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Personal

Born July 2, 1982; married to Whitney Anne Trettien

Education

Harvard University
Visiting Graduate Student (2008 – 2009)
GPA = 4.0 (two courses taken)

Brandeis University
Master of Science, Neuroscience (2007 – 2008)
GPA = 3.86

University of Maryland, College Park
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy (2005 – 2007)
Major GPA = 4.0; Overall GPA = 3.63

St. John's College, Annapolis
Transferred (2005)

Honors

Honors thesis, "Three Normative Conceptions of Mechanisms: Their Descriptive and Explanatory Adequacy." Prof. Lindley Darden (advisor).

Schlaretzki Prize, awarded to the "most outstanding" student in the UMD Philosophy Department

Publications

In Progress:

Emerging Technologies and the Future of Philosophy (under review).ⁱ

Contemporary and Historical Explanations with Mechanisms (under review).ⁱⁱ

Peer-reviewed:

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. **(forthcoming)** Risk Mysterianism and Cognitive Boosters. *Journal of Future Studies* (August issue).

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Review of *Minds and Computers*. *Techne: Research in Philosophy and Technology*. 14(2). URL = <http://secure.pdcnet.org/pdc/bvdb.nsf/toc?openform&journal=pdc_techne&yearrange=2003%20-%202010&category=0014_0002_2010#0014_0002_2010>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2009. Transhumanism, Progress and the Future. *Journal of Evolution and Technology* 20(2): 49-69.

Torres, Phillip. 2009. A Modified Conception of Mechanisms. *Erkenntnis* 71(2): 223-251. (Prior publishing name.)

Magazines:

Verdoux, Philippe. 2009. The Christian Cave of Shadows. *American Atheist*. Nov./Dec. Issue.

Internet:

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Why “Why Transhumanism Won’t Work” Won’t Work. *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100624/>>. PDF available here: URL = <<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/44109322/?key=NTIwMWExMmUt&pass=ZTE2OS00ZDdh>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Will All Posthumans Be Atheists? *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100601/>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Blue Skies and Existential Risks. *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100407/#When:18:49:29Z>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. (Post)Human Relations. *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100329/>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Is Progress always progress? *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100520/>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Scientific Fallibilism and SETI. *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100506/>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. The Plastic Elastic Cyborg. *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100428/>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Human Evolution and Technology: From Prosimian to Posthuman. *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100416/#When:18:14:24Z>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. If Only We Were Smarter! *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*.

URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100320/>>.

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. What are “Biological Limitations” Anyway? *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100218/>

Verdoux, Philippe. 2010. Might Cognitive Enhancement Technologies Actually Make Us Dumber? *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20100113/>>

Verdoux, Philippe. 2009. Rational Capitulationism. *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. URL = <<http://ieet.org/index.php/IEET/more/verdoux20091228/>>

Torres, Phillip. 2008. Problems with Transhumanism. Published in the 74th *Philosopher's Carnival*. URL = <<http://enigmatically.blogspot.com/2008/07/74th-philosophers-carnival.html>>

Torres, Phillip. 2008. A Post of Combinatorial Creativity. Published in the 73rd *Philosopher's Carnival*. URL = <http://megankime.blogspot.com/2008/07/philosophers-carnival_14.html>

2006. Corrective Technology. Published on *Get Underground* (online music and pop-culture magazine)

Undergraduate:

Torres, Phillip. 2007. Darden, Kuhn and Mendelism. *Ex Nihilo* (Spring 2007)

Torres, Phillip. 2006. Naturalized and Normative Epistemologies: Are They Compatible? *University of Minnesota Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* (Spring 2006).

Research Experience

Project Laboratory in Genetics and Genomics (Spring 2008), Brandeis University; Prof. Susan Lovett
Researched the *dnaE486* allele in *E. coli*
Showed through trimethoprim assays that *dnaE486* effectively lowers the frequency of the *thyA* (encoding for thymidylate synthase) mutations in the exo-SHP (super-hairpin) background

Ashton Graybiel Spatial Orientation Laboratory, Brandeis University; Prof. Paul Dizio
Designed and conducted psychophysics experiences

Aphasia Laboratory, University of Maryland (research assistant)

Presentations

Technology and Our Epistemic Situation: Two Problems of Ignorance, One Plausible Solution, accepted for presentation at the 5th Annual Conference of Philosophy in Athens, Greece (May-June 2010)

Darden, Kuhn and Mendelism, presented at the 11th annual Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2007)

Darden, Kuhn and Mendelism, accepted for presentation at the *Ex Nihilo* Philosophy Conference (Spring 2007)

Darden, Kuhn and Mendelism, accepted for presentation at the Oneonta Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2007)

On the Genealogy of Technology, presented at the Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2006)

On the Genealogy of Technology, presented at the Oneonta Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2006)

Conferences and Workshops Attended

The Future of the Human Body: Allen Buchanan, “Beyond Humanity? The Ethics of Biomedical Enhancement” (Spring 2010)

Center for Philosophy, Arts, and Literature colloquium: Stanley Cavell, “Excerpts from Memory” (Oct. 13, 2009)

Duke Philosophy Colloquia: Patrick Forber, “Confirmation and the Signatures of Selection” (Fall 2009)

Duke Institute for Brain Sciences: Mirror Neurons and Mimesis (Fall 2009)

MBB 2009 Distinguished Lecture Series: Daniel Dennett (Spring 2009)

Biological Anthropology Colloquium Series, Harvard: Russell Gray (Spring 2009)

Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference; Harvard (Spring 2009)

Human Dignity and Bioethics; Harvard Law School (Fall 2008)

Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference; MIT (Spring 2008)

Harvard Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy; Harvard (ongoing from Fall 2007 to Spring 2008)

Internalist Explorations of Meaning; Harvard (Fall 2007)

Mechanisms and Causation; University of Maryland, College Park (Spring 2007)

Causality, Mechanisms, and Psychology; University of Pittsburgh (Spring 2007)

Organization and Society Memberships

Co-founded the Philosophy of Biology Reading Group at Harvard University

Philosophy of Science Association

International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology

Society for Philosophy and Technology

World Transhumanist Association

History and Philosophy of Biology Discussion Group (Fall 2006-Spring 2007)

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Websites

Philosophical Fallibilism (blog). URL = <www.philosophicalfallibilism.blogspot.com>

The Unexamined Curriculum (extended critique of St. John's College). URL = <www.theunexaminedcurriculum.com>

Received a stellar review from Dr. Michael Cunningham, professor of Psychology at the University of Louisville

Featured on *History and Education: Past And Present* (May 2007). URL = <<http://history-and-education.blogspot.com/2007/05/criticism-of-great-books-based.html>>

Graduate Courses outside of Neuroscience

Value Theory with Patricia Greenspan (UMD, PHIL640): A-

Logic and Philosophy of Science with Lindley Darden (UMD, PHIL858A): A+

Introduction to Cognitive Science with William Idsardi (UMD, NACS728Y): A

Philosophy of Biology with Peter Godfrey-Smith (Harvard, Philosophy 152): A-

Philosophy of Mind with Sean Kelly (Harvard, Philosophy 156): A

Introduction to the New Testament: History and Interpretation with Laura S. Nasrallah (Harvard, HDS 1202/FAS Rel 1400): audit

British Empiricism with Jeffery McDonough (Harvard, Philosophy 122): audit

Causation with Kevin Hoover (Duke University): audit (Spring 2010)

Recommenders

Prof. Sean Kelly (Philosophy *Chair*, Harvard University)

Prof. Paul Pietroski (Philosophy, Linguistics, University of Maryland)

Prof. Georges Rey (Philosophy, University of Maryland)

Prof. Lindley Darden (Philosophy, University of Maryland)

Prof. William Idsardi (Neuroscience, University of Maryland)

ⁱ Rough Draft here: URL = <<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/44999960/?key=YmYxZjQ5ZTgt&pass=NjNkYy00MmE2>>.

ⁱⁱ Rough Draft here: URL = <<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/45000999/?key=MDYxODEwMDkt&pass=YzM4ZC00OTBj>>.