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Employment

University of Kansas

Associate Professor of Philosophy, August 2018–present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Fall 2013–July 2018 Affiliate Faculty, Program in Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Spring 2015–present

University of Texas at El Paso

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Texas at El Paso, Fall 2012–Spring 2013

Washington University in St. Louis

Post-doctoral Researcher, Reading and Language Laboratory (Psychology), Summer 2012

Education

Ph.D. 2012 Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology (PNP), Washington University in St. Louis B.A. 2002 Philosophy and Psychology (magna cum laude) Hendrix College (Conway, AR)

Grants, Fellowships, Awards

Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Rotman Institute, University of Western Ontario, March 2020

H.O.P.E. Award Finalist (Honor for an Outstanding Progressive Educator, Student Nominated Teaching Award), University of Kansas, Fall 2019

Fellow in Residence, Centre for the Philosophy of Memory, Universite de Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France, July 2019

Summer Travel Award, "Memory Traces," \$2,300, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, Summer 2019

"Investigating Memory Structure with iEEG" Primary Investigator, Awarded: \$7700, July 2018-June 2019 (with Sara Aronowitz and Arjen Stolk). Duke University/John Templeton Foundation, c/o Summer Seminar in Neuroscience and Philosophy

"Localizing Representations in the Brain with Neuroimaging Technologies" Awarded: \$15,000, July 2018-June 2019 (with Jessey Wright (PI), Robyn Repko Waller and Petra Vetter). Duke University/John Templeton Foundation, c/o Summer Seminar in Neuroscience and Philosophy

Fellow, Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy, Duke University, Summer 2018

Research Excellence Fund, "Memory Dynamics", \$2,000, University of Kansas, Summer 2018

General Research Fund, "Memory and Optogenetics: Separating the Engram from the Ecphory", \$1,036, University of Kansas, Summer 2017

General Research Fund, "Neuroimaging and the Nature of Memory," \$5,888, University of Kansas, Summer 2016

General Research Fund, "Optogenetics and False Memory," \$5,888, University of Kansas, Summer 2015

New Faculty General Research Fund, "The Future of Memory," \$8,000, University of Kansas, Summer 2014

Finalist, Kemper Award for Excellence in Teaching, Webster University, 2012

Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009

Student Travel Award, International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences of Biology, 2009 Meeting, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

National Science Foundation Science & Society grant recipient (co-written with Carl Craver and Don Goodman-Wilson) \$25,000 for *Future Directions in Genetic Studies* workshop, 2008

Student Travel Award, National Science Foundation, for US-China Joint Workshop *Memory and Language: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Tsinghua University, Beijing China, 2007

Publications

Journal Articles

Robins, S. K. (forthcoming). Stable Engrams and Neural Dynamics. *Philosophy of Science*.

Robins, S.K. (forthcoming, available online). Mnemonic Confabulation. *Topoi*. doi: 10.1007/s11245-018-9613-x

Robins, S.K. (2019). Confabulation and Constructive Memory. Synthese, 196, 2135–2151.

Robins, S.K. (2018). Memory and Optogenetic Intervention: Separating the engram from the ecphory. *Philosophy of Science*, 85 (5), 1078–1089.

Treiman, R., Decker, K., Robins, S., & Ghosh, D. (2018). Parent-child conversations about literacy: A longitudinal, observational study. *Journal of Child Language*, 45, 511-525.

Robins, S.K. (2017). Contiguity and the Causal Theory of Memory. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 47, 1–19.

Robins, S.K. (2016). Representing the Past: Memory Traces and the Causal Theory of Memory. *Philosophical Studies*, 173, 2993–3013.

Robins, S.K. (2016). Optogenetics and the Mechanism of False Memory. Synthese, 193, 1561–1583.

Robins, S. K. (2016). Misremembering. *Philosophical Psychology*, 29, 432–447.

Treiman, R. Schmidt, J., Decker, K., Robins, S., Levine, S.C. and Demir, Ö. E. (2015). Parents talk about letters with their young children. *Child Development*, 86, 1406–1418.

Robins, S. K. (2014). Mindreading and tacit knowledge. Cognitive Systems Research, 28, 1–14.

Robins, S. K., Ghosh, D., Rosales, N. and Treiman, R. (2014). Letter knowledge in parent-child conversations: Differences between families differing in socio-economic status. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *5*, 1–11.

Robins, S., Treiman, R., Rosales, N. (2014). Letter knowledge in parent–child conversations. *Reading and Writing: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 27, 407–429.

Robins, S., Treiman, R., Rosales, N., & Otake, S. (2012). Parent-child conversations about letters and pictures. Reading and Writing: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 25, 2039–2059

Robins, S. K. & Craver, C. F. (2011). No Nonsense NeuroLaw. Neuroethics, 4, 195–203.

Robins, S., & Treiman, R. (2009). Talking about writing: What we can learn from conversations between parents and their young children. *Applied Psycholinguistics*, 30, 463–484.

Books, Edited

S. Robins, J. Symons, & P. Calvo, Eds. (in press). Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Psychology, 2nd Edition.

Book Chapters

Robins, S.K., Aronowitz, S., & Stolk, A. Aronowitz (forthcoming). Memory Structure and Cognitive Maps. W. Sinnott-Armstrong & F. De Brigard (eds.), *Readings in Neuroscience and Philosophy*, MIT Press.

De Brigard, F., & Robins, S.K. (forthcoming). Memory and Time. In B. Young and C. Jennings (eds.) *Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience: A Philosophical Introduction*. Routledge.

Michaelian, K., & Robins, S.K. (2018). The Causal Theory of Memory at 50. New Directions in the Philosophy of Memory. K. Michaelian, D. Debus, & D. Perin, Eds. (pp. 13–32). Routledge.

Robins, S.K. (2017). Memory Traces. In S. Bernecker and K. Michaelian (Eds.) Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Memory (pp. 76–87). Routledge.

Robins, S. K. (2014). Memory Traces, Memory Errors, and the Possibility of Neural Lie Detection. In Charles T. Wolfe (Ed.) *Brain Theory: Essays in Critical NeuroPhilosophy* (pp. 171–191). Palgrave MacMillan.

Robins, S. K., & Craver, C. F. (2009). Biological Clocks: Explaining with Models of Mechanisms. In J. Bickle (ed.) Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Neuroscience. New York: Oxford University Press.

Robins, S., & Treiman, R. (2009). Early Informal Learning About Writing, in D. Aram & I. Korat (Eds.) *Literacy Development and Enhancement Across Orthographies and Cultures*. New York: Springer (pp. 17—30).

Commentaries, Reviews

Robins, S.K. (2018). Confabulation and Epistemic Authority. Behavioral and Brain Sciences.

Robins, S.K. (2017). In defense of Vasubandhu's approach to episodic phenomenology. *Australasian Philosophical Review*, 1(4), 416–419.

Robins, S.K. (2016). Review: Memory: A History (D. Nikulin, Ed.). Memory Studies, 9, 358–360.

Robins, S. K. (2015). A Mechanism for Mental Time Travel? A Critical Review of Michael Hasselmo's *How We Remember: Brain Mechanisms of Episodic Memory. Philosophical Psychology*, 28, 903–915.

Doris, J., & Robins, S. (2007). Review of <u>Psychiatry in the Scientific Image</u> by Dominic Murphy. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.

Presentations

Invited (no job talks)

"The Silent Engram"- Keynote, NeuroTech: An Interdisciplinary Early Career Workshop on Tools and Technology in Neuroscience, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, January 2020

"No Reliability in Remembering"- Midwest Epistemology Workshop, University of Nebraska, October 2019

"The Silent Engram" - Deep South Workshop on Tool Development in Neuroscience, Pensacola, FL, September 2019

"Mnemonic Puzzles" - Symposium Organizer: *Memory's Anomalies*, European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Athens, Greece, September 2019 (with Sara Aronowitz and Guiliana Mazzioni)

"Cognitive Maps and Non-Spatial Information" - Summer Seminar for Neuroscience and Philosophy, Duke University, August 2019 (with Sara Aronowitz)

"Cognitive Maps, Memory Structure, and Memory Content" - Workshop on Representation in Philosophy and Neuroscience, Stanford University, August 2019

"A Defense of Memory Traces" - Lecture Series, Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Grenoble, France, July 2019

Colloquium, Philosophy Department, University of California at Davis, May 2019

- "Seeming to Remember" History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine Talk Series, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2019
- "Defending Discontinuism" Memory and Imagination Colloquium Series, Centre for Philosophy of Psychology, University of Antwerp, Belgium, March 2019
- "The Mnemonic Puzzle" Keynote, Kansas Philosophical Society, Wichita State University, February 2019
- "Memory and Optogenetic Intervention: Separating the Engram from the Ecphory" Neural Mechanisms Online, January 2019
- "Stable Engrams and Neural Dynamics: The Need for Neurophilosophy" Fitting the Mind to the Brain: Deliberations on Cognitive Ontology, Washington University in St. Louis, October 2018
- Colloquium, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Minnesota, September 2018
- "The Mnemonic Puzzle"- Morris Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder, June 2018
- "Mnemonic Confabulation" Project PERFECT Confabulation Workshop, St. Anne's College, Oxford May 2018
- "Veridical Confabulation" Philosophical Perspectives on Memory, Adelaide, South Australia, December 2017
- "Memory at its Best" Keynote, Issues in Philosophy of Memory, Cologne, Germany July 2017
- "Mechanisms with a Past: Causal History and Compositional Explanation" Workshop on The Ontology of Compositional Explanation , Rutgers University (Newark), May 2017
- "Breaking Memory's Causal Chains" Memory and Subjectivity, Grenoble, France, June 2016
- Colloquium, Wake Forest University Philosophy Department, Winston-Salem, NC, 2013

Refereed Presentations

- "Is Episodic Continuism Adaptive?"- Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2, Grenoble, France, July 2019
- "Fixed Engrams and Reconsolidation: Memory as a Dynamic Process" Symposium: Neural Dynamics and Cognitive Ontology (with Jessica Cohen, Felipe De Brigard, Bryce Gessell, and Colin Klein), Philosophy of Science Association, Seattle, WA, November 2018
- "Memory and Optogenetic Intervention: Separating the Engram from the Ecphory" Symposium: Intervention and Progress: Optogenetics and Control Over Neural Systems (with John Bickle, Carl Craver, and Jacqueline Sullivan), Philosophy of Science Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2016
- "Finding Phenomenological Differences Between Episodic Simulations" 6th International Conference on Memory, Budapest, Hungary, July 2016

- "Is Memory (a form of) Episodic Simulation?" [with Joseph McCaffrey], Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX, June 2016
- "Is Memory (a form of) Episodic Simulation?" [with Joseph McCaffrey], Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, KY, March 2016
- "Optogenetics and the Mechanism of False Memory" Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, June 2015
- "Optogenetics and the Mechanism of False Memory" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA, April 2015
- "The Retrieval Problem for Mechanistic Accounts of Memory" PHILOGICA III: Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science, Bogotá, Colombia, February 2014
- "Confabulation and Constructive Memory" Early Career Scholars Conference in Philosophy of Psychiatry: Overcoming Mind-Brain Dualism in 21st Century Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2014
- "Constructive Memory and Neural Mechanisms" Neurons, Mechanisms, and the Mind, 30th Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science, Boulder, CO, October 2014
- "A Mechanism for Mental Time Travel?" Symposium: Making the Self Empirically Tractable (with Kristin Andrews and Serife Tekin) *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Charleston, SC, February 2014
- "The Extended Mind and the Constructive Memory Challenge" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, Texas, 2013
- "The Constructive Trace Theory of Memory" Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Boulder, Colorado, 2012
- "Remembering the Dinosaur: The Role of Memory Traces in an Account of Constructive Memory" American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2012
- "Memory, Engrams, and the Personal/Subpersonal Distinction" Saint Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association, St. Louis, MO, 2010
- "The Relation Between Functional and Constitutive Decomposition in the search for Neurocognitive Mechanisms" International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences of Biology, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, 2009
- "Simulation and Tacit Knowledge: What's Really at Issue in the Folk Psychology Debate"- Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2008
- "Metalinguistic Awareness in Reading Development and Human Cognition" US-China joint workshop, *Memory and Language: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,* Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2007

"Simulation and Tacit Knowledge" - Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Alvin Goldman, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada, 2007

"Is There Such a Thing as Episodic Memory?"- Interdisciplinary Meeting on Memory, University of Arkansas Little Rock, 2006

Presented Comments (invited)

Author Meets Critics, Chris McCarroll's Remembering from the Outside, Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2, Grenoble France, July 2019

Jacqueline Sullivan, "Optogenetics, Pluralism, and Progress" Neural Mechanisms Online, 2019 Arieh Schwartz, "The Function of Memory" Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, 2019

Author Meets Critics, Stuart Glennan's New Mechanical Philosophy (with Ken Aizawa, Stuart Glennan, and Tom Polger), Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, San Antonio, TX, March 2018

Aaron Henry, "Agentialism and the Objection from Attention Capture" Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, 2017

Nicolas Porot, "Boundary extension, Representational Momentum, and the Content of Memories of Images" *Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2015

Corey Maley, "Understanding the Chinese Room" Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, 2012

Robert Thompson, "Picking Perner's Puzzle to Pieces" Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, 2010

Benedicte Veilet, "The Child and the Scientist" Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, 2007

Local Presentations

"The Mnemonic Puzzle"

KU Linguistics Colloquium, February 2019

"The Philosophy of Neuroscience: How Optogenetics is Revolutionizing the Study of Memory" KU Medical Center Seminar for Molecular and Integrative Physiology, October 2018 KU Neuroscience Graduate Program Seminar, November 2017

"Contiguity and the Causal Theory of Memory"

Colloquium Series, Philosophy Department, University of Kansas, March 2016 "Confabulation and Constructive Memory"

Colloquium Series, Philosophy Department, University of Kansas, January 2015 "The Retrieval Problem"

Colloquium Series, Psychology Department, University of Kansas, October 2014 "Representing the Past"

Colloquium Series, Philosophy Department, University of Kansas, May 2014 "Reviving the Causal Theory of Memory"

Colloquium Series, Philosophy Department, University of Texas at El Paso, 2012 "Connecting Philosophy and Psychology: Learning and Memory"

Colloquium Series, Psychology Department, University of Texas at El Paso, 2012

Public Presentations (invited)

Interview, "On Memory Errors" Imperfect Cognitions Blog (imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com)

Posted October 20, 2016, http://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.co.uk/2016/10/on-memory-errors-interview-with-sarah-k.html

Presenter, Research Speed Dating Event for Free State Arts & Culture Festival, Lawrence, KS June 2016

Guest Post, "Misremembering" Imperfect Cognitions Blog (imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com)
Posted May 3, 2016,

http://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com/2016/05/misremembering.html

Panelist, "World of Hurt" episode of Central Standard (daily news and culture program on Kansas City Public Radio, KCUR), September 2015

Teaching and Advising

University of Kansas

PHIL 140: Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 14, Spring 15
PHIL 141: Introduction to Philosophy Honors	Fall 13

PHIL 141: Introduction to Philosophy, Honors Fall 13

PHIL 150: Philosophical Communication F15-S16, F17-S18, F18-S19
PHIL 386: Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant Spring 14, Fall 14, Spring 16

PHIL 620: Philosophy of Natural Science Spring 15, Spring 18
PHIL 654: Philosophy of Mind Fall 13, Fall 17, Spring 19

PHIL 870: Topics in Metaphysics: Causal Powers Fall 15

PHIL 877: Topics in Mind: Memory Spring 14, Fall 18

University of Texas at El Paso

Philosophy of Mind Fall 12
Philosophy of Science Fall 12
Basic Philosophical Issues: Memory Spring 13
Philosophy and Psychology (graduate course) Spring 13

Washington University in St. Louis

Biomedical Ethics Summer 10

Logic (first order logic w/ identity)

Summer 08, Summer 09

Intro to the Philosophy of Cognitive Science Summer 06

Webster University

Do Animals Think? Spring 10

Introduction to Philosophy
Informal Logic
Critical Thinking
Spring 10, Spring 11
Fall 07, Fall 09
Spring 08, Summer 09

External Teaching

Guest Lecturer (via Skype), Philosophy of Psychology Graduate Seminar (Jonathan Schwenkler) Florida State, January 2018 Guest Lecturer, Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy (David Boonin), University of Colorado-Boulder, June 2018

External Ph.D. Advising

Andre Sant'Anna, "Perception and Memory: Beyond Representationalism and Relationalism", Ph.D. University of Otago, Oct 2018 (Ph.D. supervisor: Kourken Michaelian)

Jaclyn Lanthier, "Explanation and Epistemology in the Mind-Brain Sciences", Ph.D. University of Western Ontario, October 2019 (Ph.D. Supervisor: Jacqueline Sullivan)

Ph.D. Committees, University of Kansas

Brandon Gillette, Philosophy, defended November 2013

Matt Baldwin, Psychology, defended April 2015

Jennifer Kittlaus, Philosophy, defended May 2016 (Prospectus defended, September 2014)

Kamuran Osmanoglu, Prospectus defended December 2015; dissertation defense TBD

Michael Otteson, Prospectus defended May 2017; dissertation defense TBD

Polo Camacho, Prospectus defended May 2017; dissertation defense TBD

Vasfi Özen, Prospectus defended Dec 2017; dissertation defense TBD

Hassan Alsharif, Prospectus defended December 2018; dissertation defense TBD

Nadia Ruiz, Prospectus defended May 2018; dissertation defense TBD

David Tamez, Prospectus defended May 2019; dissertation defense TBD

Chelsea Bowden, Prospectus defended May 2019; dissertation defense TBD

M.A. Thesis Chair, University of Kansas

Rebecca Fensholt, "Against the Linguistic Strategy for the Ontic Conception of Scientific Explanation" May 2017 (with honors)

M.A. Committees, University of Kansas

Deborah Williams, December 2014

Anastasia Seals, May 2014

Raisa Akram, May 2014

Christopher Stratman, May 2015

Kamuran Osmanoglu, May 2015

Arthur Carlyle, April 2016

Michael Otteson, May 2016

James Gilchrist, May 2016

Vasfi Özen, May 2017

Nadia Ruiz, December 2017

Gareth Fuller, December 2017

Minxing Huang, January 2018

Hassan Alsharif, May 2018

Teaching Development

Diversity Scholars Program, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas 2017- 2018 Best Practices Institute, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, May 2014 KU Teaching Summit attendee, 2013-2016

Teaching Presentations

"Philosophy without Genius: redesigning philosophy of mind to promote diversity and inclusion" Annual Celebration of Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, May 2018

"Honors Contracts: A Creative Way to Maximize Resources" *Teaching Summit*, University of Kansas, August 2016

"Philosophy Through Conversation: Designing an Introductory Course Around Oral Presentations" - American Association of Philosophy Teachers, APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 2016

Professional and Service Activities

Service to the Profession		
Area Editor, Ergo	August 2019-present	
Book Review Editor, Memory Studies	June 2017–present	
Editorial Board, Member, Journal of Mind and Behavior	April 2017–present	
Steering Committee, PhoMO (Philosophy of Memory Organization)	July 2017-present	
Vice President, Central States Philosophical Association	Oct 2019-2020	
Executive Council, Member, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology	2018-2021	
Program Committee, Society for the Metaphysics of Science, 2015 Meeting	2014-2015	
Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting,	2020 2019-2020	
Griffiths Essay Award Committee, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology	2019	
Co-editor, Special Issue, Essays in Philosophy "The Philosophy of Memory" (w	rith Ian O'Loughlin,	
Pacific University)	2018	
Mentor, Job Market Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy	2015-2016, 2018	
Co-organizer, Student Session at the annual meeting of the New Mexico West	Texas Philosophical Society,	
University of Texas at San Antonio	2013	
Reviewer, Book Manuscripts: MIT Press (2), Oxford University Press		
Reviewer, Book Proposals: Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Routled	ge (3), Westview Press	
Reviewer, Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Ergo; Erkenntnis; Essays in	Philosophy; Neuroethics;	
Mind; Mind and Behavior; Phenomenology and the Cognitive Scienes; Philosoph	ical Studies; Philosohpical	
Transactions of the Royal Society B; Philosophy of Psychology; Philosophy of Science; Philosophy, Theory in		
Biology; Philosophical Quarterly; Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Synthese	; Theoria; Topoi;	
Reviewer, Textbook: W.W. Norton, Oxford University Press, Routledge		

University and College Level Service, University of Kansas

Faculty Senate, Faculty Research Committee	2017-present
Faculty Facilitator, Center for Faculty Development and Mentoring	2017-present
Hall Center for the Humanities, Executive Committee,	2016-2019
Judge for Image of Research competition, KU Libraries	2016
Faculty Advisor, Hall Center Book Discussion Group	2015
Award Reviewer, Center for Undergraduate Research	2015
CLAS Faculty Mentor Program	2016-2019

University of Kansas, Philosophy Department

Director of Graduate Studies	July 2018-present
Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, Advisor	2015-present

Committee on Diversity and Inclusion Committee on Graduate Recruitment Graduate Admissions and Awards Visiting Lecturer Committee Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor Search	2016-present 2015-present 2015-present 2013-2018 Spring 2015
University of Texas at El Paso, Philosophy Department	
Department Chair Search Committee	2012-2013
Coordinator, Philosophy Talk Series	2012-2013
Advisor, UTEP Philosophy Club	2012-2013