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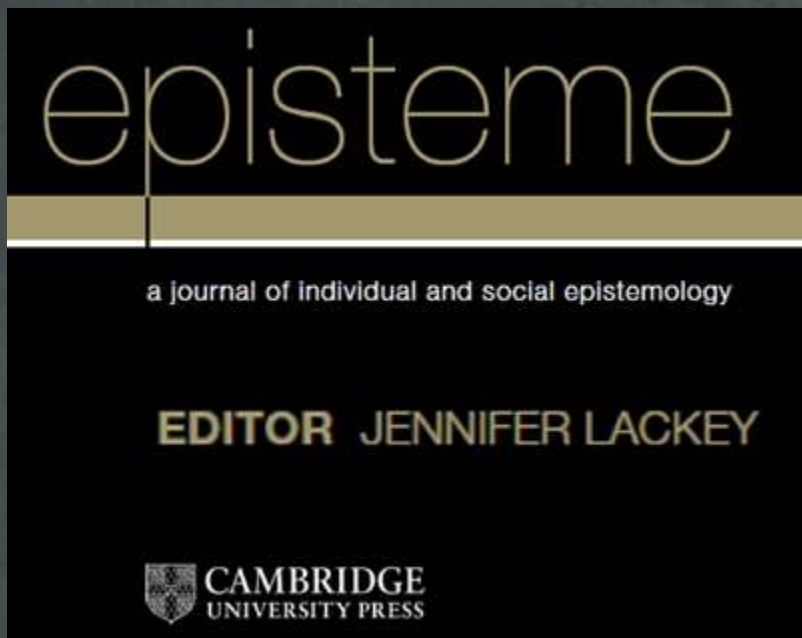
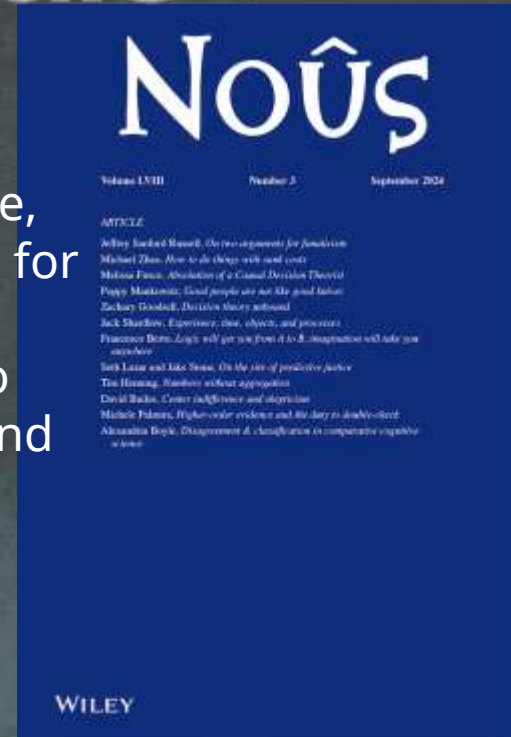
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Epistemology Conferences

Search recent and upcoming. Often papers or at least abstracts are made available. Sometimes participation online is possible.

3rd Nordic Epistemology Network Workshop

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3rd Nordic Epistemology Network Workshop

Time and place: June 9, 2025 – June 10, 2025

The Nordic Epistemology Network Workshop is a two-day epistemology workshop taking place on June 9th-10th 2025, organized by members of the Nordic Epistemology Network.

International Conference on Epistemology ICE

Short Name: **ICE**

ICE 2025

Event Type: **Conference** October 02, 2025

Presentation: **Digital** Beijing, CN

Website URL: <https://waset.org/epistemology-conference-in-october-2025-in-beijing>

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Contact URL: <https://waset.org>

Location: **Beijing, China**

Date: **October 02-03, 2025**

Final Submission: **September 06, 2025**

Organization: **World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology**



Rutgers Epistemology Conference

The 2026 edition of the Rutgers Epistemology Conference will take place May 1 and 2 at *The Heldrich*. The REC is a pre-read conference. The papers will be posted here.



Formal Epistemology Meets Philosophy of AI

05.07.2025 – 06.07.2025



The workshop aims at exploring novel topics in Formal Epistemology that might be of relevance to philosophical and/or foundational questions about AI

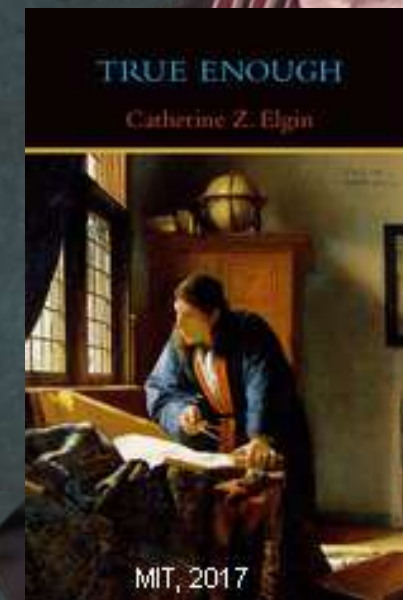
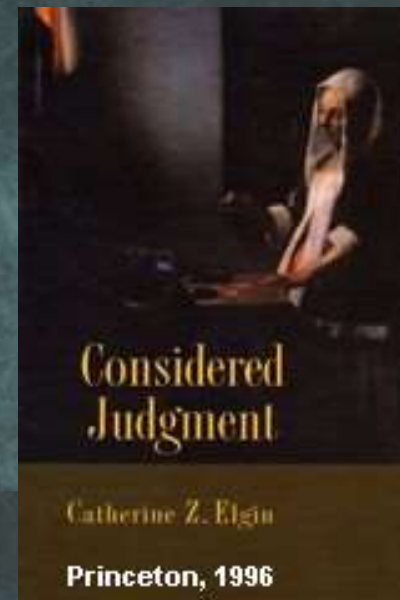
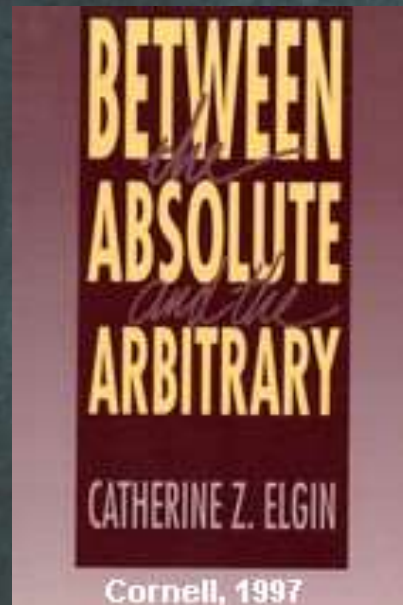
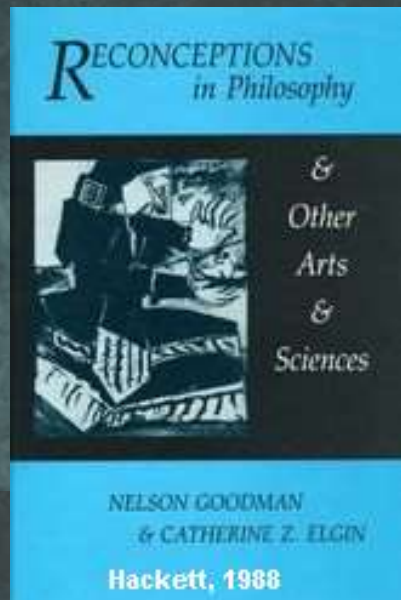
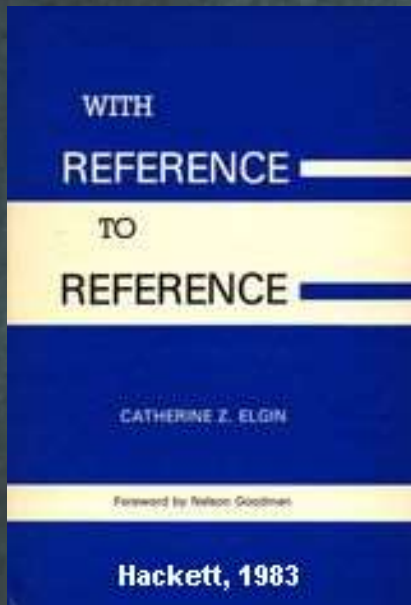
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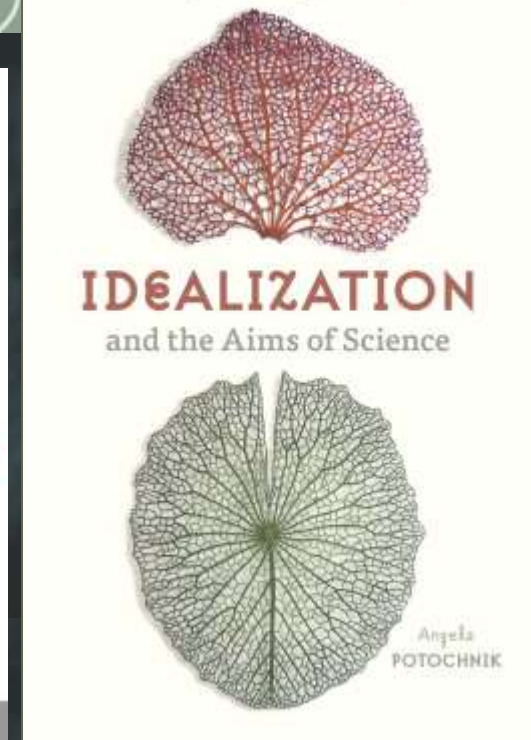
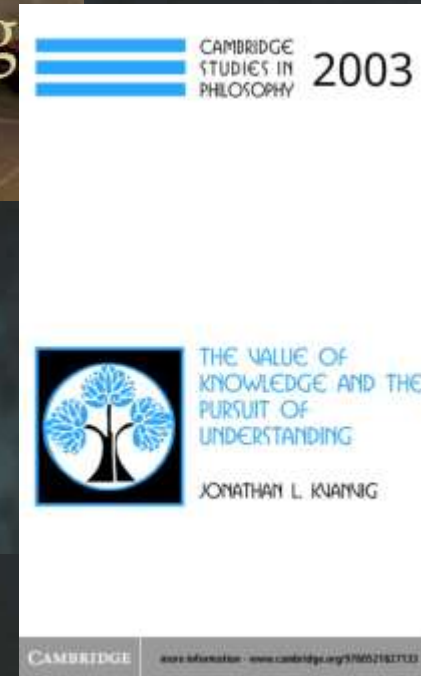
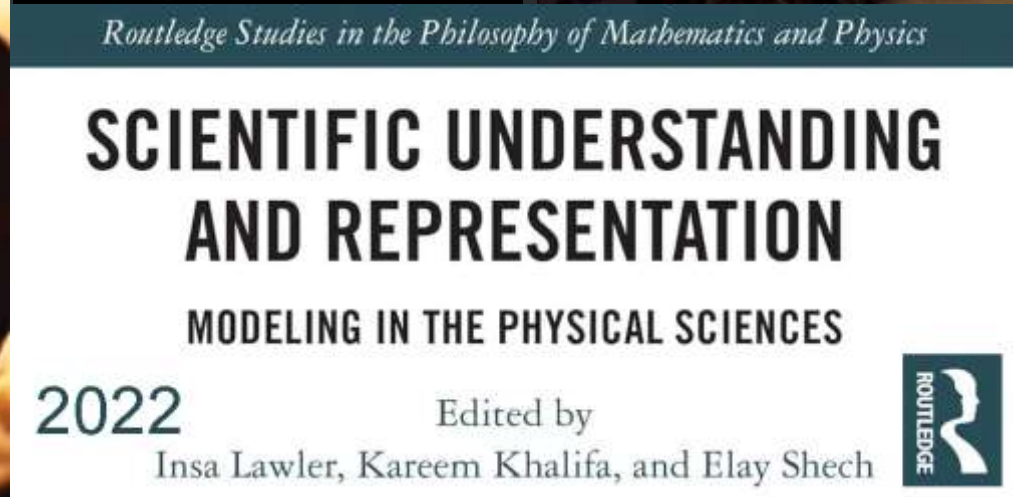
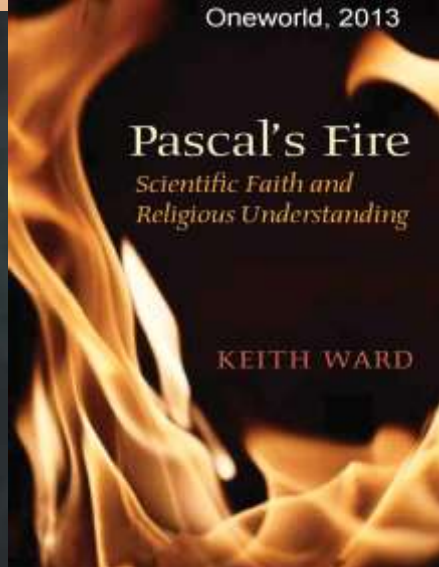
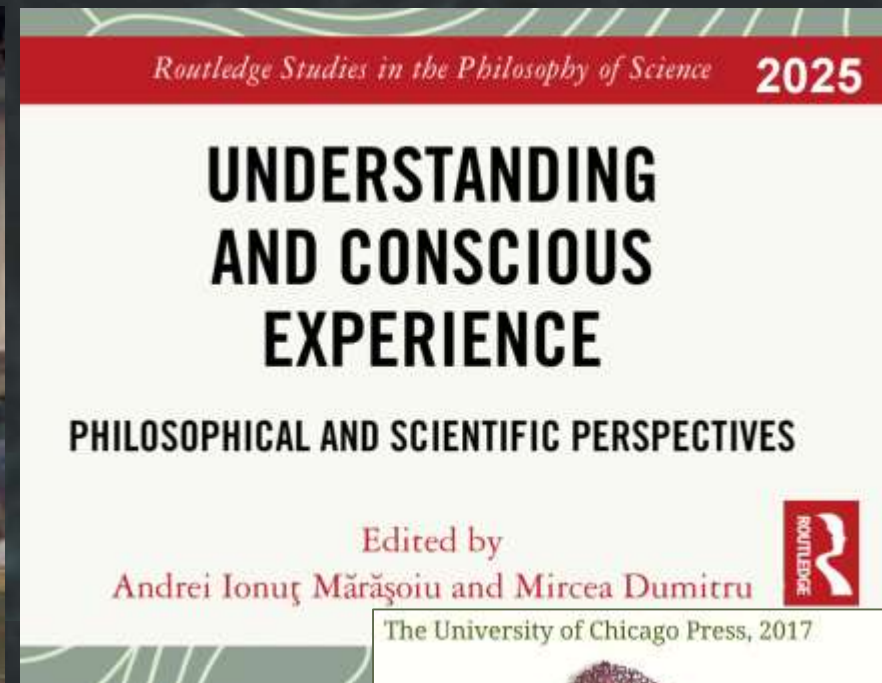
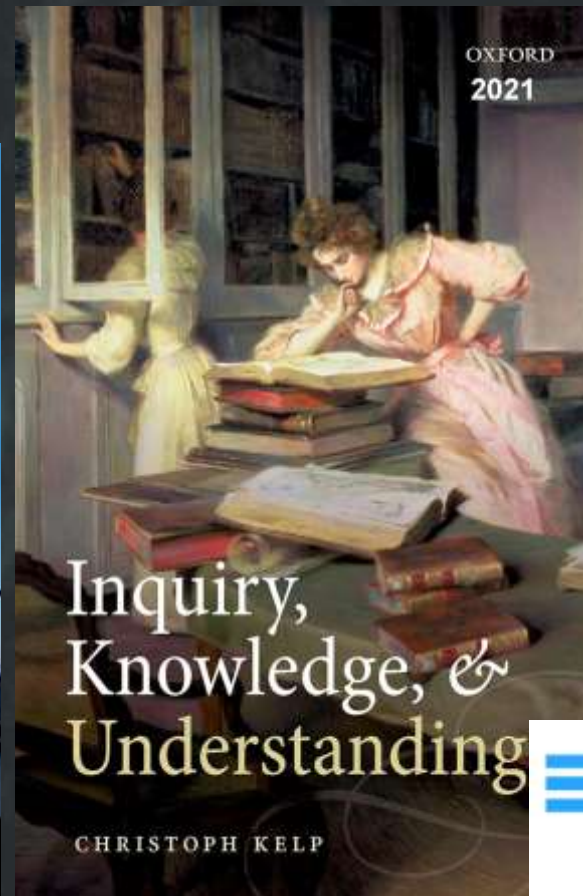
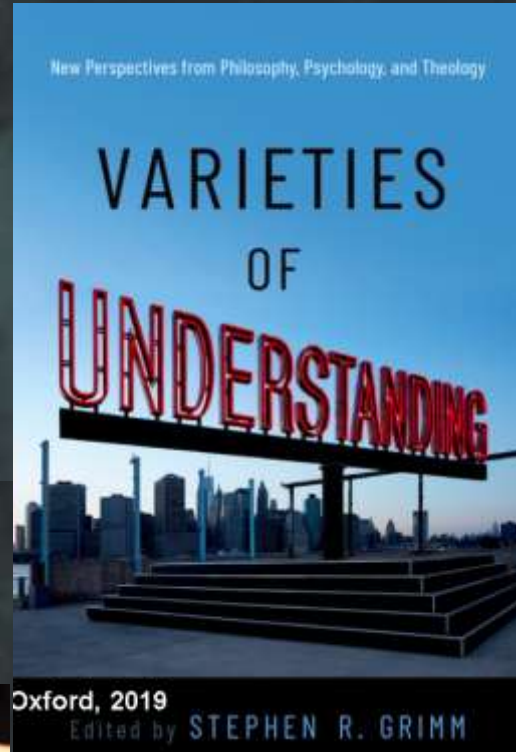
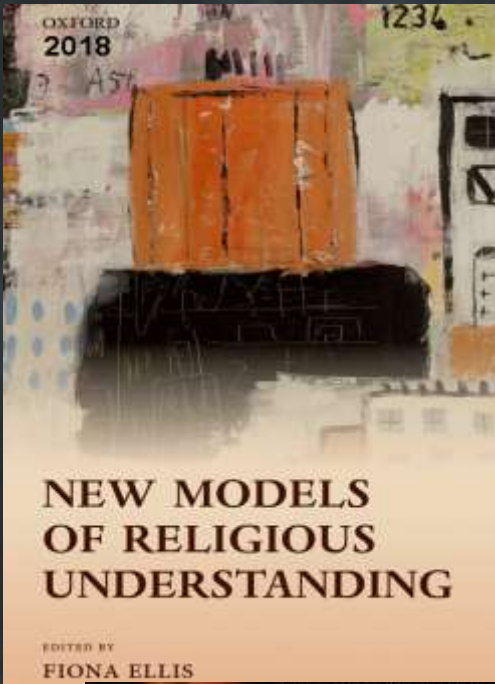
8. Catherine Elgin, Harvard University

Major themes:

- Understanding
- Symbolic Representation
- Fallibilism



Understanding



Understanding

From antiquity to the end of the twentieth century, philosophical discussions of understanding remained undeveloped, guided by a “received view” that takes understanding to be nothing more than knowledge of an explanation. More recently, however, this received view has been criticized, and bold new philosophical proposals about understanding have emerged in its place. In this book, Kareem Khalifa argues that the received view should be revised but not abandoned. In doing so, he clarifies and answers the most central questions in this burgeoning field of philosophical research: What kinds of cognitive abilities are involved in understanding? What is the relationship between the understanding that explanations provide and the understanding that experts have of broader subject matters? Can there be understanding without explanation? How can one understand something on the basis of falsehoods? Is understanding a species of knowledge? What is the value of understanding?

Understanding, Explanation, and Scientific Knowledge

Kareem Khalifa

Cambridge University Press, 2017



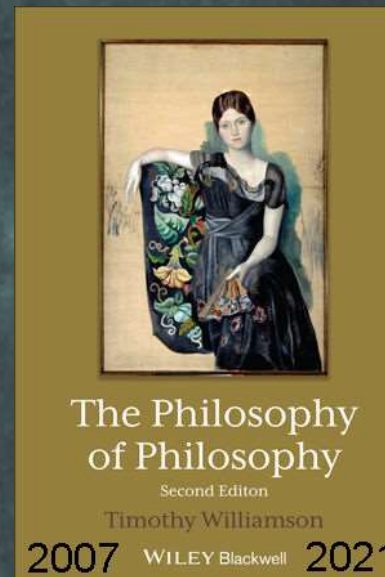
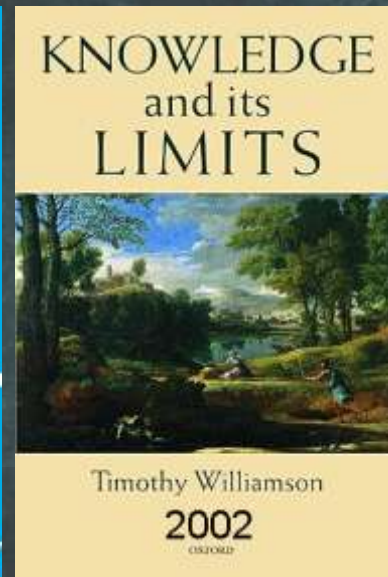
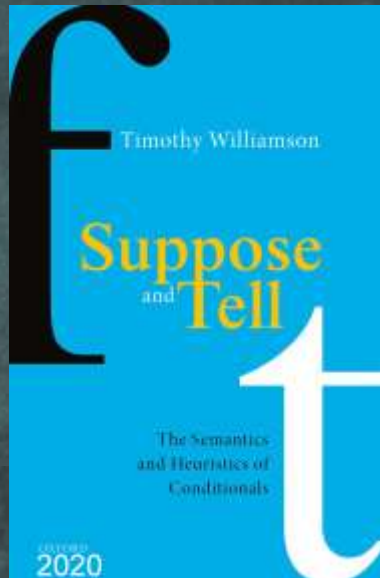
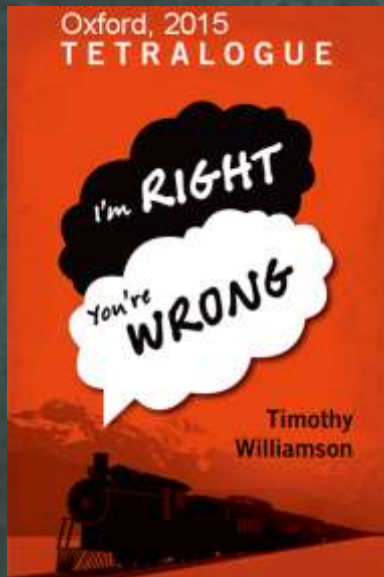
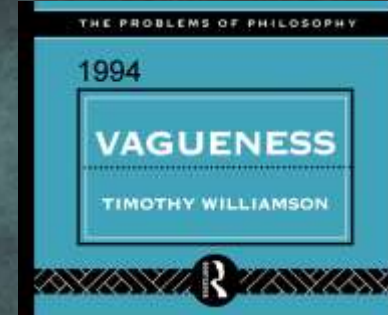
Kareem Khalifa
Professor of Philosophy, UCLA since 2022

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9. Timothy Williamson, Oxford

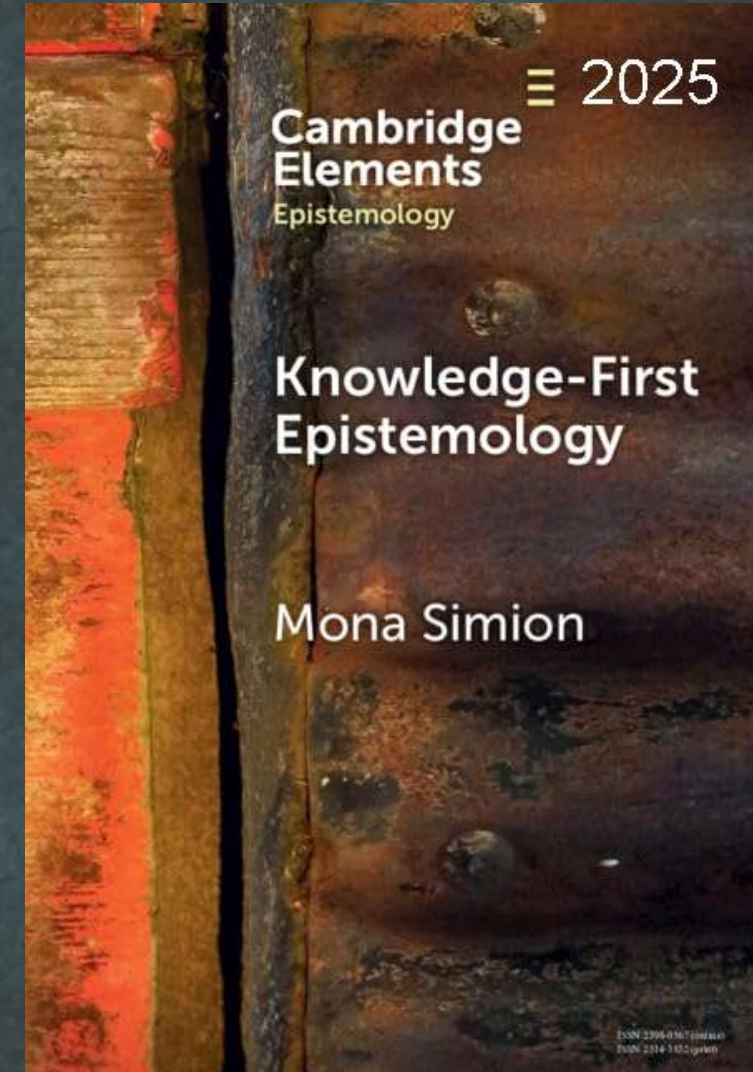
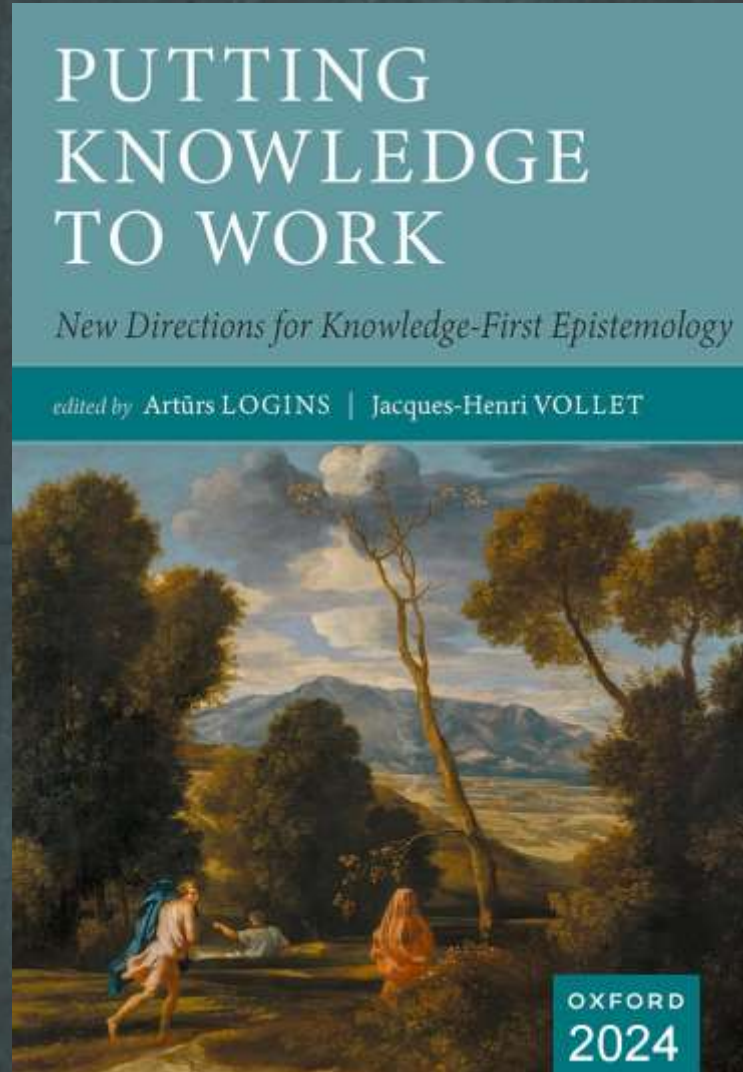
Major themes:

- Knowledge First
- Metaphilosophy
- Epistemicism about vagueness
- Denial of the distinction between knowing-how and knowing-that



Knowledge First

This is actually little more than a recognition that attempts to reduce knowledge to true justified belief plus a fourth condition have failed and are hopeless.



Knowledge First

“If I had to summarize this book [*Knowledge and Its Limits*] in two words, they would be: *knowledge first*. It takes the simple distinction between knowledge and ignorance as a starting point from which to explain other things, not as something itself to be explained. In that sense the book reverses the direction of explanation predominant in the history of epistemology.” Timothy Williamson

Logins assesses arguments for and against the knowledge-first approach, drawing on exciting developments and harsh criticisms put forward during the first quarter of the 21st century. Chapters engage with core topics concerning anti-luminosity, skepticism, self-knowledge, evidence, belief, norms of assertion and action, and recent innovations including hybrid knowledge-first approaches. Following a clear and logical thematic structure and aided by references, study questions and suggestions for further reading at the end of each chapter, this is an essential resource for any student of contemporary epistemology looking to advance their understanding of the knowledge-first program.

knowledge
first?

aidan mcglynn

2014

2018

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GOOD THINKING

A KNOWLEDGE FIRST VIRTUE EPISTEMOLOGY

Christoph Kelp

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A CRITICAL INTRODUCTION TO KNOWLEDGE-FIRST EPISTEMOLOGY

Artūrs Logins

2026

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Prominent Voices in Epistemology Today

10. Susanna Schellenberg, Rutgers University

Major themes:

- Perception
- Representationalism
- Perceptual Content
- Capacities-First Epistemology, *Capacitism*

Oxford, 2018

THE UNITY OF PERCEPTION
content, consciousness, evidence
SUSANNA SCHELLENBERG

Introduction

1. Foundations
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 1. Capacitism and Knowledge-First Epistemology
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"The Flexibility and Stability of Perspectives" is forthcoming in the *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*. This paper presents an account of perspectives, considering both stability and flexibility, and is informed by research in neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and philosophy of mind.

"The Polysemy of 'I'" is forthcoming in *Mind and Language*. This paper argues that "I" is polysemous, challenging the assumption that an individual's first-person thoughts are anchored to a stable object.

Perception

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A CRITICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTEMOLOGY OF PERCEPTION

Ali Hasan

2017

IOWA

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Department Chair

Associate Professor

Ali Hasan

SEEING, KNOWING, & DOING

A PERCEPTUALIST ACCOUNT

Robert Audi

Oxford, 2020

Oxford, 2020



The Epistemology of Non-Visual Perception

Edited by Berit Brogaard & Dimitria Eleftheria Gatzia

Second Edition
2021

William
Fish

PHILOSOPHY OF PERCEPTION

A Contemporary
Introduction

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NEW PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY

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PERCEPTION

ADAM PAUTZ

2021



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THE RELATIONAL VIEW OF PERCEPTION

2025 NEW PHILOSOPHICAL ESSAYS

Edited by Ori Beck and Farid Masrour

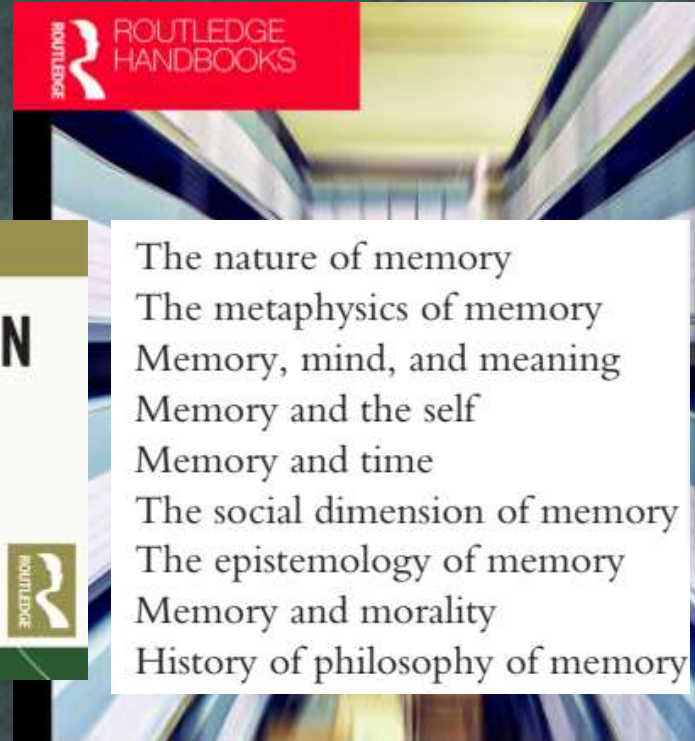


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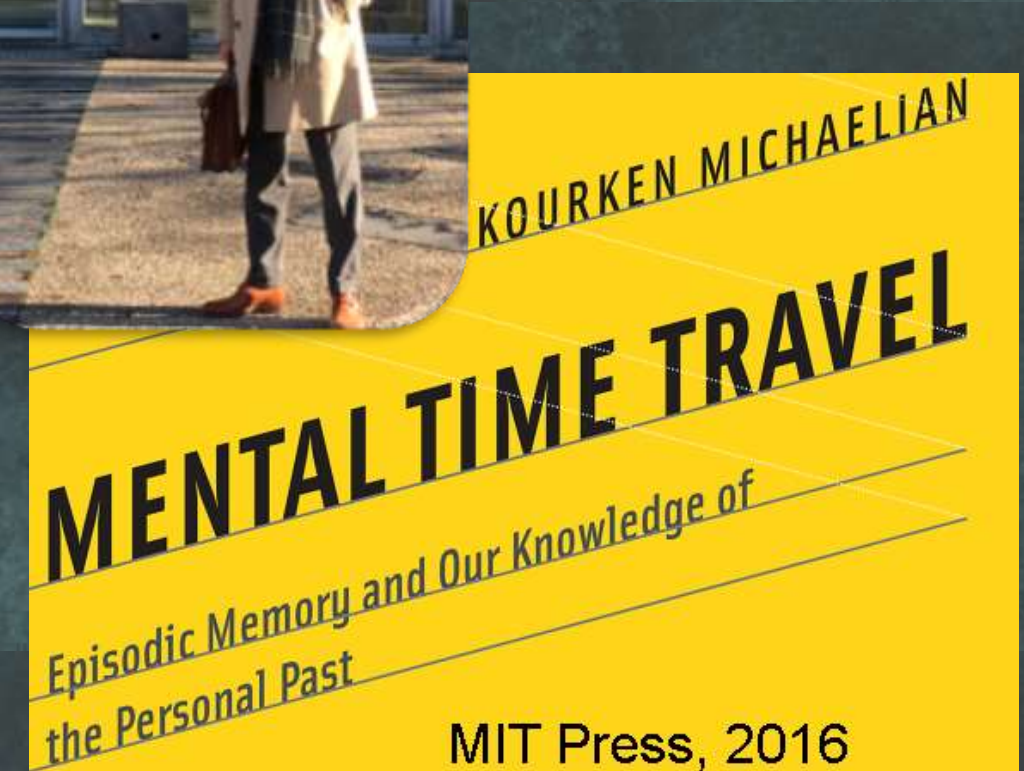
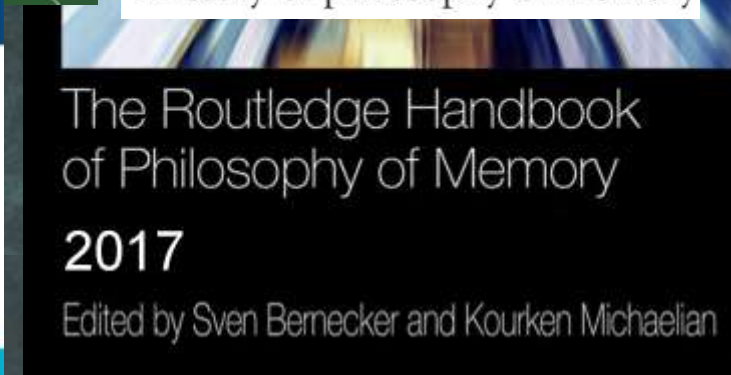
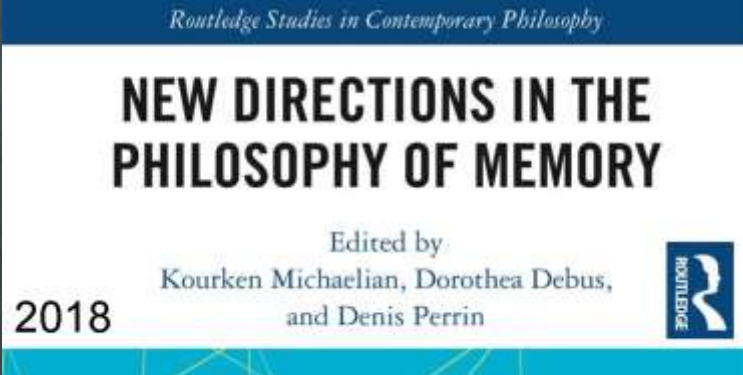
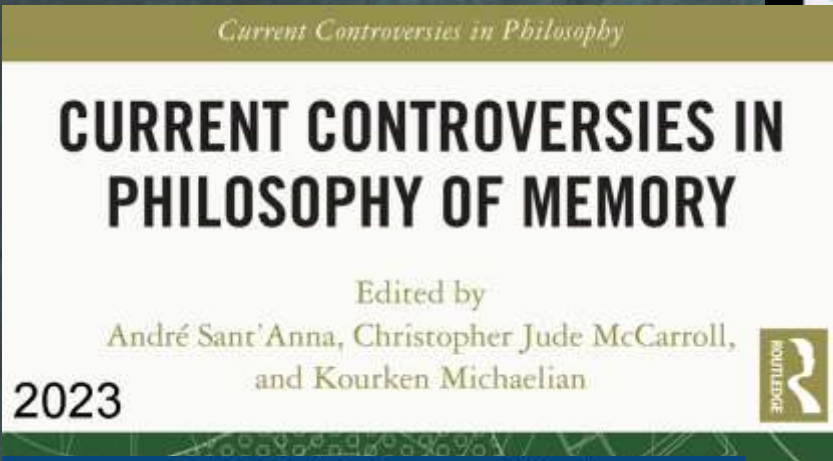
11. Kourken Michaelian, Université Grenoble Alpes,
Director of the Centre for Philosophy of Memory

Major theme:

- Memory



KOURKEN MICHAELIAN



Memory

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A CRITICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTEMOLOGY OF MEMORY

Thomas D. Senior

2019

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 Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Epistemological Problems of Memory

First published Mon Mar 27, 2023.

Matthew Frise

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Cambridge
Elements
Philosophy
of Mind

Memory and Remembering

Felipe De Brigard

SVEN BERNECKER

MEMORY

A Philosophical Study

2009
OXFORD

Prominent Voices in Epistemology Today

12. Miriam Schleifer McCormick, University of Richmond, Virginia

Major themes:

- **Pragmatism**
- **Epistemic Agency**
- **Norms of Belief**
- **Belief and Emotion**

Belief as Emotion argues that belief is a type of emotion, where emotions are blended states that transcend the cognitive/non-cognitive divide. On this view to believe is to feel that the way one represents the world is accurate and this feeling is a kind of evaluation. Thinking of beliefs as emotions helps us to understand the ethics of belief and offers a better understanding of what are sometimes called “edge cases” of beliefs, ones that seem belief-like but that are hard to fit into most standard pictures of belief.

In this book, McCormick argues that the standards used to evaluate beliefs are not isolated from other evaluative domains. The ultimate criteria for assessing beliefs are the same as those for assessing action, because beliefs and actions are both products of agency. Two important implications of this thesis, both of which deviate from the dominant view in contemporary philosophy, are 1) it can be permissible (and possible) to believe for non-evidential reasons, and 2) we have a robust control over many of our beliefs, a control sufficient to ground attributions of responsibility for belief.



Believing Against the Evidence

Agency and the Ethics of Belief

Miriam Schleifer McCormick

2015 

ROUTLEDGE STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

Pragmatism and the Wrong Kind of Reasons

Pragmatists (permissivists) about reasons for belief hold that non-evidential considerations—such as prudential or moral considerations—can be normative reasons for belief under certain conditions.

Evidentialists

William Clifford (Cambridge)
Derek Parfit (Oxford)
Allen Wood (Bloomington)
Fred Feldman (Amherst)
Earl Conee (Rochester)
Kevin McCain (King's College)
Thomas Kelly (Princeton)
Nishi Shah (Amherst)
Jonathan Way (Southampton)
Pascal Engel (Geneva)

Pragmatists

William James (Harvard)
Gilbert Harman (Princeton)
Stephen Stich (Rutgers)
Richard Foley (NYU)
David Papineau (King's College)
Berislav Marusic (Edinburgh)
Miriam McCormick (Richmond)
Robert Pasnau (Colorado)
Andrew Reisner (Uppsala)
Susanna Rinard (Harvard)

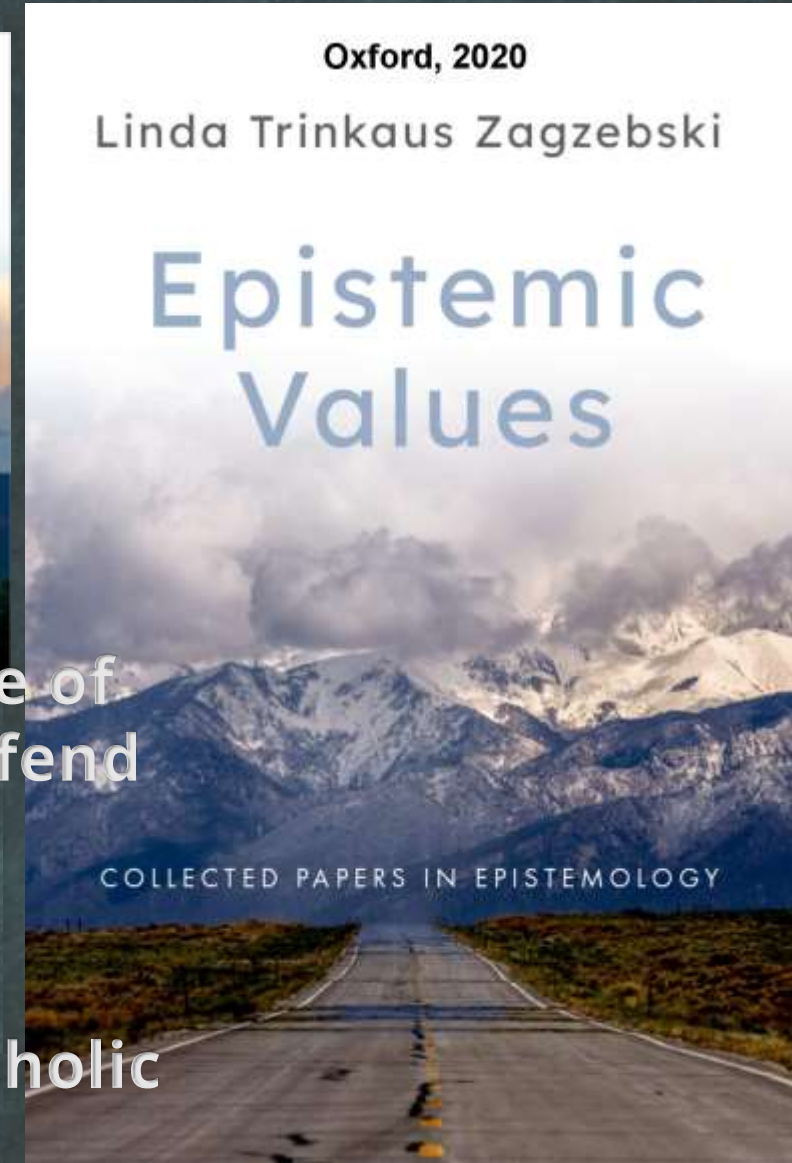
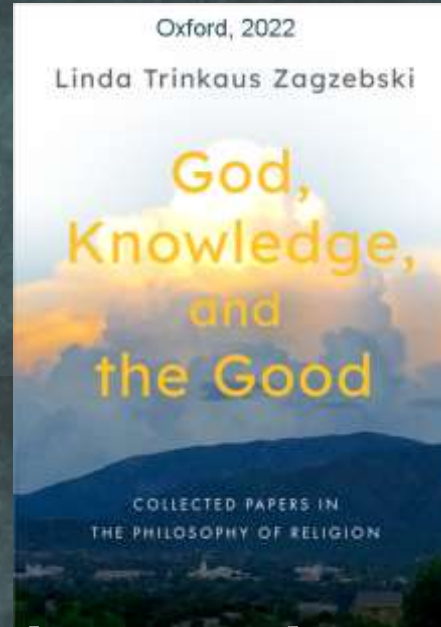
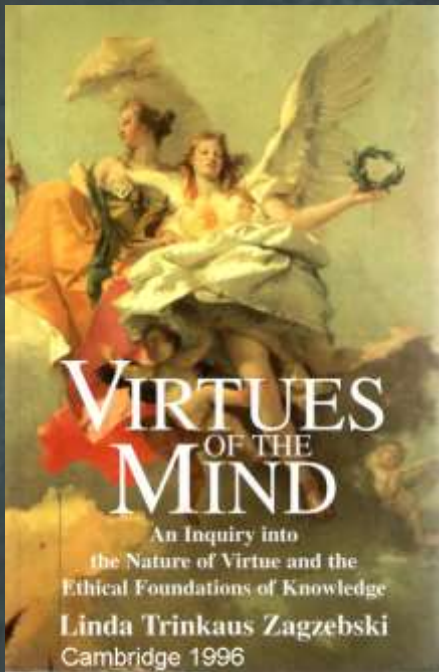
Prominent Voices in Epistemology Today

13. Linda Zagzebski, University of Oklahoma

Major themes:



- Epistemic Authority
- Intellectual Virtues
- Religious Knowledge
- Subjectivity



Zagzebski has made use of analytic methods to defend views in ethics, epistemology, and the philosophy of religion consistent with her Catholic faith.

Prominent Voices in Epistemology Today

14. John Greco, Georgetown University

Major themes:



- Virtue Epistemology
- Social Epistemology
- Religious Epistemology
- Skepticism

Putting Skeptics in Their Place

Cambridge University Press
John Greco 2000



This book is about the nature of skeptical arguments and their role in philosophical inquiry. John Greco defends three theses: that a number of historically prominent skeptical arguments make no obvious mistake and therefore cannot be easily dismissed; that the analysis of skeptical arguments is philosophically useful and important and should therefore have a central place in the methodology of philosophy; and that taking skeptical arguments seriously requires us to adopt an externalist, reliabilist epistemology.



Cambridge, 2021

The Transmission of Knowledge

John Greco



Introduction: Testimony and the Transmission of Knowledge

The Framework Presented: Testimonial Knowledge and the Flow of Information

Joint Agency and the Role of Trust in Testimonial Knowledge

Social Norms and Social Sensibilities

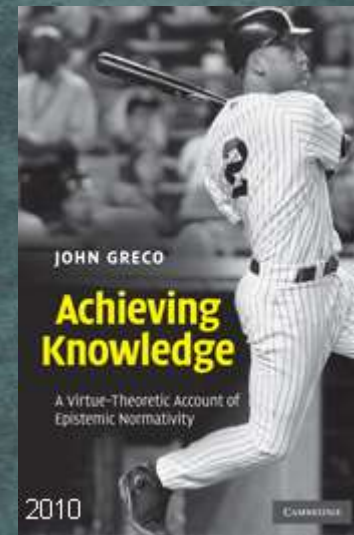
A Unified Account of Generation and Transmission

The Framework Extended: Common Knowledge

Education and the Transmission of Understanding

Reductionism and Big Science

Social Religious Epistemology



2023

THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF

RELIGIOUS EPISTEMOLOGY

Edited by Jonathan Fuqua, John Greco,
and Tyler Dalton McNabb

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Max Baker-Hytch
- 2 Evidence and Religious Belief
Kevin McCain
- 3 Reformed Epistemology
Michael Bergmann
- 4 Rationality and Miracles
Charity Anderson
- 5 Pragmatic Arguments for Theism
Elizabeth Jackson
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Duncan Pritchard
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Daniel Howard-Snyder and Daniel J. McKaughan

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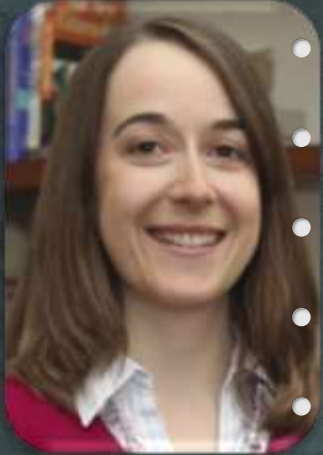
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15. Karen Frost-Arnold, Hobart and William Smith U.

Major themes:



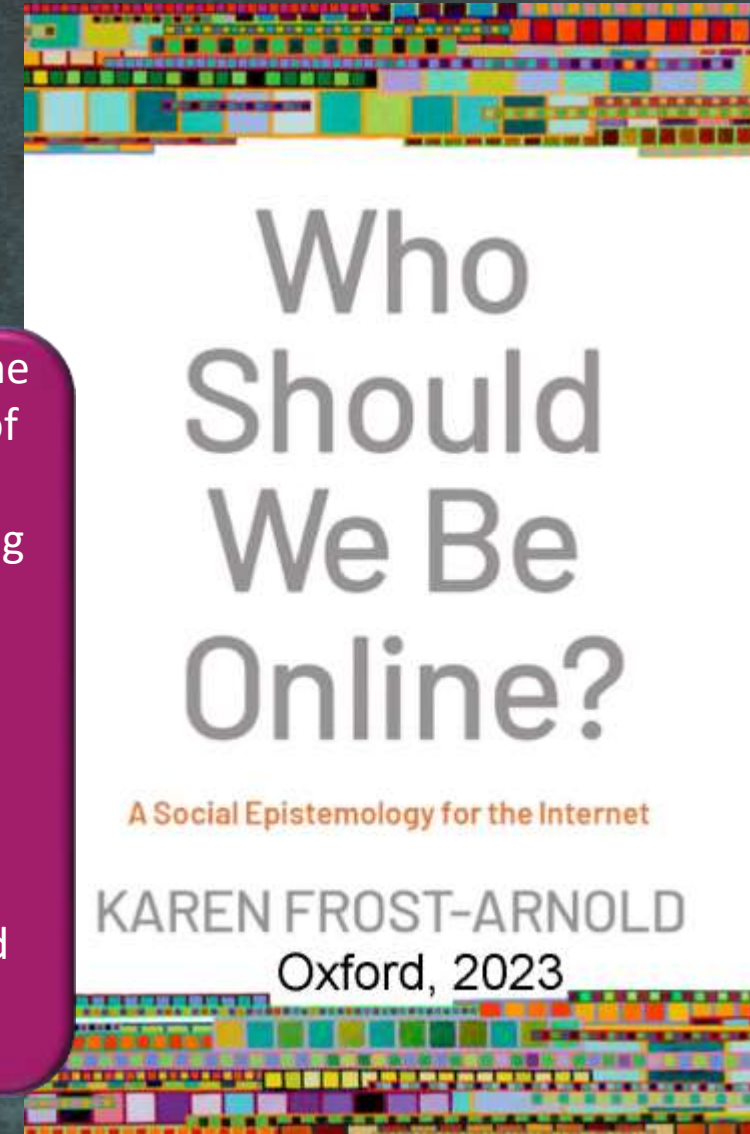
- Trust
- Epistemology of the Internet
- Social Epistemology
- Feminist Epistemology
- Philosophy of Science

Frost-Arnold, K. (2021). "The Epistemic Dangers of Context Collapse Online." In *Applied Epistemology*, (ed.) J. Lackey. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Frost-Arnold, K. (2018). "Wikipedia." In *The Routledge Handbook of Applied Epistemology*, (eds.) D. Coady & J. Chase. New York: Routledge.

My research focuses on the epistemology and ethics of trust. In my research and teaching I ask the following questions: What is trust? What is the role of trust in knowledge, science, and the internet? What is betrayal? How is trust betrayed and manipulated by individuals and institutions?



Prominent Voices in Epistemology Today

16. Paul Boghossian, NYU

Major themes:

- Absolutism
- Meta-Epistemology
- Philosophy of Color
- Apriorism



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PAUL BOGHOSSIAN

2008

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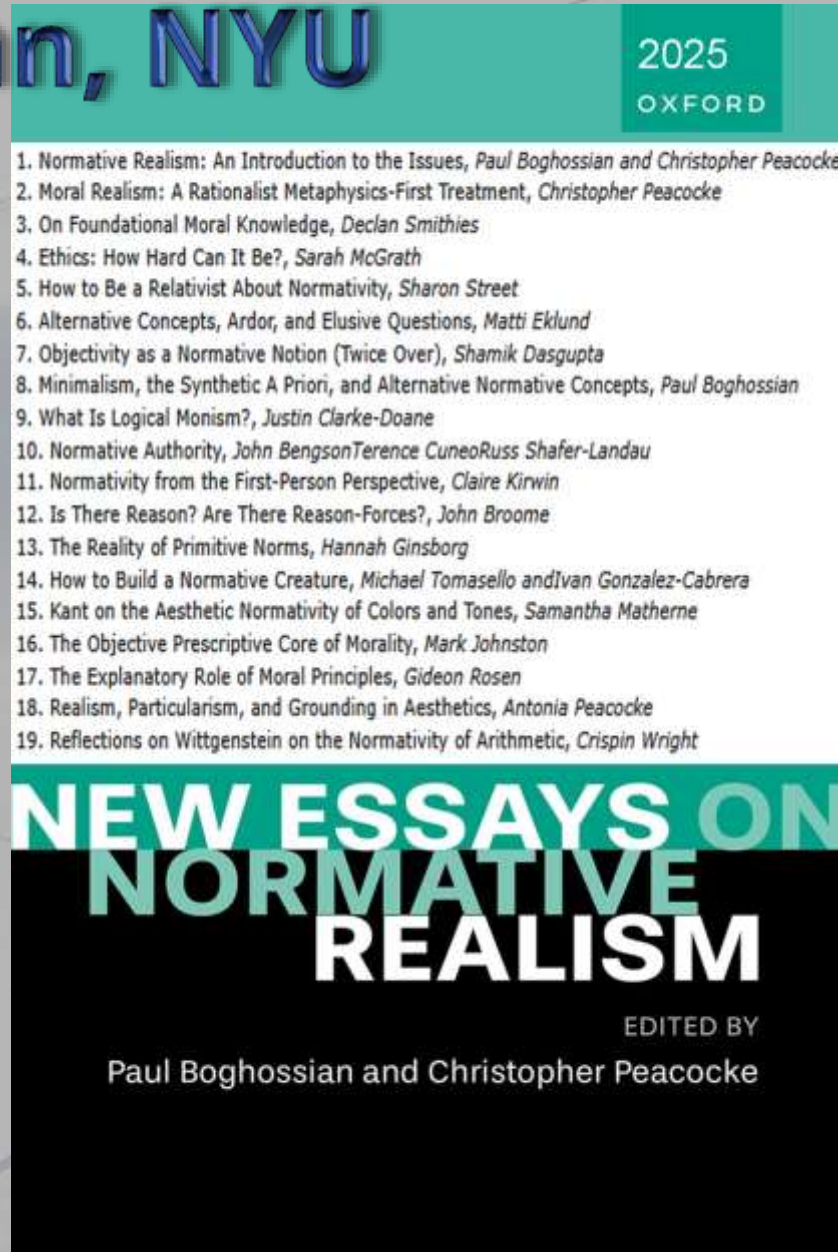
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fear of knowledge



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NEW ESSAYS ON NORMATIVE REALISM

EDITED BY

Paul Boghossian and Christopher Peacocke

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New Essays on the A Priori
CLARENDON PRESS · OXFORD
2000

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