

Jonathan Livengood

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor 2011 - Present
Department of Philosophy
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Education

Ph.D., History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2011
Dissertation: *On Causal Inferences in the Humanities and Social Sciences*
Committee: John Norton (co-director), Peter Spirtes (co-director), Robert Krafty, Edouard Machery, and Sandra Mitchell

M.A., History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2011
M.A., Statistics, University of Pittsburgh, 2011
M.A., Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 2008
B.S., Mathematics, Truman State University, *cum laude* with General Honors, 2004
B.A., Philosophy and Religion, Truman State University, *cum laude* with General Honors, 2004

Research Interests

My research is motivated by an interest in the logic of science. Currently, I am working on several problems under the umbrella of causal reasoning. Some of my research concerns the psychology and semantics of causal reasoning. Some of my research concerns normative questions about causal inference from data. And some of my research concerns the role and legitimacy of causal reasoning in science.

AOS: Philosophy of Science; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Statistics

AOC: Philosophy of Psychology; History of Analytic Philosophy; Pragmatism; Epistemology

Research Publications

Books

[1] Sytsma, J. and J. Livengood, *Experimental Philosophy: An Introduction and Guide*, under contract with Broadview Press.

Articles

[11] Sytsma, J., Livengood, J., Sato, R., & Oguchi, M. (conditionally accepted) "Reference in the Land of the Rising Sun: A Cross-cultural Study on the Reference of Proper Names," *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*

[10] Livengood, J. (conditionally accepted) "Time for Causes," *Apeiron*

[9] Murray, D., Sytsma, J., & Livengood, J. (2013) "God knows (but does God believe?)" *Philosophical studies* 166(1), 83-107.

[8] Livengood, J. (2013) "Actual Causation and Simple Voting Scenarios," *Noûs* 47(2), 316-345.

[7] Sytsma, J., Livengood, J., & Rose, D. (2012) "Two types of typicality: Rethinking the role of statistical typicality in ordinary causal attributions," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 43(4), 814-820.

[6] Rose, D., Livengood, J., Sytsma, J., & Machery, E. (2012) "Deep trouble for the deep self," *Philosophical Psychology* 25(5), 629-646.

[5] Sytsma, J. & Livengood, J. (2012) "Experimental Philosophy and Philosophical Disputes," *Essays in Philosophy* 13(1), 145-160.

[4] Sytsma, J. & Livengood, J. (2011) "A New Perspective concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 89(2), 315-332.

[3] Livengood, J. et al. (2010) "Philosophical Temperament," *Philosophical Psychology* 23(3), 313-330.

[2] Livengood, J. (2009) "Why Was M.S. Tswett's Chromatographic Adsorption Analysis Rejected?" *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 40, 57-69.

[1] Livengood, J. and E. Machery (2007) "The Folk Probably Don't Think What You Think They Think: Experiments on Causation by Absence," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 31, 107-127.

Presentations

[11] "Questions on Actual Causation," at a Roundtable Conference on Causal Overdetermination and the Law in Urbana-Champaign, November 2013.

- [10] “Ordering Effects, Evidence Effects, and the Specter of Global Skepticism,” at the Fourth UK Experimental Philosophy Workshop in Bristol, September 2013.
- [9] “Actual Causation: Problems and Prospects,” at the Midwest Experimental and Theoretical Association meeting in Urbana-Champaign, February 2012.
- [8] “Folk Intuitions and Theories of Actual Causation: A Hitch in Hitchcock’s Account,” at the Philosophy of Science Association meeting in Montreal, 2010.
- [7] “Two Types of Typicality: Rethinking the Role of Statistical Typicality in Ordinary Causal Attributions,” Poster Presentation at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology meeting, 2010.
- [6] “Folk Intuitions and Theories of Actual Causation: A Hitch in Hitchcock’s Account,” Poster Presentation at the 2010 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- [5] “M.S. Tswett and the Experimenters’ Regress” at the 2009 meeting of the International Society for the Philosophy of Chemistry.
- [4] “A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions” at the 2009 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. William James Prize Winner.
Commentary by Ron Mallon.
- [3] “A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions” at the 2009 meeting of the Pacific American Philosophical Association (under the title “The Case of the Divergent Descriptions”).
Graduate Student Travel Prize Winner.
Commentary by Arthur Sullivan.
- [2] “A New Perspective Concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions” at the 2009 Princeton/Rutgers Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (under the title “The Case of the Divergent Descriptions”).
Commentary by Jennifer Nado.
- [1] “M.S. Tswett and the Experimenters’ Regress” at the 24th Regional Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science (2008).

Honors & Awards

- [4] ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2010-2011
Awarded through a national competition across the humanities
<http://www.acls.org/grants/default.aspx?id=512>
- [3] William James Prize for the best essay submitted by a graduate student to the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2009
- [2] Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-2009, 2006-2007
- [1] Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2004-2005

Professional Service

Co-Director of the University of Illinois Psychology of Philosophy Laboratory,
<http://poplab.philosophy.illinois.edu/directors/>

Co-Organizer of a Roundtable Conference on Causal Overdetermination in the Law with Eric Johnson, November 2013.

Dissertation Committee Member for Ian Hegger, Christopher Hendricksen, Zachary Horne, Robert Osborne, and Joseph Spino.

Member of the TA Oversight Committee in Philosophy, 2011-present; Chair, 2013-present.

Member of the Prizes and Scholarships Committee in Philosophy, 2011-present; Chair, 2013-present.

Member of the Executive Committee in Philosophy, 2012-2013.

Member of the Graduate Program Committee in Philosophy, 2011-2013.

Referee for:

The Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2013)
The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science (2012, 2013)
Dialectica (2013)
Economics and Philosophy (2012)
The Monist (2011)
Philosophy of Science (2011, 2014)
The Southern Journal of Philosophy (2013)
Theoria (2012)