

# Taylor Thiel Davis

## Curriculum Vitae

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Assistant Professor  
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### *EDUCATION*

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of British Columbia, 2014

M.A. in Philosophy, Tufts University, 2011

B.S. in Psychology, University of Georgia, 2000

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### *ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT*

2014      Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Purdue University

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*AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:* Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind

*AREAS OF COMPETENCE:* Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Social Science, Ethics (moral psychology)

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*DISSERTATION: Cultural Evolution and the Evolution of Religion*

Supervisor: Eric Margolis

Committee: Christopher Stephens, John Beatty, Christopher Mole

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### *PUBLICATIONS*

Peer Reviewed

2016      Davis, T. "The Goldberg Exaptation Model: Integrating Adaptation and By-product Theories of Religion." Accepted at *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*. (Word count: 11,393)

2015      Davis, T. "Group Selection in the Evolution of Religion: Genetic Evolution or Cultural Evolution?" *Journal of Cognition and Culture* 15(3-4), 235-253.

2014      Deery, O., Davis, T., & Carey, J. "The Free-Will Intuitions Scale and the

- Question of Natural Compatibilism.” *Philosophical Psychology* 28(6), 776-801.
- 2014 Deery, O., Davis, T., & Carey, J. “Defending The Free-Will Intuitions Scale: Reply to Stephen Morris.” *Philosophical Psychology* 28(6), 808-814.
- 2014 Davis, T. & Margolis, E. “The Priority of the Individual in Cultural Inheritance.” Comment on P. E. Smaldino, The Cultural Evolution of Emergent Group-Level Traits. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 37(3), 257-258.
- 2002 Marsh, R. L., Hicks, J. L., & Davis, T. “Source Monitoring Does Not Alleviate (and May Exacerbate) the Occurrence of Memory Conjunction Errors.” *Journal of Memory and Language* 47, 315-326.
- Book Review
- 2003 Fragaszy, D. M., Williams, C., Landau, K., Parthasarathy, V., & Davis, T. Rev. of *Origins of Intelligence*, by S. Parker and M. McKinney. “An Architecture for Comparative Cognitive Development.” *American Journal of Primatology* 59, 133-137.
- Under Review
- Davis, T. “Morality, Religion, and the Scope of Adaptationist Theory” (Word count: 9,288)
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## PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 “Religion and the Scope of the Moral Domain,” Annual Congress of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology, Nagoya, Japan, July 30-August 3 (invited)
- 2015 “Religion and the Scope of the Moral Domain,” Plenary Meeting of the Cultural Evolution of Religion Consortium, McGill University, Montreal, May 8-10 (invited)
- 2014 Comment on Alexander Grossman, “The Role of Metaphysical Necessity and a Third Factor in Replying to Street’s Darwinian Dilemma,” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, April 16-20 (invited)
- 2013 “The Free-Will Intuitions Scale and the Question of Natural Compatibilism,” co-authored paper with Oisín Deery and Jasmine Carey, Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium on Agents and Persons, University of British Columbia, March 15 (invited)
- 2012 “Intuitions in a New Light: Expanding the Methods of Experimental Philosophy,” co-authored paper with Oisín Deery & Jasmine Carey, Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June 21-24, the University of Colorado at Boulder (poster, refereed)
- 2012 Comment on Jason Simus, “Aesthetic and Other Theoretical Virtues in

- Science," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, Pacific Grove, California, April 11-13 (invited)
- 2011 "Out Standing in the Field: Intellectual Foraging for Truths that Matter," Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Universite du Quebec a Montreal, Montreal, July 7-9 (poster, refereed)
- 2010 "Genuinely Aesthetic Judgment of Theories," Spring Aesthetics Workshop, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 16 (invited)
- 2010 "The Cognitive Science of Science: Hypothetical Reasoning and Inference to the Best Explanation," Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, June 10-11 (poster, refereed)
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### *AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS*

- 2009-13 Four Year Doctoral Fellowship, \$16,000 + tuition, UBC.
- 2012-13 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$3,100, UBC.
- 2011-12 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$3,100, UBC.
- 2009-11 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$3,100, UBC.
- 2009-10 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, \$5,000, UBC.
- 2008-9 International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$2,100, UBC.
- 2008-9 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, \$10,000, UBC.
- 2008-9 Graduate Entrance Scholarship, \$11,000, UBC.
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### *TEACHING EXPERIENCE*

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University

2015 Spring Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Philosophy

2014 Fall Introduction to Philosophy  
Philosophy of Biology

Graduate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia

2013 Introduction to Philosophy

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia

2013 Philosophy of Religion  
2012 Introduction to Philosophy  
2011 Introduction to Philosophy  
2010-11 Introduction to Philosophy (two terms)  
2010 Introduction to Moral Theory  
2009 Philosophy of Aristotle

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Tufts University

2008 Phenomenology & Existentialism

2007 Political Philosophy  
2007 Reasoning & Critical Thinking  
2006 Computational Models of Consciousness

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### *RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS*

2013-2014 Under Eric Margolis, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia  
Edited manuscripts for a 27-chapter volume forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

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### *RESEARCH ACTIVITIES*

#### Laboratory Experience

2009-10 Under Joseph Henrich  
Departments of Psychology and Economics, University of British Columbia  
Managed a data collection team for the Canadian sample of a cross-cultural study on epistemic norms, as part of the AHRC Culture and the Mind Project.

2009 Under Stephen Stich  
Department of Philosophy and Center for Cognitive Science, Rutgers University  
Developed testing materials and conducted pilot research for an ongoing experimental philosophy project examining the folk concept of morality.

1998-99 Under Richard L. Marsh  
Department of Psychology, University of Georgia  
Collected data for a series of four experiments investigating the effects of source monitoring on memory conjunction errors.

#### Workshop Participation

2011 Experimental Philosophy of Free Will Boot Camp, Yale University, August 12–13  
*Instructors:* S. Nichols, J. Knobe, F. Cushman, D. Pereboom  
Participants were selected to present a research proposal for critique by the instructors and fellow participants. Instruction was also provided in experimental methods and in the philosophy of free will, and funding was provided for data collection.

AHRC Culture and the Mind Project (invited):

This project established a global network of field sites to support data collection on a large number of cross-cultural studies. In a series of workshops, participating researchers selected and developed the experiments that would make use of this network.

2011 University of California, January 6-9

2009 University of Sheffield, May 15-17

2009 University of British Columbia, January 9-11

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*DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE*

- 2016            Grievance Committee Member, Purdue University Department of Philosophy  
Hear and address grievances that are administrative, rather than academic.
- 2015-present   Webmaster, Purdue University Department of Philosophy  
Coordinate with marketing and IT staff in the College of Liberal Arts to ensure that  
the website appropriately represents the needs of the department.
- 2011-12        Graduate Student Representative, University of British Columbia  
Represented graduate students at departmental meetings; coordinated graduate  
student events, collective decisions, and desk and office assignments.

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*PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS*

American Philosophical Association  
Society for Philosophy and Psychology