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## Areas of Specialization:

Cognitive Science, Action, Aesthetics

## Areas of Competence:

Mind & Perception, Epistemology, Existentialism, Early Chinese Philosophy, Logic, Ethics, Religion

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

### Academic Publications

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

### Public 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 Constitucion (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).

**PRESENTATIONS  
AND INVITED  
LECTURES**

**“Expertise Isn’t Flying, It’s Falling with Style: The Diagnostic Function of Style for Skill”**

*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)*

Primary Course Instructor

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

*At the University of Utah – 9 Semesters*

**World Religions (3640):** *Summer, 2023*  
**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 – 4 Semesters*

**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**

**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**

*Action & Ethics: How, Why, Ought.* Salt Lake City UT, University of Utah. 2019.

*Mind the Body: Creativity, Improvisation, and Play in Philosophy & Dance.* Salt Lake City UT, University of Utah. 2023

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

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

**Utah MAP Chapter Events Officer & Web Developer, 2021 - Present**

**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 MSU's Graduate Students

**Graduate Student Committee for Tenure Review**

2017 – Present

**Applying to Graduate School in Philosophy Workshop for Undergrads**

Summer 2021, 2022

**PROFFESIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

**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)**

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|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| *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**

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|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 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  
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CONTACT**

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| <b>Dustin Stokes</b>      | U. of Utah Philosophy   Email: <a href="mailto:Dustin.Stokes@utah.edu">Dustin.Stokes@utah.edu</a>                       |
| <b>Natalia Washington</b> | U. of Utah Philosophy   Email: <a href="mailto:Natalia.Washington@utah.edu">Natalia.Washington@utah.edu</a>             |
| <b>Carlos Santana</b>     | U. of Utah Philosophy   Email: <a href="mailto:C.Santana@utah.edu">C.Santana@utah.edu</a>                               |
| <b>Thi Nguyen</b>         | U. of Utah Philosophy   Email: <a href="mailto:C.Thi.Nguyen@utah.edu">C.Thi.Nguyen@utah.edu</a>                         |
| <b>Steve Downes</b>       | U. of Utah Philosophy   Email: <a href="mailto:S.Downes@utah.edu">S.Downes@utah.edu</a>                                 |
| <b>Jeanine Stefanucci</b> | U. of Utah Psychology   Email: <a href="mailto:Jeanine.Stefanucci@psych.utah.edu">Jeanine.Stefanucci@psych.utah.edu</a> |
| <b>Trafton Drew</b>       | Sirona Medical   Email: <a href="mailto:traftondrew@gmail.com">traftondrew@gmail.com</a>                                |