

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Owen Flanagan**

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## **University Appointments and Honors**

Duke University 1993-

James B. Duke Professor of Philosophy (Distinguished University Professorship)

Associate Graduate Program in Literature

Steering Committee Philosophy, Arts, and Literature Initiative (PAL)

Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience

Professor of Neurobiology

Faculty Associate Center for Cognitive Neuroscience

Distinguished Visiting Professor, City University of Hong Kong, August-December 2013.

Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) Distinguished Annual Lecturer 2012  
(Delhi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Allahabad)

Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Vienna, Dec-Jan, 2011-2012.

Jack Lynch Distinguished Professor, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem NC,  
Spring 2009.

Templeton Distinguished Research Fellow, University of Southern California, Los  
Angeles, CA 2006. Six Lectures on "Human Flourishing in the Age of Mind Science"

February 2006.

Distinguished Fellow, Psychology & Biology of Morality, Dartmouth College, Summer 2004.

John Findlay Distinguished Visiting Professor, Boston University, 2000.

Romanell Phi Beta Kappa Award 1998-1999. Three Lectures on "Science and the Human Image."

Wellesley College 1978-1993

Class of 1919 Reunion Professor of Philosophy, 1989-1993

Professor of Philosophy 1988-89; Assistant Professor 1978-1983; Associate Professor 1983-88.

### **Administrative Experience**

Chair, Department of Philosophy, Duke University, 1993-1999

Chair, Department of Philosophy, Wellesley College, 1984-85, 1988-91

Director, Technology Studies Program, Wellesley College, 1982-85

### **Education**

Ph. D., Philosophy, Boston University, 1978

B. A., Philosophy, Fordham University, 1970

### **Areas of Specialization**

Moral Psychology

Philosophical Psychology (especially, the Self)

Philosophy of Mind (especially, Consciousness & Free Will)

Ethics

Comparative Philosophy (Buddhist, Chinese, and new research in African and Islamic Philosophy)

Philosophy and Literature

Philosophy & History of Psychology and Neuroscience

Philosophy of Biology (especially, biological function of consciousness)

### Selected Publications:

**Two Books in Preparation** (both contracted with Oxford University Press):

1. The Geography of Morals: 21<sup>st</sup> Moral Psychology Meets Cross-Cultural Philosophy (Oxford University Press. Expected completion: January 2015).
2. What is it Like to be an Addict?  
(Oxford University Press. Expected completion: January 2016).

### Books

1. *Moral Sprouts and Natural Teleology: 21<sup>st</sup> century Moral Psychology Meets Classical Chinese Philosophy*. The 78<sup>th</sup> Aquinas Lecture. Marquette University Press. Milwaukee: WI. 2014.
2. *The Bodhisattva's Brain: Buddhism Naturalized*. MIT Press. July 2011.
3. *The Really Hard Problem: Meaning in a Material World*. September 2007. MIT Press. Paper Jan. 2008.
4. *The Problem of the Soul: Two Visions of Mind and How to Reconcile Them* (2002), Basic Books. Paper 2003.
5. *Dreaming Souls* (Fall, 1999), Oxford University Press. *Almas Que Suenan* (Fall, 2003), Oceano.
6. *Self Expressions: Mind, Morals and the Meaning of Life* (1996), Oxford University Press
7. *Consciousness Reconsidered* (1992), MIT Press
8. *Varieties of Moral Personality: Ethics and Psychological Realism* (1991), Harvard University Press
9. *The Science of the Mind* (1984; 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1991), MIT Press

Various Translations: Korean, French Romanian, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese.

### Edited Books

1. *Virtue Epistemology Naturalized*. Edited by Abrol Fairweather & Owen Flanagan, Cambridge University Press. 2014.
2. *Narrative and Consciousness: Literature, Psychology, and the Brain*. Eds. Gary Fireman, Ted McVay, and Owen Flanagan, edited by Gary Fireman, Ted McVay, and Owen Flanagan (Spring 2003), Oxford University Press
3. *The Nature of Consciousness*. Eds. Ned Block, Guven Guzeldere, and Owen Flanagan (1998), MIT Press
4. *Identity, Character, and Morality: Essays in Moral Psychology*, edited with Amelie O. Rorty (1990), MIT Press

### Selected Papers, Chapters, Essays

1. O. Flanagan, *\*It Takes a Metaphysics, Raising Virtuous Buddhists\**, in *\*Cultivating Virtue\**, edited by Nancy Snow, Oxford University Press in press. [[abs](#)].
2. O. Flanagan, *Phenomenal Authority: The Epistemic Authority of Alcoholics Anonymous*, in *The Nature of Addiction*, edited by N. Levy (2014), Oxford University Press [[abs](#)].
3. O. Flanagan & Jing Hu, *Han Fei Zi's Philosophical Psychology: Human Nature, Scarcity, and the Neo-Darwinian Consensus*, in *The State of Nature in Comparative Political Thought: Western and Non-Western Perspectives*, edited by Jon D. Carlson & Russell Arben Fox (2014), Lexington Books.
4. O. Flanagan, *PERFORMING ONESELF*, in *Philosophy of Creativity*, edited by E. Samuels & S. B. Kaufmann (2014), Oxford University Press.
5. *HAN FEI ZI'S PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY: HUMAN NATURE, SCARCITY, AND THE NEO- DARWINIAN CONSENSUS* with Jing Hu, *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, vol. 38 no. 2 (June, 2011), pp. 293-316.
6. *Wittgenstein's Ethical Nonnaturalism: An Interpretation of Tractatus 6.41-47 and the "Lecture on Ethics"*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 48 no. 2 (April, 2011), pp. 185-198.
7. *My Non-Narrative, Non-Forensic Dasein: The First and Second Self*, in *Self and Consciousness*, edited by Jee Loo Liu & John Perry (2011), pp. 214-240,

Cambridge University Press.

8. *The Social Epistemological Normalization of Contestable Narratives: \* Stories of Just Deserts*, in Festschrift for Alasdair MacIntyre, edited by Fran O'Rourke (2013), Notre Dame.
9. *Phenomenal and Historical Selves*, edited by Katja Crone, Kristina Musholt & Anna Strasser, Grazer Philosophische Studien, special issue on "Facets of self-consciousness" (2011). [edit](#)
10. *Performing Oneself*, in Philosophy and Creativity, edited by Elliot Paul and Scott Barry Kaufmann (2014), Oxford University Press [[abs](#)].
11. *The View From the East Pole: Buddhist and Confucian Tolerance*, in Religion and Tolerance, edited by S. Clarke and R. Powell (2013), Oxford University Press.
12. "What does the Modularity of Ethics have to do with Ethics? Four Moral Sprouts Plus or Minus a Few" with Robert A. Williams, *TopiCS (Topics in Cognitive Science)*. (July, 2010).
13. *What is it Like to be an Addict?*, in Addiction and Responsibility, edited by G. Graham & G. Poland (2010), MIT Press.
14. *SISSELA BOK Exploring Happiness: From Aristotle to Brain Science*, Notre Dame Review of Books (April, 2011). [edit](#)
15. *I, Hypocrite*, *New Scientist* (18 december 2010). [edit](#)
16. *Damasio's Debacle*, *NATURE* (23 December 2010).
17. Varieties of Nonnaturalism: Wittgenstein's *Tractatus* & the 'Lecture on Ethics' [American Philosophical Quarterly](#) (in press, April 2011).
18. "Can Do" Attitudes: Some Positive Illusions Are Not Misbeliefs. [BBS](#) (2010). Commentary on McKay and Dennett "The Evolution of Misbelief."
19. Neuroexistentialism, with David Barack, *EURAMERICA* vol. 40, no. 3, September 2010.
20. "The Left Brain Conspiracy," *New Scientist*, December 9, 2009  
<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg20427381.600>
21. "The Literate Ape," *New Scientist* November 23, 2009  
<http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/culturelab/2009/11/how-our-brains-learned-to-read.php>
22. "The Ego Tunnel," *New Scientist* (March 21, 2009)
23. "Where in the World is the Mind?," *New Scientist*, vol. 201 no. 2691 (January 17, 2009), pp. 42-43. <http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg20126911.800-review-where-in-the-world-is-the-mind.html>

24. "Emotional Expressions: Why Moralists Scowl, Frown, and Smile" (revised and expanded), ed. G. Radick and J. Hodges in Cambridge Companion to Darwin, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Cambridge, 2009.
25. "Neuro-Eudaimonics, or Buddhists Lead Neuroscientists to the Seat of Happiness," ed. J. Bickle, Oxford Handbook on Philosophy and Neuroscience (2009) (corrected page proofs).
26. "One Enchanted Being: Neuroexistentialism & Meaning," Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science (in press, vol. 44, no 1, March 2009)
27. "Moral Science? Still Metaphysical After All These Years," in Moral Personality, Identity and Character: An Interdisciplinary Future, Darcia Narvaez and Daniel K. Lapsley (Editors), Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming 2009.
28. "Five Questions" in Mind & Consciousness, ed. Patrick Grim. Series on Important Philosophers of Mind. VIP Press. (2009)
29. "Buddhist Persons & Eudaimonia<sup>Buddha</sup>" in Routledge Companion to Philosophical Psychology, ed. J. Symons (2009).
30. "The Structures of Meaningful Life Stories" Argentinian Journal of Philosophy and Psychology, (2009).
31. "MORAL CONTAGION AND LOGICAL PERSUASION IN THE *MOZI*," Journal of Chinese Philosophy, 2008: 473-491.
32. "The Neural Pathway to the White House" The New Scientist, July 2008, <http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg19826586.300-review-ithe-political-mindi-by-george-lakoff.html?full=true>
33. "Where is the Happiness?", in Oxford Companion to Philosophy and Neuroscience, edited by John Bickle (Winter, 2008 In Press), pp. 40pp., Oxford
34. "Naturalizing Ethics," with H. Sarkissian, and D. Wong, in Moral Psychology: The Evolution of Morality, edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, vol. 1 (2007), pp. 1-26, MIT Press.
35. "What is the Nature of Morality? A Response to Casebeer, Railton, and Ruse", with H. Sarkissian, and D. Wong, in \*Moral Psychology: The Evolution of Morality\*, edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, vol. 1 (2007), pp. 45-52, MIT Press.
36. "The Bodhisattva's Brain: Neuroscience and Happiness" in *The Buddha's Way: The Confluence of Buddhist Thought and Applied Psychological Research in the Post-Modern Age*: Routledge: Cruzon, London, 2006.: Editors,

- D. K. Nauriyal, Michael Drummond, Y. B. Lal: Forward: His Holiness, XIV Dalai Lama.
37. "Varieties of Naturalism," in *Oxford Companion to Religion and Science* (Winter, 2006), OUP.
  38. "Moral Issues of Human-Non-Human Primate Neural Grafting," with Ruth Fader et al., *Science* 15 July 2005: Vol. 309. no. 5733, pp. 385 – 386 (2005-2006).
  39. "The Neurobiology of Sexual Self-Consciousness: Mind and the Interplay of Brain and Body", in *Narrative and Consciousness: Literature, Psychology, and the Brain.*, edited by Eds. Gary Fireman, Ted McVay, and Owen Flanagan (Spring 2003), Oxford University Press.
  40. "Emotional Expressions", in *The Cambridge Companion to Darwin*, edited by Radick & Hodge (Spring 2003), Cambridge University Press
  41. "Natural Questions to Natural Answers," Thomas Polger and Owen Flanagan, *Biology Meets Psychology: Constraints, Connections, Conjectures.* (ed.) V. Hardcastle, MIT Press, 2001
  42. "Is Consciousness an Adaptation?" Thomas Polger and Owen Flanagan, in G. Mulhauser (ed.) *Evolving Consciousness* Johns Benjamin, Amsterdam. 2001
  43. "Consciousness and the Mind," Owen Flanagan and Donald Dryden in *Invitation to Cognitive Science*, (ed.) S. Sternberg (MIT Press, 1997).
  44. "Consciousness as a Pragmatist Views It," *The Cambridge Companion to William James*, ed. Ruth Anna Putnam, Cambridge University Press, 1997.
  45. "How to Study Consciousness Empirically: The Case of Dreams," 1997 in *Consciousness, Cognition, and Computation*, (ed.) E. Rolls, Oxford University Press, 1997.
  46. "Consciousness: A Philosophical Tour," with Guven Guzeldere, *Consciousness, Cognition, and Computation*, (ed.) E. Rolls, Oxford University Press, 1997
  47. "Moral Confidence: Three Cheers for Naturalistic Ethics," in *The Face of Facts: Moral Inquiry in American Scholarship*, eds Westbrook, Fox, and Bethel-Elstain (Cambridge University Press) 1997.
  48. "Prospects For A Unified Theory of Consciousness or, What Dreams are Made Of," forthcoming in *Scientific Approaches to the Question of Consciousness: 25th Carnegie Symposium on Cognition*, Erlbaum, eds. J. Cohen & J. Schooler, 1996.
  49. "Neurowissenschaft und Traume: Mentale Zustände und der Ausdruck der

- eigenen Persönlichkeit im Schlaf, Bewußtsein: Beiträge aus der Gegenwartsphilosophie, ed. by T. Metzinger, 1996.
50. "Moral Network," in R. McCauley, ed., The Churchlands and Their Critics (Basil Blackwell), 1996.
51. "Zombies and the Function of Consciousness," with Thomas Polger, The Journal of Consciousness Studies, 2,4, 1996
52. "Ethics Naturalized: Ethics and Human Ecology," Mind and Morals (eds) May, Friedman, Clark (MIT Press, 1996)
53. "The Moment of Truth on the Dublin Bridge," South Atlantic Quarterly, 94, 2, 1995.
54. "Consciousness and Natural Method," Neuropsychologia, 33, 9, 1995.
55. "Consciousness," The Oxford Companion to Philosophy, Oxford University Press, ed. Ted Honderich, 1995.
56. "History of the Philosophy of Mind," in The Oxford Companion to Philosophy, Oxford University Press, ed. Ted Honderich, 1995.
57. "Stream of Consciousness," The Oxford Companion to Philosophy, Oxford University Press, ed. Ted Honderich, 1995.
58. "D. C. Dennett," The Oxford Companion to Philosophy, Oxford University Press, ed. Ted Honderich, 1995.
59. "Behaviorism," The Oxford Companion to Philosophy, Oxford University Press, ed. Ted Honderich, 1995
60. "Deconstructing Dreams: The Spandrels of Sleep," The Journal of Philosophy, January, 1995: 5 - 27. Version in Proceedings of Tucson I Conference on Consciousness (MIT Press).
61. "Multiple Identity, Character Transformation, and Self-Reclamation," in G. Graham and L. Stephens (eds.) Philosophical Psychopathology (MIT, 1995: 135 - 162).
62. "Situations and Dispositions" (reprint from Varieties of Moral Personality), in Readings in Philosophy and Cognitive Science, ed. by Alvin I. Goldman, Cambridge: MIT Press, 1993:681-695.
63. "Other Minds, Obligation, and Honesty," in Social and Cognitive Factors in Preschoolers' Deception, Eds., S. Ceci, M. DeSimone, and M. E. Putnick, Lawrence Erlbaum. 1992.
64. "Identity, Gender, and Strong Evaluation" (short version of invited address to Central Division of American Philosophical Association) Nous. 1991.
65. "Virtue and Ignorance", The Journal of Philosophy, LXXXVII, no. 8: 420-428,



1990.

66. "Identity and Strong and Weak Evaluation", in Owen Flanagan and Amélie O. Rorty, eds., Identity, Character, and Morality, 1990, pp. 37-65.
67. "Pragmatism, Ethics, and Correspondence Truth: Response to Gibson and Quine," Ethics, April 1988, 541-549.
68. "Justice, Care, and Gender: The Kohlberg-Gilligan Debate Revisited," (with Kathryn Jackson) Ethics, April, 1987: 622-637. Reprinted in Feminism and Political Theory, ed. Cass R. Sunstein (Chicago, 1990)
69. "Psychoanalysis and Social Practice: A Comment on Grünbaum," The Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Fall 1986.
70. "Admirable Immorality and Admirable Imperfection," in The Journal of Philosophy, 1986:41-60.
71. "Impartiality and Particularity," (with Jonathan Adler), in Social Research, September, 1983:576-596.
72. "Quinean Ethics," in Ethics, October, 1982:56-74.
73. "Moral Structures?," in Philosophy of the Social Sciences, October, 1982:255-270.
74. "Virtue, Sex, and Gender: Some Philosophical Reflections on the Moral Psychology Debate," in Ethics, April, 1982:499-512.
75. "A Reply to Lawrence Kohlberg," in Ethics, April, 1982:529-532.

## LECTURES 2013

TWENTY + INVITED LECTURES, *Misc. Invited Lectures Physicalism; Science, Spirituality, and Secularism, Physicalism and Meaning of Life; Korean Neo-Confucianism & Darwinism* at: Northwestern University, Notre Dame, Marist College, APA Eastern, Universities in Hong Kong, Seoul S. Korea, Santander Spain; Nov 1-4 21st c. *Moral Psychology Meets East Asian Philosophy*, Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul S. Korea TWO LECTURES ; March 30 *AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS BODHISATTVA'S BRAIN*, San Francisco, CA APA Pacific Division ; September 9

*Buddhist Virtue Theory*, Hong Kong University; September-October *FOUR LECTURES How Psychology and Biology of Morality Matter to Ethics* at City University Hong Kong; November 4 *Psychology and Biology of Morality and Classical Chinese Ethics*, Chinese University of Hong Kong; October 27 *Psychology and Biology of Morality and Classical Chinese Ethics*, Lingnan University, Hong Kong; June 2013 *Three Lectures Psychiatry and Philosophy of Mind*, Santander, Spain.

## **LECTURES 2012**

Twenty + Invited Lectures at Universities & Professional Meetings. Vienna, Austria; Dusseldorf, GA; Dortmund, GA; London UK; APA SF; APA Seattle, Halifax, NS; Dayton OH; Erice Sicily; Boston, MA. Etc.

## **LECTURES 2011**

Twenty + Invited Lectures on Misc. Topics at Universities or Professional Meetings [edit](#) Dec. 29, APA Eastern, Boston MA "Comparative Philosophy;" Feb. 23 NY Academy of Science NYC "Self;" March 26 University of So. Illinois "Self;" APA Central April 2 Minneapolis, MN "Comparative Philosophy;" April 29 Columbia University NYC "Buddhism and Situationism;" May 25, Stanford University "Self;" Oct. 8 Columbia University Conference "Buddhism Naturalized; December 2011 Twelve Lectures on Comparative Philosophy of Mind; Dec. 27 APA Eastern Washington D.C. "What is Love?"

## **LECTURES 2010**

Chinese Philosophy, APA, Boston, December, 29, 2010.  
 The Self, Tennessee Philosophical Association, Keynote, November 5, 2010.  
 The Self, University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, November 12, 2010  
 Psychopoetics & the Self, Columbia University, October 30 2010  
 The Self, University of Cincinnati, October 23, 2010  
 The Self, Dortmund GA, July 20, 2010.  
 The Really Hard Problem, Dusseldorf GA, July 22, 2010.  
 Six Lectures on Consciousness. University of Vienna. Vienna, Austria. July 2010.  
 The View from the East Pole: Buddhism and Confucianism. Oxford University Conference on Religion and Tolerance. May 2010

Addiction & Responsibility. Oxford. May 2010.

Moral Psychology. Berkeley, CA, May 6 2010.

Han Feizi, APA, Vancouver, April 2010

The Really Hard Problem, Swarthmore College, April 2010

The Really Hard Problem, University of British Columbia, March 29, 2010

Rubin Museum, NYC, Buddhism and Atheism, with Stephen Batchelor March 2010

## **LECTURES 2009**

Normativity in the Human Sciences" European Philosophy of Science Assoc. November 2009

"Buddhist Moral Philosophy" Columbia University November 2009.

"The Nature of Consciousness" University of Bari. Italy, October 2009.

"Moral Modularity," University of California Berkeley, July 17, 2009.

Self-Knowledge University of Oregon July 2009.

"Descartes to Darwin," Three Lectures. Two Weeks. CCU Taiwan June 2009.

Three Lectures in China on "Modularity of Morals": Wuhan, Beijing, Guangzhou.  
June 2009.

Wittgenstein on Ethics, University of Hertfordshire. May 2009

South Africa Lectures at Universities of KZU Durban and University of Capetown. May 2009.

"The Really Hard Problem: Meaning in a Material World," Colorado College, April 2009

"Neo-Confucianism and Moral Psychology" APA Vancouver April 2009.

"Cognitive Science and Early Chinese Thought", Association for Asian Studies, Chicago IL, March 29, 2009.

"Moral Modularity," Yale University, New Haven CT, March 27, 2009

Three Lectures on "Neurophilosophy", Chengchi National University NCCU Taiwan, Republic of China, January 5,4,6, 2009

"Buddhism and Happiness", Tilburg University, Netherlands, March 13, 2009

"The Bodhisattva's Brain", Nijmegen University, Netherlands, March 10, 2009

"Dreams: The Spandrels of Sleep", University College Dublin, Ireland, March 08, 2009

"Narratives of Accomplishment and Desert," University College Dublin, Ireland, March 07, 2009

"Moral Modularity," Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, March 06, 2009

"Is Compassion Overrated?," Stanford University, March 04, 2009

"The Really Hard Problem: Meaning in a Material World," Middlebury College, Middlebury VT, February 22, 2009

"Moral Modularity and the Emotions.", University of Texas, Austin, TX, February 06, 2009

"Atheism and the Meaning of Life", Utah State University, Salt Lake City, UT, February 04, 2009

"The Modularity of Morals", Toyko University, Toyko, Japan, January 10, 2009

"The Modularity of Morals", National Seoul University, Seoul, S. Korea, January 08, 2009