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Curriculum Vitae

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Assistant Professor
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of British Columbia, 2014
M.A. in Philosophy, Tufts University, 2011
B.S. in Psychology, University of Georgia, 2000

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014 Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Purdue University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Social Science, Ethics (moral psychology), Philosophy of Religion

DISSERTATION: Cultural Evolution and the Evolution of Religion

Supervisor: Eric Margolis
Committee: Christopher Stephens, John Beatty, Christopher Mole

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- 2014 Deery, O., Davis, T., & Carey, J. "The Free-Will Intuitions Scale and the Question of Natural Compatibilism." *Philosophical Psychology*.
- 2014 Davis, T. & Margolis, E. "The Priority of the Individual in Cultural Inheritance." Comment on P. E. Smaldino, The Cultural Evolution of Emergent Group-Level Traits. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.

2002 Marsh, R. L., Hicks, J. L., & Davis, T. "Source Monitoring Does Not Alleviate (and May Exacerbate) the Occurrence of Memory Conjunction Errors." *Journal of Memory and Language* 47, 315-326.

Book Review

2003 Fragaszy, D. M., Williams, C., Landau, K., Parthasarathy, V., & Davis, T. Rev. of *Origins of Intelligence*, by S. Parker and M. McKinney. "An Architecture for Comparative Cognitive Development." *American Journal of Primatology* 59, 133-137.

Under Review

Davis, T. "The Goldberg Exaptation Model: Unifying Adaptationist and By-product Theories of Religion."

Davis, T. "Group Selection in the Evolution of Religion: Genetic Evolution or Cultural Evolution?"

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2009-13 Four Year Doctoral Fellowship, \$16,000 + tuition, UBC.
2012-13 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$3,100, UBC.
2011-12 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$3,100, UBC.
2009-11 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$3,100, UBC.
2009-10 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, \$5,000, UBC.
2008-9 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$2,100, UBC.
2008-9 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, \$10,000, UBC.
2008-9 Graduate Entrance Scholarship, \$11,000, UBC.

PRESENTATIONS

2013 "The Free-Will Intuitions Scale and the Question of Natural Compatibilism," co-authored paper with Oisín Deery and Jasmine Carey, Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium on Agents and Persons, University of British Columbia, March 15 (invited)

2012 "Intuitions in a New Light: Expanding the Methods of Experimental Philosophy," co-authored paper with Oisín Deery & Jasmine Carey, Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June 21-24, the University of Colorado at Boulder (poster, refereed)

2012 Comment on Jason Simus, "Aesthetic and Other Theoretical Virtues in Science," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Pacific Grove, California, April 11-13 (invited)

2011 "Out Standing in the Field: Intellectual Foraging for Truths that Matter," Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, July 7-9 (poster, refereed)

- 2010 “Genuinely Aesthetic Judgment of Theories,” Spring Aesthetics Workshop, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 16 (invited)
- 2010 “The Cognitive Science of Science: Hypothetical Reasoning and Inference to the Best Explanation,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, June 10-11 (poster, refereed)
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University

- 2014 Fall Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy of Biology

Graduate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia

- 2013 Introduction to Philosophy

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia

- 2013 Philosophy of Religion
2012 Introduction to Philosophy
2011 Introduction to Philosophy
2010-11 Introduction to Philosophy (two terms)
2010 Introduction to Moral Theory
2009 Philosophy of Aristotle

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Tufts University

- 2008 Phenomenology & Existentialism
2007 Political Philosophy
2007 Reasoning & Critical Thinking
2006 Computational Models of Consciousness
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RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2013-2014 Under Eric Margolis, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia
Editing manuscripts for a 27-chapter volume forthcoming from Oxford University Press.
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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Laboratory Experience

- 2009-10 Under Joseph Henrich
Departments of Psychology and Economics, University of British Columbia
Managed a data collection team for the Canadian sample of a cross-cultural study on epistemic norms, as part of the AHRC Culture and the Mind Project.

2009 Under Stephen Stich
Department of Philosophy and Center for Cognitive Science, Rutgers University
Developed testing materials and conducted pilot research for an ongoing experimental philosophy project examining the folk concept of morality.

1998-99 Under Richard L. Marsh
Department of Psychology, University of Georgia
Collected data for a series of four experiments investigating the effects of source monitoring on memory conjunction errors.

Workshop Participation

2011 Experimental Philosophy of Free Will Boot Camp, Yale University, August 12–13
Instructors: S. Nichols, J. Knobe, F. Cushman, D. Pereboom
Participants were selected to present a research proposal for critique by the instructors and fellow participants. Instruction was also provided in experimental methods and in the philosophy of free will, and funding was provided for data collection.

AHRC Culture and the Mind Project (invited):

This project established a global network of field sites to support data collection on a large number of cross-cultural studies. In a series of workshops, participating researchers selected and developed the experiments that would make use of this network.

2011 University of California, January 6-9

2009 University of Sheffield, May 15-17

2009 University of British Columbia, January 9-11

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2011-12 Graduate Student Representative, University of British Columbia
Represented graduate students at departmental meetings; coordinated graduate student events, collective decisions, and desk and office assignments.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
Society for Philosophy and Psychology