

**CURRICULUM VITAE (2017)**  
Associate Professor Jason Bridges  
Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**University of Chicago**, Department of Philosophy  
Associate Professor, 2009-present  
Assistant Professor, 2001-2009

**EDUCATION**

**University of California at Berkeley**, Department of Philosophy, PhD, July 2001  
**Harvard University**, B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, June 1994

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Action, Wittgenstein

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of Language, Political Philosophy.

**PUBLISHED AND IN-PRESS ARTICLES**

1. "The Search for the Essence of Language in Wittgenstein and Davidson", in *Wittgenstein and Davidson on Thought, Language and Action*, Claudine Verheggen, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
2. "Meaning and Understanding"  
*A Companion to Wittgenstein*, Hans-Johann Block and John Hyman, Wiley-Blackwell Press, 2017.
3. "Skepticism and Beyond"  
*Sképsis* 7 (2016): 76-99.
4. "Rule-Following Skepticism, Properly So Called"  
*Skepticism in Context*, James Conant and Andrea Kern (eds.). De Gruyter, 2014.
5. "Context and Use"  
*Harvard Review of Philosophy*, September 2013.
6. "Dispositions and Rational Explanation"  
*The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Essays for Barry Stroud*, Jason Bridges, Niko Kolodny, and Wai-hung Wong (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2011.
7. "The Quest to Understand Philosophy" (co-written with Niko Kolodny)  
*The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Essays for Barry Stroud*, 2011.
8. "Wittgenstein vs. Contextualism", in *Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: A Critical Guide*, A. M. Ahmed (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2010.
9. "Rationality, Normativity and Transparency"  
*Mind* 118 (2009): 353-367.
10. "Does Informational Semantics Commit Euthyphro's Fallacy?"  
*Noûs* 40 (2006): 522-547.
11. "Davidson's Transcendental Externalism"  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* LXXIII (2006): 290-315.
12. "Teleofunctionalism and Psychological Explanation"  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 87 (2006): 403-421.

**BOOK REVIEWS, ETC.**

1. "Barry Stroud", *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, Robert Audi (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2015.
2. "Review of Michael-Blome Tillman, *Knowledge and Presuppositions*" *Analysis*, 2017.
3. "Review of Robert W. Lurz (ed.), *The Philosophy of Animal Minds*", *Analysis*, 2012.
4. "Review of Richard Gaskin, *Experience and the World's Own Language*"  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, January 2007.

5. "Review of Robert Audi, *The Architecture of Reason*"  
*Mind* 117 (2007): 1083-1088.

#### EDITED VOLUMES

1. *The Possibility of Philosophical Understanding: Reflections on the Thought of Barry Stroud*  
Co-edited with Niko Kolodny and Wai-hung Wong  
Oxford University Press, November 2011.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. "Practical Reason: Comparative or Purposive?," manuscript available upon request.
2. "The Inside of Language Use", manuscript available upon request.
3. "Wittgenstein on Reading Aloud", in progress.
4. "Contextualism and Provincialism", manuscript available upon request.
5. *The Shape of Practical Reason*, in progress.

#### TALKS

1. "Evaluation and Motivation", University of Leipzig, 2017.
2. "Context, Purpose and Meaning", University of Zurich, 2017.
3. "Comparison and Practical Reason", Amherst College, 2017.
4. "Comparison and Practical Reason", FAU, Erlangen, 2017.
5. "The Inside of Language Use", Abo Academi, Turku, 2017.
6. "Skepticism and Beyond", Franke Institute, Chicago, 2017.
7. "Mind, Brain and Mechanism", MacLean Center for Medical Ethics, Chicago, 2016.
8. "Against Choice", Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité, Montreal, November 2015.
9. "Rationalization as a Species of Causal Explanation", ANPOF, Brazil, October 2014.
10. "Wittgenstein, Stroud and Contextualism", ANPOF, Brazil, October 2014.
11. "The Fantasy of Maximization", NYU Abu Dhabi, January 2014.
12. "The Fantasy of Maximization", York University, January 2014.
13. "Rational Causation", Carleton College/St. Olaf College, October 2013
14. "Rule-Following Skepticism, Properly So-Called", University of Leipzig, August 2013.
15. "The Ecology of Reasons", University of Leipzig, July 2013
16. "The Ecology of Reasons", Berlin Institute of Technology, July 2013.
17. "The Ecology of Reasons", Potsdam University, July 2013.
18. "The Ecology of Reasons", Auburn University, March 2013.
19. "The Ecology of Reasons", University of Oslo, March 2013.
20. "Moral Rationalism and the Explanatory Role of Reasons", University of Nottingham, Nov. 2011.
21. "On Not Taking Philosophy for Granted", University of California at Berkeley, Oct. 2011
22. "Burge vs. Individual Representationalism", King's College, London, April 2011
23. "Reasons and the Structure of Deliberation: Reply to Jonathan Dancy" Symposium on Practical Reasoning, Pacific American Philosophical Association, San Diego, April 2011
24. "Broad Contextualism", University of Cincinnati, May 2010
25. "Taking Contexts Seriously: The Cases of 'Rich' and 'Know'", Northwestern University, November 2009
26. "Reasons and Attitudes", Indiana University, December 2008
27. "The Normativity of Rationality", Pacific American Philosophical Association, April 2007
28. "Wittgenstein and Contextualism", Colloque 'Les Defis D'Hilary Putnam', Université Paris 1, 2005
29. "On Rule-Following and the Background", Central States Philosophical Society Conference, 2003
30. "Rules, Norms and Reasons", Peking University, Beijing, 2002

#### ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. Franke Institute Fellowship Chicago, 2012-2013
2. Whiting Foundation Research Fellowship for Excellence in Core Teaching  
One year of paid leave Chicago, 2007-2008
3. Residency Fellowship at the Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University  
One year of paid leave (turned down) Rutgers, 2007-2008

#### SELECTED COURSES

1. Naturalism
2. Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*
3. Mental Causation
4. Contextualism
5. Language and Skepticism
6. Deliberation and Self-Knowledge
7. Elementary Logic
8. Free Will
9. Intentional Content
10. Language and Skepticism
11. Moral Psychology
12. Philosophy of Action
13. Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities
14. Philosophy of Mind: The Mind/Body Problem
15. Philosophy of Mind: Thought, Community and Environment
16. Practical Determinants of Thought and Meaning
17. Reasons and Reasoning
18. Semantic Naturalism
19. Theory of Meaning

#### ADDITIONAL TEACHING SERVICE

1. Co-Director, Wittgenstein Workshop, 2015-2016
2. "The Conditions of Objective Thought," Talk at Midwest Faculty Seminar, 2015
3. Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Department, 2009-2012
4. Co-Director, Philosophy of Mind Workshop, 2002-2009
5. Talk on "Integrating Teaching and Research" at Center for Teaching and Learning conference, April 2009
6. Talk at Humanities Open House, University of Chicago, 2008, 2006, 2005
7. Lecture at alumni outreach, University of Chicago, 2005
8. Talk on "Authority and Ethics in the Classroom"  
Workshop on Teaching in the College, University of Chicago, 2004
9. Disciplinary discussion leader  
Workshop on Teaching in the College, University of Chicago, 2014, 2004, 2003
10. Invited participant, discussion group on Perception and Action, Psychology Dept., 2003

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Referee for articles  
*Mind and Language, European Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Philosophia, Noûs, Philosophers' Imprint, Mind, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Erkenntnis, Philosophy of Science*
2. Referee for book manuscripts  
Harvard University Press (multiple), Oxford University Press (multiple), University of Chicago Press
3. Referee for book proposals  
Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Oxford University Press (multiple), Routledge Press
4. Referee for research projects  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (multiple)
5. Session moderator, American Philosophical Association, Central Division conference (many times)