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AOS: Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Medicine  
AOC: Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science

### Education

2006-2012 City University of New York Graduate Center  
PhD in Philosophy awarded with honors: May, 2012  
Title: "Pain is Not a Natural Kind"  
Advisor: Jesse Prinz  
Committee: Michael Devitt, Peter Godfrey-Smith, Stephen Neale, David M. Rosenthal

2003-2006 Seattle Pacific University  
BA awarded magna cum laude: June, 2006  
Major: Philosophy

### Academic Appointments

Senior Lecturer: University of Glasgow  
(November 2016-present)

Anniversary Lecturer in the Philosophy and Politics of Health, Lancaster University (June 2016-November 2016)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow: The Value of Suffering Project, University of Glasgow  
(September 2013-May 2016)

This project is an interdisciplinary investigation into the nature and role of suffering and affective experience in general. I was a named researcher on this grant. Duties include full-time research and project management including financial book-keeping, convening meetings about all aspects of the project, organization of six international, interdisciplinary workshops and three major conferences, maintenance of project website and interactive blog, and general project administration.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow: The Pain Project, University of Glasgow  
(2012-2013)

This project was an interdisciplinary investigation focusing on relations among pain, perception, and emotion, as well as pain in non-human animals. Duties included full-time research, financial book-keeping, organization of four international, interdisciplinary workshops and a major conference, project administration, and some undergraduate dissertation advising and lecturing.

Adjunct Professor: CUNY Baruch College (Fall 2008 to Summer 2011)  
Duties included developing and lecturing undergraduate courses.

Adjunct Professor: City College of the University of New York, College Now Program  
(Spring 2007-Fall 2008)  
Duties included developing and lecturing combined undergraduate courses for  
University freshman and advanced high school students.

## **Publications**

### Articles

“Suffering as Significantly Disrupted Agency,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.  
(2021) doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/phpr.12841>

“Moral Motivation and the Affective Appeal,” with R. Cowan. *Philosophical Studies*. 178  
(1), 71-94 (2021)

“Rethinking the Negativity Bias,” *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 9 (3): 607-625.  
(2018)

“Recent Work in Pain,” *Analysis*, 78 (4): 737-753 (2018).

“Pain Eliminativism: Scientific and Traditional,” *Synthese*, 193 (9): 2947-2971. (2016)

“The Social Pain Posit,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 93 (3): 561-582. (2015)

“Unpleasantness, Motivational Oomph, and Painfulness,” *Mind and Language*, 29 (2): 238-  
254. (2014)

“The Inadequacy of Unitary Characterizations of Pain,” *Philosophical Studies*, 169 (3): 355-  
378. (2014)

“When is a Reason Properly Pragmatic,” *Consciousness and Cognition*, 21: 613-614. (2012)

### Monograph

*The Complex Reality of Pain*. Routledge. (2020)

### Edited Volumes

*The Philosophy of Suffering: Metaphysics, Value, and Normativity*, co-edited with David Bain  
and Michael Brady. Routledge. (2020).

*The Philosophy of Pain: Unpleasantness, Emotion, and Deviance*, co-edited with David Bain  
and Michael Brady. Routledge. (2019).

*The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Pain*. Routledge. (2017)

### Book Chapters

“Scientific Eliminativism for Pain,” in Cohen and McLaughlin, *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Mind*, Wiley-Blackwell. (Forthcoming)

“Pain, the Body, and Awareness,” in Alsmith and Longo, *The Routledge Handbook of Bodily Awareness*. (Forthcoming.)

“Lessons for Ethics from the Science of Pain,” with R. Cowan, in Holtzman and Hildt, *Does Neuroscience have Normative Implications* (pp. 39-57). Springer. (2020).

“Hedonic Rationality,” in Bain, Brady, and Corns. *The Philosophy of Suffering: Metaphysics, Value, and Normativity*. Routledge. (2020).

“The Placebo Effect,” in Bain, Brady, and Corns. *The Philosophy of Pain: Unpleasantness, Emotion, and Deviance*. Routledge. (2019).

“Disambiguating the Perceptual Assumption,” In F. Macpherson, *Sensory Substitution and Augmentation*, Proceedings of the British Academy, Oxford University Press. (2019)

“Introduction” with Bain, D. and Brady, M in Bain, Brady, and Corns. *The Philosophy of Pain: Unpleasantness, Emotion, and Deviance*. Routledge. (2019)

“Pain Research: “Where We Are and Why it Matters,” in J. Corns *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Pain*. Routledge. (2017)

### Book Review

“Showing, Sensing, and Seeming: Distinctively Sensory Representations and Their Contents by Dominic Gregory,” *Philosophical Quarterly*. (2014)

doi: 10.1093/pq/pqu039

### **Teaching:**

#### Courses:

I have written and delivered all lectures for the following courses:

University of Glasgow:

MSc: Philosophy of Mind (for masters students)

MLitt: Bootcamp, Philosophy of Mind (for masters conversion students)

SH: Pain and Pleasure; Perception

Subhonours: How Should I Live; What is There; Mind and Perception; Plato’s Republic; Why be good; Does God exist;

Mount Holyoke College:

Senior Elective: Pain (for fourth-year philosophy majors)

CUNY Baruch College:

Senior Capstone: Philosophy Today (for fourth-year philosophy majors)

Ethical Theories (for first-year through fourth-year students)

Logic and Moral Reasoning (for first-year through fourth-year students)  
Major Issues in Philosophy (for first-year through fourth-year students)

CUNY College Now Program:

Introduction to Philosophy (for high school seniors and first-year students)

University of Glasgow:

Perception (for senior honours students)

PhD Supervision:

Anthony Clark (2021-present)

Alessandro Barbieri (joint with Edinburgh) (2017-2021)

Imants Latkovskis (2017-2020)

Claire Morris (2018-2020)

**Public Engagement:**

Writing:

“Puzzles with Pain Reports,” in *Pain*, hosted by *Post 45*.

“Illuminated Agency,” in *Foundation Painting Show*. Cologne: If I Ran the Circus.

Value of Suffering Project Suffering Blog, 2013-2016

Editor and regular contributor to blog connecting people to suffering resources and facilitating two-way interaction between suffering researchers and the public.

Public Interviews and Lectures:

“A Philosopher’s Account of Pain and Suffering” British Pain Society, June 2022

“Why is Chronic Pain Still So Misunderstood?” Interview with Eva Wiseman for *Vogue*.

Interview with RTÉ, Lyric FM. February, 2021.

Podcast Interview with Consciousness Live. January, 2021

Podcast interview with Thoughts, January, 2021

“Pain is Not a Natural Kind,” West of Scotland Pain Group. November, 2016.

“The pleasure-pain paradox,” Interview with The Philosopher’s Zone, Australian Broadcasting Corporation. June, 2016.

“Pain hallucinations and illusions,” Glasgow Alumni Event, May, 2015.

“Pain hallucinations and illusions,” part of Late Night Science at the Research Club, Glasgow, March 2015.

Podcast interview with GIST magazine, November, 2014.

**Public Events:**

2014-2018

I organized and hosted a number of public engagement events with the Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience. For further information visit:  
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/research/philosophyresearch/cspe/engagement/>

**Awards, Grants, and Honors:**

Assessing Quality and Outcomes in a Community Form of Palliative Care, Kerala

Award: £34,130

Grant from the Global Challenges Research Fund (via SFC) to develop a team to begin to assess and evaluate palliative care in Kerala, with the aim of future collaborative grants and projects to expand this work.

Carnegie Trust Vacation Scholarship, 2018

Award: £42,750

Grant from the Carnegie Trust to provide supervision and a student bursary for a special undergraduate research project.

Suffering and Autonomy at End of Life, 2017-2018

Award: £9,707.50

Grant from the Royal Society of Edinburgh to host two workshops and a conference investigating the theoretical and practical implications of the ways in which suffering both augments and threatens autonomy at the end of life.

Scots Philosophical Association, 2017

Award: £925

Grant to organize and host a meeting of the Mind Network.

Five College Dissertation Fellowship, Mount Holyoke College, 2011-2012

Award: Full living expenses and accommodation for one year.

Duties additional to dissertation research included one course of senior undergraduate teaching focused on the thesis.

Robert Gilleece Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center, 2006-2011

Award: Full tuition and living expenses for five years.

DSC Travel and Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center, 2010

Award: Travel and lodging for invited international presentation of research.

Metaphysics Comprehensive Examination, HONORS, CUNY Graduate Center, Spring 2009

Ethics Comprehensive Examination, HONORS, CUNY Graduate Center, Fall 2008

**Invited Academic Presentations (Representative Sample):**

“Promiscuous Kinds@ Neutral Kinds in the Mind Conference, London School of Economics

“Suffering as Significantly Disrupted Agency,” Seminar, University of Hertfordshire, February, 2021

“Suffering as Significantly Disrupted Agency,” Online Research Seminar, University of Tübingen, January, 2021.

“Propositional Pleasures and Displeasures,” Pain, Pleasure, and the Method of Cases. University of Bern, January 2020.

“Problems with Placebos” Placebo and Philosophy, University of London, November 2018.

“Suffering as Significantly Disrupted Agency,” Prudential Value Conference, University of Edinburgh, May, 2018.

“The Social Pain Posit,” School of Humanities Lecture Series, University of Glasgow, October, 2017.

“Propositional Pleasures and Displeasures,” Emotions Network Meeting, University of St Andrews, October, 2017.

“Pain Hallucinations and Illusions,” University of Edinburgh, October, 2017.

“Beyond Pain,” Workshop on the Varieties of Nihilism, University of Manchester, September, 2017

“Pain is not a Natural Kind,” Understanding Pain Conference, Bochum, August 2017

Invited Lecture Series on Pain, Hebrew University, June 2017

“Pain is Not a Natural Kind,” The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Conference, Swiss Centre for Affective Sciences, May, 2017

“Hedonic Qualities,” Durham University, November, 2016

“Pain is Not a Natural Kind,” University of Reading, October, 2016

“Pain is Not a Natural Kind,” Understanding Value Conference, University of Sheffield, July, 2016

“Hedonic qualities, Heterogeneity, and Independence,” Sensing Strange Things Conference, University of St. Andrews, June, 2016

“Pain is not a Natural Kind,” Suffering and Phenomenal Consciousness Conference, University of Glasgow, May, 2016

“Pain is not a Natural Kind,” Perception Workshop, Cardiff University, May, 2016

“Pain Eliminativism,” Mind Network, Cambridge, March, 2016

“Hedonic Independence and the Negativity Bias,” The Feeling of Suffering Conference, Macquarie University, February 2016

“Pain Eliminativism,” Scottish Philosophical Association, December, 2015

“Hedonic Independence and the Negativity Bias,” University of Edinburgh: Philosophy, Psychology, and Informatics Group, November, 2015

“Hedonic Qualities,” Early Career Mind Network, Warwick University, August 2015

“Hedonic Adverbialism,” Affective Experience: Pain and Pleasure, Ontario Canada, June 2015

“The Social Pain Posit,” Emotional and Physical Suffering: Roles and Values Conference, Ruhr University, April, 2015

“The Placebo Effect,” Seminar Series, University of York, November 2014

“Hedonic Rationality,” Seminar Series, University of Stirling, October 2014

“Pain and Infallibility,” Self-Reports and Introspection Workshop, University of Bergen, August 2014

“Is Suffering Ever Reason-Responsive,” The Value of Suffering Project: Suffering and Reason, University of Glasgow, July 2014

“The Placebo Effect and our Bottom-Up Biases,” Consciousness and Self-Consciousness Research Seminar, Warwick University, May 2014

“The Causal Profile of Negative Hedonic Tone,” The Affective Face of Desire Conference, University of Rennes, May 2014

“The Placebo Effect and our Bottom-Up Biases” The Value of Suffering Project: Suffering and Cognition, Maison de la Recherche, April 2014

“Comments on Expectation, Errors, Perception and Action: Towards a Framework for Perception and Action,” Philosophy of Mind and Psychology Research Seminar Series, University of Glasgow, June 2013

“Is ‘Social Pain’ Pain?” The Pain Project: The Pain Conference, University of Glasgow, June 2013

“Disambiguating the Perceptual Assumption,” Sensory Substitution and Augmentation Conference, the British Academy, March 2013

“Are Painful Emotional Episodes Pains?” University of Edinburgh: Philosophy, Psychology, and Informatics Group, November 2012

“Are Emotions Ever Painful Pains?” The Pain Project: Pain and Emotion, University of Glasgow, October 2012

“What is Painfulness?” The Pain Project; Pain, Unpleasantness, and Motivation, University of Glasgow, May 2012

“Pain and Idiosyncrasy,” Hampshire College, May 2012

“The Complex Experience of Pain and the Philosophical Quest for Unity,” Berlin School of Mind and Brain, May 2011

“Why Pain is not Simply a Sensation,” Saul Kripke Center, May 2011

“On Rejecting that Attention is Necessary for Consciousness” The Online Consciousness Conference, February 2010

“Planning and a Function of Consciousness,” CUNY Cognitive Science Symposium, November 2008

**Service to the Profession:**

External Examining

University of Edinburgh (2021-present): Undergraduate Philosophy

External Reviewing

National Science Foundation (2021): Grant Review

Israeli Science Foundation (2020): Grant Review

University of Bern: Habilitation thesis review (2018)

Irish Research Council Postdoctoral International Assessment Board: Outer board member (2018)



#### Journal and Manuscript Refereeing

Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Erkenntnis; Journal of Philosophical Research; Kennedy Institute of Ethics; Mind; Nous; Oxford University Press; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies; Philosopher's Imprint; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; The Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Thought

#### University of Glasgow:

Subhonours Convenor (2019-present)  
GEM co-founder and organizer (2019-present)  
IB Convenor (2018-2019)  
PGR Convenor (2018-2019)  
IM Convenor (2017-2018)  
Web and Calendar Officer (2016-2018)  
Postdoctoral Representative for the School of Humanities (2015-2016)  
Committee: Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience (2012-present)  
Committee: COGITO (2018-present)

#### CUNY Graduate Center:

Faculty Search Committee (2010-2011)  
Placement Committee (2010-2011)  
Admissions Committee (2009-2010)  
Philosophy Program Student Mentor (2009-2011)  
Organizer: CUNY Graduate Student Conference (2008)

#### CUNY Baruch College:

Ethics Assessment Rater and Collaborator (Winter 2009)

#### Seattle Pacific University:

Alumni Panel: Advice for Young Philosophers (2012)  
Philosophy Student Assistant and Mentor (2005-2006)