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Statement on Neuroethics: I believe that neuroethics is progressing towards the inclusion of more international and crosscultural perspectives, as well as taking more seriously the ethical and societal implications of environmental influences for brain and mental health. I also think that as more neuromodifiers become available, both for therapeutic and non-therapeutic purposes, issues of safety, peer-pressure, and more importantly a better understanding of the reasons underlying people’s views in relation to certain neurointerventions are likely to keep being a main part of the field.

Selected Publications:

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Call for Participants:

Dear Colleagues,

We kindly invite you to participate in our research study about moral judgments. The survey asks you to read several scenarios, and invites you to respond to a set of questions. The entire survey should take no more than 15 minutes. The closing date of the survey is 20th of December.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and anonymous.

http://unipark.de/uc/moral8/

Thank you for considering this request.

Best wishes,
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Call for Applicants: Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Eckerd College, FL
Application Deadline: December 12, 2016
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Montreal Neuroethics Network Seminar: “Why science — and neuroscience — need ‘passion’” delivered by Louis C Charland, PhD, Western University.
Date: December 14, 2016, 11:30am-12:30pm
Location: Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM), André-Barbeau Auditorium
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Two-day Symposium: Neurointerventions in Crime Prevention: Bioethical, Legal and Criminological Perspectives
3-4 April 2017, Swansea University
Brain active drugs and other ‘neuro-interventions’ could potentially be used to facilitate the rehabilitation of criminal offenders. Should offenders ever be offered or required to undergo such interventions? This symposium will bring together academics from the fields of bioethics, philosophy, medicine, criminology and law to explore and debate this and related questions. Speakers will include Bebhinn Donnelly (Swansea), Chris Bennett (Sheffield), David Birks (Kiel), Dennis Paterson (Swansea), Elizabeth Shaw (Aberdeen), Hannah Maslen (Oxford), Jan Christoph Bublitz (Hamburg), Jesper Ryberg (Roskilde), John Danaher (Galway), Jonathan Pugh (Oxford), Katrien Devolder (Oxford), Martin Innes (Cardiff), Marty Chamberlain (Swansea) and Tom Douglas (Oxford).
The symposium is open to all, but places are tightly limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marty Chamberlain (j.m.chamberlain@swansea.ac.uk) with your expression of interest.
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Perceived coach support and concussion symptom-reporting: differences between freshmen and non-freshmen college football players.

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