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University of Warsaw
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Warsaw, Poland

Areas of Specialization:

Cognitive Science (esp. Skill, Creativity, Perception, Visual Search), Action, Phil. Of Psychology

Areas of Competence:

Mind, Epistemology, Logic, Existentialism, Early Chinese Philosophy, Ethics

EDUCATION

- PhD** **University of Utah**, Philosophy, *Defended April 3rd, 2023*
Dissertation: “Getting Creative with Style in the Flow of Expert Action”
Committee: Dustin Stokes (chair), Natalia Washington, Carlos Santana,
Thi Nguyen, Carlotta Pavese (external examiner).
- BS** **University of Oklahoma**, Philosophy, *December 2016*

EMPLOYMENT

- University of Warsaw (2023 - Current):** *Postdoctoral Fellow*, “Perceptual Objects in Unimodal and Multimodal Settings” with Dr. Aleksandra Mroczko-Wąsowicz
- University of Utah (2023 [Summer]):** *Instructor*, Continuing Education
- University of Utah (2020 – 2023):** *Study Coordinator*, “Visual Attention Laboratory” of Dr. Trafton Drew & Dr. Jeanine Stefanucci

RESEARCH

Academic Publications

- Visual expertise is more than meets the eye: An examination of holistic visual processing in radiologists and architects.** Spencer Ivy, Taren Rohovit, Jeanine Stefanucci, Dustin Stokes, Megan Mills, Trafton Drew. *Journal of Medical Imaging*. 10(1), 015501. (2023).
- Unconscious Intelligence in the Skilled Control of Expert Action.** Spencer Ivy. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*. 30(3): 59-58. (2023)
- Getting Sophisticated: In favor of hybrid views of skilled action in expertise.** Spencer Ivy. *Southwest Philosophy Review*. 39(1). (2023)
- On the role of creativity in expertise and skilled action.** Spencer Ivy. *Synthese*. 200, 456. (2022).
- Through the eyes of the expert: Evaluating holistic processing in architects using gaze-contingent viewing.** Spencer Ivy, Taren Rohovit, Mark Lavelle, Lace Padilla, Jeanine Stefanucci, Dustin Stokes, Trafton Drew. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*. 28, 870-878. (2021).

Popular Philosophy Publications

The Free Syllabus System: A new course paradigm for theory-based philosophy classes. Spencer Ivy. *The Blog of the APA*. (2022).

Chile's new constitution offers unique opportunity to rethink worker's rights in the digital age. Spencer Ivy, Claudio Gutierrez. *Global Voices*. (2021).

Trabajo Digital Justo y Digno en la Nueva Constitución (Just and Dignified Digital Work in the New Constitution). Spencer Ivy, Claudio Gutierrez. *CIPER Academico*. 2021. Rpt. In *AAU Universidad de Chile*, (2021).

Comment on 'Kandinsky & Loss.' Spencer Ivy & S.Y. Her. *The Philosopher's Meme*. (2017).

Research in Progress

Perceptual learning is indicated by the suppression of holistic visual processing in Architecture. Spencer Ivy, Hudson Guttman, Jeanine Stefanucci, Dustin Stokes, Trafton Drew.

Cognition-driven objecthood & the role of perceptual framing in feature binding. Spencer Ivy & Aleksandra Mroczko-Wąsowicz.

Molyneux's Problem and Functional Multisensory Binding. Spencer Ivy, Michał Bachanek, Aleksandra Ciastewicz, & Aleksandra Mroczko-Wąsowicz.

Expertise isn't flying! It's falling with style: The diagnostic function of style for skill. Spencer Ivy.

**PRESENTATIONS
AND INVITED
LECTURES**

"Expertise Isn't Flying, It's Falling with Style: The Diagnostic Function of Style for Skill" (*Winner of the Best Graduate Essay Prize*)
Rocky Mountain ASA, Santa Fe NM (2023)

Invited Commentary: "Approaching the Wu-Wei Paradox Through the Lens of Cognitive Science: A Possible Interpretation of the Daodejing"
Central APA Meeting, Denver Colorado (2023)

"The Role of Creativity in Expertise and Skilled Action"
*Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Hawaii, (2022);
Gateway Graduate Conference, University of Missouri Saint Louis (2022)*

"Getting Sophisticated: In Favor of Hybrid Views of Skilled Action in Expertise"
*Southwest Society of Philosophy Conference, Las Vegas (2022);
Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology, Mobile Alabama (2022);
Enactivism & Phenomenology: State of the Dialog, Palacky University Olomouc (2021)*

"The Limits and Future of Holistic Visual Processing in Visual Expertise"
Virtual Vision Futures, VISTA – Center of Vision Research, York University (2021)

Invited Lecture: "Perceptual Expertise & Creative Diversity in Design"
MHTN Architecture attitude|design Lecture Series, Keynote (2021)

"Responsible Automation in the Digital Age"
The Social Moral & Political Impact of Virtual Technology, University of Chile, Santiago (2021)

“Procedural Automaticity & Holistic Cognition in Expert Activity”

Intermountain Philosophy Conference, University of Utah (2020)

“Through the Eyes of the Experts”

Vision Sciences Society, St. Petersburg Florida (2020).

“Nietzsche: Artist, Creator, Educator”

Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, University of Utah (2019)

“Nature’s Way (Or the Way of the Sage): A resolution to the pragmatic contradiction of the Daodejing”

Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University (2019)

“Attentively”

Intermountain Philosophy Conference, University of Utah (2018)

“Leibniz: A Compatibilist Account of Contingency”

University of San Diego (2016); University of Central Oklahoma (2016); University of Oklahoma (2016); Marist College (2015); University of Southern Illinois, Edwardsville (2015)

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Primary Course Instructor

At the University of Utah – 8 Semesters

Existentialism (3810, Online): *Summer 2021, 2022*

Introduction to Philosophy (1000, Online): *Fall 2021, Spring 2022*

Introduction to Philosophy (1000): *Fall 2020*

Theories of Knowledge (3300): *Spring 2020*

Reason & Rational Decision Making (1250, Online): *Summer 2019, 2020*

Co-Teaching & Teaching Assistantship

At the University of Utah – 5 Semesters

World Religions (3640): *Summer, 2023*

Cognitive Science (3440): *Spring 2021*

Mind, Language, & Reality (3400): *Spring 2019*

Introduction to Philosophy (1000): *Fall 2018*

Reason & Rational Decision Making (1250): *Spring 2018*

At the University of Oklahoma – 3 Semesters

Introduction to Logic (1100): *Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016*

**HONORS,
AWARDS,
AND GRANTS**

Best Graduate Essay Prize: Center for Philosophical Studies

Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics
Paper: “Expertise Isn’t Flying, It’s Falling with Style”

Tanner Humanities Research Fellowship, 2022 - 2023

Provides tuition, fees, & a monthly stipend for research and participation in the Tanner Center’s community of scholars from across the humanities & around Utah.

Dee Foundation Grant (\$3,000), 2022 - 2023

“Mind the Body: Creativity, Improvisation, and Play in Philosophy & Dance”
(With support from Eric Handman & Thi Nguyen) Grant awarded for teaching development and excellence; used to host an interdisciplinary philosophy & dance conference.

Tanner Faculty Research Supplemental Support Grant (\$500), 2022 - 2023

Campus-Wide Grant Awarded to faculty to advance humanities research, collaboration, and conversation.

MHTN attitude|design Keynote Speaker Honorarium

Tanner Excellence Fund for Events & Service (\$800), 2021 - 2022

Departmental micro-grant to host & run Graduate Student led events.

Graduate Term Afield Research Fellowship, 2019 - 2020

Provides tuition, fees, & a monthly stipend for research and participation as an embedded philosophy within a lab on campus. Lab: Applied Visual Attention Lab, Trafton Drew.

Doctoral Research Fellowship, University of Utah, 2017 - Present

Provides tuition, fees, & a monthly stipend for doctoral research & teaching.

**PROFFESIONAL
SERVICE**

Referee & Review Work

Phenomenology & the Cognitive Sciences

Lead Conference Organizer

Mind the Body: Creativity, Improvisation, and Play in Philosophy & Dance. 2023
Action & Ethics: How, Why, Ought. 2019.

Founder, President: Utah Graduate Student Committee, 2022 - 2023

Elected to advocate for Graduate Students at faculty meetings & on campus

Utah MAP Chapter Officer, 2021 - 2023

Graduate Student Reading Group Organizer

Simone Weil's Gravity & Grace, Summer 2022
Kant's Critique of Practical Judgement, Summer 2021
McDowell's Mind & World, Summer 2020
Heidegger's Being & Time Div. I, Summer 2020
Thompson's Life and Action, Spring 2019
Invited Speaker Seminar: Sarah Buss, Spring 2019
Sellar's Empiricism & the Philosophy of Mind, Fall 2019
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, Summer 2019

Graduate Student Works in Progress Talks Host, Organizer

2017 – Present + 2021 co-invitational with Michigan State University

Graduate Student Committee for Tenure Review

2017 – Present

Applying to Graduate School in Philosophy Workshop for Undergrads

Summer 2021, 2022

PROFFESIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Aesthetics, 2023 – Present
American Philosophical Association, 2020 – Present
Southwestern Philosophical Society, 2022 – Present
Global Voices Author & Community Contributor, 2021 – Present
Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology, 2021 – Present
Vision Science Society, 2020 – 2021
McAllister & Quinn, *Grant Writer, Reviewer, Editor*, 2022 – Present
Liberty Mountain Sports, *Network & Systems Administrator*, 2017 – 2021

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

At The University of Utah (*Audits)

*Philosophy of the Daodejing	Hutton	– Fall 2020
*John Locke	Newman	– Spring 2020
*Pragmatism	Millgram	– Fall 2019
*Free Will	Lehrer	– Fall 2019
*Inductive Logic	Schupbach	– Spring 2019
Early Modern Rationalists	Newman	– Spring 2019
Classical Chinese Philosophy	Hutton	– Spring 2019
Bioethics	Battin & Friedman	– Spring 2019
Perception	Stokes	– Fall 2018
Nietzsche	Millgram	– Fall 2018
Metaphysics & Logic	Peterson & Schupbach	– Fall 2018
Writing the Philosophy Book	Battin	– Spring 2018
Attention: Art & Aesthetics	Stokes	– Spring 2018
Advanced Deductive Logic	Schupbach	– Spring 2018
Practical Reasoning	Andreou	– Fall 2017
Personal Identity	Millgram	– Fall 2017
Aristotle	Peterson	– Fall 2017

At The University of Oklahoma

Early Chinese Philosophy	Olberding	– Fall 2016
Ethics	Zagzebski	– Spring 2016
Formal Systems & Logic	Hawthorne	– Spring 2016
Philosophy of Physics	Hawthorne	– Fall 2015
Aristotle	Benson	– Fall 2015
Plato	Benson	– Spring 2015
Philosophy of Religion	Judisch	– Fall 2014
Epistemology	Priselac	– Spring 2014

REFERENCES AVAILABLE TO CONTACT

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Trafton Drew		Sirona Medical		Email: traftondrew@gmail.com