

Sean Hermanson

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Toronto Philosophy 2003
M.A. Concordia University Philosophy 1996
B.A. Dalhousie University Philosophy 1993

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Florida Int'l University (FIU)	Full Professor	Philosophy	Aug. 2019-Present
Concordia University	Visiting Assistant Professor	Philosophy	Aug. 2007-Apr. 2008
University of Oklahoma	Visiting Assistant Professor	Philosophy	Aug. 2002-Apr. 2003

PART-TIME ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

York University	Visiting Assistant Professor	Philosophy	Aug. 2006-Dec. 2006
University of Toronto	Instructor	Philosophy	Aug. 2001-Apr. 2002

EMPLOYMENT RECORD AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida Int'l University (FIU)	Full Professor	Aug. 2019-Present
Florida Int'l University (FIU)	Associate Professor	Aug. 2010-July 2019
Florida Int'l University (FIU)	Assistant Professor	Aug. 2003-July 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- (Forthcoming). with M. Clarke. "Digital Epistemology Reconsidered," *Social Epistemology*.
(2021a). with A. Killin. "Special Issue Introduction: Archaeology and philosophy," *Topoi* 40(1): 203-5.
(2021b). with A Killin. "The Twain Shall Meet: Themes at the intersection of archaeology and philosophy," *Explorations in Archaeology and Philosophy* pp.1-4. Springer.
(2019a). "The problem is not discourses of production; it is production itself," *Animal Sentience: An interdisciplinary journal on animal feeling* 25(29).
(2019b). "Is human uniqueness fake news?" *Animal Sentience: An interdisciplinary journal on animal feeling* 23(30).
(2018a). "Representation, consciousness and time," *Metaphysica*, 19(1): 137-56.
(2018b). 2017d reprinted in Ceci, S.J., Williams, W. M. and Kahn, S. (eds.) *Underrepresentation of women in science: International and cross-disciplinary evidence and debate*. London: Frontiers ebooks.
(2017a). "The end of *The Road*," *European Journal of American Studies* 12(12-2).
(2017b). "Battlefish contention," *Animal Sentience: An interdisciplinary journal on animal feeling* 2(13): 3.
(2017c). "Implicit bias, stereotype threat, and political correctness in philosophy," *Philosophies, Special issue: "Political correctness--Towards a global ethos,"* 2(2).
(2017d). "Leaky pipeline myths: In search of gender effects on the job market and early career

- publishing in philosophy,” *Frontiers in Psychology* 8(953).
- (2017e). “Kamikazes and cultural evolution,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C: Biological and biomedical sciences* 61: 11-19.
- (2016). “Is cortex necessary?” *Animal Sentience: An interdisciplinary journal on animal feeling* 1(9): 6.
- (2015a). “Introspection, Anton’s Syndrome, and Human Echolocation,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*.
- (2015b). “Strong neurophilosophy and the matter of bat consciousness: A case study,” *Erkenntnis* 80(1): 9.
- (2013). “Superdupsizing the mind: Extended cognition and the persistence of cognitive bloat,” *Philosophical Studies* 158 (1): 1-16.
- (2010). “Blindsight in monkeys: Lost and (perhaps) found,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 17 (1-2): 47-71.
- (2008). “Insects and the problem of simple minds: Are bees natural zombies?” *The Journal of Philosophy* 105 (8): 389-415.
- (2005a). “Morgan’s Canon revisited,” *Philosophy of Science* 72 (4): 608-31.
- (2001). “The Pragmatist’s troubles with bivalence and counterfactuals,” *Dialogue: Canadian philosophical review* 40 (4): 669-90.

Chapters in Books

- (2025). “Descartes was right, about insects,” *Palgrave Handbook on the Problem of Animal Suffering*. B. Kyle Keltz (ed.). Palgrave MacMillan.
- (2018b). “Animal consciousness,” *Routledge handbook of consciousness* (chapter 29). Rocco J. Gennaro (ed.). Routledge.
- (2017f). “So that’s what it’s like!” in *Companion to the Philosophy of Animal Minds*. Kristen Andrews and Jacob Beck (eds.). Routledge.
- (2012). with J. Matey. “Synesthesia,” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
<<http://www.iep.utm.edu/synesthe>> (7000/12000 words).
- (2009). “Desgabets: Rationalist or Cartesian Empiricist?” in *Topics in Early Modern Philosophy of Mind*. Jon Miller (Ed.). Springer.
- (2005b). with W. Seager. “Panpsychism,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
<http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.htm#p>

Edited Book

- (2021c). with Anton Killin, *Explorations in Archaeology and Philosophy*. Synthese Library. Springer.

Book Reviews

- (2023). “Is everything a bit mysterious?” Review of Craig DeLancey for *Metascience: Consciousness as complex event*. Routledge.
- (2019c). “Talking ape writes book.” Review of Stewart-Williams for *Metascience: The ape that understood the universe*. Cambridge University Press.
- (2017g). Review of Brownstein and Saul, *Implicit Bias and Philosophy* for *Philosophy: The Journal of the Royal Institute of Philosophy* 92(2): 315-322.

PRESENTED PAPERS AND LECTURES

27. "Can Digital Reliabilism Save Social Epistemology?" was presented at the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola Beach, September 6, 2025. *refereed*.
26. "Exploring Epistemic Environments," was presented at the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola Beach, September 6, 2024. *refereed*.
25. "Exploring Epistemic Environments," was presented at the Joint Session of the North and South Carolina Philosophical Societies, March 16, 2024.
24. "Introspection and Self-blindness," was presented at the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola Beach, September 27, 2019. *refereed*
23. "Shamanism and Mythology in the Upper Paleolithic?" was presented at Digging Deeper: Archaeological and Philosophical Perspectives, Miami Beach (December 1, 2017). *non-refereed*
22. "Can Human Nature Be Saved?" was presented at the Atlantic Regional Philosophy Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia (October 14, 2017). *refereed*
21. "So that's what it's like!" was presented at the Atlantic Regional Philosophy Association, Acadia University, October 21, 2016. *refereed*
20. "Yet another paper about implicit bias" was presented at:
 - (a) University of Miami, November 19, 2015. *non-refereed*
 - (b) "Consciousness, cognition, and behavior" University of Louisville, October 10, 2015. *non-refereed*
 - (c) Atlantic Regional Philosophy Association, St. Thomas University, October 31, 2015. *refereed*
19. "A contrarian view of unconscious bias in philosophy" was presented at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, June 4-6, 2015. *refereed*
18. "In Defense of the Epistemic Privilege of Conscious Introspection: Another look at Anton's syndrome and facial vision," was presented at:
 - (a) New Directions in Philosophy of Mind Workshop, New York City (May 2, 2014). *non-refereed*
 - (b) Queen's University, January 9, 2014. *non-refereed*
17. "Development of Eye Morphology Relevant to Gaze-cuing in the Human Infant," was presented:
 - (a) By Allen-Hermanson at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Brown University, June 13-15, 2013. *refereed*
 - (b) By Anthony Dick & Amy Diaz at the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle April 20, 2013. *refereed*
16. "A Critique of Pure Representation," was presented at:
 - (a) The Atlantic Region Philosophy Association, University of Prince Edward Island, October 13, 2012. *refereed*
 - (b) The Florida Philosophical Association, Nova Southeastern University, November 6, 2011. *refereed*
 - (c) Toward a Science of Consciousness, University of Stockholm, May 3, 2011.
15. "Superdupsizing the mind," was presented at:
 - (a) The Society for Philosophy and Psychology, UQAM, July 8, 2011. *refereed*
 - (b) McMaster University, March 6, 2009. *refereed*
14. "Does Suicide Bombing Culturally Evolve?" was presented at the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University College Dublin, July 10, 2010. *refereed*
13. "Consciousness and Insects: Are bees natural zombies?" was presented at Florida

International University, January 22, 2009. *non-refereed*

12. "Extended Minds and Natural Kinds," was presented at Concordia University, April 4, 2008. *non-refereed*

11. "Blindsight in monkeys, lost and (perhaps) found" (colloquium paper) was presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting: San Francisco, April 5, 2007. *refereed*

10. "Desgabets: Rationalist or Cartesian Empiricist?" was presented at Topics in Early Modern Philosophy of Mind: Queens University, November 4, 2006. *non-refereed*

9. "Extended Memories, Explanatory Kinds, and Functional Roles" was presented at the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress: York University, Toronto, May 31, 2006. *non-refereed*

8. "Morgan's Canon Revisited" was presented at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting: Chicago, April 27, 2006. *refereed*

7. "Extended Memories and the Functional Roles Objection" was presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting: Portland, March 24, 2006. *refereed*

6. "Sober's Canon" was presented at the Florida Philosophical Association: Eckerd College, November 14, 2003. *refereed*

5. "Are Honey Bees Natural Zombies?" was presented at the Department of Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, January 24, 2003. *non-refereed*

4. "Animal Consciousness and Blindsight" was presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting: Seattle, March 29, 2002. *refereed*

3. "Blinded by Skepticism: Akins on bats" was presented at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting: Chicago, April 27, 2002. *refereed*

2. "The HOT core of Naturalizing the Mind" was presented at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting: Minneapolis, May 3, 2001. *refereed*

1. "Phantom Limbs" was presented at Descartes 2000: University of Toronto, February 26, 2000. *non-refereed*

COMMENTARIES

1. Commentary on "Why Folk-Psychology Can't Ruin Comparative Cognition," Kristen Andrews. Canadian Philosophical Association, Annual Congress: Brock University, May 28, 2014.

2. Commentary on "Wonder Amongst the Cartesians," by Brian Garrett. Topics in Early Modern Philosophy of Mind: Queens University, November 4, 2006.

3. Commentary on "Personal Identity and Multiple Realizability," by Annette Dufner. Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress: York University, June 1, 2006.

4. Commentary on "Anti-individualism Semantic and Epistemic," by Gurpreet Rattan. Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress: University of Western Ontario, May 31, 2005.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Digital reliabilism

2. Challenges to digital epistemology from cognitive science

3. Self-blindness and self-deception

FUNDED RESEARCH

Hermanson (PI), Killin, A & Johnson, M: Private donation for investigating philosophical archeology, 2016-2017 (\$250,000).

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS

Outstanding Researcher Award, FIU College of Arts, Sciences & Education, 2018.

Outstanding Researcher Award, FIU College of Arts & Sciences, 2016.

Wolfsonian-Mellon Foundation Grant, 2010.

FIU Faculty Development Award, 2005.

APA travel award, 2001 & 2002.

Gordon Cheesbrough award, 2001.

George Paxton Young Essay Prize, 2001.

Doctoral thesis completion grant, 2001.

Ontario Graduate Scholarships, 1999-2001.

University of Toronto fellowships, 1996-1999.

PAST AND PRESENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Area assistant editor for *Frontiers in Psychology* (Consciousness section)
2. Graduate Program Director for Liberal Studies
3. Fundraising and Development for the Center of Humanities in an Urban Environment
4. Hiring and supervising of two post-doctoral associates
5. Helping to establish a new digital archive at the Green Library
6. Search committees, including Chairing (several years)
7. Colloquia Coordinator (several years)
8. Personnel Committee (several years)
9. Graduate Admissions
10. Undergraduate Advisor and Associate Chair
11. Departmental Web Czar
12. A&S Curriculum Committee
13. Humanities Center Working Group
14. Faculty Advisor for Phi Sigma Tau
15. Advisor for Project Nur
16. Learning Outcomes
17. Library Committee
18. Departmental peer teaching reviewer
19. Developed a Global Learning Course: Environmental Ethics
20. College of A&S budget task force
21. Executive Committee of the United Faculty of Florida
22. A&S Policy Advisory Committee
23. Student success and Introductory Logic
24. A & S Research and Creative Works Committee

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC SERVICE

1. "Rethinking implicit bias: I want my money back," guest post at Leiter Reports, April 2018.
2. Conference organized (with Marilyn Johnson and Anton Killin): Digging Deeper: Archaeological and Philosophical Perspectives, Miami Beach, December 1-3, 2017.
3. Conference organized: New Directions in Empirically Informed Philosophy of Mind, New York City (May 1-2, 2014).
4. Journal Refereeing: thirty-two articles for the following journals: *Nous*, *Mind*, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (x2), *Erkenntnis* (x2), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies* (x3), *Synthese* (x7), *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (x2), *Philosophical Psychology* (x2), *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *The Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Mind & Language*, *Consciousness and Cognition*, and, the *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*.
5. Manuscripts: I have reviewed book-length manuscripts five times with the following presses: Oxford, Pearson, McGraw-Hill (x2), Wadsworth.
6. Conference refereeing: Florida Philosophical Association (x2) & the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
7. "Are there people who are racist, but don't know it?" (FIU Centre for Humanities, October 22, 2015).
8. "Infants and the Cooperative Eye Hypothesis," Cognitive sciences working group (FIU School of Integrated Sciences and Humanities, June 20, 2011).
9. Lecture on Knut Hamsun's *Hunger* (Wolfsonian-FIU).
10. "Evolutionary psychology," Guest lecture for graduate seminar on Human Nature (FIU, 2005).
11. "Just parrots," Lecture for FIU undergraduate society colloquium on skepticism (2004).
12. "Why study philosophy?" Lecture for FIU undergraduate society (2004).