

## Mike Dacey

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### Employment

2017-Present      Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bates College  
2016-2017        Faculty Fellow in Philosophy, Colby College  
2015-2016        Lecturer in Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis

### Education

PhD                Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology  
Washington University in St. Louis, August 2015  
MA                Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology  
Washington University in St. Louis, May 2012  
BA                Philosophy (High Honors) and Physics  
Wesleyan University, May 2006

### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science

### Areas of Competence

Early Modern Philosophy, Moral Psychology, Biomedical Ethics

### Peer Reviewed Publications

“Association and the Mechanisms of Priming.” Forthcoming in *Journal of Cognitive Science*.  
“Simplicity and the Meaning of Mental Association.” Forthcoming in *Erkenntnis*.  
“The Paper Topic Machine: Creativity, Credit, and the Unconscious.” (2018) *Analysis*, 78, 4:  
614–622.  
“Anthropomorphism as Cognitive Bias.” (2017) *Philosophy of Science*, 84 (5), 1152–1164.  
“The Varieties of Parsimony in Psychology.” (2016) *Mind & Language*, 31: 414–437.  
“Rethinking Associations in Psychology.” (2016) *Synthese*, 193: 3763–3786.  
“Associationism without Associative Links: Thomas Brown and the Project of Associationism.”  
(2015) *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A*, 54: 31–40.

### Invited Publications

“Associationism and the Philosophy of Mind” forthcoming in *The Internet Encyclopedia of  
Philosophy*.  
“Parsimony.” (2017) in *Encyclopedia of Personality and Individual Differences*, V. Zeigler-Hill and  
T. Shackelford (Eds.). New York: Springer.  
“A New View of Association and Associative Models.” (2017) in *The Routledge Handbook of  
Philosophy of Animal Minds*, K. Andrews & J. Beck (Eds.). New York: Routledge. 419–426.

“Reference.” Dacey, M., & Mallon, R. (2016) in *A Companion to Experimental Philosophy*, J. Sytsma & W. Buckwalter (Eds.). Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell. 371-389.

### **Selected Presentations**

#### **“Rethinking Associations”**

Jan. 2020: American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Philadelphia, PA. *Part of invited symposium on associationism.*

March 2018: Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. San Antonio, TX. *Part of invited symposium on associationism.*

#### **“Evidence in Default”**

July 2019: International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology. Oslo, Norway.

Dec. 2018: Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

Nov. 2018: Philosophy of Science Association. Seattle, WA. *Poster Presentation.*

Oct. 2018: Northern New England Philosophy Association. University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

June 2018: Munich/Sydney/Turin Conference: Models of Explanation. University of Turin, Turin, Italy. *Poster Presentation.*

June 2018: Varieties of Minds Conference. Center for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge, UK. *Poster Presentation.*

#### **“Implicit Anthropomorphism: Theory and Preliminary Results”**

June 2018: Varieties of Minds Conference. Center for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge, UK.

#### **“The Aging Mind and the ‘Smiling’ Chimpanzee: Anthropomorphic Responses in an Affective Priming Paradigm”**

May 2018: Cognitive Aging Conference. Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA. *Poster Presentation with Yi Feng, Shuofeng Xu, and Jen Coane.*

#### **“The Paper Topic Machine: Creativity, Credit, and the Unconscious”**

Nov. 2017: Northern New England Philosophy Association. Stonehill College, Easton, MA.

March 2017: Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Savannah, GA.

#### **“The Varieties of Parsimony in the Chimpanzee Mindreading Debate”**

Jan. 2017: Department Colloquium. Bates College.

#### **“Anthropomorphism as Cognitive Bias”**

Nov. 2016: Philosophy of Science Association. Atlanta, GA.

Sept. 2016: Department Colloquium. Bates College.

March 2016: Department Colloquium. University of Nevada Reno.

Oct. 2015: PNP/Medical School Series. Washington University in St Louis.

**“Three Problems of Parsimony in Psychology”**

June 2015: Ernst Mach Workshop IV. The Institute of Philosophy. Prague, Czech Republic.

April 2015: Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. New Orleans, LA.

**“Simplicity, Complexity, and Association in Human Psychology”**

June 2015: Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Duke University, Durham, NC.

**“Three Problems of Parsimony in Psychology and Lessons for Associationism”**

April 2015: Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Colloq. Washington University in St Louis.

**“Simple Theories, Simple Minds”**

April 2014: Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference.

Feb. 2014: The Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science. Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia.

**“Association as a Semantic Level Construct”**

June 2013: Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Brown University, Providence, RI. *Poster Presentation.*

May 2013: Midwestern Cognitive Science Conference. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. *Poster Presentation.*

**“Rethinking Associations in Psychology: Evidence against an associative process.”**

March 2013: Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Austin, TX.

Oct. 2012: Invited Presentation at Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh, PA.

**“What’s so Special about the Conscious Will?”**

April 2012: Mind, Method and Morality. University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

March 2012: Gateway Graduate Philosophy Conference. University of Missouri, St. Louis.

**Awards and Fellowships**

2017-2019	Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship. <i>Declined</i>
2016-2017	Faculty Fellow in Philosophy, Colby College
Spring 2015	Washington University Teaching Citation
Winter 2014	WUSTL Philosophy Stenner Prize for best graduate essay
2013-2014	Washington University Dissertation Fellowship
August 2011	Travel Funding, Early Career Participant, Cortical Color Vision Conference, Vancouver Canada
2008-2009	Washington University First Year Fellowship
Spring 2006	High Honors in Philosophy, Wesleyan University

**Courses****Bates College**

-*Philosophy of Evolution* (Philosophy/Biology 323): Fall 2019

- Making Moral Minds: Nature, Nurture, and the Sources of Morality* (Philosophy 233): Fall 2017, Spring 2019 (two sections), Fall 2019; also as First Year Seminar (FYS 503) Fall 2019.
- Philosophy of Science* (Philosophy 211): Spring 2018, Spring 2019
- Moral Psychology* (Philosophy 332): Fall 2018
- Philosophy of Mind* (Philosophy 235): Fall 2018
- Animal Minds* (Philosophy 321): Spring 2018
- Philosophy of Cognitive Science* (Philosophy 210): Fall 2017

### **Colby College**

- Philosophy of Cognitive Science* (Philosophy 398): Spring 2017
- On Being Human* (Philosophy 113): Spring 2017, Fall 2016
- Philosophy of Mind* (Philosophy 297): Fall 2016

### **Washington University in St. Louis**

- Great Philosophers* (Philosophy 125): Spring 2016, Fall 2015 (two sections)
- Inquiry in the Cognitive Sciences* (Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology 201): Spring 2016 (co-designed with Carl Craver)
- PNP Reading Class: "Happiness and Well-being"* (Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology 390): Spring 2016

### **University College at Washington University in St. Louis**

- Biomedical Ethics* (Philosophy 233): Spring 2015
- Great Philosophers* (Philosophy 125): Summer 2013
- Introduction to Logic and Critical Analysis* (Philosophy 100): Summer 2012

### **Teaching Assistantships** (Washington University in St. Louis)

Spring 2015	Environmental Ethics	J. Claude Evans
Fall 2014	Biomedical Ethics	Anya Plutynski
Spring 2013	Great Philosophers	Eric Brown
Fall 2012	Mind, Brain, & Behavior	Balota, Duchek, & Peterson
Spring 2012	Introduction to Cognitive Science	Santiago Amaya
Fall 2011	Philosophy of Mind	Elizabeth Schechter
Spring 2011	Introduction to Cognitive Science	Brandon Towl
Fall 2010	Problems in Philosophy	John Doris
Spring 2010	Intro to Logic and Critical Analysis	John Heil
Fall 2009	Inquiry in the Cognitive Sciences	David Kaplan

### **Service**

2018-2019	Member Bates Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee
2018-2019	Member Bates Committee on Teaching and Learning
2018-2019	Member Bates Philosophy Dept. Search Committee
April 2017	Organizer Colby Phil. Dept. Colloquium with Shaun Nichols
2014-2015	Washington University Graduate Student Senator
Summer 2014	Wustl Philosophy Grad Student Research Symposium Co-organizer
Spring 2014	Wustl PNP Graduate Program Review Committee

Fall 2013	Moral Psychology Research Group Meeting Coordinator
Summer 2013	Wustl Philosophy Grad Student Research Symposium Co-organizer
Spring 2013	Wustl PNP Working Group Coordinator
2012-2013	Departmental Graduate Student Peer Mentor
Fall 2012	Co-organizer reading group: <i>The Opacity of Mind</i> by Peter Carruthers
Spring 2012	Organizer reading group for Kyle Stanford visit
Spring 2012	Wustl Philosophy Prospective Student Weekend Committee
2009-2011	Wustl Philosophy Cave Series Coordinator (grad student talks)
2008-2009	Wustl Philosophy Entertainment Committee

Undergraduate theses advised: Katrina Muñoz 2017-2018 (honors – joint Philosophy and Neuroscience), Josh Langer fall 2018, Caleb Perlman 2018-2019.

Journals Reviewed for: *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Interface Focus*, *Frontiers in Psychology*

### Scientific Research Experience

#### **2016-Present**

**Designing and running empirical tests of human tendency to anthropomorphize**  
Laboratory of Jennifer Coane, Colby College Psychology Department

#### **Fall 2007, Fall 2006**

Field Research Assistant: **Observing bighorn sheep mating behavior in wild**  
Montana Conservation Science Institute; Missoula, MT.

#### **Summer 2007, Summer 2006, Summer 2004, Summer 2003**

Research Assistant: **Designing and testing chemical detection techniques in vitro**  
Biocurrents Research Center at Marine Biological Laboratories, Woods Hole, MA

#### **Spring 2007**

Research Assistant: **Studying camouflage behavior in captive cuttlefish**  
Marine Resources Center (Hanlon Lab) at Marine Biological Labs., Woods Hole, MA

#### **Spring 2006, Spring, Summer, & Fall 2005, Fall 2004**

Undergraduate Researcher: **Studying Na<sub>2</sub> energy levels by laser dissociation**  
Laboratory of Lutz Huwel, Wesleyan University Physics Department

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