

NEIL VAN LEEUWEN

EDUCATION

Ph.D., M.A.	Stanford University, Philosophy	2001-2007
M.St. (with Distinction)	Oxford University, <i>Literae Humaniores</i> (Classics)	2000-2001
B.A. (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	University of Pennsylvania, Classical Studies	1996-2000
<i>Gaststudent</i> (guest student)	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Munich)	1998-1999

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Philosophy	Georgia State University	2017-Present
Associate Faculty, Neuroscience Institute	Georgia State University	2011-Present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	Georgia State University	2011-2017
Marie Curie Fellow, European Commission	University of Antwerp	2015-2016
Senior Fellow	University of Johannesburg	2010-2014
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Humanities	Tufts University	2008-2010
Postdoctoral Fellow in Mind and Culture	Rutgers University	2007-2008
Instructor, Lecturer in Philosophy	Stanford University	Summers 2006, 2007

BOOK PROJECT

Imagination, Belief, and Religious Credence [working title], under contract with Harvard University Press

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

1. “Does ‘think’ mean the same thing as ‘believe’? Linguistic Insights into Religious Cognition” (forthcoming) *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality* [w/1st & 2nd authors L. Heiphetz & C. Landers]
2. “Seeking the supernatural: the Interactive Religious Experience Model” (forthcoming) *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, target article [w/2nd author M. van Elk, equal authorship]
3. “Interpreting Intuitions” (2018) in *Third-Person Self-Knowledge, Self-Interpretation, and Narrative*, eds. J. Kirsch and P. Pedrini, Springer, 73-98 [w/1st author M. McGahhey, equal authorship]
4. “The Factual Belief Fallacy” (2018) *Contemporary Pragmatism* 15(3), special issue on belief, eds. T. Coleman, J. Jong, & V. van Mulukom, 319-343
5. “Two paradigms for religious representation: The physicist and the playground (a reply to Levy)” (2017) *Cognition* 164, 206-211
6. “Do religious ‘beliefs’ respond to evidence?” (2017) *Philosophical Explorations* 20, Iss. sup1, 52-72
7. “The Imaginative Agent” (2016) in *Knowledge Through Imagination*, eds. A. Kind & P. Kung, Oxford University Press, 85-109
8. “Beyond fakers and fanatics: A reply” (2016) *Philosophical Psychology* 29(4), 616-621
9. “Religious credence is not factual belief” (2014) *Cognition* 133(3), 698-715
10. “The Meanings of ‘Imagine’ Part II: Attitude and Action” (2014) *Philosophy Compass* 9(11), 791-802
11. “The Meanings of ‘Imagine’ Part I: Constructive Imagination” (2013) *Philosophy Compass* 8(3), 220-230
12. “Perry on Self-Knowledge” (2012) in *Identity, Language, and Mind: An Introduction to the Philosophy of John Perry*, eds. A. Newen & R. van Riel, CSLI Press, 89-107
13. “Imagination Is Where the Action Is” (2011) *Journal of Philosophy* 108(2), 55-77
14. “The Motivational Role of Belief?” (2009) *Philosophical Papers* 38(2), 219-246
15. “Self-Deception Won’t Make You Happy” (2009) *Social Theory and Practice* 35(1), 107-132
16. “Finite Rational Self-Deceivers” (2008) *Philosophical Studies* 139(2), 191-208
17. “The Product of Self-Deception” (2007) *Erkenntnis* 67(3), 419-437
18. “The Spandrels of Self-Deception: Prospects for a Biological Theory of a Mental Phenomenon” (2007) *Philosophical Psychology* 20(3), 329-348

PUBLICATIONS: HANDBOOK ENTRY, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY, AND BOOK REVIEWS

19. "Imagination and Action" (2016) *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Imagination*, ed. A. Kind, 286-299
20. "Self-deception" (2013) *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. H. LaFollette, Wiley-Blackwell, 1-11
21. "Review of Robert Trivers' *The Folly of Fools*" (2013) *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry* 18(1-2), 146-151
22. "Review of Kristin Andrews' *Do Apes Read Minds?*" (2013) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 4, online
23. "Review of Macknik's & Martinez-Conde's *Sleights of Mind*" (2011) *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry* 16(5), 473-78

POPULAR WRITINGS AND INTERVIEWS*

- Discussion with Barry Lam for podcast *Hi-Phi Nation*; topic: credence and belief; Season 2, 2018 (<https://hiphination.org/episodes/s2-episode-7-creed-and-credences/>)
- "How conservatives and liberals watch 'I am Cait'" (with Andrew Vierra and Jared Riggs), *The Conversation*, August 2, 2015 [re-posted on *The Washington Post* and *The New Republic* websites]
- Radio interview for a special program on *Selbsttäuschung* (self-deception) with science writer Klaus Wilhelm (also featuring Robert Trivers and Albert Newen), March 26, 2012, on Germany's SWR2.
- Philosophy Talk* radio interview on self-deception, featured guest, Aug. 29, 2010 [available on iTunes]
- "Football won't get a school to its goals" (w/Jeff Ulrich), *The Star-Ledger*, Editorial, Sept. 12, 2008; re-posted on CollegeAthleticsClips and as "How to blow millions on college sports" on nj.com.
- "Feedback loops, self-deception and burst bubbles," *The Star-Ledger*, Editorial, April 14 2008

*See "Further Professional Experience" for ongoing blogging work.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Two Theoretical Roles for 'Belief,'" UC Berkeley Cognitive Science Colloquium, April, 2018; Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp, November 2018
- "Motivated Memory Search: A New Puzzle About Self-Deception," Keynote, University of Basel Conference on *Self-Deception*, Switzerland, October 2017; Lingnan University Philosophy Colloquium, Hong Kong, March 2018
- "The Physicist and The Playground," *The Cognition of Belief* (conference), Georgetown Univ., June 2017
- "OCD and Human Rationality," SSPP Invited Panel, Savannah, GA, March 2017
- "Thinking and Believing," Stanford University, *Spiritual Curiosity Workshop*, October 2016
- "Imagining Stories: Attitudes and Operators," Univ. Konstanz *Fiction and Imagination Workshop*, July 2016
- "Interpreting Intuitions," Symposium in Honor of Stephen Stich's Jeannerod Lecture, Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp, May 2016 [joint work with Marcus McGahhey]
- "Pretense is Representation," University of the Basque Country, Donostia, April 2016; Lingnan University *Imagination Workshop*, Hong Kong, March 2018
- Debate on Religious "Belief" with Maarten Boudry, University of Utrecht, January 2016
- "Imagination and Sacred Value," *Rationality and Its Rivals Conference*, University of Macau, Dec. 2015
- Invited Workshop: Understanding Science Denialism, Wake Forest Univ., Winston-Salem, NC, July 2015
- "Three Concepts of Imagining," Society for Phil. and Psych., Invited Panel, Durham, NC, June 2015
- "Learning with Mental Paint," Symposium in Honor of Ned Block's Jeannerod Lecture, Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp, May 2015
- "Props in the Clouds: on the Role of Agent-like Stimuli in Religious Practice," Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, May 2015; University of Antwerp, Centre for Philosophical Psychology, June 2015; Useful False Beliefs Conference (Project PERFECT), London, February 2016
- Comments on Michael Ferreira's "Belief and Imagination," Pacific American Philosophical Association, San Diego, April 2014
- Comments on Janet Levin's "The Phenomenal Concept Strategy and the Explanatory Gap," Conscious Thought and Thought About Consciousness Conference, Ole Miss, April 2014
- Comments on Peter Furlong's "Lowe's Four-Category Ontology," Georgia Philosophical Society, Atlanta, November 2013

“Surrounded by Possibilities” (ancestor to “The Imaginative Agent”), Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, May 2013; Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp, May 2013
 Comments on Isadora Mosch’s “What is Art? From Arthur Danto to James Franco,” Georgia Philosophical Society, Atlanta, October 2012
 “Religious Credence ≠ Factual Belief,” University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, April 2011; Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, May 2011; GSU Neurophilosophy Forum, February 2012; and UNLV, March 2012
 “Religious Credence and Factual Belief,” Spring Colloquium, Rhodes University, Sept. 2010
 “On the Fence Goes to the Devil,” Center for Humanities, Tufts University, April 2010
 Comments on Amy Kind’s “Simulation and Imagination,” SSPP, Atlanta, April 2010
 “Imagination is where the Action is,” Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, May 2010
 “Integrated Imagination,” Zukunftskolleg presentation, University of Konstanz, February 2010
 “Imitation, Semi-Pretense, and Self-Deception,” Harvard Cognitive Theory and the Arts Group, February 2010; Caltech, Feb. 2010; University of Johannesburg, Sept. 2010; GSU, Jan. 2011
 “Imagination is where the Action is,” Harvard Philosophical Psychology Lab, November 2009
 “A Theory of Catharsis,” CSLI, Stanford University, May 2009
 “The Psychology of Separating Fictional Worlds,” Center for Humanities, Tufts University, January 2009
 “Belief and Self-Deception,” Rutgers University, CCA Mind and Culture Seminar, September 2007
 Comments on Josh Bright’s “Intellectualism and Control over One’s Beliefs,” Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2007
 “The Metaphysics of Belief,” Wayne State University, January 2007
 “On ‘Doxastic Deliberation,’” Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2006
 “The Spandrels of Self-Deception,” Columbia/NYU 5th Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2005; May 2004 Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Philosophy Conference
 “The Line Argument Against Nominalism,” University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference in Philosophy (Theme: Possible Worlds), April 2005
 “Perception, Experience, and Identity,” Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Philosophy Conference, May 2003
 Comments on Philip Corkum’s “Ontological Independence in Aristotle’s *Categories*,” Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Philosophy Conference, May 2003
 Comments on James Genone’s “Wittgenstein on the Meaning of Pictures,” Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Philosophy Conference, May 2002
 “Xenophanes: Philosopher and Poet of Elegy and Hexameter,” Scottish Classical Postgraduate Conference, May 2001

HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Humanities Center Fellowship (GSU)	Spring 2018
Provost’s Faculty Fellowship (GSU) [\$25,000]	2017-2018
Marie Curie Individual Fellowship (European Commission) [€93,800]	2015-2016
Writing Across the Curriculum Grant (GSU) [\$3,000]	May 2013
Research Initiation Grant (GSU) [\$10,000]	Spring 2013
Global Education Initiative Workshop Grant (GSU) [\$3,000]	May 2012
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Humanities (Tufts)	2008-2010
Mind and Culture Fellowship (Rutgers)	2007-2008
Mellon Dissertation Fellowship (held at Stanford)	2006-2007
Stanford University Graduate Fellowship for PhD in Philosophy	2001-2006
Pearson Fellowship, American Philological Association (held at Oxford)	2000-2001
University of Pennsylvania <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> Graduation Speaker	June 2000
Phi Beta Kappa	June 2000
Penn Alumni Society Senior Classics Award	June 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: COURSES

<i>Philosophy and Cognitive Science</i> , GSU	2011-2018
<i>Honors Introduction to Philosophy</i> (writing intensive), GSU	2013, 2016, 2018
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (with Global Education Initiative), GSU	2012-14, 2016, 2018
<i>Philosophy of Mind</i> (focus: Metaphysics of Mind), GSU	2012, 2013, 2017

<i>Graduate Seminar: Belief and Ideology</i>	2017
<i>Graduate Seminar: The Use of Imagination in Metaphysics</i>	2014
<i>God, Personal Identity, and the Soul</i> , GSU	2011, 2012
<i>Reasoning, Argument, and Religion in David Hume</i> , University of Johannesburg	2011
<i>Logic, Language, Metaphysics</i> (Honours), University of Johannesburg	2011
<i>Epistemology</i> (Honours), University of Johannesburg	2010
<i>The Irrational Mind</i> , Tufts University	2010
<i>Philosophy of Psychology</i> , Rutgers University, University of Johannesburg	2008, 2010
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> , Tufts University	2009
<i>Cognitive Attitudes</i> (MA Course), Tufts University	2009
<i>Introduction to Moral Philosophy</i> , Stanford University	2007
<i>Logic, Reasoning, and Argumentation</i> , Stanford University	2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: THESIS ADVISING AND COMMITTEES

<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Nicholas Alonso, MA Candidate, GSU	2018-Present
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Spencer Knafelc, MA Candidate, GSU	2018-Present
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Tiffany Zhu, MA Candidate, GSU	2017-Present
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Hansen Breitling, MA Candidate, GSU	2018
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Adrian Pecotic, MA Candidate, GSU	2017-2018
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Jason Stigall, MA Candidate, GSU	2017-2018
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Zachary Peck, MA Candidate, GSU	2017-2018
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Katie Rivers, MA Candidate, GSU	2017-2018
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Michael Lundie, MA Candidate, GSU	2016-2017
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Michael De Vivo, MA Candidate, GSU	2015-2016
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Jasmin Özel, PhD Candidate, University of Pittsburgh	2014-2016
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Marcus McGahhey, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2016
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Rob Boudreau, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2016
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Aaron Sullivan, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2016
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Nathan Dahlberg, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2016
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Katherine Cheng, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2016
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	David Sorensen, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2016
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Andrew Vierra, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2015
<i>Honors Thesis Adviser</i>	Preetham Ganupru, Honors Student, GSU	2014-2015
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Jay Spitzley, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2015
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Jessi Green, MA Candidate, GSU	2014-2015
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Casey Landers, MA Candidate, GSU	2013-2015
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Ben Freed, MA Candidate, GSU	2013-2015
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Robert Hatcher, MA Candidate, GSU	2013-2014
<i>Honors Thesis Adviser</i>	Caitlin McCoyd, Honors Student, GSU	2013-2014
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	David DiDomenico, MA Candidate, GSU	2013-2014
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Michael Nielsen, MA Candidate, GSU	2013-2014
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Blake Nespica, MA Candidate, GSU	2013-2014
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Cameron Hamilton, MA Candidate, GSU	2013-2014
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Toni Adelberg, MA Candidate, GSU	2012-2013
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Samuel Sims, MA Candidate, GSU	2011-2013
<i>Honors Thesis Adviser</i>	David Tangren, Honors Student, GSU	2012
<i>Thesis Committee Member</i>	Vincent Abruzzo, MA Candidate, GSU	2012
<i>Thesis Adviser</i>	Michael Huddleston, MA Candidate, GSU	2011-2012

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (GSU)

Executive Committee	Neuroscience Institute	2018-Present
Adviser, <i>Philosophers' Guild</i>	Department of Philosophy	2017-Present
Executive Committee	Department of Philosophy	2017-Present
Program Committee	Department of Philosophy	2017-Present

Neurophil. Forum Coordinator	Department of Phil. / Neuroscience Institute	2012-15, Present
South Africa Task Force	Georgia State University	2012-Present
MA Admissions	Department of Philosophy	2012-Present
MA Student Recruitment	Department of Philosophy	2012-Present
Undergraduate Committee	Department of Philosophy	2011-Present
MA Admissions Chair	Department of Philosophy	2012-2013, 2018
Departmental Secretary	Department of Philosophy	2011-2018
Search Committee for NI Director	Neuroscience Institute	2017
Graduate Committee	Department of Philosophy	2016-2017
Online Logic Committee	Department of Philosophy	2013-2014
Committee on the Move	Department of Philosophy	2013-2014
Seed Grant Reviewer	Neuroscience Institute	2013
Visiting Scholar Host	Department of Philosophy	2012
Undergraduate Major Advisor	Department of Philosophy	2011-2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

<i>Book Proposal Referee</i>	Routledge Press, Oxford University Press	2016-Present
<i>Journal Referee</i>	<i>Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Anthropological Theory, Cognition, Cognitive Science, Consciousness and Cognition, Erkenntnis, International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, JAPA, Journal of Philosophy, Les Ateliers de l'éthique, Logos & Episteme, Mind, Mind & Language, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophia, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Sophia, South African Journal of Philosophy, Synthese</i>	2010-Present
<i>Conference Referee</i>	Philosophy of Imagination Conference, Bochum, Germany	2017-2018
<i>Conference Referee</i>	Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology	2013
<i>Grant Referee</i>	Israeli Science Foundation	2013
<i>Coordinator</i>	Language Information Logic and Computing (LILAC) Cognitive Science Seminars, CSLI, Stanford	2006-2007
<i>Organizer</i>	Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Philosophy Conference	2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

<i>Member</i>	Southern Soc. for Philosophy and Psychology	2017-Present
<i>Member</i>	Society for Philosophy and Psychology	2015-Present
<i>Network Member</i>	Project PERFECT: The Imperfect Cognitions Network	2014-Present
<i>Associate</i>	<i>Behavioral and Brain Sciences (BBS)</i>	2010-Present
<i>Member</i>	American Philosophical Association	2005-Present
<i>Member</i>	West Coast Aristotelian Society	2001-2002

FURTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Blogger (twice per year)</i>	<i>The Junkyard: A scholarly blog devoted to the study of imagination</i>	2017-Present
<i>Blogger (ad hoc)</i>	<i>Imperfect Cognitions</i>	2015-Present
<i>Respondent (ad hoc)</i>	<i>The Brains Blog</i>	2015-Present
<i>Blogger (monthly)</i>	Philosophy Talk (The Radio Program, KALW)	2014-Present
<i>Director of Research</i>	Philosophy Talk	2006-2007
<i>Research Coordinator</i>	Philosophy Talk	2004-2006