

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; Experimental Philosophy

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

Research Publications

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Papers (Refereed)

- [11] Livengood, J., Sytsma, J., and Rose, D. (2016) "Following the FAD: Folk Attributions and Theories of Actual Causation," *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*. 22 pp.
- [10] Horne, Z. and Livengood, J. (2015) "Ordering Effects, Updating Effects, and the Specter of Global Skepticism," *Synthese*. 30 pp.
- [9] Sytsma, J., Livengood, J., Sato, R., & Oguchi, M. (2015) "Reference in the Land of the Rising Sun: A Cross-cultural Study on the Reference of Proper Names," *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 6(2), 213-230.
- [8] Murray, D., Sytsma, J., & Livengood, J. (2013) "God knows (but does God believe?)" *Philosophical studies* 166(1), 83-107.
- [7] Livengood, J. (2013) "Actual Causation and Simple Voting Scenarios," *Noûs* 47(2), 316-345.
- [6] 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.
- [5] Rose, D., Livengood, J., Sytsma, J., & Machery, E. (2012) "Deep trouble for the deep self," *Philosophical Psychology* 25(5), 629-646.
- [4] Sytsma, J. & Livengood, J. (2012) "Experimental Philosophy and Philosophical Disputes," *Essays in Philosophy* 13(1), 145-160.
- [3] Sytsma, J. & Livengood, J. (2011) "A New Perspective concerning Experiments on Semantic Intuitions," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 89(2), 315-332.
- [2] Livengood, J. et al. (2010) "Philosophical Temperament," *Philosophical Psychology* 23(3), 313-330.
- [1] Livengood, J. (2009) "Why Was M.S. Tswett's Chromatographic Adsorption Analysis Rejected?" *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 40, 57-69.

Papers (Non-Refereed)

- [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.

Books

- [1] Sytsma, J. and Livengood, J. (2015) *The Theory and Practice of Experimental Philosophy*. 354 pp.
<http://www.broadviewpress.com/product.php?productid=2250>

Book Chapters

[2] Livengood, J. and Sytsma, J. (forthcoming) “Empirical Investigations: Reflecting on Turing and Wittgenstein on Thinking Machines,” in *Turing and Wittgenstein on Mind and Mathematics*, edited by Diane Proudfoot. Oxford University Press.

[1] Livengood, J. and Rose, D. (2016) “Experimental Philosophy and Causal Attribution,” in *A Companion to Experimental Philosophy*, edited by Justin Sytsma and Wes Buckwalter. Wiley Blackwell. 16 pp.

Presentations

[25] “Temporalization in Causal Modeling,” at the Time and Causality in the Sciences Conference in Hoboken, N.J., June 2017.

[24] “Temporalization in Causal Modeling,” at the University of Western Australia, March 2017.

[23] “Temporalization in Causal Modeling,” at the London School of Economics, February 2017.

[22] “Counting Experiments,” given as a colloquium talk at the University of Illinois, November 2016.

[21] “How Good Was Bayes’ Response to Hume?” at the Illinois Philosophical Association meeting in Peoria, IL, November 2016. Presented by Travis Tanner.

[20] “On Goodness of Fit,” at the Philosophy of Science Association meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 2016.

[19] “Philosophy and Wonder,” at the Midwest Experimental and Theoretical Association Conference: Beyond Intuitions in Urbana-Champaign, October 2016.

[18] “Actual Causation and Compositionality,” at the Buffalo Experimental Philosophy Conference, September 2016.

[17] “Modality for Moderate Empiricists: On Some Problems and Prospects for Structural Counterfactuals,” at the Illinois Philosophical Association meeting in Charleston, IL, November 2015.

[16] “Ordering Effects, Evidence Effects, and the Specter of Global Skepticism,” at the Causal and Probabilistic Reasoning Conference in Munich, June 2015.

[15] “Ordering Effects, Evidence Effects, and the Specter of Global Skepticism,” at the 2015 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

[14] “Modality for Moderate Empiricists: On Some Problems and Prospects for Structural Counterfactuals,” at the 23rd Annual Philosophical Collaborations Conference in Carbondale, IL, March 2015.

[13] “Four Varieties of Causal Reasoning Problem,” at the Illinois Philosophical Association meeting in Bloomington, IL, November 2014.

- [12] “On Goodness of Fit,” at Inductive Logic and Confirmation in Science II in Salt Lake City, UT, October 2014.
- [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 2010 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- [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 in Boulder, CO, 2008.

Commentary

- [3] On “Pragmatic Development and the False Belief Task,” by Evan Westra at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Chicago, IL, March 2016.
- [2] On “Where Parameters Come From,” by Naftali Weinberger at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Philadelphia, PA, December 2014.

[1] On “A Refutation of Counterfactual Theories of Causation,” by Marcus Arvan at the Central States Philosophical Association meeting in Evanston, IL, October 2014.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

[6] *Simulating Models of Development under Plausible Gene-Environment Interplay* (2016-2019).

PI: Daniel A. Briley. Grant from the Templeton Foundation
(subawardee of JTF Grant ID 58792).
Amount funded: \$359,573.

[5] Wengert Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2015

[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

Courses and Independent Studies Taught

[28] PHIL 471 Contemporary Philosophy of Science, Spring 2017

[27] GCL 187 Morality, Methods, and Medicine, Spring 2017

[26] PHIL 517 Seminar on Experimental Philosophy, Fall 2016

[25] PHIL 426 Metaphysics, Spring 2016

[24] PHIL 103 Logic and Reasoning, Spring 2016

[23] PHIL 471 Contemporary Philosophy of Science, Fall 2015

[22] PHIL 530 Dissertation Seminar, Fall 2015

[21] PHIL 583 Individual Topics on Modal Logic and Modal Epistemology, Spring 2015

[20] PHIL 471 Contemporary Philosophy of Science, Spring 2015

[19] PHIL 103 Logic and Reasoning, Spring 2015

[18] PHIL 517 Seminar in Philosophy of Science, Fall 2014

[17] PHIL 103 Logic and Reasoning, Fall 2014

- [16] PHIL 380 Current Controversies: The Possibility of Time Travel, Summer 2014
- [15] PHIL / PSYC 351 Thinking and Reasoning, Spring 2014
- [14] PHIL 214 Biomedical Ethics, Spring 2014
- [13] PHIL 583 Individual Topics on Maudlin's *The Metaphysics Within Physics*, Fall 2013
- [12] PHIL 426 Metaphysics, Fall 2013
- [11] PHIL 390 Individual Study on Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*, Fall 2013
- [10] PHIL 103 Logic and Reasoning, Fall 2013
- [9] PHIL 583 Individual Topics on Hume and Bayes on Induction, Spring 2013
- [8] PHIL 492 Undergraduate Thesis Supervision, Spring 2013
- [7] PHIL 471 Contemporary Philosophy of Science, Spring 2013
- [6] PHIL 214 Biomedical Ethics, Spring 2013
- [5] PHIL 517 Seminar in Philosophy of Science, Fall 2012
- [4] PHIL 103 Logic and Reasoning, Fall 2012
- [3] PHIL 583 Individual Topics on Moral Naturalism, Spring 2012
- [2] PHIL 471 Contemporary Philosophy of Science, Spring 2012
- [1] PHIL 103 Logic and Reasoning, Fall 2011

Professional Service

Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy, Fall 2016-present.

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

Organizer of the First Annual Midwest Experimental and Theoretical Association Conference "Beyond Intuitions," October 2016.

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

Dissertation Director for Adam Edwards and Amber Polk.

Dissertation Committee Member for Alexis Dyschkant, Ian Hegger, Christopher Hendricksen*, Zachary Horne*, James Keller, and Joseph Spino*, where * indicates successful defense.

Member of the Advisory Committee in Philosophy, 2016-present.

Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee in Philosophy, 2016-present.

Member of the TA Oversight Committee in Philosophy, 2011-2016; Chair, 2013-2015.

Member of the Prizes and Scholarships Committee in Philosophy, 2011-2015; Chair, 2013-2015.

Member of the Executive Committee in Philosophy, 2012-2013, 2015-2016.

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

Referee for:

The Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2013, 2014, 2015)

The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016)

Dialectica (2013)

Dialogue (2015)

Economics and Philosophy (2012)

Episteme (2017)

Erkenntnis (2014)

Ergo (2015, 2016)

Inquiry (2017)

Journal of the American Philosophical Association (2017)

Mind (2017)

The Monist (2011)

Philosophy of Science (2011, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Philosophical Studies (2014)

Review of Philosophy and Psychology (2014, 2015, 2016)

The Southern Journal of Philosophy (2013)

Synthese (2015, 2016, 2017)

Theoria (2012)

Professional References

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