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Assistant Professor	Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, 1992-1998.

Education:

Ph.D.	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Degree conferred October, 1992. Philosophy.
B.A.	Stanford University, Stanford, California. Degree conferred May, 1986. Philosophy.

Publications:

Books:

Nichols, S. 2004. *Sentimental Rules: On the Natural Foundations of Moral Judgment*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Nichols, S. and Stich, S. 2003. *Mindreading: An Integrated Account of Pretense, Self-awareness and Understanding Other Minds*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Edited volumes:

Knobe, J. & Nichols, S. forthcoming. *Experimental Philosophy*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Nichols, S. 2006. *The Architecture of the Imagination: New Essays on Pretense, Possibility, and Fiction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Articles:

Nichols, S. forthcoming. "After Incompatibilism: A Naturalistic Defense of the Reactive Attitudes." *Philosophical Perspectives*.

Nichols, S. forthcoming. "How Can Psychology Contribute to the Free Will Debate?" In J. Baer, J. Kaufman, & R. Baumeister (eds.) *Psychology and Free Will*, Oxford University Press.

Nichols, S. forthcoming. "Imagination and Immortality: Thinking of Me." *Synthese*.

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Nichols, S. forthcoming. "The Propositional Imagination." In P. Calvo & J. Symons (eds.), *Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Psychology*.

Nichols, S. forthcoming. "The Rise of Compatibilism: A Case Study in the Quantitative History of Philosophy." In P. French and H. Wettstein (ed.) *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.

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- Nichols, S. and Ulatowski, J. forthcoming. "Intuitions and Individual Differences: The Knobe Effect Revisited." *Mind & Language*.
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- Vargas, M. and Nichols, S. forthcoming. "Psychopaths and Moral Knowledge." *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*.
- Nichols, S. forthcoming. "Do Children Think of the Self as the Soul? Commentary on Bering." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
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- Nichols, S. 2006. "Just the Imagination: Why Imagining Doesn't Behave Like Believing." *Mind & Language* 21, 459-474.
- Nichols, S. and Mallon, R. 2006. "Moral Dilemmas and Moral Rules." *Cognition*, 100, 530-542.
- Nichols, S. 2005. "Innateness and Moral Psychology." In *The Innate Mind: Structure and Content*, eds. P. Carruthers, S. Laurence, and S. Stich. New York: Oxford University Press, 353-369.
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- Nichols, S. and Stich, S. 2001. "Leggere la propria mente." *Sistemi Intelligenti*, XIII(1), 143-170.
- Weinberg, J., Nichols, S. and Stich, S. 2001. "Normativity and Epistemic Intuitions." *Philosophical Topics*, 29, 429-460.
Reprinted in R. Viale, D. Andler, and L. Hirschfeld (2006). *Biological and Cultural Bases of Human Inference*, LEA, 191-222.
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J. Knobe & S. Nichols (eds.) (2007). *Experimental Philosophy*. Oxford University Press.
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- Nichols, S. and Grantham, T. 2000. "Adaptive Complexity and Phenomenal Consciousness." *Philosophy of Science*, 67, 648-670.
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- Nichols, S. and Stich, S. 1999. "Pretense in Prediction: Simulation and Understanding Other Minds." In *Consciousness and Intentionality: Models and Modalities of Attribution*, ed. D. Fissette. Dordrecht: Kluwer, 291-310.
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Reprinted in *Science and Knowledge*, ed. E. Villanueva. Ridgeview, 1993.
Reprinted in *Folk Psychology: The Theory of Mind Debate*, eds. M. Davies and A. Stone. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1995, 123-158.

Book reviews:

Nichols, S. 2004. Review of G. Currie and I. Ravenscroft's *Recreative Minds: Imagination in Philosophy and Psychology*. *Mind*, 113, 329-334.

Nichols, S. 1999. Review of D. Bolton & J. Hill's *Mind, Meaning, and Mental Disorder*. *Philosophical Review*, 108, 559-562.

Stich, S. and Nichols, S. 1998. "Theory Theory to the Max: A Critical Notice of Gopnik & Meltzoff's *Words, Thoughts, and Theories*." *Mind & Language*, 13, 421-449.

Nichols, S. 1997. Review of W. Lyons, *Approaches to Intentionality*. *Review of Metaphysics*, 50, 672-673.

Nichols, S. 1993. Review of *New Enquiries into Truth and Interpretation* (eds. Neil Cooper and Pascal Engel). *Mind & Language*, 8, no. 1, 157-161.

Nichols, S. 1991. Review of J. C. Maloney's *The Mundane Matter of the Mental Language*. *Mind & Language*, 6, no. 4, 386-389.

Addresses:

"Imagination and the *I*"
Pretense and Imagination, Birkbeck College, London, June 2007
Mimesis, Metaphysics, and Make-Believe: A Conferene in Honor of Kendall Walton,

Leeds, June 2007

Cal State Fullerton, November 2006.

Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, October 2006.

“Morality, Emotions, and Culture”

Culture, Mind, Brain, and Development workshop (NSF/FPR), Rensselaerville Institute, NY, June 2007

“Rise of Compatibilism: A Case Study in the Quantitative History of Philosophy”

On-line Philosophy Conference, May 2007

“After Incompatibilism”

University of North Carolina, Moral Psychology Seminar, May 2007.

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, SC, April 2006.

University of San Francisco, November 2005.

“The Importance of Moral Rules” (with Ron Mallon)

Central APA, April 2007

“Attributions of Agency: Experimental Approaches”

Central APA: Society for Empirical Metaphysics, April 2007

“Moral Responsibility and Determinism: Investigating Folk Intuitions”

Neuroethics and Empirical Moral Psychology, University of Oslo, Norway, March 2007

“Intuitions and Individual Differences: The Knobe Effect Revisited”

University of Wisconsin, March 2007

Georgia State University, September 2006.

University of Arizona, September 2006.

Society for Exact Philosophy, San Diego, May 2006.

Pacific APA, session for the Society for Empirical Ethics, Portland, OR, March 2006.

University of Alberta, February 2006.

Harvard University (Social Cognitive Development Group), December 2005

“Mindreading and the Problem of Other Minds”

Mirror Neurons and Cognition, Cal State Long Beach, February 2007

“The Role of Affect and Motivation in Cultural Evolution”

Northwestern University, January 2007.

Institute of Cognition and Culture, Belfast, January 2007.

“Attributions of Freedom and Consciousness”

Culture and the Mind workshop, Lisbon, January 2007.

“Moral Dilemmas and Moral Rules” (with Ron Mallon)

Philosophy of Science Association, Vancouver, November 2006.

University of Alberta, March 2006.
Moral Psychology Research Group, October 2004.

“Moral Responsibility and Determinism: The Cognitive Science of Folk Intuitions” (with Joshua Knobe)
Cognitive Science Series, University of Arizona, October 2006.
Action, Ethics and Responsibility (INPC), Pullman, WA, March 2006.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Wake Forest, June 2005.

“Imaginative Resistance and Immortality Beliefs”
Auburn University, March 2006.
Weber State University, February 2006.
Eastern APA, Group session on the imagination, Boston, December 2004.

“Moral Motivation” (with Adina Roskies and Tim Schroeder)
MPRG workshop, Washington University, April 2006.

“Compatibilism and Hot Cognition”
Emory University, February 2006.
University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC, September 2005.
Pacific APA, session for the Society for Empirical Ethics, San Francisco, March 2005.
UNC/Duke workshop on Naturalized Ethics, Chapel Hill, NC, February 2005.

“Cultural Evolution: A Plea for History”
Workshop on cultural evolution, Washington University, January 2006.

“Embedded Fictions and the Psychology of the Imagination”
American Society for Aesthetics, Providence, RI, October 2005.

“Moral Emotions: Guilt and Anger” (with Jesse Prinz)
MPRG workshop, Dartmouth, October 2005.

“Moral Rules (with Ron Mallon)”
MPRG workshop, Dartmouth, October 2005.

“Moral Psychology Psychologized”
The Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Wake Forest, June 2005.

“Naturalized Metaaesthetics” (with Jesse Prinz)
Aesthetics Anarchy, Indiana University, May 2005

“Folk Intuitions and Incompatibilism”
University of Arizona, May 2005
Yale University, April 2005

“Moral Rules and the Genealogy of Norms”

California Institute of Technology, November 2004.

“How Emotions Shape Moral Judgment”
World Forum of Cultures, Barcelona, July 2004.

“What Children Think about Objectivity”
Dartmouth conference, “The Psychology and Biology of Moral Beliefs and Attitudes,”
May 2004.

“Introspection and the Attribution of Agency”
Pacific APA, invited symposium on introspection, Pasadena, March 2004.

“Cross-cultural Semantics and the Methodology of Metaphysics” (with Edouard
Machery, Ron Mallon, and Stephen Stich)
Folk Concepts: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives, Florida State University,
January 2004.

“Just the Imagination: Why Imagining Doesn’t Behave Like Believing”
American Society for Aesthetics session on Imagination and Simulation, San Francisco,
October 2003.
University of California, Santa Cruz, October 2003.

“Judgments about Moral Objectivity: Experimental Assays”
Pacific APA group session of the Society for Empirical Ethics, San Francisco, March
2003.

“Imagining and Believing: The Promise of a Single Code”
NEH Institute, *Art, Mind, and Cognitive Science*, July 2002.

“On the Genealogy of Norms: A Case for the Role of Emotion in Cultural Evolution”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, April 2002.

“Norms with Feeling: The Role of Affect in Moral Judgment”
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati, June 2001.

“A Cognitive Account of Moral Judgment”
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New York, June 2000.

“Reading One’s Own Mind: A Cognitive Theory of Self-Awareness” (with Stephen
Stich)
International Conference on the Nature of Consciousness, Santa Barbara, November
1998.
Institute for the Study of Child Development, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School,
March 1999.

“Counterfactuals and Pretense: Possible Worlds in Cognitive Science”

European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Lisbon, September 1998.

“Psychological Attribution by Analogy”

Comment on John Greenwood’s “Theoretical Modeling and the Child’s Theory of Mind”. Eastern APA, Philadelphia, December, 1997.

“Evolutionary Psychology: Ultimate Explanations and Panglossian Predictions” (with Todd Grantham)

ISHPSSB, Seattle, WA, July 1997.

“Theory-Theory Theory”

Comment on Brad Cohen’s “Simulation and Theory: Redirecting the Debate”. Eastern APA, New York, December, 1995.

“Simulation and the Ascription of Intentional States” (with Stephen Stich)

Conscience et Intentionnalité: modèles et modalités d’attribution, University of Quebec at Montreal, June, 1995.

“Varieties of Off-Line Simulation” (with Stephen Stich)

Theories of Theories of Mind, Sheffield University, England, July, 1994.

“Do Content Sentences Need Content?”

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, April, 1993.

“Folk Psychology: Simulation or Tacit Theory” (with Stephen Stich)

Perspectives on Mind, Washington University, St. Louis, December, 1991.

Comment on Daniel Kolak’s “Art and Intentionality”

New Jersey Regional Philosophical Society, January, 1990.

Professional Activities:

Referee

Journals: *Mind & Language*, *Cognition*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Animal Cognition*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Behavioural and Brain Sciences*, *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Mind & Society*, *Nature Reviews Neuroscience*, *Nous*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Psychological Science*, *Synthese*, *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*

Presses: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Psychology Press

Organizations: The Society for Philosophy and Psychology, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, American Society for

Aesthetics, American Philosophical Association

Society service:

Program committee for the American Society for Aesthetics, 2004.

Program committee for the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2004-2006.

Co-program chair (with Brian Scholl) for 2006 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Editorial:

Editor, *Philosophy Compass: Naturalistic Philosophy*, Blackwell, 2005-

Editorial board, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: Philosophy of Cognitive Science*, 2007-

Grants and Awards:

Stanton Award, Society for Philosophy & Psychology	2005
Harry Lightsey Chair in Humanities	2000-2004
NEH Summer Institute on "Art, Mind, and Cognitive Science", University of Maryland	June-August 2002
NIH National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellowship	1999-2000
Visiting Fellow Grant Research Group on Evolution and Higher Cognition Center for Cognitive Science Rutgers University	August 1998-July 1999
Research Grant Center for Cognitive Science Rutgers University	August 1998
Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee College of Charleston	1998
NEH/NSF Summer Institute on "Human Nature: Integrating Nature and Nurture", Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, Dartmouth College	July-August, 1996
Continuous Study Grant College of Charleston Research & Development	May-June, 1996

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Rutgers University Excellence Fellowship

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Robert M. Golden Award for Honors Thesis in
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