

**KEVIN MORRIS**  
CURRICULUM VITAE

**EDUCATION**

THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY  
B.A., Philosophy, May 2003

BROWN UNIVERSITY  
M.A., Philosophy, May 2006

Ph.D., Philosophy, May 2011  
DISSERTATION: *Physicalism and A Priori Connections, Realization and Reduction: Two Issues in the Metaphysics of Mind*  
COMMITTEE: Jaegwon Kim (chair), Christopher Hill, Bernard Kobes, Douglas Kutach

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Metaphysics, Metaphysics of Mind

**OTHER AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST**

Philosophy of Mind, History of Analytic Philosophy, Logic

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Visiting Lecturer	Bridgewater State College/University, 2006–2009
Instructor	Northern Arizona University, 2010–2011
Visiting Assistant Professor	Tulane University, 2011–2013
Assistant Professor	Tulane University, 2013–2019
Associate Professor	Tulane University, 2019–Present

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS**

*Physicalism Deconstructed: Levels of Reality and the Mind-Body Problem* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

*Elementary Symbolic Logic: Concepts, Techniques, and Context* (Kendall Hunt, 2021, 2023).

*Early Analytic Philosophy: An Inclusive Reader With Commentary* (with Consuelo Preti) (Bloomsbury, 2023).

## ARTICLES

“Does Functional Reduction Need Bridge Laws? A Response to Marras,” *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 60:3 (September 2009): 647-657.

“Guidelines for Theorizing About Realization,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 48:4 (December 2010): 393-416.

“Subset Realization and Physical Identification,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 41:2 (June 2011): 317-335.

“Subset Realization, Parthood, and Causal Overdetermination,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 92:3 (September 2011): 363-379.

“Theoretical Identities as Explanantia and Explananda,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 48:4 (October 2011): 373-386.

“A Defense of Lucky Understanding,” *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 63:2 (June 2012): 357-371.

“On Two Arguments for Subset Inheritance,” *Philosophical Studies* 163: 1 (March 2013): 197-211.

“Causal Closure, Causal Exclusion, and Supervenience Physicalism,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 95: 1 (March 2014): 72-86.

“Supervenience Physicalism, Emergentism, and the Polluted Supervenience Base,” *Erkenntnis* 79:2 (April 2014): 351-365.

“Against Disanalogy-Style Responses to the Exclusion Problem,” *Philosophia* 43:2 (June 2015): 435-453.

“How to Read Moore’s ‘Proof of an External World’,” (with Consuelo Preti) *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* 4:1 (December 2015): 1-17.

“Russellian Physicalism, Bare Structure, and Swapped Inscrutables,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 23:9-10 (January 2016): 180-198.

“Issues in Phenomenalist Metaphysics,” (symposium on Michael Pelczar’s *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and its Contents*), *Analysis* 76:4 (October 2016): 471-479.

“The Combination Problem: Subjects and Unity,” *Erkenntnis* 82:1 (February 2017): 103-120.

“What’s Wrong With Brute Supervenience? A Defense of Horgan on Physicalism and Supradupervenience,” *Analytic Philosophy* 59:2 (June 2018): 256-280.

“Physicalism, Truthmaking, and Levels of Reality: Problems and Prospects,” *Topoi* 37:3 (September 2018, special issue on the character of physicalism): 473-482.

“Truthmaking and the Mysteries of Emergence,” in *Brute Facts*, E. Vintiadis and C. Mekios (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Multiple Realization and Compositional Variation,” *Synthese* 197: 6 (June 2020): 2593-2611.

“Phenomenal Transparency and the Transparency of Subjecthood,” *Analysis* 81: 1 (January 2021): 39-45.

“The Super Justification Argument for Phenomenal Transparency,” *Inquiry* 65: 4 (2022): 437-455.

“What’s Wrong With Nonreductive Physicalism? The Exclusion Problem Reconsidered,” *ProtoSociology* 39 (2023, special issue on the philosophy of Jaegwon Kim): 19-34.

“Della Rocca’s Relations Regress and Bradley’s Relations Regresses,” *Acta Analytica* 39: 3 (September 2024): 563-77.

“F.H. Bradley and the Metaphysics of Nonreductive Physicalism,” *The Review of Metaphysics* 78: 1 (September 2024): 117-140.

“Metaphysical Dependence and the Subset Relation Between Powers,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

“Are Phenomenal Properties Determinables of Physical Determinates? A Response to Wilson,” *Erkenntnis* (forthcoming).

“*The Hope and Horror of Physicalism: Comments and Critique*,” (symposium on Christopher Devlin Brown’s *The Hope and Horror of Physicalism: An Existential Treatise*), *Philosophia* (forthcoming).

## REVIEWS

“Review of *Mental Mechanisms: Philosophical Perspectives on Cognitive Neuroscience* by William Bechtel,” *Kinesis: A Graduate Journal in Philosophy* 36:1 (Spring 2009): 110-115.

“Review of *What is Analytic Philosophy?* by Hans-Johann Glock,” *The Review of Metaphysics* 62:4 (June 2009): 931-932.

“Review of *Explaining the Brain: Mechanisms and the Mosaic Unity of Neuroscience* by Carl Craver,” *Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science* 3 (September 2009).

“Review of *Truth as One and Many* by Michael Lynch,” *Metapsychology Online* (June 2011).

“Review of *Re-Emergence: Locating Conscious Properties in a Material World* by Gerald Vision,” *Metapsychology Online* (January 2012).

“Review of *Consciousness and the Prospects of Physicalism* by Derk Pereboom,” *Philosophy in Review* 32:2 (2012): 124-126.

“Review of *Perplexities of Consciousness* by Eric Schwitzgebel,” *Philosophy in Review* 32:4 (2012): 332-334.

“Review of *Consciousness and the Limits of Objectivity: The Case for Subjective Physicalism* by Robert Howell,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 64 (April 2014): 367-369.

“Review of *The Weirdness of the World* by Eric Schwitzgebel,” *Philosophy in Review* 45: 1 (2025): 37-40.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

“Functional Reduction and the Subset View of Realization,” *Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society* 16 (2008): 238-240.

“‘Specific’ and ‘General’ Phenomenology and an Argument for Phenomenal Thought: Comments on Gray,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 29:2 (July 2013): 61-65.

“The Exclusion Problem, Without the Exclusion Principle,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 30:1 (January 2014): 259-270.

COURSES TAUGHT

TULANE UNIVERSITY (FALL 2011–PRESENT)

Philosophy of Language

Reference and Description

Language and Reality

Reference, Necessity, and Existence

Language and Ontology

Metaphysics

Materialism

Causation and Properties

Dependence and Relations

Phenomenalism, Neutral Monism, and Panpsychism

Consciousness and Fundamentality

Consciousness and Building Relations

Levels of Reality

Relations and the Metaphysics of Monism

Ontology and Fundamentality

Causation, Properties, and Mind

Metaphysics of Mind

Realization, Multiple Realization, and Emergence

Mental Causation and Consciousness

Phenomenalism and Virtual Worlds

Physicalism and Levels of Reality

Independent Study

Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Language

Research Methods in Philosophy

Mind and Cause

Advanced Symbolic Logic (many times)

Teaching in the Community

Teaching Philosophy in the Community

Logic, Minds, and Machines

Teaching Logic

Logic, Language, and Metaphysics

Wittgenstein and Early Analytic Philosophy

Kant, Godel, and Paradox

Origins of Analytic Philosophy

Metametaphysics

Advanced Symbolic Logic

Analytic Philosophy

Minds, Machines, and Experience

Elementary Symbolic Logic

Introduction to Philosophy

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY (FALL 2010–SPRING 2011)

Philosophy of Mind  
Independent Study  
Extended Cognition and the Will  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Ethics  
Introduction to Logic

BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY (FALL 2006–SPRING 2009)

Foundations of Logical Reasoning

BROWN UNIVERSITY (FALL 2005–SPRING 2007)

Mind and Matter (Instructor)  
Mind and Matter (Teaching Assistant)  
Early Modern Philosophy (Teaching Assistant)  
Existentialism (Teaching Assistant)

**PRESENTATIONS**

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES AND DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIA

“Does Functional Reduction Need Bridge Laws?” *Louisiana State University Graduate Conference*, April 2008.

“Functional Reduction and the Subset View of Realization,” *PhilMiLCog Graduate Conference at the University of Western Ontario*, May 2008.

“Functional Reduction and the Subset View of Realization,” *International Symposium of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*, August 2008.

“Reductive Explanation in Two Models of Reduction,” *Metaphysics of Mind Graduate Conference at the University of Missouri, St. Louis*, March 2009.

“Realization and Reduction: A Critique of the ‘Dimensioned’ View,” *Intermountain West Graduate Conference at the University of Utah*, March 2009.

“Realization and Reduction: A Critique of the ‘Dimensioned’ View,” *Louisiana State University Graduate Conference*, April 2009.

“Theoretical Identities as Explanantia and Explananda,” *University of Waterloo Graduate Conference*, May 2009.

“What’s Wrong With ‘Brute’ Supervenience?” *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2009.

“Subset Realization, Parthood, and Causal Overdetermination,” *New Jersey Regional Philosophy Conference*, November 2009.

“Subset Realization, Parthood, and Causal Overdetermination,” *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, April 2010.

“Theorizing About Realization,” *Arizona State University Philosophy Department Colloquium*, April 2010.

“Brute Facts, Knowledge, and Senses of Understanding,” *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2010.

“Thoughts on Lucky Understanding,” *Northern Arizona University Philosophy Department Colloquium*, November 2010.

“A Defense of Lucky Understanding,” *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, March 2011.

“Supervenience Physicalism and the Emergentism Objection: A Case Study and a Challenge,” *Alabama Philosophical Society*, October 2012.

“On Formulating and Solving the Exclusion Problem,” *Central States Philosophical Association*, October 2013.

“The Exclusion Problem and the Exclusion Principle,” *Alabama Philosophical Society*, October 2013.

“The Exclusion Problem, Without the Exclusion Principle,” *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, November 2013.

“A Cheshire Cat: Mental Causes and the Material World,” *The College of New Jersey*, public lecture, March 2014.

“Truthmaking, Levels of Reality, and the Mysteries of Emergence,” *Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science* (Topic: Emergence), October 2015.

“Russellian Physicalism, Bare Structure, and Swapped Inscrutables,” *Central States Philosophical Association*, November 2015.

“Physicalism, Truthmaking, and Levels of Reality,” (Panelist, The Metaphysics of Science), *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, March 2016.

“Revisiting Moore’s Critique of Organic Unity,” *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy*, June 2016.

“Multiple Realization’s Last Stand?” *Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science* (Topic: Laws of Nature), October 2017.

“Multiple Realization’s Last Stand?” *Central States Philosophical Association*, October 2017.

“The Rise of Nonreductive Physicalism,” *University of Mississippi Philosophy Department Colloquium*, April 2018.

“Is the Exclusion Problem Independent of the Theory of Causation and, If So, Why?” *Rutgers-Newark Workshop on the Metaphysics of Science*, May 2018.

#### COMMENTS

Commenter, “Nothing So Simple” by Sam Cowling, *Brown University Philosophy Graduate Conference*, October 2006.

Commenter, “Warrant is Unique” by Andrew Bailey, *Brown University Philosophy Graduate Conference*, October 2007.

Commenter, “The Wookie Problem” by Eduardo Garcia-Ramirez, *Brown University Philosophy Graduate Conference*, November 2008.

Commenter, “Physical Realizations of Minds” by James Blackmon, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2009.

Commenter, “Gettier Cases” by Elijah Chudnoff, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2010.

Commenter, “On a Theory of Descriptions in Articleless Languages” by Yu Izumi, *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, December 2010.

Commenter, “How Specific Can You Get?: Troubles for Cognitive Phenomenology” by David Gray, *Southwestern Philosophical Association*, November 2012.

Commenter, “Two Senses of Multiple Realization” by David Barrett, *Central States Philosophical Association*, October 2013.

Commenter, “Advice for Eleatics” by Sam Cowling, *American Philosophical Association—Central Division*, February 2015.

Panelist, symposium on Michael Pelczar’s *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and its Contents*, *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, April 2015.

Commenter, “Elisabeth of Bohemia on the Problem of Interaction and the Nature of the Soul” by Eric Stencil, *Central States Philosophical Association*, November 2015.

Commenter, “Interventionist Compatibilism and Multiple Realizability” by Douglas Keaton, *American Philosophical Association—Central Division*, March 2016.

Commenter for “Mind-Body Dualism and Mental Causation” by Ben White, *American Philosophical Association—Central Division*, March 2017.

Commenter, “Hempel’s Revenge: A Dilemma for the Antiphysicist” by Andreas Elpidorou and Guy Dove, *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, March 2017.

Commenter, “How to Get Away With Nonreductive Physicalism” by Dwayne Moore, *Canadian Philosophical Association*, May 2017.

Commenter, “The Disciplining of Grounding” by Noël Blas Saenz, *Central States Philosophical Association*, October 2017.

Commenter, “Physicalism Without Fundamentality” by Torin Alter, *American Philosophical Association—Central Division*, February 2021.

Commenter, “Grounding a Definition of Physicalism” by Zach Blaes, *American Philosophical Association—Central Division*, February 2022.

#### OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Functional Reduction and Conceptual Analysis,” *Brown University Philosophy Graduate Forum*, October 2007.

“Is ‘Brute Supervenience’ Incompatible With Physicalism?” *Brown University Philosophy Graduate Forum*, March 2009.

“Subset Realization, Parthood, and Causal Overdetermination,” *Brown University Philosophy Graduate Forum*, November 2009.

“Mind-Body Interaction in a Material World,” *Tulane Philosophy Club*, October 2012.

“Mental Causation and Causal Exclusion,” *The College of New Jersey*, invited speaker for Consuelo Preti’s Philosophy of Mind course, March 2014.

Panelist, “What Can I Do with a Philosophy Degree?” *Tulane Philosophy Club*, March 2014.

“Eleaticism and Causal Essentialism,” *Tulane Research in Progress*, January 2015.

Panelist, “What Can I Do with a Philosophy Degree?” *Tulane Philosophy Club*, April 2018.

Discussant, *University of Cincinnati*, Thomas Polger’s seminar on Contemporary Metaphysics: The Work of Jaegwon Kim, April 2021.

Panelist, Graduate Student Orientation Meeting, Tulane University, October 2021.

Discussant, The Meeting of the Logicians, Tulane University, January 2022.

Interviewee, *PhilTalk* with Danny Felty. Topic: Physicalism. April 2022.

Panelist, Graduate Student Orientation Meeting, Tulane University, October 2022.

“Consciousness and Materialism,” *Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans*, invited speaker for Emmaneul Lambert’s Philosophy course, October 2024.

“Consciousness and Materialism,” *Tulane Philosophy Club*, February 2025.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### JOURNAL REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS

*Synthese* (x31), *Erkenntnis* (x19), *Philosophical Studies* (x11),  
*The Philosophical Quarterly* (x11), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x8),  
*American Philosophical Quarterly* (x8), *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (x7),  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (x6), *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* (x5),  
*Analysis* (x5), *Thought* (x4), *Journal of Philosophy* (x3), *Dialectica* (x3), *Episteme* (x3),  
*The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (x3), *Ergo* (x3), *Philosophical Psychology* (x3),  
*Journal of Philosophical Research* (x3), *Philosophia* (x2), *Philosopher's Imprint* (x2),  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (x2), *Southwest Philosophy Review* (x2),  
*Praxis Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Mind* (x1),  
*Topoi* (x1), *Philosophical Papers* (x1), *Phenomenology and Mind* (x1), *Problemos* (x1),  
*Synthesis Philosophica* (x1), *Journal of Value Inquiry* (x1), *Nous* (x1),  
*The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (x1), *The Review of Metaphysics* (x1),  
*Journal for General Philosophy of Science* (x1), *intellectica* (x1),  
*International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (x1), *Philosophy of Science* (x1),  
*Mind & Language* (x1), *Idealistic Studies* (x1), *Inquiry* (x1), *Diametros* (x1),  
*Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (x1) *1000WordPhilosophy.com* (x1),  
*International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* (x1), *Res Philosophica* (x1),  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (x1), *Ratio* (x1), *Acta Analytica* (x1),  
*Journal of Contemporary Chinese Philosophy* (x1), *Open Journal of Philosophy* (x1),  
*Journal for the Philosophy of Language, Mind, and the Arts* (x1),  
*Journal of Transcendental Philosophy* (x1)

### CONFERENCE REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
German Congress of Philosophy  
Central States Philosophical Association

### BOOK MANUSCRIPT REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS

Oxford University Press  
Cambridge University Press  
Broadview Press  
Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield  
Routledge Publishing

### EDITOR ASSIGNMENTS

Editor, "Functional Realization," *PhilPapers.org*  
(<https://philpapers.org/browse/functional-realization>)

### TULANE UNIVERSITY: DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Faculty Advisor and Founder, Tulane Philosophy Club, Fall 2012–Spring 2016, Fall 2018–  
Spring 2020, Summer 2023–Present  
Website Editor, Fall 2013–Present  
Teaching Mentor, Elementary Symbolic Logic, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2018,  
Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2025  
Secretary, Philosophy Department Faculty Meetings, Fall 2013–Fall 2021  
Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2013–Spring 2018  
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Fall 2014–Spring 2015  
Undergraduate Advisor, Spring 2015–Present  
Faculty Advisor, Tulane Graduate Student Conference, Fall 2018–Fall 2020  
Department Liaison for Project Lazarus Teaching Opportunities, Fall 2018–Fall 2020, Fall  
2024–Present  
Member, Committee for the Graduate Award for Teaching Excellence, Fall 2018–Fall 2023

Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2018–Spring 2019, Summer 2021–Fall 2023  
Member, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, Summer 2019  
Member, Search Committee for Professor of Practice, Fall 2019–Spring 2020  
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2019–Spring 2021  
Member, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 2020  
Member, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 2021  
Chair, Committee for the Graduate Award for Teaching Excellence,  
Summer 2021–Fall 2023  
Faculty Advisor, Tulane Juggling Club, Summer 2021–Present  
Course Transfer Liaison for the Philosophy Department, Fall 2020–Present  
Director of Graduate Studies, Summer 2021–Fall 2023  
Department Liaison for Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans Collaboration,  
Fall 2023–Present  
Judge, Tulane High School Ethics Bowl Competition, Fall 2024  
Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society, Tulane Chapter, Spring 2025–Present  
Faculty Advisor, Tulane Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2025–Present

**TULANE UNIVERSITY: UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Graduate Honor Board Representative for the School of Liberal Arts, Fall 2018–Spring 2019  
Member, SLA Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2022–Spring 2025  
Chair, SLA Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2024–Spring 2025  
Faculty Mentor, SLA Faculty Mentoring Initiative, Fall 2024

**BROWN UNIVERSITY**

Organizer, Brown Philosophy Graduate Conference, 2006  
Website Editor, Summer 2006–Spring 2010

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Cummings Prize for Best Essay in Philosophy, The College of New Jersey, 2003  
University Fellowship, Brown University, Fall 2004–Spring 2005, Summer 2005–2008  
Teaching Assistantship, Brown University, Fall 2005–Spring 2006, Summer 2006  
Teaching Fellowship, Brown University, Spring 2007  
Proctorship, Brown University, Fall 2006–Spring 2007, Fall 2007–Spring 2008  
Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, Fall 2008–Spring 2009  
Participant, NEH Metaphysics and Mind Seminar, Summer 2013  
Tulane Classroom Activities Funding, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Spring 2017,  
Spring 2018, Spring 2019  
Tulane CELT Classroom Enhancement Award, Fall 2014  
Tulane Faculty Networking Seminar Award, Fall 2015  
Tulane Scholarly Retreat (“A Studio in the Woods”), Fall 2015  
Tulane CELT Classroom Enhancement Award, Fall 2017  
Tulane CELT Classroom Enhancement Award, Spring 2018  
Tulane COR International Travel Grant, Summer 2018  
Tulane Community Engaged Research Grant, Fall 2018  
Tulane CELT Classroom Enhancement Award, Fall 2019  
Tulane CELT Classroom Enhancement Award, Spring 2022  
Tulane SLA Book Subvention Grant, Spring 2022  
Tulane SLA Book Subvention Grant, Spring 2023  
Tulane CELT Classroom Enhancement Award, Spring 2024  
Tulane Center for Public Service Course Activity Award, Fall 2024  
Tulane Center for Public Service Seminar Award, Spring 2025  
Tulane Center for Public Service Course Development Grant, Spring 2025  
Tulane Libraries Open Access Funding, Spring 2025, Summer 2025, Fall 2025

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (PAST AND CURRENT)**

American Philosophical Association  
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Central States Philosophical Association  
Society for Philosophy of Religion  
Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society