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AREAS OF
SPECIALIZATION

- Philosophy of Cognitive Science
- Philosophy of Mind
- Experimental Philosophy

AREAS OF
COMPETENCE

- General Philosophy of Science
- Early Modern Philosophy
- Wittgenstein

POSITION

- August 2010 – Present:

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, East Tennessee State University

EDUCATION

- PhD History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh (2010)
- MA Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh (2008)
- MA History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh (2006)
- BS Computer Science, University of Minnesota (2003), Dual Major in Philosophy
- BS Neuroscience, University of Minnesota (1999), Minor in Psychology

ARTICLES

18. Sytsma, J., J. Livengood, and D. Rose (forthcoming). "Two Types of Typicality: Rethinking the Role of Statistical Typicality in Ordinary Causal Attributions." *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*.
17. Sytsma, J., and E. Machery (forthcoming). "On the Relevance of Folk Intuitions: A Reply to Talbot." *Consciousness and Cognition*.
16. Rose, D., J. Livengood, J. Sytsma, and E. Machery (forthcoming). "Deep Trouble for the Deep Self." *Philosophical Psychology*.
15. Sytsma, J., and J. Livengood (2012). "Experimental Philosophy and Philosophical Disputes." *Essays in Philosophy*, 13(1): 145-160.
14. Sytsma, J., and J. Livengood (2011). "A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 89(2): 315-332.
13. Machery, E., and J. Sytsma (2011). "Robot Pains and Corporate Feelings." *The Philosophers' Magazine*, 1st quarter 2011: 78-82.
12. Sytsma, J., and E. Machery (2010). "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." *Philosophical Studies*, 151(2): 299-327.
11. Sytsma, J. (2010). "The Proper Province of Philosophy: Conceptual Analysis and Empirical Investigation." *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 1(3): 427-445.
10. Sytsma, J. (2010). "Dennett's Theory of the Folk Theory of Consciousness." *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 17(3-4): 107-130.
9. Sytsma, J. (2010). "Folk Psychology and Phenomenal Consciousness." *Philosophy Compass*, 5/8: 700-711.
8. Machery, E., M. Deutsch, R. Mallon, S. Nichols, J. Sytsma, and S. Stich (2010). "Semantic Intuitions: Reply to Lam." *Cognition*, 117(3): 361-366.
7. Livengood, J., J. Sytsma, A. Feltz, R. Scheines, and E. Machery (2010). "Philosophical Temperament." *Philosophical Psychology*, 23(3): 313-330.
 - a. Reprinted in: J. Horvath and T. Grundmann, eds. (forthcoming), *Experimental Philosophy and Its Critics*. Routledge.
6. Sytsma, J. (2009). "Phenomenological Obviousness and the New Science of Consciousness." *Philosophy of Science*, 76(5): 958-969.

- ARTICLES**
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5. Sytsma, J., and E. Machery (2009). "How to study Folk Intuitions about Phenomenal Consciousness." *Philosophical Psychology*, 22(1): 21-35.
a. Reprinted in: J. Dutant et al., eds. (forthcoming), *La philosophie expérimentale*. Paris: Vuibert.
 4. Sysma, J. (2007). "Language Police Running Amok." *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, 27(1): 89-103.
 3. Machamer, P., and J. Sytsma (2007). "Neuroscience and Theoretical Psychology: What's to worry about?" *Theory & Psychology*, 17(2): 199-216.
a. Reprinted in: H. Stam, ed. (2011), *Theoretical Psychology—Contemporary Readings*. London: SAGE.
 2. Machamer, P., J. E. McGuire, and J. Sytsma (2005). "Knowing Causes: Descartes on the World of Matter." *Philosophica*, 76: 11-44.
 1. Machamer, P., and J. Sytsma (2005). "Neuroscienze e natura della filosofia." *Iride*, 46: 495-514. (In Italian, translated by Alessandro Pagnini.)
a. Reprinted in: Machamer, P., and J. Sytsma (2009). "Philosophy and the Brain Sciences." *Iris: European Journal of Philosophy and Public Discourse*, 1(2): 65-86

- BOOK CHAPTERS**
2. Sytsma, J., and E. Machery (forthcoming). "Experimental Philosophy." In B. Kaldis (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*. London: SAGE.
 1. Sytsma, J. (forthcoming). "Information Supply and Demand." In N. Payette (Ed.), *Connected Minds: Cognition and Interaction in the Social World*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

- BOOKS**
2. Sytsma, J., Editor (under contract). *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Mind*. Continuum.
 1. Sytsma, J., and J. Livengood (under contract). *Experimental Philosophy: An Introduction and Guide*. Broadview Press, *Broadview Guides to Philosophy Series*.

- PRESENTATIONS**
43. "God Knows (But Does God Believe?)" American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 86th Annual Meeting Seattle, April 2012.
 42. "God Knows (But Does God Believe?)" Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, March 2012.
 41. "The Folk and the Concept of Phenomenal Consciousness." Lawrence University, Appleton, February 2012. (Invited.)
 40. "The Folk and the Concept of Phenomenal Consciousness." University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 2012. (Invited.)
 39. "Norms, Blame, Responsibility... and the Trolley Problem." META, Urbana-Champaign, February 2012. (Invited.)
 38. "Norms, Blame, Responsibility... and the Trolley Problem." Normative Implications of Moral Psychology, Birmingham, November 2011.
 37. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." NEH Summer Institute in Experimental Philosophy, Tucson, July 2011. (Invited talk delivered by co-author Edouard Machery.)
 36. "Deep Trouble for the Deep Self." Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Montreal, June 2011. (Talk delivered by co-authors David Rose and Edouard Machery.)
 35. "Two Types of Typicality." Brandeis Philosophy Conference, Waltham, April 2011. (Talk Delivered by co-author David Rose.)
 34. "Two Types of Typicality." Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, March 2011.
 33. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." Consciousness Day, New York, March 2011. (Invited talk delivered by co-author Edouard Machery.)

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32. "Folk Intuitions and Theories of Actual Causation." Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, Montreal, November 2010.
31. "Folk Psychology and Phenomenal Consciousness." ETSU Department of Psychology Speaker Series, Johnson City, October 2010.
30. "Two Types of Typicality." Causality in the Biomedical Sciences, Rotterdam, October 2010. (Talk Delivered by co-author David Rose.)
29. "Two Types of Typicality." Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Portland, June 2010. (Poster presentation.)
28. "Folk Intuitions and Theories of Actual Causation." Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Portland, June 2010. (Poster presentation.)
27. "Two Types of Typicality." *MERG / NYU Experimental Philosophy Colloquium*, New York, May 2010.
26. "Folk Psychology and Phenomenal Consciousness." ETSU, Johnson City, March 2010. (Invited.)
25. "Searching for Evidence of Phenomenal Consciousness in NCC Research." *Toward a Science of Consciousness 2010*, Tucson, April 2010.
24. "Folk Psychology and Phenomenal Consciousness." Northeastern University, Boston, February 2010. (Invited.)
23. "The Proper Province of Philosophy." Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Experimental Philosophy Society Group Session, New York, December 2009. (Invited.)
22. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, October 2009. (Invited talk delivered by co-author Edouard Machery.)
21. "Folk Psychology and Phenomenal Consciousness." Rutgers, New Brunswick, September 2009. (Invited.)
20. "A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions." Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Bloomington, June 2009.
19. "Dennett's Theory of the Folk Theory of Consciousness." Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Bloomington, June 2009. (Poster presentation.)
18. "A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions." Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, April 2009. (Talk delivered by co-author Jonathan Livengood.)
17. "Dennett's Theory of the Folk Theory of Consciousness." Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, April 2009.
16. "A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions." Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference, New Brunswick, March 2009.
15. "Dennett's Theory of the Folk Theory of Consciousness." *Consciousness Online*, February 2009.
14. "A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions." WMU Graduate Philosophy Conference, Kalamazoo, December 2008.
13. "Phenomenological Obviousness and the New Science of Consciousness." Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, Pittsburgh, November 2008.
12. "A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions." Regional Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science, Boulder, October 2008.
11. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." Gothenburg, Sweden, September 2008. (Invited talk delivered by co-author Edouard Machery.)
10. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." Lund, Sweden, September 2008. (Invited talk delivered by co-author Edouard Machery.)
9. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." Stockholm, Sweden, September 2008. (Invited talk delivered by co-author Edouard Machery.)
8. "The Proper Province of Philosophy." *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Philosophical Issues Conference*, Mobile, September 2008.

PRESENTATIONS
CONTINUED

7. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Philadelphia, June 2008.
6. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." Toward a Science of Consciousness 2008, Tucson, April 2008.
5. "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience." University of California, Santa Cruz, March 2008. (Invited talk delivered by co-author Edouard Machery.)
4. "How to Study Folk Intuitions about Phenomenal Consciousness." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Las Vegas, June 2007.
3. "Information Supply and Demand." Cognition 2007, Montreal, June 2007.
2. "Knowing Causes: Descartes on the World of Matter." Descartes Day II, Pittsburgh, May 2006.
1. "Knowing Causes: Descartes on the World of Matter." Descartes and Pascal, Tampa, January 2006.

COMMENTARIES

- 4/2012 *Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology* (Savannah, GA)
Commentary on Mike Bruno, "Experimental Philosophy and Embodied Consciousness"
- 2/2012 *Consciousness Online 4* (<http://consciousnessonline.wordpress.com/>)
Commentary on Wesley Buckwalter and Mark Phelan, "Does the S&M Robot feel Guilty?"
- 4/2011 *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 85th Annual Meeting* (San Diego, CA)
Commentary on Brian Talbot, "An Argument for Old-Fashioned Intuition Pumping"
- 3/2010 *12th Annual CMU/Pitt Graduate Student Philosophy Conference* (Pittsburgh, PA)
Commentary on Derek Leben, "Cognitive Neuroscience and Moral Decision-Making"
Commentary on Eric Hochstein, "Folk Psychology's Place in Science"
- 2/2010 *Consciousness Online 2* (<http://consciousnessonline.wordpress.com/>)
Commentary on Brian Talbot, "The irrelevance of Folk Intuitions to the 'Hard Problem' of Consciousness"
- 2/2008 *10th Annual CMU/Pitt Graduate Student Philosophy Conference* (Pittsburgh, PA)
Commentary on Errol Lord, "On Maximal Rationality"

AWARDS,
GRANTS,
& FELLOWSHIPS

- 2010 "Pain Hallucinations," ETSU Student-Faculty Collaborative Grant
- 2009-2010 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2009 William James Prize, *Society for Philosophy and Psychology 35th Annual Conference*
Awarded to the best contributed paper by a graduate student for "A New Perspective concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions"
- 2009 Graduate Student Paper Prize, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division 83rd Annual Meeting* (Vancouver, BC, Canada)
- 2008 "A New Perspective concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions," Wesley Salmon Fund Grant, University of Pittsburgh
- 2008 William James Prize, *Society for Philosophy and Psychology 34th Annual Conference*
Awarded to the best contributed paper by a graduate student for "Two Conceptions of Subjective Experience"
- 2008 Travel Award, *24th Regional Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science* (Boulder, CO)
- 2007-2008 GPSA Travel Grant, University of Pittsburgh (x3)
- 2007-2008 Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2006 Faculty of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, University of Pittsburgh
- 2003-2004 Andrew Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

TEACHING

- Courses Experimental Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Science and the Modern World, Problem Solving: How Science Works, Artificial Intelligence and the Philosophy of Science, Morality and Medicine, Principles of Scientific Reasoning, Science and Pseudoscience
- Other Independent Study, Senior Seminar

- SERVICE**
- 2012 Chair, Session on Attention and Consciousness, *Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology* (Savannah, GA)
 - 2012 Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Development Committee, ETSU
 - 2012 Search Committee, Philosophy and Humanities, ETSU
 - 2012- Colloquium Committee, Philosophy and Humanities, ETSU
 - 2011 Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Theme Clarification Committee, ETSU
 - 2011- PhilPapers, Sub-category Editor, Experimental Philosophy of Language
 - 2010- Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Committee, ETSU
 - 2010- Webmaster, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, ETSU
 - 2010- Retention and Recruitment Committee, Philosophy and Humanities, ETSU
 - 2010-2011 Metro Experimental Research Group, Experiment Month Initiative: Mentor for Robert Northcott (UMSL), "Pre-emption and Causation"
 - 2009-2012 Executive Committee, PhilSci Archive (three-year term starting August 2009), University of Pittsburgh
 - 2009 Web Designer / Developer, Experimental Philosophy Society
 - 2009 Chair, Session on Experimental Philosophy of Consciousness, *Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology* (Savannah, GA)
 - 2007-2009 Mentor, Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (two one-year terms), University of Pittsburgh
 - 2006-2010 Web Designer / Developer, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh
 - 2006-2010 Organizer, History and Philosophy of Science Graduate Work in Progress Talks, University of Pittsburgh
 - 2005-2009 Archive Manager, PhilSci Archive, University of Pittsburgh
 - 2008 Member of Local Arrangements Committee and Liaison to History of Science Society Office for the Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting and History of Science Society Annual Meeting
 - 2005-2006 Webmaster, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh
 - 2005 Assistant to the Director, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh

- REFEREEING**
- 2011, 2012 Journal of Consciousness Studies
 - 2011 Philosophical Studies
 - 2011 International Studies in the Philosophy of Science
 - 2011 Metaphilosophy
 - 2011 MIT Press
 - 2011 The Monist
 - 2011 Australasian Journal of Philosophy
 - 2010, 2011 Philosophy of Science
 - 2010 Consciousness and Cognition
 - 2009, 2010 Society for Philosophy and Psychology 35th and 36th Annual Meetings
 - 2009 Journal of Moral Philosophy
 - 2004-2009 Annual CMU/Pitt Graduate Student Philosophy Conference

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