

## Matthew Fulkerson, *curriculum vitae*

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### Contact Information

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**Specialization:** Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science

**Competence:** Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Moral Psychology

### Employment:

- **Assistant Professor**  
University of California, San Diego, July 2012–
- **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
University of British Columbia, 2010-2012

### Education:

- **University of Toronto**  
Ph.D in Philosophy, 2010  
Dissertation: *The Sense of Touch*  
Committee: Mohan Matthen (chair), Diana Raffman, Evan Thompson,  
Susanna Siegel (external)
- **The Ohio State University**  
Ph.D program in Philosophy and Cognitive Science, 2004-2006
- **Tufts University**  
M.A. in Philosophy, 2003
- **University of Maine, Farmington**  
B.A. in Philosophy and English (with honors), 2000

## **Publications:**

Book:

- ***The First Sense: The Nature of Human Touch***  
Under contract with MIT Press

Articles:

- **“Touch Without Touching”**  
*Philosopher’s Imprint* (2012)
- **“The Unity of Haptic Touch”**  
*Philosophical Psychology* (2011)
- **“What Counts as Touch?”** In *Perception and its Modalities*, edited by Matthen, Stokes, and Biggs: OUP. (forthcoming)
- **“Explaining Multisensory Experience”** In *Consciousness Inside and Out: Phenomenology, Neuroscience, and the Nature of Experience*, edited by Richard Brown: Springer. (forthcoming)

## **Presentations:**

- **Affective Qualities**  
(with Murat Aydede), 64th NW Conference in Philosophy  
Oregon State University, Oct 2012
- **Perceptual Affect: A Critique and a Proposal**  
(with Murat Aydede), Workshop on Pain, Unpleasantness, and Motivation,  
University of Glasgow, May 2012
- **Touch Without Touching**  
UMass, Boston, Feb 2011
- **Touch Without Touching**  
Department Colloquium, UBC, Oct 2010
- **The Unity of Touch**  
Perception Beyond Vision Workshop, Harvard, Nov 2009
- **Skillful Action and the Concept of Knowledge**  
Canadian Society for Epistemology, Oct 2009
- **The Puzzle of Multisensory Experience**  
Western CPA, University of Regina, Oct 2009

- **Multisensory Experience and the Unity of Touch**  
The Senses: Interdisciplinary Research Workshop, Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris, June 2009
- **Explanation, Reduction, and Autonomy**  
SUNY Buffalo Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Science, April 2007

**Honors and Awards:**

- George Paxton Young Memorial Prize in Philosophy, Fall 2008
- Dean's Essay Prize for "Tactual Reference," (awarded best essay by a graduate student in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Toronto for AY 2006-2007)
- Gordon Cheeseborough Graduate Fellowship, 2006-2007
- University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship, 2006-2010
- Tufts University Philosophy Fellowship, 2002

**Service:**

- **Referee**, *Erkenntnis*, *Mind*, *Biology and Philosophy*
- **Editorial Board Member**, referee for *Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science*, starting 2009
- **Research Associate**, Jackman Humanities Institute Working Group in Cognitive Science, 2009
- **Organizer**, 2-day workshop on the psychology of touch with speaker Dr. Susan Lederman, Canadian Research Chair in Psychology at Queen's University, University of Toronto, May 2009
- **Graduate Student Union Representative** for the Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2006-2008
- **Member**, Consortium for the History and Philosophy of Biology, University of Toronto, 2007-2010
- **Member**, Research Group in Philosophy of Perception, University of Toronto, 2006-2010

**Courses Taught:**

- **PHIL 441: Spatial Perception**  
Winter 2012, UBC

- **PHIL 451: Philosophy of Mind**  
Winter 2012, UBC
- **PHIL 441: The Senses**  
Winter 2011, UBC; Summer 20120, Toronto
- **PHIL 240: Knowledge and Reality**  
Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Fall 2011, UBC
- **PHLC72: Seminar: Scientific Explanation**  
Winter 2009, Toronto (Scarborough Campus)
- **PHI 341: Freedom, Responsibility, and Human Action**  
Summer 2008, Toronto (St. George Campus)