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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Cognitive Neuroscience, & Philosophy of Perception

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, Ethics, Modern Philosophy, G. Frege, and Philosophy of Mental Disorders (Psychiatry and Psychopathology)

EMPLOYMENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

The Department of Philosophy, *July 2016-Present*
Director of Graduate Studies in Philosophy, *January 2018-Present*
Integrative Neuroscience Graduate Program, *October 2016-Present*
Institute for Neuroscience, *September 2018-Present*
The University of Nevada, Reno

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW

Centre for Philosophical Psychology, *Spring 2019*
University of Antwerp, Belgium

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW

The Department of Psychology, *Summers 2017-2019*
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

The Department of Cognitive Science, *2015-2016*
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

The Department of Cognitive Science, *2012-2015*
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

KREITMAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW

The Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, *2012-2014*
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er Sheva, Israel

EDUCATION

City University of New York, The Graduate Center

Ph.D. in Philosophy with a Cognitive Science Concentration, *May 2011*

Dissertation: *Olfaction: Smelling the Content of Consciousness*

Advisor: Jesse Prinz

Committee: William Lycan, Stephen Neale, David Rosenthal, and Richard Sorabji

University of London, King's College
M.Phil. in Philosophy, *June 2004*
Tied for first place for the MPhil in Philosophy in the University of London - 2004
Dissertation in the Philosophy of Psychology: *Psychosyntax*
Advisors: Richard Samuels and Gabriel Segal
Viva Committee: Mike G.F. Martin and George Botterill

University of London, King's College
M.Sc. in the Philosophy of Mental Disorders, *September 2001*
Nominated Fulbright Scholar
Graduated with Merit

Yeshiva University, Yeshiva College
Honors B.A. with double major in Philosophy & Psychology, *May 2000*
Graduated with Honors and Summa Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Textbook

Young, B.D. and Dacey-Jennings, C. (Eds.) (*forthcoming 2021*) *Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience: a philosophical introduction*. Routledge Press

Edited Collection

Young, B.D. and Keller, A. (2015) *Olfactory Consciousness across Disciplines*. ebook & Research Topic for *Frontiers in Consciousness Research*.

Articles and Chapters

Goldstein, A., Hassin, R., and Young, B.D. (*forthcoming*) "The Unconscious Mind," in *Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience*. (Eds.) B.D. Young and C. Dacey-Jennings. Routledge Press

Dacey-Jennings, C. and Young, B.D. (*forthcoming*) "Introduction," *Mind, Cognition, and Neuroscience: a philosophical introduction*. Routledge Press

Young, B.D. (2019) Olfactory Imagery - is exactly what it smells like. *Philosophical Studies*. doi.org/10.1007/s11098-019-01371-4

Young, B.D. (2019) Smell's Puzzling Discrepancy. *Mind & Language*, doi.org/10.1111/mila.12233

Young, B.D. (2019). "Smelling Molecular Structure," in *Perception, Cognition, and Aesthetics*. (Eds.) D. Shottenkirk, S.Gouveia and J. Curado. Routledge Press.

Young, B.D. (2019). "The Many Problems of Distal Olfactory Perception," in *Spatial Senses: Philosophy of Perception in an Age of Science*. (Eds.) T. Cheng, O. Deroy, & C. Spence. Routledge Press.

- Young, B.D. (2017). "Enactivism's Last Breaths," in *Contemporary Perspective in the Philosophy of Mind*. (Eds.) M. Curado and S. Gouveia. Cambridge Press.
- Young, B.D. (2016). Smelling Matter, *Philosophical Psychology*.
doi: 10.1080/09515089.2015.1126814
- Young, B.D. (2015). Formative Non-Conceptual Content,
Journal of Consciousness Studies, 22 : 201-214.
- Young, B.D. (2014). Smelling phenomenal, *Frontiers in Psychology*. 5:713.
doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2014.00713
- Young, B.D., Keller, A., & Rosenthal, D. (2014). Quality Space Theory in
Olfaction, *Frontiers in Psychology*. 5:1. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2014.00001
- Keller, A. & Young, B.D. (2014). Olfactory Consciousness across Disciplines, *Frontiers in Psychology*. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2014.00931
- Young, B.D. (2012) Stinking Consciousness! *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 19: 223-243.

UNDER REVIEW

- Young, B.D. (R&R *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*) Perceiving Smellscapes.
- Young, B.D., Escalon, J., and Mathew, D. (R&R *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews*)
Odors: from chemical structures to gaseous plumes.
- Young, B.D. and Nanay, B. (under review *Mind*) Olfactory Amodal Completion.
- Young, B.D. (under review *Synthese*) Retronasal Olfaction doesn't Smell.
- Young, B.D. (under review *Mind & Language*) Tasting Flavors.
- Young, B.D. (under review *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*) The Failure to Flourish
Model of Mental Disorders.
- Young, B.D. (R&R book proposal and sample chapters) *Stinking Philosophy!*,
MIT Press.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- Empirically Informed Philosophy of Smell, *Summer School on Human Olfaction*,
Universitätsklinikum Carl Gustav Carus, (Dresden, Germany), July-August 2019.
- How odorous qualities and gaseous plumes allow us to taste flavors, *Olfactus meeting 2019*,
Stockholm University Brain Imaging Centre, (Stockholm, Sweden), May 2019.
- Stinking Philosophy, *Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Philosophy Colloquium*, (Bochum,
Germany), April 2019.
- Olfactory Imagery and the Autobiographic Odor Memory Bump. *Stockholm University*,
Department of Psychology, (Stockholm, Sweden), April 2019.

Smelling Things that Don't Smell. *Karolinska Institutet, Department of Clinical Neuroscience*, (Stockholm, Sweden), April 2019.

But Does it Smell? - olfaction tests the boundaries of mental imagery, *Smelling things you don't Smell*, workshop on olfactory imagery at *the Center for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp*, (Antwerp, Belgium), February 2019.

Compositionality in Thought and Perception, *UC Merced, Cognitive Science Group* (Merced, California), August 2018

Puzzling Smells, *Hebrew University, Psychology and Cognitive Science, Lab Conscious*, (Jerusalem, Israel), May 2018.

BioPhilosophy of Smell, Benjamin D. Young and Dennis Mathew, *University of Nevada, Reno, Research and Innovation showcase poster session*, (Reno, NV), April 2018

BioPhilosophy of Smell, *The Weizmann Institute of Science, Olfaction Research Group – Department of Neurobiology*, (Rehovot, Israel), January 2018.

Perceiving Smellscapes, *UC Berkeley, Spatial Experience Conference*, (Berkeley, CA), September 2017.

Smell's Puzzling Discrepancy, *Soda Stream, Sensory Science and R&D*, (Israel), June 2017.

BioPhilosophy of Smell, *CUNY, Cognitive Science Symposium*, (New York, NY), March 2017.

Distal Olfactory Perception, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Philosophy Department* (Las Vegas, NV.) February 2017

Smell – the perceptual savant, *Sierra Nevada – Society for Neuroscience*, (Reno, NV.) October 2016

The Phenomenal Element, *University of Nevada, Reno, Philosophy Department*, (Reno, NV.) March 2016

Non-Compositional Olfactory Representations, *Ben-Gurion University, The Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences*, (Be'er Sheva, Israel), May 2015.

Enactivism's Last Breaths, *Hebrew University, Cognitive Science Symposium*, (Jerusalem, Israel), May 2015.

The Phenomenal Element, *University of Central Florida, Philosophy Department*, (Orlando, FL.) February 2015

Sniff Testing the Enactive Theory of Perception, *Bar-Ilan University, Philosophy Department*, (Ramat Gan, Israel), April 2014.

The Non-Conceptual Format of Smell, annual essay prize presentation at *the Center for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp*, (Antwerp, Belgium), December 2013.

Fine Grained Smells, *Ben-Gurion University, Philosophy Department*, (Be'er Sheva, Israel)
June 2013.

The Fineness of Grain Argument for Olfactory Non-Conceptual Content, *Hebrew University, Philosophy Department*, (Jerusalem, Israel), December 2012.

Formative Non-Conceptual Content, *University of Haifa, Philosophy Department*, (Haifa, Israel), December 2012.

Olfaction and Phenomenal Consciousness, *The Weizmann Institute of Science, Olfaction Research Group – Department of Neurobiology*, (Rehovot, Israel), April 2012.

The Non-Conceptual Content of Olfactory Experience, *CUNY, Cognitive Science Symposium*, (New York, NY), February 2011.

The Richness of Olfactory Experience, *Queens College, Philosophy Department*, (Queens, NY), December 2010.

The Non-Conceptual Content of Olfactory Experience, *Hebrew University, Cognitive Science*, (Jerusalem, Israel), October 2010.

Stinking Consciousness, *CUNY, Cognitive Science Symposium*, (New York, NY), March 2009.

Functional Psychosyntax, *CUNY, Cognitive Science Symposium*, (New York, NY), July 2007.

Intuition Caps, Innateness, and the Exemplar Theory of Phenomenal Concepts, *CUNY, Cognitive Science Symposium*, (New York, NY), October 2006.

Refereed Presentations

Unconsciously reading and answering simple questions, Alon Goldstein, Benjamin D. Young, and Ran R. Hassin, *The Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC22) annual conference*, (Krakow, Poland), June 2018.

Failure to Flourish Framework for Mental Disorders, *UNR Health Conference* (Reno, NV), November 2017.

Failure to Flourish Framework for Mental Disorders, *Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, Annual Meeting*, (San Diego, CA), May 2017.

The Many Problems of Distal Olfactory Perception, *Perceiving at a Distance* conference hosted by *the Center for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp*, (Antwerp, Belgium), June 2016.

Smelling the Structure of Non-Conceptual Content, *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, (Granada, Spain), July 2013.

Formative Non-Conceptual Content, *Perception and Concepts, International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, (Riga, Latvia) May, 2013.

The Molecular Structure of Smells, *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, (London, UK), August 2012.

Smelling Phenomenal: Rethinking the distinction between phenomenal and access consciousness, *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, (Brighton, UK), July 2012.

Smelling Phenomenal, (Poster), *International Symposium on Olfaction and Taste*, (Stockholm, Sweden), June 2012.

The Phenomenal Element, *Psycho-Ontology Conference, The Shalem Center*, (Jerusalem, Israel), December 2011.

Stinking Consciousness, *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, (Toronto, Canada), June 2010.

Stinking Consciousness, (Poster), *The Association for Chemoreception Sciences*, (St Petersburg, FL). April 2010.

The Phenomenal Element, *Towards a Science of Consciousness*, (Tucson, AZ), April 2010.

Stinking Consciousness, *Towards a Science of Consciousness*, (Hong Kong, China), June 2009.

Stinking Consciousness, *Boston University Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on Consciousness*, (Boston, MA), April 2009.

The Primacy of Duties to Self in Kant's Moral Theory, *Long Island Philosophical Society*, (Queens, NY) October 2008.

The Phenomenal-Concept Gap, *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, (Taipei, Taiwan), June 2008.

Mind the Phenomenal-Concept, (Poster), *Towards a Science of Consciousness*, (Tucson, AZ), April 2008.

Synchronic Selfhood as a Necessary Condition for Diachronic Personal Identity, *Long Island Philosophical Society*, (Rockville Centre, NY), April 2008.

Same-Self Same-Person Theory of Personal Identity, *Ninth International Conference on Persons*, (Asheville, NC), July 2007.

Psychosyntax, *University of London, Graduate Philosophy Conference*, (London, UK), October 2003.

Comments

Something Stinks about Secondary Qualities, commentary on Jack Collins' "Something Stinks: Smell and the Problem of Secondary Qualities," *APA Eastern Division Meeting* (Savannah, GA), January 2018

But where does qualitative consciousness come from?, commentary on Eva Jablonka's "The Transition to Consciousness: Lessons from the Study of the origins of life," *Ben-Gurion University, The Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Seminar* (Be'er Sheva, Israel), March 2014.

All Thinkers are Compositional, but Some More Compositional than Others, commentary on Jake Beck's "The Generality Constraint and the Structure of Thought," *CUNY, Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*, (New York, NY), April 2007.

Toe Stubbing Pain and Personal Identity, commentary on Mike Jostedt's "The Smoking Case and Parfit's *Reasons and Persons*," *Ninth International Conference on Persons*, (Ashville, NC), July 2007.

GRANTS

Conversations with the Human Unconscious, collaboration with Ran Hassin at HUJI, funded by The Templeton Foundation, *December 2016-August 2019 - \$216,720*
BioPhilosophy of Smell, collaboration with Dennis Mathew at UNR, New Scholarly Endeavour Grant funded by the Vice-President of Research and Innovation at UNR, *January 2017-December 2017 - \$2,500*

Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Travel Grant, *June 2008, July 2012*
Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY, Graduate Center, *2007, 2010*
Mareinhoff Academic Grant, Yeshiva College Honors Program, *1999-2000*
Honors Program, Yeshiva College, Psychology Research Grant, *Summer 1999*

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Paul and Judy Bible, University Teaching Excellence Award, University of Nevada, Reno, Nominated for *2018-2019*.
Annual Essay Prize, *Centre for Philosophical Psychology*, University of Antwerp, *2013*
Provost Fellowship, CUNY, Graduate Center – *2004-2009*
The Sorabji Bursary Award for Postgraduate Students at King's College, *2003-2004*
The Overseas Research Students Award Scheme at King's College, *2002-2004*
Nominated Fulbright Scholar for study in England - *2000-2001*
The Yeshiva College, George & Bertha Fish Award for Excellence in Philosophy – *2000*
The Yeshiva College, Gottesman Award for Scholarship, Ethics, and Character – *2000*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Reviewer:

Australasian Journal of Philosophy
British Journal for the Philosophy of Science
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Frontiers in Psychology
Frontiers in Neuroscience
Journal of Consciousness Studies
Mind
Mind & Language
MIT press (book reviewer for Philosophy and Cognitive Science)
New Ideas in Psychology

Philosophia
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Member of UNR *Cultural Diversity Committee, 2017-2020*
Coordinator of UNR Philosophy Department *Work in Progress Seminar, 2016-2020*
Chair of UNR Philosophy Department *Colloquia Committee, 2018-2020*
Member of UNR Philosophy Department *Colloquia Committee, 2017-2020*
Member of the organizing faculty for the Hebrew University and UNC Philosophy
Departments joint workshop, *May 2013*
Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Consciousness Research, 2013-2015*
Designed and Organized the Career Development workshops for advanced MA &
PhD students in *Cognitive Science at Ben-Gurion University, 2013-2014*
Coordinator of the Cognitive Science Concentration Symposium, *CUNY, The Graduate
Center, Summer 2007 – Summer 2008*
Philosophy Peer Mentor, *CUNY, Graduate Center, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2010-2011*
King's College London, Philosophy Department Resource Librarian, *2003-2004*

COURSES TAUGHT & TUTORIALS

Business Ethics (BA)
Contemporary Moral Issues: NeuroEthics (BA)
Introduction to Philosophy (BA)
Introduction to Ethics (BA)
An Introductory Toolbox for the Philosophy of Cognitive Science (MA/PhD)
Logic and Metaphysics (BA Tutorial)
Modern Logic (BA)
Modern Philosophy (BA Tutorial)
Neurophilosophy of Mind (BA)
Philosophical Foundations of Cognitive Science (BA)
Philosophy of Cognitive Science (BA/MA)
Philosophy of Mind (BA Tutorial; BA/MA)
Philosophy of Perception (BA/MA)
Philosophy of Psychiatry and Psychopathologies (BA/MA)
Philosophy of Psychology (BA Tutorial)
Theories of Consciousness (MA)
The Varieties of Consciousness (BA/MA)
The Self (BA)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (aside from positions listed above)

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, *Adjunct Lecturer, 2014-2015*
Queens College, CUNY, *Adjunct Lecturer, 2009–2011*
Lecturer (Full-time) 2008 - 2009, Provost Fellow, 2005–2008
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, *Adjunct Lecturer, 2006-2008, 2010-2011*
Brooklyn College, CUNY, *Adjunct Lecturer, Spring 2005 and Spring 2006*
King's College London, *Graduate Philosophy Tutor, 2002–2004*

LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Yeshiva University Psychology Laboratory, *Research & Technical Assistant*, 1998 - 2000

Collected, processed, & analyzed biological samples. Designed & validated measures and procedures for future chronobiology studies. Supervised the testing and running of human subjects.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS (current and past)

The American Philosophical Association
Association for Chemoreception Sciences
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness
Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry
European Chemoreception Research Organisation
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Israeli Philosophy Association
Lifetime Member of Psi Chi, The National Honors Society in Psychology
Society for Philosophy and Psychology

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