

Jennifer Corns

Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Glasgow
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, with 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 (2016-present)
- Anniversary Lecturer in the Philosophy and Politics of Health, Lancaster University (June 2016-November 2016)
- Named Postdoctoral Research Fellow: The Value of Suffering Project, John Templeton Foundation, hosted at University of Glasgow (2013-2016)
 - Named researcher and project manager with duties including full-time research and project management: financial book-keeping, convening meetings about all aspects of the project, organization of six international, interdisciplinary workshops and three major conferences, editor of project website and interactive blog, and general project administration.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow: The Pain Project, John Templeton Foundation, hosted at University of Glasgow (2012-2013)
 - 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 (2008-2011)
- Adjunct Professor: City College of the University of New York, College Now Program (2007-2008)

Academic Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- “Promiscuous Kinds and Individual Minds,” *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences* (in press)
- “Suffering as Significantly Disrupted Agency,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 105 (3), 706-729. (2022).
- “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. (2023)
- “Pain, the Body, and Awareness,” in Alsmith and Longo, *The Routledge Handbook of Bodily Awareness*. (2023)
- “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)

Critical Reviews:

- "A Critical Engagement with Ratcliffe’s Phenomenological Exploration of Grief: A Critical Notice of *Grief Worlds: A study of Emotional Experience*” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*. (2023)
- “*Showing, Sensing, and Seeming: Distinctively Sensory Representations and Their Contents* by Dominic Gregory,” *Philosophical Quarterly*. (2014)

Public Engagement:

Writing:

- “The role of suffering in managing chronic pain,” *In Touch*, forthcoming
- *Understanding and Enriching Agency at End of Life*. Co-written with Ben Colburn. Module for health professionals developed for Macmillan Cancer Support. Intended digital release September 2023.
- “A Philosopher’s Account of Pain and Suffering” *Pain News* 21(1): 23-26. (2023)
- “Puzzles with Pain Reports,” (February, 2020) in *Pain*, hosted by *Post 45*: <https://post45.org/2020/02/puzzles-with-pain-reports/>
- “Illuminated Agency,” in *Foundation Painting Show*. Cologne: If I Ran the Circus.

- Value of Suffering Project Suffering Blog, for John Templeton Foundation (2013-2016)
 - I was the editor and regular contributor for this blog which facilitated two-way interaction between suffering researchers and the public.

Podcast Appearances:

- Philosophers chatting with Clinicians (recording September 2023)
- The Encourager (recording June, 2023)
- Consciousness Live. January, 2021
- Thoughts, January, 2021
- GIST magazine, November, 2014.

Public Lectures and Interviews:

- “Understanding and Enriching Agency at End of Life,” Macmillan Cancer Support Webinar. Recording September, 2023.
- “A Philosopher’s Account of Pain and Suffering,” British Pain Society. June, 2022
- “A Philosopher’s Account of Pain and Suffering,” Glasgow Humanists. April, 2022.
- “Why is Chronic Pain Still So Misunderstood?” Interview with Eva Wiseman for *Vogue*.
- Interview with RTÉ, Lyric FM. February, 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.

Public Events:

- Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience (2014-1028)
I organized, developed, 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/>

Teaching:

Curriculum Development:

- Scottish Prisons:
Leading initiative to deliver in-person 12 week philosophy courses taught by University of Glasgow philosophers for inmates in Scottish Prisons (2023-2024)
- University of Glasgow:
I co-developed a question-based active learning two-year Subhonours Philosophy curriculum for over 1,000 students. With Robert Cowan. First delivered 2018 and still running.

Convening and Lecturing:

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

- University of Glasgow:
 - MSc: Philosophy of Mind, Medicine in Mind (for masters students)
 - MLitt: Bootcamp, Philosophy of Mind (for masters conversion students)
 - SH: Pain and Pleasure; Perception (for senior honours students)
 - Subhonours: How Should I Live; What am I? What is There; Mind and Perception; Plato's Republic; Why be good; Is there a god?

- 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)

PhD Supervision:

- Carina Engler (2023-present)
- Anthony Clark (2021-present)
- Alessandro Barbieri (joint with Edinburgh) (2017-2021)
- Imants Latkovskis (2017-2020)
- Claire Morris (2018-2020)

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)

Upcoming: SPA Annual Meeting (2023); University of Bristol (2024)

- Discussant at large for “Conceptualising Animal Joy,” workshop at St Andrews University, funded by John Templeton Foundation. July, 2023.
- “Suffering,” Applied Philosophy of Science and Epistemology Lecture Series, University of Vienna, June 2023
- “Promiscuous Kinds and Individual Minds,” Philosophy of Mind Seminar, University of Oxford, October 2022
- “Promiscuous Kinds and Individual Minds,” Natural Kinds in the Mind Conference, London School of Economics, September 2022
- “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:

Boards and Committees:

- Elected Executive Board for the British Philosophical Association (2022-present)
- Executive Committee: Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience (2012-present)

External Examining

- University of York (2022-present): Postgraduate Philosophy
- University of Edinburgh (2021-present): Undergraduate Philosophy

External Reviewing

- National Science Centre Poland (2022): Grant Review
- National Science Foundation (2021): Grant Review
- Israeli Science Foundation (2020): Grant Review
- University of Bern (2018): Habilitation thesis review
- Irish Research Council Postdoctoral International Assessment Board: Outer board member (2018)

Journal and Manuscript Refereeing

Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Erkenntnis; Journal of Philosophy; 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 Philosophy Director (2019-present)
- College of Arts Early Career Mentor (2019-present)
- International Officer for the Humanities (2021-2022)
- PGR Convenor (2018-2019)
- IM Convenor (2017-2018)
- Postdoctoral Representative for the School of Humanities (2015-2016)

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)