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*Curriculum Vitae*

**DANIEL C. DENNETT**

**PERSONAL:**

Born, March 28, 1942, Boston.  
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  
Doctor of Humane Letters, Trinity College, Hartford, Ct, 2017

**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  
Books (*Darwin's Dangerous Idea* and *Breaking the Spell*) chosen for  
ISSR Library, 2009  
AAAS Fellow --selected as 2009 Fellow by the American Association  
for the Advancement of Science  
Erasmus Prize, Amsterdam, November, 2012  
Mind and Brain Prize, Center for Cognitive Science of Turin, Torino,  
Italy, October 12th, 2011  
SINe medal, University of Padova, May 19th, 2016  
Award for contribution to Neuroscience and Psychology, INECO  
Committee, Buenos Aires, June 21st, 2016

**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  
The Rudolf Carnap Lectures, Bochum Germany, March 2014

***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  
2001 -Leverhulme Professor, Dept of Philosophy and History of Science,  
London School of Economics  
2011 Visiting Professor, American University of Beirut Department of  
Philosophy  
2011- 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 (resigned, 2016)  
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  
Secular Coalition for America (Fellow)  
Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (Fellow)

**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*; *Rivista di Filosofia*.

**ADVISORY  
BOARDS:**

CFI (Center for Inquiry), Washington, DC, Advisory Board  
Ewha Woman's University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, Hall of  
Consilience Advisory Board  
Lifeboat Foundation Scientific Advisory Board  
CFI Naturalism Project Advisory Board  
Mètode Scientific Board  
SecularityUSA Advisory Board  
Rivista di Filosofia International Advisory Board  
Secular Coalition for America (Fellow)  
Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (Fellow)

**BOOKS ABOUT:**

- Dahlbom, Bo, ed., 1993, *Dennett and his Critics*, Oxford, Blackwell  
*Philosophical Topics*, 1994, *The Philosophy of Daniel Dennett*, **22**, #1 and  
2.  
Ross, Don and Brook, Andrew, 2000, *Dennett=s Philosophy: A  
Comprehensive Assessment*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.  
Brook, Andrew and Ross, Don, eds., 2002, *Daniel Dennett*, Cambridge  
Univ. Press.  
Symons, John, 2002, *On Dennett*, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth  
Miguens, Sofia, 2002, *Uma Teoria Fisicalista do Conteúdo e da  
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.  
Yulina, Nina, 2004, (in Russian) ГОЛОВОЛОМКИ ПРОБЛЕМЫ  
СОЗНАНИЯ: КОНЦЕПЦИЯ ДЭНИЕЛа ДЭНИЕТа (*The  
“Brainstorms” in Philosophy of Mind: Daniel Dennett and his  
Critics*), Moscow: КАНОН.  
Symons, John, 2005, (in French) *Dennett: un naturalisme en chantier*,  
Philosophies Presses Universitaires de France, Paris.  
McCarthy, Joan, 2006, *Dennett and Ricoeur on the Narrative Self*,  
*Contemporary Studies in Philosophy and the Human Sciences*,  
Prometheus Books, July 2007.  
“Leading Figures in Academia Series (1): Daniel C. Dennett,” *American-  
Chinese Society & Culture*, vol. 10, no. 2 (Issue #18) Dec 2007

- Zawidzki, Tadeusz, 2007, *Dennett*, Oneworld publications, Oxford.
- Teixeira, Joao de Fernandes, 2008, *A Mente Segundo Dennett (The Mind According to Dennett)*, Perspectiva, Brazil.
- Thompson, David L. *Daniel Dennett*, Contemporary American Thinkers series, London: Continuum, 2009
- Д.Б. ВоЛкoв, *БOCTOHCкИИ зOМбу: Д. ДЕННЕТ и ЕГO ТЕOPИЯ COЗНАНИЯ*, Dmitry Volkov, *The Zombie from Boston: D. Dennett and his theory of consciousness*, in Russian, URSS Press, 2011.
- Caleiro, Diego, *Simulando Dennett: Ferramentas e construções de um naturalista (Simulating Dennett)*, Sao Paulo 2013
- Content and Consciousness Revisited*, eds. C. Muñoz-Suárez and F. De Brigard, Springer, 2015.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

#### Books:

- Content and Consciousness*, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London, and Humanities Press, New York, 1969 (International Library of Philosophy and Scientific Method).
- Brainstorms: Philosophical Essays on Mind and Psychology*, Bradford Books, 1978.
- The Mind's I: Fantasies and Reflections on Self and Soul*, Co-edited with Douglas Hofstadter, Basic Books, 1981.
- Elbow Room: The Varieties of Free Will Worth Wanting*, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, 1984.
- The Intentional Stance*, MIT Press/A Bradford Book, 1987.
- Consciousness Explained*, Little, Brown, 1991, Penguin, 1992.
- Kinds of Minds*, Basic Books, 1996. Part of the Science Masters Series (also editions in French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Dutch, Finnish, Polish, Rumanian, Hungarian, Hebrew, Turkish, Japanese, Korean, Chinese).
- Brainchildren: Essays on Designing Minds*, MIT Press and Penguin, 1998.
- AZ Intencionalitas Filozofiaja, Philosophy of Intentionality, Selected Papers*, Osiris Kiado publishers, Budapest, a collection of essays, translated by Csaba Pleh into Hungarian, 1998.
- Freedom Evolves*, Allen Lane Publishers, an imprint of Penguin Books, 2003.
- Sweet Dreams: Philosophical Obstacles to a Science of Consciousness*, MIT Press, 2005.
- Breaking the Spell, Religion as a Natural Phenomenon*, Viking Press, 2006.
- Dove nascono le idee*, translated by Francesca Garofoli, Di Renzo Editore, Roma, 2006.
- 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.
- Intuition Pumps and Other Tools for Thinking*, W.W. Norton & Co., NY, 2013; and Penguin Books, UK, 2013.

*Caught in the Pulpit: Leaving Belief Behind*, with Linda LaScola, Amazon.com, 2013, and Pitchstone, 2015.

*From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds*, W.W. Norton & Co., and Penguin, UK, 2017.

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

## 2013

Introduction to Bertrand Russell's *The Conquest of Happiness*, reissued by Liveright Publishing, 2013, pp. ?.

"Kinds of Things—Towards a Bestiary of the Manifest Image," *Scientific Metaphysics*, D. Ross, J. Ladyman and H. Kincaid, eds., Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 96-107.

Letter to *Skeptical Inquirer*, Vol. 37, No. 1, January/February 2013, p. 16.

"Why Some Sea Turtles Migrate," in *This Explains Everything*, ed. John Brockman, 2013, Edge Foundation, Inc., pp. 129-30.

"Talk about the weather," in *New Statesman*, 31 May – 6 June, pp. 26-7.

Turing's Strange Inversion of Reasoning," *Cybertalk, Alan Turing Centenary Year Commemorative Edition*, Issue #3, September 2013, pp. 35-8.

"Expecting ourselves to expect: The Bayesian brain as a projector," commentary on Clark "Whatever Next? Predictive brains, situated agents, and the future of cognitive science," *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, pp209-10, BBS (2013) 36, 181–253.

"Turing's 'Strange Inversion of Reasoning,'" *Alan Turing: His Work and Impact*, S.

B. Cooper, J. van Leeuwen eds., Elsevier, 2013, pp. 569-573; translated into Portuguese, 2016.

"The normal, well-tempered mind," in *Thinking*, ed. John Brockman, Harper Perennial, 2013, pp. 1-18.

"Dennett on Wieseltier v. Pinker in the New Republic," *Edge.org*, September 10, 2013.

Foreword to *Millikan and Her Critics*, eds. D. Ryder, J. Kingsbury, K. Williford, Wiley-Blackwell, 2013, pp. ix-xii.

## 2014

"Artifactual Selves: a Response to Lynn Rudder Baker," for *Phenomenology and Cognitive Sciences* Special Issue, forthcoming in 2014.

"The Evolution of Reasons," in *Contemporary Philosophical Naturalism and Its Implications*, eds. B. Bashour and H.D. Muller, Routledge, 2014, pp. 47-62.

"Reflections on *Free Will*, Review of Sam Harris' *Free Will*, Free Press, 2012, online at [www.naturalism.org](http://www.naturalism.org), January 2014.

"What Is Dreaming for, If Anything?" in *Dream Consciousness: Alan Hobson's New Approach to the Brain and Its Mind*, ed. N. Tranquillo, Springer, 2014, pp. 113-17 and (Alan Hobson's comment) 251-6.

- "Living without the internet for a couple of weeks," in *What Should We Be Worried About?* ed. John Brockman, Harper Perennial, 2014, pp. 14-16.
- "Dennett on Normativity," August 25th, 2014.
- "Commentary on Kamphorst and Kalis" in *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, 76/2014, p.583. This paper is a response to "Lectur en repliek - Erasmus: Sometimes a Spin Doctor is Right - Why Having One's Rationality Openly Exploited Might Be Considered Manipulation," by Bart Kamphorst and Annemarie Kalis (Utrecht), *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, 76/2014, p. 579-82.
- "The Software/Wetware Distinction: Comment on "Unifying approaches from cognitive neuroscience and comparative cognition" by W Tecumseh Fitch," *Physics of Life Reviews*, 2014, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.plrev.2014.05.009>.
- "Artifactual Selves: a Response to Lynn Rudder Baker," *Phenomenology and Cognitive Sciences*, March 2014, DOI 10.1007/s11097-014-9359-x.
- "The Evolution of Reasons," in *Contemporary Philosophical Naturalism and Its Implications*, eds. B. Bashour and H.D. Muller, Routledge, 2014, pp. 47-62.
- "Reflections on Free Will, Review of Sam Harris' Free Will, Free Press, 2012, online at [www.naturalism.org](http://www.naturalism.org), January 2014.
- Foreword to *Richard Rorty: Mind, Language, and Metaphilosophy*, eds. J. Tartaglia and S. Leach, Cambridge University Press, 2014, p. vii.
- "If I Ruled the World," *Prospect Magazine*, February 2014. "Seduced by Tradition," in *Moral Psychology: Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, ed. W. Sinnott-Armstrong, MIT Press, 2014, pp. 75-80.

## 2015

- "What is the ontological status of the mind?" an entry in *Gavagai Philosophy Journal*, periodiko 135 teliko 1, 2015, p. 208.
- Foreword to *Content and Consciousness Revisited*, eds. C. Muñoz-Suárez and F. De Brigard, Springer, 2015, pp. v-x.
- "Not Just a Fine Trip Down Memory Lane: Comments on the Essays on *Content and Consciousness*," Chapter 11, *Content and Consciousness Revisited*, eds. C. Muñoz-Suárez and F. De Brigard, Springer, 2015, pp. 199-220.
- Preface to the New Edition of *Elbow Room*, MIT Press, 2015, pp. ix-xii.
- "Which Contemporary Habits Will Be Most Unthinkable 100 Years From Now,?" *The Atlantic*, June 2015 issue.
- "My Year at CASBS," The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University online newsletter, February 2015.
- "What Neuroscience will tell us about Moral Responsibility" for Rome Parliament discussion, January 2015, forthcoming publication.
- "Secularists: We're Fine Without God. Thanks," letter to the editor, *The New York Times*, February 5th, 2015.
- Foreword to *Life Driven Purpose* by Dan Barker, Pitchstone Publishing, Durham, NC, 2015, pp. 11-14.
- "Our Transparent Future: No secret is safe in the digital age. The implications for our institutions are downright Darwinian," with Deb Roy, *Scientific American*, March 2015, Volume 312, Issue 3, pp. 32-27.

"Why the Future of Religion is Bleak." *The Wall Street Journal*, April 26, 2015.

"The singularity--an urban legend?" *What to think about machines that think*, ed.

John Brockman, Harper Collins, 2015, pp. 85-88.

"The Friar's Fringe of Consciousness," *Structures in the mind: essays on language, music, and cognition in honor of Ray Jackendoff*, eds. I.

Toivonen, P. Csuri, E. Van Der Zee, 2015, pp. 371-8.

"Why and How Does Consciousness Seem the Way it Seems?" In T. Metzinger &

J.M. Windt (Eds). *Open MIND: 10(T)*. Frankfurt am Main: MIND Group. doi: 10.15502/9783958570245.

"How our Belief in Qualia Evolved, and Why We Care so much - A Reply to David H. Baßler." In T. Metzinger & J. M. Windt (Eds). *Open MIND: 10(R)*. Frankfurt am Main: MIND Group. doi:

10.15502/9783958570665.

"A Vision of Life, in Molecular Detail," with N. Renedo and P. Forber, commentary on Dawkins "This is my Vision of Life," on Edge.org, April 2015.

## 2016

Letter to the Editor, *Times Literary Supplement*, No. 5927, November 4th, 2016, p.6.

"Authority and Skepticism," *Skeptical Inquirer*, September/October 2016, Vol. 40, No. 5, 40th Anniversary Issue, p. 54.

Afterword for Richard Dawkins' *The God Delusion 10th anniversary edition*, Penguin Random House, 2016, pp. 421-6.

"What is the Bandwidth of Perceptual Experience?" with Michael Cohen and Nancy Kanwisher, *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, May 2016, Vol. 20, No. 5, pp. 324-35, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tics.2016.03.006>.

"What to Do While Religions Evolve before Our Very Eyes," *The Philosophy of Philip Kitcher*, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 273-82.

"Donald Trump: reflections on the chaos," *Times Literary Supplement online*, November 10, 2016.

"Illusionism as the Obvious Default Theory of Consciousness," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 23, No. 11-12, 2016, pp. 65-72.

"Why did HAL commit murder? (Part 3 and Final)," *AIQS News*, 75, December 2016, pp. 39-43.

## 2017

"Fake News Isn't The Greatest Threat To Democracy. Total Transparency Is." *Huffington Post*, March 31st, 2017.

"Darwin and the Overdue Demise of Essentialism," in D.L. Smith (ed.) *How Biology Shapes Philosophy: New Foundations for Naturalism*, Cambridge University Press, 2017, pp. 9-22.

"Philosophy as the Las Vegas of Rational Inquiry," for *Free Inquiry magazine special issue*.



"Jonathan Bennett's *Rationality*," in E. Schliesser (ed.) *Ten Neglected Classics*, Oxford University Press, pp. 256-71.

***Recent Interviews:***

Interviewed by Nick Spencer, in *Third Way*, Jul/Aug 2013, pp. 2-7. Interviewed for *A Better Life: 100 Atheists Speak Out on Joy and Meaning in a World Without God*, forthcoming in 2014.

An interview in *Science and Religion: 5 Questions*, ed. Gregg D. Caruso, Automatic Press, 2014, pp. 55-8.

Interview by Carey Goldberg for *WBUR's CommonHealth*, August 7th, 2014.

Interviewed at BIG THINK, New York City, February 7th, 2017.

Interview in *The Guardian*, February 12th, 2017.

***Selected Recent Reviews:***

of Eytan Avital and Eva Jablonka, *Animal Traditions: Behavioural Inheritance in Evolution*, Cambridge University Press, 2000, in *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*, Vol. 15, Issue 2, pp. 332-4, March, 2002.

of Daniel Wegner, *Making Ourselves at Home in Our Machines: The Illusion of Conscious Will*, MIT Press, 2002, in *Journal of Mathematical Psychology* 47 (2003) 101-104.

of *Radiant Cool* (MIT Press) by Dan Lloyd and *Love and Other Games of Chance* (Penguin) by Lee Siegel for *Times Literary Supplement* Books of the Year, December 5, 2003, p. 9.

of Kim Sterelny, *Thought in a hostile world: the evolution of human cognition*, "An evolutionary perspective on cognition: through a glass lightly," in *Stud. Hist. Phil. Biol. & Biomed. Sci.*, Elsevier, 35 (2004) 721-7.

of Nicholas Humphrey, "Seeing Red: A Study in Consciousness," "A daring reconnaissance of red territory," *Brain* (2007), 130, 592-5.

of Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion*, in *Free Inquiry*, "Off Come the Gloves," Dec 2006/Jan 2007, vol 27, No. 1, pp. 64-6.

of Owen Flanagan, *The Really Hard Problem: Meaning in a Material World*, in *The Philosophical Review*, volume 118, Number 3, July 2009, pp. 402-6.

of *The Anatomy of Violence: The biological roots of crime*, by Adrian Raine, in *Prospect*, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, pp. 64-8.

of Terrence Deacon's *Incomplete Nature: How Mind Emerged From Matter*, in *The Quarterly Review of Biology*, vol. 88, No. 4, December 2013, pp. 321-4.

***SELECTED RECENT COLLOQUIA  
AND INVITED LECTURES:***

"Technology, Reason, and the Future of Morality," Effective Altruism, Tufts University, February 29th, 2016.

- “Consciousness and the Brain: Replacing the ‘Hard Problem’ with the Hard Question,” Hans-Lukas Teuber Lecture, MIT, March 3rd, 2016.
- "NEW IDEAS: 5 of Dennett's Favorite Thinkers," A symposium in honor of Dan Dennett (emcee, introductory and concluding remarks), Tufts University, March 4th, 2016.
- "Free will is as real as colors, promises and euros," Philharmonie Haarlem, Amsterdam, March 11th, 2016.
- "The ‘Final Battle’ with Dennett, Swaab, Lamme, and Slors in debate," Philharmonie Haarlem, Amsterdam, March 11th, 2016.
- "Free will is as real as colors, promises and euros," Radboud University, Nijmegen, March 12th, 2016.
- "Ontology, Science, and the Evolution of the Manifest Image," New College of the Humanities, London, March 14th, 2016.
- "Strange Inversions," New College of the Humanities, London, March 17th, 2016.
- "The De-Darwinization of Cultural Evolution," New College of the Humanities, London, March 17th, 2016.
- "Neuroscience and moral competence," British Academy, London, March 23rd, 2016.
- "Hume’s Strange Inversion: How we got our Manifest Image," New College of the Humanities, London, March 23rd, 2016.
- “Consciousness: whose user illusion is it?” New College of the Humanities Mind and Brain Prize Conference, London, March 26th, 2016.
- “Implications from Neuroscience to Public Policy,” Neuroethics Conference, University of Padova, School of Psychology, May 19th, 2016.
- Discussant, CIFAR meeting, "Biomarkers of Consciousness", London, May 24th, 2016.
- Discussant, "A Tribute to Dennett's Consciousness" with Dehaene and Quiroga, 20th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC), Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 17th, 2016.
- “A Magician’s View of Consciousness,” “New challenges in the field of Cognitive Neuroscience,” a satellite meeting of the ASSC organized by INECO, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 21st, 2016.
- "Responses to the New Transparency," TED Summit, Banff, Canada, June 28th, 2016.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: the Evolution of Minds," Event to Benefit the Secular Coalition for America, Norwalk, CT, September 10th, 2016.
- "Consciousness: Whose User Illusion is it?" University of Maryland Cognitive Science Colloquium, September 22nd, 2016.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: the Evolution of Minds," George Washington University Mind-Brain Institute, September 23rd, 2016.
- “Consciousness: A Magic Show without a Theater,” British Consulate (New College of the Humanities), New York City, October 4th, 2016.
- “Has the dam broken? Omens and worries,” Freedom from Religion Foundation Convention, October 8th, 2016.
- Guest lecturer, Deb Roy’s Machine Learning, Society & Autonomy class, MIT, Nov 1st, 2016.
- “From Bacteria to Bach and Back: the Evolution of Minds,” University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana, November 10th, 2016.
- “A Magician’s View of Consciousness,” University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana, November 11th, 2016.
- "Memes Saved from Extinction," New College of the Humanities public talk, London, January 17th, 2017.
- "Information and Design," New College of the Humanities, London, January 19th, 2017.
- "The Irrelevance of Determinism to Free Will," New College of the Humanities, London, January 23rd, 2017.

- "The Hard Question of Consciousness," New College of the Humanities, London, January 24th, 2017.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds," Google Cambridge, February 6th, 2017.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds," Harvard Book Store at Brattle Theater with Dan Gilbert, Cambridge, February 6th, 2017.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds," Secret Science Club at the Bell House, Brooklyn, NY, February 7th, 2017.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds," Google NYC, February 8th, 2017.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds," Free Library of Philadelphia with Adam Gopnick, February 9th, 2017.
- Guest lecturer, Tufts University Cognitive and Brain Science course, February 15th, 2017.
- "Haptic Whittles," a gallery showing of Dennett's sculptures at Underdonk, Brooklyn, NY, February 11th - March 26th, 2017.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds," Intelligence Squared, Westminster, UK, February 20th, 2017
- "If our brains are computers, who designs the software?" Royal Institution, London, February 21st, 2017.
- "From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds," Bristol Festival of Ideas, UK, February 22nd, 2017.
- Guest lecturer, Prof. Ken Garden's religion class (After God: Atheism and Secularism), Tufts University, April 5th, 2017.
- Led a Jeffersonian dinner on free will, TED conference, Vancouver, April 26th, 2017.
- "Truth and Transparency," Commencement Address to the 2017 Graduating class of Trinity College, May 21st, 2017.