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**Education**

Ph.D., Philosophy (2007): University of Colorado at Boulder  
B.A., (*summa cum laude*) Philosophy (1999): University of Colorado at Boulder

**Dissertation**

*Concepts as Constructions: Structure, Content, and Innateness*

After arguing that the most prominent theories regarding the nature of concepts face significant worries, I provide an alternative account according to which concepts are best understood as *constructions*. I develop this account by way of addressing the issues of conceptual structure, conceptual content, and the nativist/empiricist debate. I argue in favor of a limited set of innate concepts which, together with four innate concept-building operations, allows for a powerful account of the concepts and thoughts to which we have access.

Advisor: Graham Oddie

Committee: Michael Tooley, Robert Hanna, Robert Rupert, Daniel Boord

**Area of Specialization**

Philosophy of Mind

**Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Logic, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, History of Philosophy, Ethics (ethical theory, applied ethics, and business ethics)

**Honors, Grants, and Awards**

*H.O.P.E Nominee* (2008)

Southern Methodist University

Each year, students are given the opportunity to nominate a professor for recognition that s/he feels has contributed to his/her life both inside and outside of the classroom.

*Philosophy Department Dissertation Research Fellowship* (Fall 2004)

Philosophy Department, University of Colorado at Boulder

*Teaching Assistant Award Nominee* (2001)

University of Colorado at Boulder

Each year, departments nominate one Teaching Assistant for the United Government of Graduate Students Teaching Assistant Effectiveness competition, which seeks to recognize teaching assistants who have demonstrated exceptional skill by finding a strategy to meet a particular teaching challenge in their own classes.

*Undergraduate Essay Contest Award* (1999)  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
“Aquinas on Time and Change”

*Undergraduate Scholarship* (1997)  
Philosophy Department, Metropolitan State College of Denver

**Publications**

“The Structure of Lexical Concepts” (forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*)

*Under Review*

“Concepts, Constructions, and Substitutivity Puzzles”  
“Narrow Content without Internalism”

*Work In Progress*

“Innate Concepts”  
“Seeming is Not Believing”

**Presentations**

“Quining Qualia?”  
University of Colorado at Boulder: Spring 2005

**Teaching Experience**

*University of Colorado at Boulder*

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2003; Spring and Fall 2005; Spring 2007)  
Introduction to Western Philosophy: Ancient (Spring 2006)  
Ethics (Spring 2004, Fall 2006)

*Teaching Assistant:*

Philosophy and Religion (Spring 2003)  
Introduction to Western Philosophy: Ancient (Fall 2000 and 2001)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2001 and 2002)  
Ethics (Fall 2002)

*Southern Methodist University*

Contemporary Moral Problems (Fall 2007; Spring, Summer, and Fall 2008 & 2009)  
Business Ethics (Fall 2007; Spring, Summer, and Fall 2008 & 2009)