

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Degrees

Ph.D. Practical Philosophy, Lund University, Sweden, 2009

B.A. degree, Practical Philosophy, Lund University, Sweden 2003

Studies

Ph-D thesis in practical philosophy 2009, Lund University

Master-thesis in cognitive science 2003, Lund University

Master-thesis in practical philosophy 2002, Lund University

Bachelor thesis in practical philosophy 2002, Lund University

Bachelor thesis in theoretical philosophy, 2001, Lund University

One semester of literary studies, fall 1998, Halmstad University

Studies in practical and theoretical philosophy and cognitive science, Lund University, Sweden 1999-2003

Ph-D student in practical philosophy 2003-2009

Positions

Ph.D. student, practical philosophy, the Department of Philosophy, Lund University 2003-2009

Recognised student, the Department of Philosophy, Oxford 2007

Publications:

Hedonism as the Explanation of Value, Doctorial Thesis, Lund University 2009

Estetiskt värde, värderande responser in "Litteraturens Värden", (ed. Anders Mortensen), Brutus Östlings Förlag Symposium, 2009 (*Aesthetic Value, Evaluating Responses*, in "The Values of Literature")

Pleasure in the motivational system - Towards an Empirically Responsible Theory of Value, in "Proceedings of the Lund-Rutgers conference" (ed. Martin Jönsson), Lund Philosophy Reports 2008:1

Pleasure and the Phenomenology of Value in "Patterns of Value - Essays on Formal Axiology and Value Analysis vol. 2" (eds. Rabinowicz and Rönnow-Rasmussen), Lund Philosophy Reports 2004:1 (Under the name David Bengtsson)

The Nature of Explanation in a Theory of Consciousness, Lund University Cognitive Studies 106, 2003 (Under the name David Bengtsson)

The Intrinsic Value of Pleasure Experiences, in "Patterns of Value - Essays on Formal Axiology and Value Analysis" (eds. Rabinowicz and Rönnow-Rasmussen), Lund Philosophy Reports 2003:1 (Under the name David Bengtsson)

Teaching merits:

Course director, lecturer, Hedonism, autumn 2007-08
Lecturer, Advanced Course in Value Theory, autumn 2007
Lecturer/Discussion-leader, Value Theory autumn 2006
Course director, lecturer, Hedonism, spring 2004
Mentor (Supplementary Instructions Program) for undergraduate students in practical philosophy 2002-2003

All at the Department of Philosophy, Lund University

Talks and posters:

2009

Seminar at the Philosophy Department, Uppsala University, March. Talk: *Neurometaethics*

Seminar at the Philosophy Department, Stockholm University, March. Talk: *Neurometaethics*, commentator Björn Eriksson

Book Symposium on "Litteraturens Värden" ("The Values of Literature") SOL centrum, Lund University, March. Talk: *Estetiskt Värde, Värderande Responser* (Aesthetic Value, Evaluating Responses)

Defense of Ph.D thesis, Lund, September: *Hedonism as the Explanation of Value*, Commentator: Professor Roger Crisp, September

Seminar at the Department of clinical neurophysiology, Sahlgrenska, Göteborg, October. Talk: *Value-theory meets affective neuroscience – and then what happens*
Talk for the Department of clinical epidemiology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm. November:: *Njutningen, värdena, forskningen* (The Pleasure, The Values, The Research)

Talk at the meeting for the Homosexual Physicians of Sweden, November: *Njutningen, Värdena, Forskningen* (The pleasure, The Values, The Research)

2008

Joint Workshop Lund-Rutgers, Lund, January. Talk: *Pleasure in the motivational system*, Commentator: Stephen Stich

2007

OFMH 2007, Symposium: Neuroethics, may 2007, Oxford University, participation only

Neuroethics workshop, the Uehiro centre for practical ethics, March, participation only

Seminar at the Philosophy Department, Oxford University, May. Talk: *Naturalist Hedonism and the explanation of value*

2006

Seminar at SOL, Lund University, January. Talk: *on Literary Value-theory and David Hume's "On the standard of taste"* (with Anders Mortensen)

Seminar at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, March. Talk: *Pleasure, Desire and the explanation of value*

Lecture at the Philosophy Café, Lund, May. Talk: *Sex och Filosofi* (Sex and Philosophy)

Joint Workshop Lund-Reading, Lund, May: Talk: *Pleasure, Desire and the explanation of value*

Joint Session, the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Southampton, July. Talk: *The Hedonic Connection*

Seminar at the Department of Philosophy of Stockholm University, November, Talk: *Pleasure and Desire: the hedonic connection*

2005

Filosofidagarna, June, Uppsala, Sweden. Talk: *Hedonism, Förklaring och Värde* (*Hedonism, Explanation and Value*)

Imagining the Work of the Brain –Neuroethics, June, Sandhamn, Sweden, participation only

Towards a Science of Consciousness, Copenhagen, August. Talk: *Value Theory meets Affective Neuroscience. And then what happens?*

ECAP5, Lissabon, August. Talk: *Hedonism, Explanation and Value*

2004

Towards a Science of Consciousness 2004, Tucson, USA, April. Poster: *Experiencing valuably – a Value-theoretical view on consciousness*

Workshop, value-theory, SCASS Uppsala, Sweden, April. Talk: *Pleasure and the phenomenology of value*

Mini-workshop about hedonism, with Fred Feldman, Lund, Sweden, December. Talk: *Internally Liked Experiences – A reply to Feldman*

Seminars:

One of the initiative takers to a cross-disciplinary seminar in philosophy and cognitive science at the philosophy department in Lund, 2004/2005

Presentations and participation at the higher seminar in practical philosophy, Lund 2003-2009

Participation in the higher seminar in cognitive science, Lund 2003

Participation in the moral philosophy seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2007

Presentation and participation in the James Martin Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2007

Participation in the higher seminar Stockholm University 2008-2009

Positions as elected representative:

Graduate student representative, Faculty of humanities graduate student assembly, 2005-present

Graduate student representative, the equal treatment group, Department of philosophy 2004-2006

Substitute graduate student representative, the Board of the Philosophy Department at Lund University, 2005-2006

Other assignments:

Secretary of the Philosophical Society, Lund 2005-2006

Treasurer, the Philosophical Society, Lund 2006-2007

The Philosophical Society organizes public lectures by well-known domestic and foreign philosophers. One of my responsibilities was to invite lecturers and organize their stay in Lund, and to organize dinners in connection to their talks.

Doctoral thesis:

Short summary: I develop a naturalist version of hedonism, in which naturalist theories of meaning and reference and findings in the affective sciences (psychology, emotion theory, affective neuroscience), i.e. the role of pleasure in the human motivational and evaluative system, is taken as support of a version of hedonism.

My doctoral thesis was written within the project "Philosophical theories about value", led by professor Wlodek Rabinowicz and financed by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation,

Scholarships:

Erik och Gurli Hultengrens fond för filosofi

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Stiftelsen Fil dr. Uno Otterstedts fond for främjande av vetenskaplig undervisning och forskning

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STINT, 2006, for a 4 month stay as a recognised student at the University of Oxford