

Jack Spencer

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- 2013–present **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 “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

- 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”

- 2016 “Three Forms of Physicalism”
Cambridge University
- 2015 “Rational Pluralism and Decision Theory”
Brown University
- 2015 “Attitudinal Relativism”
Rutgers University
École Normal Supérieure, Institut Jean Nicod
(Séminaire Naturalizing Epistemic Norms)
- 2014 “Able to Do the Impossible”
École Normal Supérieure, Institut Jean Nicod
(Séminaire Mind and Language)
- 2013 “Able to Do the Impossible”
Harvard University
(Colloquium)
- 2011 “Simple Colors for Some”
University of Oklahoma
MIT
University of Missouri
UCLA
University of Pittsburgh
NYU

Commentaries

- 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

- 2016 Philosophy of Religion, PHI 24.05
Problems in Metaphysics: Nonfactualism (co-taught with Branden Fitelson)
Philosophy of Religion, PHI 24.05
- 2015 Metaphysics, PHI 24.221
Proseminar in Philosophy (co-taught with Agustín Rayo), PHI 24.400
- 2014 Topics in Metaphysics and Ethics: ‘Ought’ and Ought (co-taught with Justin Khoo),
PHI 24.502

Proseminar in Philosophy (co-taught with 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*, *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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