

# Taylor Thiel Davis

## Curriculum Vitae

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Associate Professor  
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### EDUCATION

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

M.A. in Philosophy, Tufts University, 2010

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

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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021- Associate Professor in Philosophy, Purdue University

2014-2021 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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### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer Reviewed

- 2022 Khota, B. R., Debs, L., & Davis, T. "Exploring Generation Z's Perceptions of Green Homes." *Sustainability* (14), 1-15. doi: 10.3390/su141610148
- 2021 Davis, T. & Kelly, D. "A Framework for the Emotional Psychology of Group Membership." *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*. (9,699 words)
- 2021 Levine, S. Rottman, J. Davis, T., O'Neill, E., Stich, S., & Machery, E. "Religion's Impact on Conceptions of the Moral Domain." *Social Cognition* 39(1), 139-165.
- 2021 Davis, T. "Beyond Objectivism: New Methods for Studying Metaethical Intuitions." *Philosophical Psychology* 34(1), 125-153.
- 2020 Yu, D. J., Chang, H., Davis, T. T., Hillis, V., Marston, L. T., Oh, W. S., Sivapalan, M. & Waring, T. M. "Socio-hydrology: An Interplay of Design and Self-

- organization in a Multilevel World. *Ecology and Society* 25(4): 22. (8,422 words)
- 2020 Nagatsu, M., Davis, T., DesRoches, T., Koskinen, I., MacLeod, M., Stojanovic, M. and Thoren, H. "Philosophy of Science for Sustainability Science." *Sustainability Science* 15, 1807-1817.
- 2018 Davis, T., Hennes, E. and Raymond, L. "Cultural Evolution of Normative Motivations for Sustainable Behaviour." *Nature: Sustainability* 1, 218-224.
- 2018 Kelly, D. and Davis, T. "Social Norms and Human Normative Psychology." *Social Philosophy and Policy* 35(1), 54-76.
- 2018 Davis, T. and Kelly, D. "Norms, Not Moral Norms: The Boundaries of Morality Don't Matter." Comment on K. Stanford, The Difference Between Ice Cream and Nazis: Moral Externalization and the Evolution of Human Cooperation. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 41, e101. (999 words)
- 2017 Davis, T. "The Goldberg Exaptation Model: Integrating Adaptation and By-product Theories of Religion." *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 8(3), 687-708.
- 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 Chapters

- Forthcoming Davis, T. "Group Selection in Religion." Invited chapter in J. Lane and Y. Lior (Eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Evolutionary Approaches to Religion*. Routledge. (7,739 words).
- 2020 Davis, T. "Dual-Inheritance, Common Sense and the Justification of Religious Belief." Invited chapter in R. Peels, J. de Ridder and R. van Woudenberg (Eds.), *Scientific Challenges to Common Sense Philosophy*, 191-214. Routledge.

#### Book Review

- 2003 Fragaszy, D. M., Williams, C., Landau, K., Parthasarathy, V., & Davis, T. Review of *Origins of Intelligence*, by S. Parker and M. McKinney. "An Architecture for Comparative Cognitive Development." *American Journal of Primatology* 59, 133-137.
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## *PRESENTATIONS*

- 2022 “The Moral Domain and the Folk Concept of Morality,” Bi-annual Joint Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Milan, Milan, July 19 (poster, refereed)
- 2021 “Normative Motivation and Sustainable Behavior,” Presented at the Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm, Sweden (Online), April 26 (invited)
- 2019 “Normative Motivation and Sustainable Behavior,” Presented at Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science, Helsinki, Finland, May 23 (invited)
- 2019 “Moral Realism and the Moral Domain,” Presented at the Department of Philosophy, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, March 15 (invited)
- 2018 “Internalized Norms or Taboo Tradeoffs: Taking the Sacred Out of Sacred Values,” Biannual Meeting of the Cultural Evolution Society, Tempe, AZ, Oct 24 (refereed)
- 2018 “Normative Motivation and Sustainable Behavior,” Annual Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 17 (refereed)
- 2017 “Culture, Cooperation and the Internalization of Norms,” Presented at the Department of Psychology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, November 16 (invited)
- 2017 “Normative Motivation and Sustainable Behavior,” Inaugural Meeting of the Cultural Evolution Society, Jena, Germany, September 13 (refereed)
- 2017 “Norms, Motivation and Sustainable Behavior: An Interdisciplinary Review,” Purdue University Center for the Environment Workshop: New Perspectives on Sustainability and Resilience, West Lafayette, IN, March 23-24 (invited)
- 2017 Comment on Hector MacIntyre, “Lewens and Technology Change,” Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Kansas City, March 1-4 (invited)
- 2016 “Social Norms and Human Normative Psychology,” Workshop for Special Issue of *Social Philosophy and Policy*: “Learning and Changing Norms,” Tucson, Arizona, December 8-11 (invited)
- 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, Université du  
Québec à Montréal, Montréal, 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*

- 2017 ASPIRE International Travel Grant, \$2,420, Purdue College of Liberal Arts  
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2016 ASPIRE International Travel Grant, \$2,500, Purdue College of Liberal Arts  
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

- 2022 Global Moral Issues  
Ethics for Technology, Engineering and Design
- 2021 Introduction to Philosophy  
Ethics for Technology, Engineering and Design  
Global Moral Issues  
Studies in Philosophy of Mind: The Normative Mind and It's  
Many Uses (grad seminar)
- 2020 Introduction to Philosophy (x3)

2019 Ethics for Technology, Engineering and Design  
Introduction to Philosophy (x3)

2018 Ethics for Technology, Engineering and Design  
Introduction to Philosophy (x3)

2017 Ethics for Technology, Engineering and Design  
Normativity and the Psychology of Norms (grad seminar)  
Introduction to Philosophy (x2)

2016 Ethics for Technology, Engineering and Design  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Global Moral Issues

2015 Introduction to Philosophy (x2)

2014 Introduction to Philosophy  
Philosophy of Biology

Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University

2018 Global Moral Issues  
2017 Global Moral Issues

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 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 online testing materials and conducted pilot research for an

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

2019 HELSUS (Helsinki Sustainability Institute) Writing Workshop on Philosophy of Sustainability Science (invited)  
Funding was provided by the Helsinki Sustainability Institute to bring philosophers of science together for a workshop on sustainability science. Participants worked together to co-author an article (listed above) introducing scientists to a wide range of ways in which philosophers of science are well poised to make important contributions in sustainability science.

2011 Experimental Philosophy of Free Will Boot Camp (refereed)  
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.

2009-2011 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*

2021- Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member, Purdue University Department of Philosophy

2016-2020 Grievance Committee Member, Purdue University Department of Philosophy  
Hear and address grievances that are administrative, rather than academic.

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