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Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL:

Married to Susan Bell Dennett; two children.

EDUCATION:

B.A., Harvard University, 1963
D. Phil. (philosophy), Oxford, 1965

**HONORARY
DEGREES:**

Doctor of Humane Letters, University of Connecticut, 2003
Doctor of Letters, Edinburgh, 2006/7
Doctor of Science, McGill, 2007
Doctor of Science, Bucharest, 2011
Doctor of Science, Amsterdam, 2012

AWARDS:

A.P.A. Barwise Prize, December 2004
Humanist of the Year, American Humanist Association, 2004
Bertrand Russell Society Award, Plymouth State University, NH, June
18-20, 2004
Academy of Achievement Golden Plate Award, 2006
Richard Dawkins Prize, Atheist Alliance International, 2007
Distinguished Fellow Award, Cognitive Science Society, 2009
AAAS Fellow --selected as 2009 Fellow by the American Association
for the Advancement of Science
Erasmus Prize, Amsterdam, November, 2012

FELLOWSHIPS:

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, 1963 (declined, to study at Oxford).
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1973-74 (declined in favor of next two items).
Santayana Fellowship, Harvard University, 1974 (honorary).
N. E. H. Younger Humanist Fellowship, 1974.
Fulbright Research Fellowship to the University, Bristol, England, 1978.
Visiting Fellowship, All Souls College, Oxford, 1979.
N. E. H. Senior Fellowship, 1979.
Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 1979-80.
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1986-87.
Fellow, Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld, Germany,
1990.
Writer in Residence, Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Italy, 1990,
2001.

Visiting Erskine Fellow, Univ. of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 1995.
Distinguished Fellow, Centre for the Mind, Institute for Advanced Study, Australian National University, Canberra, Feb, 1998.
Collegium Budapest, Budapest, Hungary, June, 2002
Fellow, SAGE Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, Feb-Mar 2008
William Miller Fellow, Santa Fe Institute, New Mexico, Jan-May, 2010

***SPECIAL
LECTURESHIPS:***

Taft Lectures, University of Cincinnati, 1978.
Luce Distinguished Lecture in Cognitive Science, University of Rochester, 1979.
Herbert Spencer Lecture, Oxford University, 1979.
Princeton University Annual Philosophy Lectures, 1980.
Sloan Visiting Scientist Lectures, Dept. of Computer Science, Yale University, 1980.
Council for Philosophical Studies, Summer Institute on Psychology and the Philosophy of Mind, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, July 1981.
John Locke Lectures, Oxford University, April, May, 1983.
Gavin David Young Lectures, University of Adelaide, Australia, June, July, 1984.
Gramlich Memorial Lecture, Philosophy Department, Dartmouth College, April 24, 1985.
Visiting Professor, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, May, 1985.
John Dewey Lecture, University of Vermont, February 13, 1986.
Distinguished Lecture Series, MIT Laboratory of Computer Science, March 13, 1986.
Tanner Lecture, University of Michigan, November 6, 1986.
Mandel Lecture, American Society for Aesthetics, New York, October 27, 1989.
Darwin Lecture, Darwin College, Cambridge, U.K., March 6, 1992.
Amnesty Lecture, Oxford University, February 18, 1997
Inaugural Benjamin and Anne A. Pinkel Endowed Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 2, 1998.
Jessie and John Danz Professor of Microbiology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Nov. 20, 1998.
Jean Nicod Lectures, Institut Nicod, Paris, November 2001
Daewoo Lectures, Seoul, Korea, November 2002
Petrus Hispanus Lectures, Faculdade de Letras de Lisboa, Lisbon, July 8, 2004
The Patten Lectures, Indiana University, March 7-9, 2006
Visiting Professor, AUB Department of Philosophy, Spring 2011

POSITIONS HELD:

1964-65 Lecturer, Oxford College of Technology.

1965-70 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of California at Irvine.
1968 Visiting Assistant Professor, Tufts University Summer Session.
1970-71 Associate Professor, University of California at Irvine.
1971-75 Associate Professor, Tufts University.
1973 Visiting Associate Professor, Harvard University (Fall Semester).
1975 Visiting Professor, University of Pittsburgh (Spring Semester).
1975- Professor, Tufts University.
1976-82 Chairman, Department of Philosophy.
1979 Visiting Lecturer, Oxford University.
1985-89 Co-Director Curricular Software Studio, Tufts University.
1985-2000 Distinguished Professor of Arts & Sciences;
1985- Director, Center for Cognitive Studies, Tufts University.
2000- University Professor, Tufts University
2000- Austin B. Fletcher Professor of Philosophy, Tufts University
Leverhulme Professor, Dept of Philosophy and History of Science,
London School of Economics, Spring, 2001
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014, External Professor of the Santa Fe Institute
2013- Member of the New College of the Humanities Professoriate,
London

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Academy of Arts & Sciences.
Academia Scientiarum et Artum Europaea
American Association for Artificial Intelligence.
American Philosophical Association (President, 1999-2000).
Cognitive Science Society.
Memory Disorder Society
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (President, 1980-81).
Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (President, 2006)
The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the
Paranormal, Center for Inquiry (Fellow & Honorary Chair)
Freedom from Religion Foundation, Honorary Board

**EDITORIAL
POSITIONS:**

Associate Editor, *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*.
Editorial Board, *Adaptive Behavior*; *Artificial Intelligence Review*;
Artificial Life; *Behavior and Philosophy*; *Biology and
Philosophy*; *Brain and Mind*; *Cogito*; *Consciousness and
Cognition*; *Episteme*; *Evolutionary Psychology*; *Journal of
Consciousness Studies*; *Perception*; *Philosophy &
Phenomenological Research*; *PHILO (Senior Editor)*;
Rutherford Journal.

**ADVISORY
BOARDS:**

TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) Brain Trust
CFI (Center for Inquiry), Washington, DC, Advisory Board

Ewha Woman's University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, Hall of
Consilience Advisory Board
HAS (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) International Expert Board of
Advisors
Lifeboat Foundation Scientific Advisory Board
CFI Naturalism Project Advisory Board
Métode Scientific Board

BOOKS ABOUT:

- Dahlbom, Bo, ed., 1993, *Dennett and his Critics*, Oxford, Blackwell
Philosophical Topics, 1994, *The Philosophy of Daniel Dennett*, 22, #1 and
2.
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Univ. Press.
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Consciência, D.Dennett e os debates da filosofia da mente*, Campo
das letres, Lisbon
- Elton, Matthew, 2003, *Daniel Dennett: Reconciling Science and our Self-
Conception*, Cambridge and Oxford: Polity.
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СОЗНАНИЯ: КОНЦЕПЦИЯ ДЭНИЕЛа ДЭНИЕТа (*The
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Philosophies Presses Universitaires de France, Paris.
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Contemporary Studies in Philosophy and the Human Sciences,
Prometheus Books, July 2007.
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Chinese Society & Culture*, vol. 10, no. 2 (Issue #18) Dec 2007
- Zawidzki, Tadeusz, 2007, *Dennett*, Oneworld publications, Oxford.
- Joao de Fernandes Teixeira, 2008, *A Mente Segundo Dennett (The Mind
According to Dennett)*, Perspectiva, Brazil.
- David L. Thompson, *Daniel Dennett*, Contemporary American Thinkers
series, London: Continuum, 2009
- Д.Б. ВоЛkob, БОСТОHCкий зOMби: Д. ДЕНHET и ЕГО ТЕOPия
COЗНАHия, Dmitry Volkov, *The Zombie from Boston: D.
Dennett and his theory of consciousness*, in Russian, URSS Press,
2011.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Content and Consciousness, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London, and Humanities
Press, New York, 1969 (International Library of Philosophy and

- Scientific Method). (Paperback edition, 1986; Italian edition, 1992; Spanish edition, 1994).
- Brainstorms: Philosophical Essays on Mind and Psychology*, Bradford Books, 1978. (Italian edition, 1991; Swedish edition, 1992; Portuguese edition, 2000).
- The Mind's I: Fantasies and Reflections on Self and Soul*, Co-edited with Douglas Hofstadter, Basic Books, 1981. (Japanese edition, 1984; Spanish and Italian editions, 1985; German and Dutch editions 1986; French and Chinese editions, 1987; Greek edition, 1993).
- Elbow Room: The Varieties of Free Will Worth Wanting*, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, 1984. (German edition, 1986; Spanish edition, 1992).
- The Intentional Stance*, MIT Press/A Bradford Book, 1987 (French edition, 1990; Spanish edition, 1991; Italian edition, 1993; Japanese edition, 1995).
- Consciousness Explained*, Little, Brown, 1991, Penguin, 1992 (Dutch, Italian, French, German, Spanish editions).
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- AZ Intencionalitas Filozofiaja, Philosophy of Intentionality, Selected Papers*, Osiris Kiado publishers, Budapest, a collection of essays, translated by Csaba Pleh into Hungarian, 1998.
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- Sweet Dreams: Philosophical Obstacles to a Science of Consciousness*, MIT Press, 2005; translated in Italian and published by Raffaello Cortina Editore (2006); translated in Spanish and published by Katz, Buenos Aires, 2006; translated in Polish and published by Prószyński i S-ka, 2007; translated in German and published by Suhrkamp Verlag, Frankfurt, 2007; translated in Japanese and published by NTT, Japan, 2009.
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- Science and Religion: Are They Compatible?* Point/Counterpoint Series with Alvin Plantinga; James P. Sterba, Series Editor, Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Inside Jokes: Using Humor to Reverse-Engineer the Mind*, Matthew Hurley, Daniel C. Dennett and Reginald B. Adams, Jr., MIT Press, 2011

Selected Recent Articles: (a complete bibliography is available at <http://ase.tufts.edu/cogstud/incbios/dennettd/dennettdbiblio.htm>)

2000

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- “It’s Not a Bug, It’s a Feature,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 7, No. 4, 2000, pp. 25-7.
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- interviewed by Cristina Junyent for *Quark: Ciencia, Medicina, Comunicacion y Cultura*, 19, Julio-diciembre 2000 (Barcelona, Spain).
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2001

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- “The New Replicators,” in *The Encyclopedia of Evolution*, volume 1, Mark Pagel, ed., Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. E83-E92.
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- “Explaining the ‘magic’ of Consciousness,” *Exploring Consciousness, Humanities, Natural Science, Religion*, Proceedings of the International Symposium, Milano, November 19-20, 2001 (published in December, 2002, Fondazione Carlo Erba), pp. 47-58; reprinted in eds J. Laszlo, T. Bereczkei, C. Pleh, *Journal of Cultural and Evolutionary Psychology*, 1(2003)1, 7-19.

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2003

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- "Who's On First? Heterophenomenology Explained," *Journal of Consciousness Studies, Special Issue: Trusting the Subject? (Part 1)*, 10, No.9-10, October 2003, pp.19-30; it also appears in A. Jack and A Roepstorff eds., *Trusting the Subject? Volume 1*, Imprint Academic Pubs., 2003, pp. 19-30.
- “Zum Schutz der wissenschaftlichen Untersuchung des Bewutseins vor ideologischen Debatten” (Protecting Scientific Research on Consciousness from ideological debates), in *Gene, Meme, und Gehirne*, Suhrkamp Verlag Frankfurt am Main 2003, pp. 306-325.
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- “Forestalling a food fight over color,” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* (2003) 26:6, pp. 788-9.
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2004

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2005

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- “Human and evolutionary engineering: similarities and differences,” Symposium: The Philosophical Bases of Biological Thought, at Tufts University, April 16, 2002.
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- “Explaining the 'magic' of consciousness,” Institute for Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, June 8, 2002, and the New Bulgarian University Institute for Cognitive Science, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 15, 2002.
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- “Evolution in animal culture and human culture,” Collegium Budapest, June 18, 2002.
- “Explaining the 'magic' of consciousness,” inaugural lecture, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, June 19, 2002.
- “Building up to Intentionality,” Intentionality: Past and Future Conference, Miskolc, Hungary, June 22, 2002.
- “The Self as a Responding--and Responsible--Artifact,” Conference on “The Self: From Soul to Brain,” The New York Academy of Sciences Conference, Saturday, September 28, 2002.
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- Boston College Psychology Colloquium, “Explaining the ‘Magic’ of Consciousness,” December 4, 2002.
- “Human & Evolutionary Engineering: Some Similarities and Differences,” Harvard Medical School Department of Genetics, Wednesday, February 12, 2003.
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- “Problems and Prospects for Memes in Explanations of Human Culture,” Culture and Cognition/ Evolution and Human Adaptation Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 14, 2003.
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- “Explaining the ‘magic’ of consciousness,” Spencer-Leavitt lecture at Union College in Schenectady, April 30, 2003.
- Teleconference with Prof. Dale Turner and his class, in CA, May 29, 2003
- Keynote Address, ASSC (Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness), Memphis, June 2, 2003
- Seattle: Adventures of the Mind, June 5-7
- “Real Consciousness, Real Freedom and ‘Real Magic’” Seymour Ricklin Lecture at Wayne State University, Sept. 26, 2003.
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- “Imagining color: what RoboMary Knows” Duke University, October 17, 2003.
- “Rational avoidance in a deterministic world,” Rational Choice Workshop for faculty, University of Chicago, October 28, 2003.
- “The Fantasy of a First Person Science of Consciousness,” The Yale Perlis Lecture Series, Yale University, Nov. 13, 2003.
- Irsee, Bavaria, Disorders of Volition, Dec 11-13, 2003, Closing overview
- “Consciousness: more like fame than television,” at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, January 16, 2004
- “Explaining the ‘magic’ of Consciousness” at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, January 16, 2004
- “Freedom Evolves,” CSS Distinguished Lecture Series talk at Simon Fraser University, January 19, 2004
- “Explaining the ‘magic’ of Consciousness,” Hampshire College, February 25, 2004.
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- “The Far Side of the Self: And then what happens?” The Brain and Its Self: The New Frontier of Neuroscience Conference, Washington University, St Louis, April 2, 2004
- “Qualia Questioned: Once More With Feeling” Keynote Address, Toward a Science of Consciousness conference, Tucson, April 11, 2004

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“Philosophers, Zombies, and Feelings: The illusions of ‘first-person’ approaches to consciousness” “Petrus Hispanus Lectures”, Faculdade de Letras de Lisboa, July 8, 2004

“Rational Avoidance in a Deterministic World” (themes from my recent book, *Freedom Evolves*), “Petrus Hispanus Lectures”, Faculdade de Letras de Lisboa, July 8, 2004

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“Freedom Evolves,” public lecture, jointly sponsored by the Berkeley Philosophy Department, the Helen Wills Neuroscience Center and the Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences, September 16, 2004

“The Personal Level and the Decomposition of Qualia,” at Berkeley (ICBS), September 17, 2004

“The self and intentional action,” Festschrift in honor of Prof. John C. Marshall, Somerville College, Oxford, Sept 24th, 2004

“My body has a mind of its own” Wilder Penfield Lecture, McGill University, November 18, 2004

“Computers as Tools for Philosophers,” APA Barwise Prize Award Lecture, Boston, December 27-30, 2004

EMBL (European Molecular Biology Laboratory) lecture to the Science & Society Committee, Heidelberg, Germany, March 11, 2005

“Explaining the ‘Magic’ of Consciousness,” Ireland Public Lecture, Ireland Distinguished Visiting Scholar Award, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama, March 15, 2005

“My body has a mind of its own,” 2nd Mind and World Conference, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama, March 19, 2005

“What Explanatory Gap?” Nikola Grahek Memorial Conference, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, April 3, 2005

“Philosophers, Zombies, and Feelings: The illusions of ‘first-person’ approaches to consciousness,” Harvard review of Philosophy lecture, April 8, 2005

“Religion as a natural phenomenon,” NEI William D. Hamilton Lecture, University of New England, Portland, Maine, April 29, 2005

“Darwin, Meaning and Truth,” Quincentenary Lecture, Christ’s College, Cambridge, England, May 18th, 2005

“Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Cambridge University Atheist & Agnostic Society (CUAAS), England, May 19th, 2005.

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- “Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” IDEAS Boston, October 7, 2005
- “Explaining the ‘Magic’ of Consciousness,” Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, Oct 27, 2005
- “Why is Darwin’s Idea Dangerous?” Colgate University Science Colloquium Lecture, Hamilton, NY, Oct 28, 2005
- “Determinism, Freedom and Society,” Distinguished Speaker, The Gordon Institute, Tufts University, Nov 2, 2005
- “How *could* the brain be the seat of consciousness?” Cognitive Science Dept, University of Delaware, Friday, Nov 11, 2005
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- “Are we explaining consciousness yet?” “Breaking the Spell,” and “Freedom Evolves,” Realizing Life to the Fullest: Skeptics and Secular Humanist Cruise, San Diego to Mexico, December 10-17, 2005
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- Participant, panel honoring Marcel Kinsbourne, International Neuropsychological Society, 34th Annual Meeting, Boston Marriot Copley Place Hotel, February 2, 2006
- “Breaking the Spell,” Culture and Cognition program at Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 3rd, 2006.
- “Breaking the Spell, Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Columbia University, February 13, 2006
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- “Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Royal Society of Arts Lecture, London, March 13, 2006
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- “Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” keynote speaker at Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference (HBES), “Teaching Science in the 21st Century,” University of Pennsylvania Psychology Department, June 10th, 2006
- “How *could* the brain be the seat of consciousness?” The 1st Chandaria Lecture, University of London, June 22nd, 2006
- “Consciousness: How Science Changes the Subject,” Presidential Address, Scientific Study of Consciousness Meeting, Oxford, June 23rd, 2006
- “An evolutionary perspective on religions,” Summer Hard Problem Program of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, MITRE Corporation, Bedford, MA, July 14, 2006
- “The domestication of the wild memes of religion,” The 2nd World Conference on the Future of Science, Venice, Italy, September 23rd, 2006
- “Breaking the Spell, Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” PordenoneLegge, Pordenone, Italy, September 24th, 2006
- “The Excellent Adventure of Hubert, Yorick and Dennett,” 40th Carolina Colloquium, University of North Carolina, Raleigh, October 7th, 2006

- “The Domestication of Wild Religions: How Reflection Drove the Adaptations,” International Conference on the Evolution of Religion, Waianae, Hawaii, January 6th, 2007
- “Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” 4th Darwin Day celebration: “Darwin geologo e l’evoluzione della Terra,” Milan, Italy, February 8th, 2007
- “The Evolution of Religion,” The Future of Atheism: A Dialogue, University of New Orleans, February 23rd, 2007
- “Domesticating the Wild Memes of Religion,” Greer-Heard Forum, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, February, 23rd, 2007
- “Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” National Film Board and Université de Montreal, March 1, 2007.
- “How could the Brain be the Seat of Consciousness?” CAS/Millercomm Lecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 29th, 2007
- “Domesticating the Wild Memes of Religion,” Annual Philosophy Public Lecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 30th, 2007
- “Domesticating the Wild Memes of Religion,” The Colorado Tufts Alliance, Boulder, April 1st, 2007
- “Meaning and Morality: Darwin’s ‘strange inversion of reasoning,’” Rochester Institute of Technology, Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture Series, Rochester, NY, April 10th, 2007
- “From Animal to Person: The Evolution of Human Culture,” Great Minds at Work Conference, New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY, April 20th, 2007
- “Free will and determinism,” Lund University, Copenhagen, May 8th, 2007
- “Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” The Danish Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Copenhagen, May 10th, 2007
- “Varieties of Content,” “Concepts: Content and Constitution, A symposium,” University of Copenhagen, Amager, May 12th, 2007
- Commencement address, McGill Convocation Ceremony, Montreal, May 28th, 2007
- “From Animal to Person: the Evolution of Culture,” Montreal Neurological Institute, May 28th, 2007
- “If the brain is the mind, can we have free will?” Eddy Lecture, Colorado State University, September 26th, 2007
- “Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Eddy Lecture, Colorado State University, September 26th, 2007
- “Good Reasons to ‘Believe’ in God,” Keynote address at Atheist Alliance International Convention, September 29th, 2007
- Opening remarks at the World Congress in China, October 13th, 2007
- Moderator at meeting, World Congress in China, October 15th, 2007
- “Genetic determinism, neuroscience, and free will,” Social Issues Roundtable, Society for Neuroscience, La Jolla, Ca, November 6th, 2007
- “Whole-Body Apoptosis and the Meanings of Lives,” Autonomy, Singularity, Creativity, The Human & The Humanities Conference, Duke University, November 10, 2007
- “The evolution of evitability: what is determined is not inevitable,” Five College Faculty Seminar, Amherst College, December 6th, 2007
- “Breaking the Spell,” at PEN, January 31, 2008

- “The Evolution of Evitability: How we came to have free will and responsibility,” University of California, Santa Barbara, February 4th, 2008
- A series of seminars on “Human intelligence with no skyhooks allowed: How our minds are the products—and producers—of multi-level evolutionary processes,” University of California, Santa Barbara, February-March, 2008
- “From Animal to Person: how cultural evolution furnishes our minds with thinking tools,” Los Angeles Museum of Natural History, March 7th, 2008
- “Darwin, Reason and Creativity,” Macalester College, Philadelphia, April 1st, 2008
- “Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Minnesota State University Mankato, April 3rd, 2008
- “The Evolution of Evitability: How we came to have free will and responsibility,” Minnesota State University Mankato, April 4th, 2008
- “From Animal to Person: How Cultural Evolution Builds our Minds,” Pennsylvania State, April 15th, 2008
- “From Animal to Person: How Cultural Evolution Builds our Minds,” University of Pennsylvania, April 16th, 2008
- “Religion is the greatest threat to rationality and scientific progress that we face,” debate with Lord Winston, AGORA, *Guardian*, London, April 22nd, 2008
- A talk at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences, April 23rd, 2008
- A talk at the Amsterdam Psychiatric Hospital, April 24th, 2008
- “From Animal to Person: the role of culture in human evolution,” Cognitive Science and Language Interdisciplinary Master, Barcelona, April 25th, 2008
- “Innovation versus Evolution,” with Jorge Wagensberg, Dialogue Series hosted by the Foundation “la Caixa” at the CosmoCaixa Science Museum, Barcelona, April 29th, 2008
- “Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Newton South Lecture Series, Newton Community Education, Newton, MA, May 8th, 2008
- “How Mindless Algorithms Build Minds,” Keynote Lecture, The Human Algorithm: What Do Our Minds Compute? Dartmouth College, May 9th, 2008
- “Science of Morality,” World Science Festival Summit, Columbia University, New York, May 29th, 2008
- “What It Means To Be Human,” World Science Festival Summit, May 31st, 2008
- “From Animal to Person,” Mind and Societies public conference, Université de Québec à Montréal Summer School, Montreal, June 27th, 2008
- “The Hurley Model of Humour—An Introduction,” Music, Language and Mind Conference, Tufts University, July 11th, 2008
- “From Animal to Person: How Cultural Evolution Builds Human Minds,” The Potter Memorial Lectureship and the Philip C. Holland Lectureship, Washington State University, WA, September 11th, 2008
- “Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Seattle Tufts Alliance Lecture, September 12th, 2008
- “Evolution and the Mind,” International VIB Ph.D. Student Symposium, Belgium, September 18-19, 2008
- “Multiple Drafts Model,” Antwerp, September 19th, 2008

- “Can we really close the Cartesian Theater?” The 2nd Vienna Conference on Consciousness, September 26th, 2008
- A public talk on ‘Darwin,’ University of Connecticut, October 2nd, 2008
- “Darwin and the Evolution of Reasons,” and Emperor Has No Clothes Award recipient, Freedom from Religion Foundation, Chicago, October 13th, 2008
- “What is consciousness?” Science Festival BergamoScienza, Bergamo, Italy, October 17th, 2008
- “Religion as a Natural Phenomenon,” Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, Göttingen, Germany, October 18th, 2008
- “Darwin and the Evolution of Reasons,” Northwestern University’s One Book One Northwestern Lecture, October 30th, 2008
- Lecturer at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2nd, 2009
- Panelist, One Nation Under God? The Role of Religion in American Public Life, Boston College, Saturday, November 22nd, 2008
- “The Evolution of ‘Why’ as the Key to Free Will,” Stanford Presidential Lecture, Stanford University, January 12th, 2009
- “Darwin’s Strange Inversion of Reasoning,” Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, January 13th, 2009
- “Darwin’s Strange Inversion of Reasoning,” In the Light of Evolution: Two Centuries of Darwin, Distinctive Voices @ Beckman – National Academies, Irvine, CA, January 15th, 2009
- “Religion as a ‘natural’ phenomenon,” Public lecture at Dartmouth, January 20th, 2009
- “Darwin’s ‘Strange inversion of reasoning,’” TED Conference, Long Beach, CA, February 6th, 2009
- “Darwin and the Evolution of Reasons,” Carleton University Cognitive Science Department, Darwin Week 2009, Ottawa, February 9th, 2009
- “Darwin and the Evolution of Reasons,” Framingham State, February 12th, 2009
- “The Evolution of Reasons,” University of Arizona, February 16th, 2009
- “The Evolution of Words and Other Memes,” University of Arizona EEB Seminar, February 17th, 2009
- “Darwin’s ‘Strange Inversion of Reasoning,’” UA College of Science Lecture Series, February 17th, 2009
- “Darwin’s ‘Strange Inversion of Reasoning,’” Arizona State University, Beyond: Center for Fundamental Concepts in Science, February 18th, 2009
- “Darwin’s ‘Strange Inversion of Reasoning,’” Distinguished lecture series, University of Wisconsin, Madison, March 2nd, 2009
- “The Human Soul, A Unique Biological Adaptation: The Psychological Self,” The Religious-Secular Divide, Social Research Conference at The New School, March 5th, 2009
- “The Evolution of Belief,” Perrott Warrick Workshop on Beliefs and Reason, Trinity College, Cambridge, UK, March 18th, 2009
- “Darwinian perspectives on religion,” British Humanist Association, London, March 19th, 2009
- Public lecture, Bristol, UK, March 20th, 2009
- “Religion as a ‘natural’ phenomenon,” University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, March 25th, 2009
- “From animal to person: The evolution of us,” Rhodes Lecture for SciFest Africa, March 27th, 2009

- “How materialism transforms our understanding of consciousness,”
Grahamstown, South Africa, March 28th 2009
- “Cultural evolution: In what regards is it Darwin?” Talkshop at SciFest Africa,
March 28th 2009
- Lecture on Academic Freedom, University of Capetown, South Africa, March
31st, 2009
- “From Animal to Person,” Stellenbosch University, South Africa, April 1st, 2009
- “Breaking the Spell,” Oakland University Department of Philosophy, 4th Annual
Burke Lecturer, Michigan, April 6th, 2009
- “Breaking the Spell,” Tufts Alumni Greece Authors Series, April 9th, 2009
- “Darwin’s ‘Strange’ Inversion of Reasoning,” Sabanci University Darwin Year
Celebration, Istanbul, April 10th, 2009
- “Breaking the Spell,” Tufts Alumni Turkey Authors Series, April 11th, 2009
- “Darwin and the Evolution of Reasons,” The American University of Beirut,
April 14th, 2009
- “Brains, Computers and Minds with Daniel Dennett,” Harvard MBB 2009
Distinguished Lecture Series, April 21, 22 & 23, 2009
- “Darwin’s ‘strange’ inversion of reasoning,” Kalamazoo College Special
Lecture, Thursday, April 30th, 2009
- “The cultural evolution of words and other thinking tools,” Cold Spring Harbor
Laboratory 74th Symposium, May 29th, 2009
- “Darwin and the Evolution of ‘Why,’” Darwin Festival, Christ’s College, UK,
July 8th, 2009
- “Darwin and the Evolution of ‘Why,’” Uruguay Darwin Festival, Montevideo,
September 4th, 2009
- “Darwin’s Dangerous Idea,” Chile Darwin200, Santiago, September 7th, 2009
- “Darwin and the Evolution of Reasons,” Williams College, MA, Thursday,
September 24th, 2009
- “Darwin and the Evolution of Reasons,” Middlebury College, VT, Friday,
September 25th, 2009
- “The Evolution of Confusion: how conceptual bugs have been turned into
features by those who believe in belief,” AAI, Burbank, CA, Saturday,
October 3rd, 2009
- “Rethinking the computational architecture of the brain: just how competitive can
the parts be?” Cognitive and Brain Studies Series, Psychology
Department, Tufts University, October 9th, 2009
- “Darwin’s Strange Inversion of Reasoning,” The University of Maine, Orono,
October 15th, 2009
- “The Evolution of ‘Why?’” University of Oslo, Norway, October 23rd, 2009
- “The Evolution of ‘Why?’” Bergen, Norway, October 24th, 2009
- “Evolution of the Mind,” Darwin Symposium, Uppsala, Sweden, October 26th,
2009
- “Darwin’s Strange Inversion of Reasoning: Confronting the Counterintuitive,”
University of Chicago, Darwin Conference, October 30th, 2009
- Neuro’s 75th Anniversary, Montreal Neurological Institute, November 3rd, 2009
- “Darwin and Turing: Two Strange Inversions of Reasoning—Or One?” Santa Fe
Institute, New Mexico, November 13th, 2009
- Debate: “Is Economics A Branch of Evolutionary Theory, or Something Else
Entirely?” Santa Fe Institute, New Mexico, November 14th, 2009
- “Darwin’s Strange Inversion of Reasoning,” La Ciudad de las Ideas II, Puebla,
Mexico, November 3-4, 2009

- Panel Member, La Ciudad de las Ideas II, Puebla, Mexico, November 3-4, 2009
- Panel member, Great Issues Forum at CUNY Graduate Center, November 17th, 2009
- “Freedom Evolves,” Metaphysics Meeting, University of Alabama at Birmingham, November 21st, 2009
- “Consciousness,” Guest Lecturer at Harvard University class, “What is Life? From Quarks to Consciousness,” November 30th, 2009
- Guest Lecturer at Roxbury Latin High School, Roxbury, MA, December 1st, 2009
- Keynote speech, Pula, Croatia, December 10th, 2009
- Panel Member, “Meeting of the Minds” session at Tufts Alumni Meeting, Zurich, Switzerland, December 12th, 2009
- “A Human Mind as an Upside-Down Brain,” Siemens Foundation, Munich, Germany, December 14th, 2009
- “The Evolution of Religions,” EMBL Public Lecture, Heidelberg, Germany, December 15th, 2009
- “How Memes Made Minds,” ZurichMinds, Switzerland, December 16th, 2009
- “Turing’s Strange Inversion and Searle’s Failure of Imagination,” 2010 Austin J. Fabothey, SJ Philosophy Conference, Santa Clara University, CA, January 23rd, 2010
- “Difficulties with Darwin’s Dangerous Idea: What Fodor and Nagel don’t understand,” Claremont College Consortium 2010 Merlan Lecture, Claremont, CA, February 16th, 2010
- “Wild and Domesticated Religions: How the Machinery of Religion Evolved,” Santa Fe Institute Public Lecture, March 16th, 2010
- “The evolution of misbelief,” Brain evolution and its consequences for brain pathology conference, Stazione Zoologica Napoli, Italy, March 23rd, 2010
- “A Human Mind as an Upside-Down Brain,” University of Reykjavik, Iceland, June 21st, 2010
- “Large Souls Take Time to Decide,” European Neurological Society Conference, Berlin, “The Return of Religion and the Return of the Criticism of Religion: The ‘New Atheism’ in Recent German and American Culture, June 23rd, 2010.
- “Evolution and Domestication of Religions,” Freie Universitaet Berlin, June 23rd, 2010
- “Free Will, Responsibility, and the Brain,” The Harvard Law School Student Association for Law and Mind Sciences (SALMS), Cambridge, MA, September 28th, 2010
- “What Should Replace Religions?” AAI-HC Convention, Montreal, October 2nd, 2010
- “The Human Mind as an Upside-Down Brain,” Centre de Recherche de l’Institut du Cerveau et de la Moelle épinière (cricm), Salpêtrière, October 15th, 2010
- Video teleconference with Hibbing Community College, Minnesota, October 20th 2010
- “My brain made me do it: why some leading ideas in neuroscience are misleading people about freedom and responsibility” Parents’ Weekend at Tufts University, October 23rd, 2010
- “The Human Mind as an Upside-Down Brain,” Frontiers of Thought Conference, Porto Alegre, Brazil, November 8th, 2010

- “The Human Mind as an Upside-Down Brain,” The University of Memphis, November 18th, 2010
- “Using Humor to Reverse Engineer the Mind,” NEUPHI at Boston University, December 10th, 2010
- “My Brain Made Me Do It: When Neuroscientists Think They Can Do Philosophy,” Edinburgh University Philosophy Society, December 13th, 2010
- “My Brain Made Me Do It: When Neuroscientists Think They Can Do Philosophy,” Max Weber Lecture, Florence, Italy, December 15th, 2010
- “Using Humor to Reverse Engineer the Mind,” St. Andrews Philosophy Society, Edinburgh, January 25th, 2011
- “My Brain Made Me Do It” Georgia State University, February 7th, 2011
- “The Mind as an Upside-down Brain” Georgia State University, February 8th, 2011
- “Applying the Intentional Stance to non-humans. Can it take the strain?” UCLA mini-symposium “How like us are they?” February 4th, 2011
- “The Mind as an Upside-Down Brain,” 2010-11 Selzer Visiting Distinguished Philosopher Appointment Beloit College Feb 23rd - 25th, 2011
- “Darwin’s ‘strange inversion of reasoning,’” King’s Academy, Madaba, Jordan, April 7th, 2011
- “Reasons and having reasons: anthropocentrism and explanation,” American University of Beirut Conference on The Metaphysics of Evolutionary Naturalism, May 13th, 2011
- “Using Humor to Reverse Engineer the Mind,” Amsterdam Royal Palace Symposium on Consciousness, June 17th 2011
- “Failures of Imagination and the Mystery of Consciousness,” The University of Bucharest, June 22nd, 2011
- Lecturer at Harvard Society for Mind/Brain/Behavior Seminar, November 7th, 2011
- “Failures of Imagination and the ‘Mystery’ of Consciousness,” recipient of the Mind and Brain Prize, Center for Cognitive Science of Turin, Torino, Italy, October 12th, 2011
- “The Evolution of Purposes,” Melbourne University, Australia, November 15th, 2011
- Debate with Raymond Kurzweil, Creative Innovation Conference, Melbourne, Australia, November 16th, 2011
- “If Dinosaurs Evolved into Birds, What Will Religion Evolve into?” Sydney Opera House, Australia, November 20th, 2011
- Lecture at Cognitive Science Colloquium, University of Buffalo, New York, November 30th, 2011.
- “The Tender Trap and the Dogs that Aren’t Barking,” Center for Inquiry Conference: Daniel Dennett and the Scientific Study of Religion, Amherst, New York, December 3rd, 2011.
- [On the Human Forum](#), “Whole-Body Apoptosis and the Meanings of Lives” with comments and replies in an online forum, December 2011.
- “Curiosity,” recipient of an honorary doctorate, University of Amsterdam, January 6th, 2012
- “A confusion about phenomenal consciousness,” SMART Cognitive Science Lectures, University of Amsterdam, January 7th, 2012
- “A confusion about consciousness,” Conference Inaugural du Centre de Sciences Cognitives, Neuchatel, Switzerland, January 11th, 2012

- “Reflections on comparative cognition,” Royal Society Satellite Meeting, Kavli, UK, January 18th, 2012
- “A phenomenal confusion over access consciousness,” King’s College London Philosophy Society, January 20th, 2012
- “The evolution of reasons,” Darwin on the Palouse even, The American Humanist Association, Pullman, WA, February 8th, 2012
- “The evolution of reasons,” 27th Annual Darwin Lecture, University of Calgary, Canada, February 10th, 2012
- “Who *isn’t* an atheist? Don’t ask, don’t tell,” Council for Secular Humanism, Moving Secularism Forward, Orlando, Florida, March 3rd, 2012
- “Free will as moral competence,” Barry Taylor and David Lewis Philosophy Lecture, University of Melbourne, Australia, April 12th, 2012
- Salem State University, Salem, MA, April 19th, 2012
- Cognitive and Brain Sciences lecture, Tufts University, Medford, MA, April 19th, 2012
- Taste of Tufts lecture, sponsored by the Excollege, Tufts University, Medford, MA, April 20th, 2012
- Lecturer at the Harvard Society for Mind, Brain and Behaviour: Spring Symposium, Cambridge, MA, April 27th, 2012
- “Practical and theoretical free will,” Georgetown University, Washington, DC, May 3rd, 2012
- “Practical and theoretical free will,” Oxford Atheist’s Society, Oxford, UK, May 9th, 2012
- “Practical and theoretical free will,” Free Will Conference, School of Philosophy, London, UK, May 10th, 2012
- Lecture at Personal/Subpersonal Distinction conference, London, UK, May 11th, 2012
- “How Darwin and Turing Revolutionized Thinking,” Eton College Wotton’s Society, June 14th, 2012
- “Turing’s ‘strange inversion of reasoning,’” King’s College, Cambridge, UK, June 15th, 2012
- “Properties of conscious experience: another strange inversion,” Plenary lecture at The Fifth International Conference on Cognitive Science, Kaliningrad, Russia, June 20, 2012
- “Hume’s ‘strange inversion’ in consciousness,” Moscow State University, June 21st, 2012
- Book presentation (Dmitry Volkov’s book on Dennett) at Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies, June 21st, 2012
- “A Phenomenal Confusion About Access and Consciousness,” Evolution and Function of Consciousness, Summer Institute, Institute of Cognitive Science, Montreal, June 29th, 2012
- “The Public Face of Cognitive Science,” Tufts Cognitive Science Conference on “Language and Representation,” Tufts University, Medford, MA, September 16th, 2012
- “Nothing-yet-in neuroscience shows we don’t have free will,” Brain Meeting, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, University College, London, September 28th, 2012
- “How cultural evolution shapes human nature,” X International Congress of Ontology: From Elementary Particles to Human Nature, San Sebastian, Spain, October 4th, 2012

- “Free will is not an illusion, and it doesn’t depend at all on physics,” X Chillida-Leku Museum, San Sebastian, Spain, October 6th, 2012
- “How cultural evolution shapes human nature,” X International Congress of Ontology: From Elementary Particles to Human Nature, Barcelona, Spain, October 8th, 2012
- “Turing’s Gradualist Vision: Making Minds from Protominds,” Turing in Context II, Universitaire Stichting, Brussels, October 10th, 2012
- Symposium with Ph.D./Master Students of Royal Netherlands Academy of Science, Amsterdam, November 13th, 2012
- Acceptance Speech, Erasmus Prize Award, Royal Palace, Amsterdam, November 14th, 2012
- “How Darwinian is Cultural Evolution?” Semaine Sperber, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, December 14, 2013.