

Jack Spencer

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- 2018–present **Associate Professor without Tenure, MIT**
- 2013–2018 **Assistant Professor, MIT**
- 2015 **Visitor, École Normal Supérieure, Institut Jean Nicod**

Education

- 2007–2013 **Ph.D., Princeton University, Philosophy**
- 2003–2007 **B.A., University of Colorado, Economics and Philosophy, *summa cum laude***

Areas

- AOS Metaphysics • Metaethics • Philosophy of Language
- AOC Decision Theory • Philosophy of Mind

Publications

- forthcoming “No Crystal Balls”
Noûs
- forthcoming “Why Take Both Boxes?”
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
(w/ Ian Wells)
- 2017 “Able to Do the Impossible”
Mind 126: 265–96
- 2016 “Disagreement and Attitudinal Relativism”
Mind 125: 511–39
- 2016 “Relativity and Degrees of Relationality”
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 92: 432–59

Talks

- 2019 TBA
Ranch Workshop
- 2018 “Why Chance Constrains Credence”
University of Colorado, Boulder
(*Probability and Chance in Science*)

- 2018 “Relative Truth, Absolute Correctness”
Emily Noether Research Group; Bochum, Germany
(Epistemology Seminar 2018)
Stanford University
(Stanford/CSLI Philosophy of Language and Linguistic Workshop)
- 2018 “No Crystal Balls”
Central APA, Chicago
- 2017 “Relative Truth, Absolute Correctness”
NYU
(New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)
- 2017 “A Consequentialist Theory of Rational Choice”
Northeastern University
- 2017 “Must Endurance be Primitive?”
Brown University
(New England Random Metaphysician Group)
- 2017 “Crystal Balls and U-maximization”
UNC, Chapel Hill
- 2017 “Should Truth Relativists Also Be Correctness Relativists?”
Cornell University
(Colloquium)
- 2016 “Explaining Endurance”
Rutgers University
(presented by Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt)
- 2016 “Rational Monism, Rational Pluralism, and the
 Metaethical Foundations of Causal Decision Theory”
Cambridge University
- 2016 “Three Forms of Physicalism”
Brown University
- 2015 “Rational Pluralism and Decision Theory”
Rutgers University
École Normal Supérieure, Institut Jean Nicod
(Séminaire Naturalizing Epistemic Norms)
- 2015 “Attitudinal Relativism”
École Normal Supérieure, Institut Jean Nicod
(Séminaire Mind and Language)
- 2014 “Able to Do the Impossible”
Harvard University
(Colloquium)
- 2013 “Able to Do the Impossible”
University of Oklahoma
MIT

University of Missouri
UCLA
University of Pittsburgh

2011 "Simple Colors for Some"

NYU

Commentaries

2018 Fatema Amijee, "Why Metaphysical Inquiry Needs the PSR"

The Principle of Sufficient Reason: Then and Now, Simon Fraser University

2017 Dave Ingram, "The Essence of Time"

New England Workshop on Philosophy of Time

2017 Rachel Sterken, "Amelioration, Meaning Change, and Defective Communication"

Ranch Workshop

2016 Jeremy Wyatt, "Reconceiving Faultless Disagreement"

Pacific APA

2014 Benj Hellie, "Knowing What It is Like to Converse in *L*"

Ranch Workshop

2012 Olla Solomyak, "Contingency and the Amodal Perspective"

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference

Teaching

2018 Philosophy of Religion, PHI 24.05

2017 Color and Its Place in Nature (taught w/ Alex Byrne and Adam Pautz), PHI 24.501
Proseminar in Philosophy (taught w/ Roger White), PHI 24.400

2016 Philosophy of Religion, PHI 24.05

Problems in Metaphysics: Nonfactualism (taught w/ Branden Fitelson)
Philosophy of Religion, PHI 24.05

2015 Metaphysics, PHI 24.221

Proseminar in Philosophy (taught w/ Agustín Rayo), PHI 24.400

2014 Topics in Metaphysics and Ethics: 'Ought' and Ought (taught w/ Justin Khoo),
PHI 24.502

Proseminar in Philosophy (taught w/ Stephen Yablo), PHI 24.400

2013 Minds and Machines, PHI 24.09

Metaphysics: Materialism, PHI 24.501

Metaphysics, PHI 24.221

Grants, Honors, & Awards

2011 Jacob K. Javitz Fellow

2010 Cotzen Faculty Fellow

2007–09 Jacob K. Javitz Fellow

Service

Referee for: *Analysis*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, Marc Sanders Award for Public Policy, and Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference

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