

JON COGBURN

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Logic

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Cognitive Science, Formal Logic, Formal Semantics/Montague Grammar

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Realism/Anti-realism Debates, Metaphysics of Emergence, Computational Models of Mind, Ethical Issues in Cognitive Science, Semantics for Vagueness, Dialetheism.

DISSERTATION

J. Cogburn, *Slouching Towards Vienna: Michael Dummett and the Epistemology of Language*.
Committee: Neil Tennant (advisor), Stewart Shapiro, William Taschek.

EDUCATION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Ph.D., Philosophy, June 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
B.A., Philosophy, June 1993
Graduated *magna cum laude* Plan One Liberal Arts Honors Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Associate Professor, Fall 2006 to present
Assistant Professor, Spring 2001 to Spring 2005
Instructor, Fall 1999 to Fall 2000
Courses: PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy; PHIL 1001 Honors Introduction to Philosophy; PHIL 2000 Contemporary Moral Problems (telecourse); PHIL 2010 Introduction to Logic; PHIL 3020 Special Topics: Philosophy of Mind; PHIL 3950 Introduction to Epistemology; PHIL 4010 Logic; PHIL 4011 Advanced Logic; PHIL 4786 Special Topics: Introduction to Cognitive Science; PHIL 4914 Philosophy of Language; PHIL 4941 Philosophy of Mind.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Lecturer/Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 1996 to Spring 1999
Teaching Assistant, Fall 1994 to Spring 1996
Courses: Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Logic, Issues in Social and Political Philosophy in the United States (upper level writing component course), Advanced Logic, Discrete Math

PUBLICATIONS (In Print and Forthcoming)

Single Authored Papers In Journals

J. Cogburn, "Inferentialism and Tacit Knowledge," *Behavior and Philosophy*, 32 (2005), pp. 503-524.

J. Cogburn, "The Logic of Logical Revision: Formalizing Dummett's Argument," *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 83.1 (2005), pp. 15-32.

J. Cogburn, "Tonking a Theory of Content: An Inferentialist Rejoinder," *Logic and Logical Philosophy*, 13 (2005), pp. 31-36.

J. Cogburn, "Paradox Lost," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 34.2 (2004), pp. 195-216.

J. Cogburn, "Manifest Invalidity: Neil Tennant's New Argument for Intuitionism," *Synthese*, 134.3 (2003), pp. 353-362.

J. Cogburn, "Logical Revision Re-revisited: The Wright/Salerno Argument for Intuitionism," *Philosophical Studies*, 60.1 (2000), pp. 5-12.

Jointly Authored Papers In Journals

M. Silcox and J. Cogburn, "Computability Theory and Literary Competence," *British Journal of Aesthetics*, 46.4 (2006), pp. 369-386.

J. Cogburn and R. Cook, "Inverted Space: Minimal Verificationism, Propositional Attitudes, and Compositionality," *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* 32.1-4 (2005), pp. 73-92.

J. Megill and J. Cogburn, "Easy's Getting Harder all the Time: Human Emotions and the Frame Problem," *Ratio*, XVII 3 (2005), pp. 306-316.

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Computing Machinery and Emergence," *Minds and Machines*, 15.1 (2005), pp. 73-89.

R. Cook and J. Cogburn, "What Negation is Not: Intuitionism and '0=1'," *Analysis*, 60.1 (2000), pp. 5-12.

Other Peer-Reviewed Single Authored Papers

J. Cogburn, "The Philosophical Basis of What? The Anti-Realist Case For Dialethism," in *The Law of Non-Contradiction*, ed. Graham Priest, J.C. Beall, and Bradley Armour-Garb, Oxford University Press, (2004).

J. Cogburn, "Deconstructing Dummett's Anti-Realism: A New Argument Against Church's Thesis," *The Logica Yearbook* (2002).

Reviews

J. Cogburn and R. Cook, Review of Piergiorgio Odifreddi (ed.), *Kreiseliana: About and Around Georg Kreisel*, (A.K. Peters Ltd. Stanford [1997]), in *Studia Logica* 63, (1999).

Several *Mathematical Reviews* forthcoming.

Mathematical Reviews (publication of the American Mathematical Society) numbers: 97i:03003, 98g:03077, 98i:03038, 99a:03034, 99f:03034, 99i:01030, 99f:03035, 99k:03006, 2000a:03043, 2000i:03005, 2000k:01017, 2001b:03012, 2001h:03016, 2003d:00008, and 1881600.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Single Authored

J. Cogburn, "Kripke Animadversions and the Stich's Normative Naturalism: A Critique of Quine's Criteria for Ontological Commitment."

J. Cogburn, "In Defense of Modal Truthmakers."

J. Cogburn, "Notes From the Ungerground."

J. Cogburn, "Moore's Paradox as a Problem for Anti-Realism."

Jointly Authored

J. Cogburn and S. Florio, "Varieties of (Dummettian) Anti-Realism."

J. Cogburn and J. Megill, "Are Turing Machines Platonists? Inferentialism and the Computational Theory of Mind."

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Could Just *Anything* Be a Digital Computer?"

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Computability and Ontology."

M. Silcox and J. Cogburn, *Playing the World: Computational Emergence in Art and Mind*.

PRESENTATIONS (Presented and Forthcoming)

External

J. Cogburn, "Moore's Paradox as a Problem for Anti-Realism," presented at the 2007 *Anti-Realisms* conference in Nancy, France.

J. Cogburn, "Some Comments on Anti-Realism and the Lucas-Penrose Argument," presented at University of Central Oklahoma, Spring 2006.

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Could Just *Anything* be a Digital Computer?" presented at University of Central Oklahoma, Spring 2006.

J. Cogburn, "Moore Problems for the Anti-Realist," presented at the 2006 Central Division American Philosophical Association meeting.

J. Cogburn, "Notes From the Ungerground," presented at the 2005 Central Division American Philosophical Association meeting.

M. Silcox and J. Cogburn, "Does the Reader Make the Text? Some Thoughts on Literary Competence," presented at the 2005 Pacific Division American Philosophical Association meeting.

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Does the Reader Make the Text? Some Thoughts on Literary Competence," presented at Auburn University, Fall 2004.

J. Cogburn, "Notes From the Ungerground," presented at the 2004 Alabama Philosophical Society convention.

J. Cogburn and M. Silcox, "Computing Machinery and Emergence: Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics (of Video Games)," presented at the 2003 Alabama Philosophical Society convention.

J. Cogburn and J. Megill, "Inferentialism and the Computational Theory of Mind," presented at the 2002 Alabama Philosophical Society convention.

J. Cogburn, "Deconstructing Dummett's Anti-Realism: A New Argument Against Church's Thesis," presented at the 2002 LOGICA conference.

J. Cogburn, "Dummett's Argument for Logical Revision," presented at the 2001 Alabama Philosophical Society convention.

J. Cogburn, "Paradox Lost: God, Fitch's Proof, and a New Paradox of Knowledge," presented at the 2000 Alabama Philosophy Society convention.

J. Cogburn, "Finding Holism Where You Least Expect It: Some Meditations on the Limits of Formal Semantics," presented at the 1999 Louisiana Philosophy Association meeting.

Internal

J. Cogburn, "Why Do Only Losers Fly the Confederate Flag? An Existentialist Reading of the Campus Controversy," presented to the LSU residence halls.

J. Cogburn, "The Metaphysics of Computer Games," presented to Herget Dormitory, LSU, 2005.

J. Cogburn, "Philosophy and Professional Wrestling," presented to East Laville Dormitory, LSU, 2005.

J. Cogburn, "Philosophy and Professional Wrestling," presented to the LSU undergraduate philosophy club, 2005.

J. Cogburn, "Notes From the Ungerground," presented to the LSU Linguistics Program speaker's series, 2004.

J. Cogburn, "Anti-realism and Logic," presented to the LSU undergraduate philosophy club, 2002.

J. Cogburn, "A New Argument Against Church's Thesis," presented to the LSU Philosophy Department speaker's series, 2002.

J. Cogburn, "Tacit Knowledge," presented to the LSU Cognitive Science Group's speakers series, 2001.

J. Cogburn, "Doing More with Less: Taking One Step Backwards and Two Forwards towards a New Semantics of Vagueness," presented to the LSU Interdepartmental Linguistics Group's speakers series, 2000.

J. Cogburn, "Reasonable Verificationism and Wright's Arguments for Logical Revision," at the 1996 OSU Colloquium in Honor of Crispin Wright, Fall 1996.

J. Cogburn, "What's Cool about Dummettian Anti-Realism," to the OSU Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Winter 1995.

SERVICE

Community

Director of Cogburn Family Foundation (2003-present).

Participant LSU Master Planning community discussions (2003-2005). Provide input leading to pedestrian friendly new urbanist development on and around LSU Campus. Through e-mail correspondence with architects and attendance at meetings, suggested several ideas later integrated into plan: (1) extending traditional LSU quadrangle north to interface better with local neighborhood, (2) extending colonnade south and west of traditional quadrangle, and (3) improving pedestrian route and plantings from quadrangle to union building.

Member Highland Road Overlay District committee (2004). Helped with report for zoning changes to make neighborhood between LSU campus and Baton Rouge downtown more pedestrian friendly. Met with Mayor-President Bobby Simpson, Councilperson Lauri Burgess, and Baton Rouge Green to develop options for community revitalization.

Professional

Blind reviewer of articles for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, and *Dialectica*.

Blind reviewer of books for Routledge, Rowman and Littlefield, and Oxford University Press.

Member in good standing of Society for Exact Philosophy.

Member in good standing of American Philosophical Association.

Area Editor for Philosophy of Mind section of the *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2003-2005.

University

LSU Faculty Senate Arts and Science Member at Large (2002-2005). Served on committee for administration.

Webmaster for LSU Cognitive Science Group (<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/cogsci/index.html>), 2001-2006.

External member of Ph.D committees for Human Ecology, Political Science, and Theater.

Member of LSU Center for Computation and Technology (<http://www.cct.lsu.edu/>) Laboratory for Creative Arts and Technology Labs (<http://www.lcat.lsu.edu/>) steering committee, 2002-2004. Helped draft proposals for Digital Media Arts and Sciences B.A. degree and LSU Creative Technology Labs to create and fund interdisciplinary research projects at the intersection of I.T., the arts, and cognitive science. Spearheaded efforts to create interdisciplinary group in Human Computer Interface and Intelligent Systems. Worked closely with Student Video Game Alliance to design appropriate curriculum. With other steering committee members. traveled to MIT Media Lab, SIGGRAPH 2004, University of Southern California, and meetings with entertainment executives in Los Angeles to help in planning initiative.

Webmaster for LSU Interdepartmental Linguistics Program (<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/ling/>), 2001-2004.

Member Center for Computation and Technology Core I.T. hiring committee, 2002-2003. Charged with hiring senior members for the Core Information Technologies cluster section of Governor Foster's CAPITAL information technology initiative.

Department

Director of Undergraduate Studies, LSU Department of Philosophy, (2002-2004, 2006-present). Spearheaded efforts to assign all undergraduate majors to faculty advisors. Collected and distributed course descriptions each semester. Maintained list of undergraduate major e-mails and kept them apprised of departmental events. Managed transfer credits for students. During the time of the instituted reforms, number of philosophy majors increased by approximately one third.

Member of Philosophy Department Graduate Committee (2005-2006). Helping craft and implement strategies to increase M.A. enrollment and improve program.

Listserv owner for LSU Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2000-present.

Webmaster for LSU Department of Philosophy (<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/phil/phil1/PHome.html>), 2001-2006.

Member of *ad hoc* committee to compare the LSU Department of Philosophy with peer institutions, 2004.

Chair of Neal Hebert and Chris Pope's M.A. thesis committees.

Chair of 3 successfully defended M.A. committees: (1) Jason Glenn (Spring 2005), exam option, (2) Michael Aristidou (Spring, 2004), *Irrationality and Human Reasoning*, (3) Jason Megill (Spring 2003) *A Hybrid Theory of Vision*.

Member of nine successfully defended M.A. thesis committees: (1) Nathan Schneider (Spring 2006), (2) Robert Rose (Spring 2006), (3) John Tall (Spring 2006), (4) Casey Edler (Spring, 2005), (5) Charles Hollingsworth (Spring 2005), (6) Gabe Cate (Spring 2003), (7) Troy Fassbender (Spring 2002), (7) Robert Anderson (Spring 2001), and (8) James Donovan (Spring 2000).

Chair of *ad hoc* committee to write curriculum section of departmental program review, 2000-2001.

Graduate Representative, OSU Department of Philosophy, 1998 to 1999. Voted in department meetings. Spearheaded successful effort to get a computer lab for graduate students. With fellow representative, spearheaded successful effort to renovate TA office space.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Nominated by department for Tiger Athletic Foundation teaching award for teaching in LSU Honors College (Spring 2004) and for Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award (Fall 2003).

Student Learning Community, *Proseminar in Cognitive Science*, authorized by Center for Excellence in Learning and Provost Fogel, taught in Fall of 2001.

Official Acknowledgment for Superior Instruction of Freshman Students by Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society, Fall 1999.

Ogden Professional Services (now Anteon Corporation) Dependent Scholarship, administered by Northern Virginia Community Foundation, academic years 1993/1994 through 1996/1997.

Summer Departmental Research Fellowship at Ohio State University, Summer 1996.

University Fellowship at Ohio State University, academic year 1993/1994.

Graduated *magna cum laude* Liberal Arts Honors Program from The University of Texas at Austin, Spring 1993.

Recipient of National Merit Scholarship, academic years 1988/1989 through 1992/1993.

REFERENCES

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