

# Jacob Browning

Curriculum Vitae

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## Areas of Specialization

History and Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Modern, Philosophy of Mind

## Areas of Competence

Ethics of Digital Technologies, Cognitive Science, History of Philosophy

## Positions

Visiting Scientist, New York University Computer Science Department	2021-24
Post-Doctoral Associate, New York University Center for Data Science Berggruen/Templeton World Charity Fellow	2019-21
Visiting Researcher, MIT Brain and Cognitive Science Berggruen/Templeton World Charity Fellow	2019

## Education

PhD, Philosophy The New School for Social Research Dissertation: "Inventing Perceptual Content: The Given from Kant to McDowell"	2018
M.A., Philosophy The New School for Social Research	2011
B.A., Religion Pepperdine University	2003

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Why Twitter Does Not Gamify Communication" Co-authored with Zed Adams. <i>Inquiry</i>	2023
"Language, Common Sense, and the Winograd Schema Challenge" Co-authored with Yann LeCun. <i>Artificial Intelligence</i>	2023
"Personhood and AI: Why Large Language Models Don't Understand Us" <i>Artificial Intelligence and Society</i>	2023
"The History of Qualia and C.I. Lewis's Role in It" <i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i>	2023
"Putting Explainable AI in Context" Co-authored with Mark Theunissen. <i>Ethics of Information Technology</i>	2022
"C.I. Lewis: Pragmatist or Reductivist?" <i>International Journal of Philosophical Studies</i>	2022
"Kant and the Determinacy of Intuition" <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i>	2022
"The Pittsburgh Kantians: Bandom, Conant, Haugeland and McDowell on Kant" <i>History of Philosophy &amp; Logical Analysis</i>	2021
"Meier, Reimarus, and Kant on Animal Minds" <i>Kantian Review</i>	2021
"How Color Qualia Became a Problem" Co-authored with Zed Adams. <i>Journal of Consciousness Studies</i>	2020
"McDowell and the Contents of Intuition" <i>dialectica: A Journal of Analytic Philosophy</i>	2019

## Other Academic Publications

"Neural Networks" Co-authored with Joseph Lemelin. <i>Handbook on the Aesthetics of Machine Vision.</i>	2024
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<b>“Intentionality All-Stars Redux: Do language models understand what they’re talking about?”</b>	2024
<i>Communicating with AI</i> . Oxford University Press	
<b>Review of Carlos Montemayor’s <i>The Prospects of a Humanitarian AI</i></b>	2023
<i>AI &amp; Society</i>	
<b>“Kant’s Canon: ‘The Philosopher Must Not Increase the Principles of Cognition without Cause’”</b>	2022
<i>Rethinking Kant</i> . Cambridge University Press	
<b>Review of Daniel Baumeister’s <i>Kant on the Rational Animal: Anthropology, Ethics, Race</i></b>	2022
<i>Kantian Review</i>	
<b>“Philosophy and Science of Color in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”</b>	2021
Co-authored with Zed Adams. In <i>A Cultural History of Color in the Modern Age</i> . Bloomsbury	
<b>“Introduction to <i>Giving a Damn</i>”</b>	2017
Co-authored with Zed Adams. In <i>Giving a Damn: Essays in Dialogue with John Haugeland</i> .	
<b><u>Edited Volumes</u></b>	
<b><i>Giving a Damn: Essays in Dialogue with John Haugeland</i>.</b>	
Co-edited with Zed Adams. MIT Press	2017
<b><u>Popular Press Publications</u></b>	
<b>“AI Chatbots Don’t Care About Your Social Norms”</b>	2023
Co-authored with Yann LeCun. <i>Noema Magazine</i>	
<b>“AI And the Limits of Language”</b>	2022
Co-authored with Yann LeCun. <i>Noema Magazine</i>	
<b>“What AI Can Tell Us About Intelligence”</b>	2022
Co-authored with Yann LeCun. <i>Noema Magazine</i>	
<b>“A Whiggish History of Computer Vision”</b>	2021
Co-Developed with Philipp Schmitt.	
<b>“Making Common Sense”</b>	2021
<i>Noema Magazine</i>	
<b>“What Computers can Explain about how Humans Learn”</b>	2021
<i>Public Seminar</i>	
<b>“Learning without Thought”</b>	2020
<i>Noema Magazine</i>	
<b>“Timeline of AI”</b>	2020
Co-Developed with Philipp Schmitt. <i>Uncanny Valley: AI Art</i> . De Young Gallery Press	
<b><u>Presentations (Selected)</u></b>	
<b>“The Right Response, Not Just the Most Likely: The Limits of Minimizing Error Prediction for Training Large Language Models”</b>	2023
International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry at Illinois Tech	
<b>“Yes, Language Models Need Sensory Grounding”</b>	2023
Philosophy of Deep Learning Workshop at New York University	
<b>“Two Models of Understanding—and Two Ways of Representing the World”</b>	2023
“AI and the Barriers to Meaning Working Group” at Santa Fe Institute	
<b>“Intentionality All-Stars Redux: Do language models understand what they’re talking about?”</b>	2023
AI and Humanity Lab, University of Hong Kong	
<b>“Is Twitter a Game? Gamification and Social Media”</b>	2023
Co-authored with Zed Adams. Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology	

- “Objectivity in Practice: Disenchanted AI”** 2022  
 Co-authored with Mark Theunissen. East European Network for Philosophy of Science
- “Wittgenstein’s Woodsellers and Apparently Irrational AI”** 2022  
 Co-authored with Mark Theunissen. Wittgenstein and AI Conference at New College of the Humanities

### Courses Taught (Selected)

Introduction to Philosophy	Great Books I & II
Critical Thinking	Social and Political Philosophy
Ethics	Ancient Philosophy
Ethics of Information Technology	Modern Philosophy
Medical Ethics	Philosophy of Law

### Fellowships and Awards

<b>Berggruen/Templeton World Charity Research Fellowship</b> MIT University and New York University	2019-21
<b>List Holocaust Memorial Dissertation Fellowship</b> New School for Social Research	2016-7
<b>Teaching Fellowship</b> New School for Public Engagement	2017
<b>Research Assistantship</b> New School for Social Research	2011-16
<b>Tuition Scholarship</b> New School for Social Research	2007-11

### Referee Service

*Philosophical Studies*  
*Erkenntnis*  
*Filozofia Nauki*

### Public Consulting

- “The Future of Generative AI”**  
 Policy Horizons Social Foresight, Canadian Government Report
- “Plagiarism Engine: Google’s Content-Swiping AI Could Break the Internet”**  
 Avram Piltch, *Tom’s Hardware*
- “Why are the people who pushed for artificial intelligence now signing so many doomsday manifestos?”**  
 Jordi Pérez Colomé, *El País*

### Languages

**German** – Proficient Reading Knowledge  
**Ancient Greek** – Competent Reading Knowledge

### Academic References

**Zed Adams, Associate Professor** — The New School for Social Research  
[AdamsZ@newschool.edu](mailto:AdamsZ@newschool.edu) (212) 229-5707 x3020

**Jay M. Bernstein, University Distinguished Professor** — The New School for Social Research  
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**Yann LeCun, Silver Professor** — New York University  
[Yann@cs.nyu.edu](mailto:Yann@cs.nyu.edu) (212) 998-3283

### Teaching References

**Ruth Maher, Adjunct Associate Professor** — William Paterson University  
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