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Curriculum Vitae

Jeffrey J. Watson

LECTURER, PHILOSOPHY
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL & RELIGIOUS STUDIES
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Area of Specialization: Metaphysics / Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence: Logic, Ethics, Epistemology, History of Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy

Arizona State University, 2008 - 2013

Dissertation: *Emergence and Cosmic Hermeneutics*

Committee: Bernard W. Kobes (chair), Ángel Pinillos, Steven Reynolds, Terry Horgan

Dissertation Summary: Emergentism is the view that sometimes “the whole is more than the sum of its parts”. Originating in J. S. Mill’s *System of Logic*, emergentist accounts have been offered for a whole host of phenomena in the natural and social sciences, most notably phenomenal consciousness. However, it is rarely clear what claims of “emergence” are committed to. I offer a coherent and unified account of emergence, and defend it as an intermediate position between materialism and dualism from common objections.

B.A., Political Science & Linguistics

University of Arizona, 1999 – 2002

M.A., Philosophy

Arizona State University, 2008 - 2012

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association

2010 – present

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

2017 – present

Research Interests: Emergence, Mental Causation, Consciousness, Vagueness, Paradoxes, Counterfactuals, Varieties of Possibility, Representation, Responsibility.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: *Lecturer, Arizona State University*

2014 – present

PAST EMPLOYMENT: *Arizona State University:* Instructor (2013-2014), Faculty Associate (2012-2013), Teaching Assistant (2009 - 2012), Grader (2008 - 2009), Tutor for Writing Center, GRE Prep, and Disability Resources Center (2008 - 2009). *Northern Arizona University, Prescott Valley,* Adjunct Faculty (2011-2012). *Yavapai College, Prescott,* Adjunct Faculty (2011-2012).

RESEARCH - PRESENTATIONS

"Overdetermination isn't the Problem" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i>	Denver, CO	Feb. 23, 2019
"Symposium on Marvin Mooney's Paradox" <i>American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division</i>	New York, NY	Jan. 7, 2019
"Sustainability, Conservation, and the Categorical Imperative" <i>International Society for Environmental Ethics</i>	Allenspark, CO	June 2, 2017
"Can I Know What I Would Have Freely Done?" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i>	Seattle, WA	April 12, 2017
"Lifting Two Burdens on Epistemicism" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i>	Kansas City, MO	Mar. 1, 2017
"Borderline Cases without Borderlines" <i>Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium – Analytic Group</i>	Washington, PA	Sept. 10, 2016
"Just Reasons to Refuse Just Reparations" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i>	St. Louis, MO	Feb. 19, 2015
"The Ethics of Insults" <i>Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress</i>	Boulder, CO	Aug. 10, 2013
"Two Notions of Sufficiency" <i>Philosophy Society, Australian National University</i>	Canberra, Australia	Mar. 5, 2013
"Mental Causation: Two Notions of Sufficiency" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i>	New Orleans, LA	Feb. 23, 2013
"Harm and Reasonable Expectations" <i>American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division</i>	Seattle, WA	April 5, 2012
"Logic and Perceptual Content" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i>	Chicago, IL	Feb. 16, 2012
"Mending the Broken Promises of the Past: On Responsibility to Repair Historical Wrongs" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i>	Minneapolis, MN	April 1, 2011

PUBLISHED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Watson, J. (2019) *Introduction to Logic*, Cogbooks, Orlando, FL.

An online adaptive learning system with text readings, videos, interactive exercises, quizzes, and supplemental resources, that introduces formal and informal logic to students while tracking their progress.

Watson, J. (2016) *Introduction to Philosophy: Deducing Answers*, Kendall Hunt, Dubuque, IA.

An introduction to philosophy textbook with focused descriptions of philosophical problems, such as skepticism, the mind/body problem, and free will, and includes an anthology of historical and contemporary texts.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Philosophy Awards Committee	2016-2021
EPIC Discussion Group	2016-2020
EdPlus - Cogbooks User Testing	2020
ASU C.P.E. - Theory of Knowledge Preview Course	2020
SHPRS Writing Tutorial Videos	2020
SHPRS "Remote Prepping" Video	2020
The LEAD Project, Office of the University Provost	2015-2020
UTO - Student Response System RFP Committee	2019-2020
The College Advising Hub - First-Year Advising "Major of the Week" Speaker	2020
EdPlus - Theory of Knowledge Preview Video	2019
LEAD - Principles of Sound Reasoning Preview Video	2019
Canvas "Ally" Accessibility Pilot	2019
PHI 101 "Master Class" Development Team, SHPRS	2015-2019
Presentation to Undergraduate Philosophy Club, "Mental Causation"	2019
"Pitch" Pilot for Online Teaching	2018
Faculty Co-Advisor, Online Undergraduate Philosophy Club	2013-2018
Philosophers Talkin' Pedagogy discussion group participant	2017
SHPRS iConsume Panel	2017
EdPlus Academic Integrity Video Content	2017
Canvas Pilot Program, University Technology Office	2016-2017
Philosophy Summer Hiring Committee	2016
CLAS Demofest Presenter	2016
CLAS Humanities Early Start Planning Meetings	2015
"Mini-Seminar" for High School Philosophy Students	2015
SHPRS FAC Talks, "Teaching Philosophy Online"	2014
Mini-Conference Planning Committee, Philosophy Unit	2013

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

Faculty Advisor, Graduate Philosophical Society 2013-2021

Presentations: "Overdetermination is not the Problem" (2018), "Marvin Mooney's Paradox" (2017), "Responsibility for Harm" (Fall 2015), "Funding Conference Travel" (Fall 2015), "New Graduate Student Q & A" (Fall 2014), "Just Reparations" (Fall 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AS A REVIEWER

Oxford University Press	2020, 2014
Rowman & Littlefield	2017
Broadview Press	2015
Bloomsbury Academic	2015
ANSR-Source / McGraw Hill	2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AS A COMMENTATOR

Peter Finocchiaro, "A Puzzle About Parsimony" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago IL</i>	February 26, 2020
Marco Stango, "A Category Mistake in Philosophy of Consciousness and Naturalistic Dualism" <i>American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Savannah GA</i>	January 4, 2018
Claire Hamlett, "A Framework for Thinking about Environmental Practices" <i>International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, CO</i>	June 2, 2017
Jason Hanschmann, "A Problematic Approach to Resolving the Sorites Paradox" <i>Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Colorado Springs, CO</i>	October 6, 2016
Analytic Working Group: Language, Mind & Metaphysics <i>Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium</i>	September 10, 2016
Matt Smith, "Luck and Responsibility in Politics" <i>Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO</i>	August 10, 2013
Nick Cesare, "Absurd Results from Posthumous Harm" <i>Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ</i>	April 5, 2013
Ralf Bader, "Aggregating vs. Balancing Harms" <i>American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division</i>	April 5, 2012
Jonathan Spelman, "A Defense of Phenomenal Conservatism" <i>Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ</i>	March 3, 2012
Neil Mehta, "Is there a Phenomenological Argument for Representationalism?" <i>Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ</i>	March 6, 2011
Benjamin Jarvis, "The Instrumental Value of Truth" <i>Southwest Grad. Conference, Tempe, AZ</i>	March 21, 2009

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AS A SESSION CHAIR

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA April 11, 2020
Colloquium by Bridger Landle and William Kilborn, "Theon's Revenge and Commonsense Ontology"

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL February 29, 2020
Symposium by Torin Alter, "Russellian Monism and Structuralism about Physics"

31st Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science, Boulder, CO October 17, 2015
Sessions by Nora Berenstein, "Strengthening Weak Emergence"; Kevin Morris, "Truthmaking, Levels of Reality, and the Mysteries of Emergence."; Fatema Amijee, "Emergence and Metaphysical Explanation"

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC April, 2015
Colloquium by Chris Melenovsky, "Rawlsian Objectivity"

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Interview on Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence, *Arizona State Press* Oct. 2018
Interview on Philosophy and Corporate Brand Identity, *Phoenix Business RadioX* Oct. 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ASU Copyright and Fair Use for Instructors 2019
Quality Matters: Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) Certificate 2018
American Association of Philosophy Teachers - APA Workshop 2018
American Association of Philosophy Teachers - APA Workshop 2017
ASU Teaching Controversial Topics Workshop 2017

AWARDS

Visiting Ph.D. Student in Philosophy, RSSH, The Australian National University 2013
Doctoral Research Grant, Arizona Board of Regents 2013
Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Arizona State 2013
Graduate Student Travel Awards, American Philosophical Association 2010-2013
Graduate Student Travel Awards, Arizona State University (GPSA, SHPRS) 2010-2013