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About

I am a Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy. I work primarily on issues at the intersection of philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology, and epistemology. For more information, please visit [my personal webpage \(https://sites.google.com/site/spenermaja/\)](https://sites.google.com/site/spenermaja/).

Qualifications

- PhD, Philosophy, King's College London, 2003
- M.Phil, Philosophy, King's College London, 1997
- B.A., University of Oxford, 1995

Biography

Before coming to Birmingham, I was a Jacobsen Research Fellow at the University College London, a Junior Research Fellow at St Catherine's College, Oxford, a temporary lecturer in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, and a post-doc at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Postgraduate supervision

I am happy to supervise postgraduate work in philosophy of mind and psychology, and a range of areas in epistemology (especially self-knowledge, perceptual justification and knowledge, and disagreement).

Research

My research mainly concerns issues in philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology and epistemology. Recently, I have focused on the nature and extent of introspective knowledge and the proper use of introspective data in philosophical and scientific theorizing about the conscious mind. I am also interested in questions about methodology in philosophy and scientific psychology more generally, such as how to reconcile personal-level with subpersonal-level theorizing. Other current research activities concern the distinction between general and specific abilities, and the notion of intuition or intuitive judgment.

Publications

- "Moderate Scepticism about Introspection", *Philosophical Studies* forthcoming.
- "Mind-Independence and Visual Phenomenology". In Smithies, D. & Stoljar, D. (eds.): *Introspection and Consciousness* (OUP, 2011).
- "Disagreement about Cognitive Phenomenology". In Bayne, T. & Montague, M. (eds.): *Cognitive Phenomenology* (OUP, 2011).
- "Using First-Person Data", *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 18, 2011: 165-179.
- "Expecting Phenomenology", *Behavioural and Brain Sciences* 30, 2007: 526-527.