Philosophers' Imprint, Mind, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
2. Referee for book manuscripts
Harvard University Press (multiple), Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press
3. Referee for book proposals
Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Oxford University Press (multiple)
4. Referee for research projects
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (multiple)
5. Session moderator, American Philosophical Association, Central Division conference (many times)

CURRENT RESEARCH

My two primary research projects are on rationality and causation, and issues in the later Wittgenstein. I have also written or am writing on contextualism, the 'naturalization' of mental content, and externalism about content.