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## Qualifications

PhD, UCLA, University of California

## Employment

### Associate Professor

Philosophy  
University of Southern Denmark  
Odense M  
1. Oct 2016 → present

## Research outputs

### How to balance Balanced Reporting and Reliable Reporting

Gerken, M., 2. Nov 2019, In : *Philosophical Studies*.

### Public scientific testimony in the scientific image

Gerken, M., 14. May 2019, In : *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A*.

### Pragmatic Encroachment and the Challenge from Epistemic Injustice

Gerken, M., May 2019, In : *Philosophers' Imprint*. 19, 15, p. 1-19

### Pragmatic encroachment on scientific knowledge?

Gerken, M., 2019, *Pragmatic Encroachment in Epistemology*. Kim, B. & McGrath, M. (eds.). New York: Routledge, p. 116-140

### Review of Spaulding's How We Understand Others

Gerken, M., 2019, In : *Mind*. fzz005.

### Salient Alternatives in Perspective

Gerken, M., Alexander, J., Gonnerman, C. & Waterman, J., 2019, (Accepted/In press) In : *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

### Burge, Tyler (1946–)

Gerken, M. & Dunlop, K., 1. Sep 2018, *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Routledge

### Expert Trespassing Testimony and the Ethics of Science Communication

Gerken, M., Sep 2018, In : *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*. 49, 3, p. 299–318

### How and why to study folk epistemology

Gerken, M., 2018, Oxford University Press.

### Metaepistemology

Gerken, M., 2018, *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Routledge, 12 p.

**On Folk Epistemology**

Gerken, M., 2018

**The New Evil Demon and the Devil in the Details**

Gerken, M., 2018, *The Factive Turn in Epistemology*. Mitova, V. (ed.). Cambridge University Press, p. 102-122

**Truth-Sensitivity and Folk Epistemology**

Gerken, M., 2018, In : *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

**Against Knowledge-First Epistemology**

Gerken, M., 2017, *Knowledge First : Approaches in epistemology and mind*. Carter, A., Gordon, E. & Jarvis, B. (eds.). Oxford University Press, p. 46-71 26 p.

**Does Contextualism Hinge on a Methodological Dispute?**

Gao, J., Gerken, M. & Ryan, S. B., 2017, *The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*. Jenkins Ichikawa, J. (ed.). Routledge, p. 81-93 (Routledge Handbooks in Philosophy).

**On Folk Epistemology: How we think and talk about knowledge**

Gerken, M., 2017, Oxford University Press. 352 p.

**Knowledge in and out of contrast**

Gerken, M. & Bebee, J., 2016, In : *Noûs*. 50, 1, p. 133–164

**How to do things with knowledge ascriptions**

Gerken, M., 2015, In : *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 90, 1, p. 223-234

**Philosophical Insights and Modal Cognition**

Gerken, M., 2015, *Experimental Philosophy, Rationalism, and Naturalism*. Fischer, E. & Collins, J. (eds.). Routledge, p. 110-131

**The Epistemic Norms of Intra-Scientific Testimony**

Gerken, M., 2015, In : *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. 45, 6, p. 568–595

**The Roles of Knowledge Ascriptions in Epistemic Assessment**

Gerken, M., 2015, In : *European Journal of Philosophy*. 23, 1, p. 141–161

**A Puzzle about Mental Self-Representation and Causation**

Gerken, M., 2014, In : *Philosophical Psychology*. 27, 6, p. 890-906

**Outsourced Cognition**

Gerken, M., 2014, In : *Philosophical Issues*. 24, 1, p. 127–158

**Same, same but different: The epistemic norms of assertion, action and practical reasoning**

Gerken, M., 2014, In : *Philosophical Studies*. 168, 3, p. 725–744

**Epistemic Focal Bias**

Gerken, M., 2013, In : *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. 91, 1, p. 41-61

**Epistemic Reasoning and the Mental**

Gerken, M., 2013, Palgrave Macmillan. 340 p.

### **Internalism and Externalism in the Epistemology of Testimony**

Gerken, M., 2013, In : *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 87, 3, p. 532–557

### **Discursive Justification and Skepticism**

Gerken, M., 2012, In : *Synthese*. 189, 2, p. 373-394

### **Knowledge Ascription**

Gerken, M. (ed.) & Brown, J. (ed.), 2012, Oxford University Press.

### **Knowledge Ascriptions – their semantics, cognitive bases and social functions**

Gerken, M. & Brown, J., 2012, *Knowledge Ascriptions*. Brown, J. & Gerken, M. (eds.). Oxford University Press

### **On the Cognitive Bases of Knowledge Ascriptions**

Gerken, M., 2012, *Knowledge Ascriptions*. Brown, J. & Gerken, M. (eds.). Oxford University Press

### **Univocal Reasoning and Inferential Presuppositions**

Gerken, M., 2012, In : *Erkenntnis: An International Journal of Scientific Philosophy*. 76, 3, p. 373-394

### **Conceptual Equivocation and Warrant by Reasoning**

Gerken, M., 2011, In : *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. 89, 3, p. 381-400

### **Warrant and action**

Gerken, M., 2011, In : *Synthese*. 178, 3, p. 529–547

### **Conceptual Equivocation and Epistemic Relevance**

Gerken, M., 2009, In : *Dialectica*. 63, 2, p. 117-132

### **Is There a Simple Argument for Higher-Order Representation Theories of Awareness Consciousness?**

Gerken, M., Sep 2008, In : *Erkenntnis: An International Journal of Scientific Philosophy*. 69, 2, p. 243-259

### **Is Internalism about Knowledge Consistent with Content Externalism?**

Gerken, M., 2008, In : *Philosophia*. 36, 1, p. 87-96

### **A false dilemma for anti-individualism**

Gerken, M., Oct 2007, In : *American Philosophical Quarterly*. 44, 4, p. 329-342

## **Activities**

### **Four Principles and a Challenge for Science Communication**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

20. Sep 2019

### **Comments on Skipper's 'Does Rationality Demand Higher-Order Certainty'**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

14. Aug 2019

### **The Significance of Scientific Testimony, Ch. 7**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

14. Aug 2019

**The Significance of Scientific Testimony, Ch. 3**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

16. May 2019

**How to Balance Balanced Reporting and Reliable Reporting**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

15. May 2019

**The Significance of Scientific Testimony, Ch. 4**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

14. May 2019

**The Significance of Scientific Testimony, Ch. 2**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

13. May 2019

**The Norms and Nature of Scientific Testimony**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

9. May 2019

**Intra-scientific testimony is a constitutive part of science**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

19. Apr 2019

**Balancing Balanced Reporting and Reliable Reporting**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

6. Feb 2019

**Internal inaugural workshop**

Mikkel Gerken (Participant)

26. Oct 2018

**Rasmus Grønfeldt Winther**

Mikkel Gerken (Host)

5. Sep 2018

**Roundtable participant**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

30. May 2018

**How to Balance Balanced Reporting and Reliable Reporting**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

29. May 2018

**A Transcendental Argument for Content Externalism**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

28. May 2018

**Epistemic Diversity and Epistemic Injustice**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)

23. May 2018

**Doctoral Defense of 'On Folk Epistemology'**

Mikkel Gerken (Participant)

18. May 2018

**Ubevidste fordomme. Forskningsseminar om implicit bias og stereotyper**

Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen (Organizer), Mikkel Gerken (Organizer), Caroline Schaffalitzky (Organizer)  
16. Apr 2018

**How to Balance Balanced Reporting and Reliable Reporting**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
20. Mar 2018

**Justification Reporting in Public Scientific Testimony**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
14. Mar 2018

**How to Balance Balanced Reporting and Reliable Reporting**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
2. Feb 2018

**Subtle-truth sensitivity and folk epistemology**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
17. Nov 2017

**Pragmatic Encroachment and the Challenge from Epistemic Injustice**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
7. Oct 2017

**Frontloading and the Necessary A Posteriori**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
7. Sep 2017

**Folk Epistemology and Subtle Truth-Sensitivity**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
23. Aug 2017

**Ergo (Journal)**

Mikkel Gerken (Editor)  
1. Aug 2017 → ...

**Folk Epistemology and Subtle Truth-Sensitivity**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
6. Jun 2017

**Pragmatic Encroachment and the Challenge from Epistemic Injustice**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
2. Jun 2017

**External examiner**

Mikkel Gerken (Examiner)  
1. Jun 2017

**Pragmatic Encroachment and the Challenge from Epistemic Injustice**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
11. Apr 2017

### **Disagreement and Epistemic Injustice.**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
31. Mar 2017

### **Pragmatic Encroachment and the Challenge from Epistemic Injustice**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
4. Mar 2017

### **External Examinor**

Mikkel Gerken (Examiner)  
21. Feb 2017

### **Pragmatic Encroachment and the Challenge from Epistemic Injustice**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
21. Feb 2017

### **Viden og værdier**

Søren Harnow Klausen (Participant), Caroline Schaffalitzky de Muckadell (Participant), Mikkel Gerken (Participant), Nikolaj Nottelmann (Participant), Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen (Participant), Peter Wolsing (Participant), Jesper Lundsryd Rasmussen (Participant), Esben Nedenskov Petersen (Participant), Søren Mads Mau (Participant), Alessandra Cenci (Participant), Lilli Zeuner (Participant)  
1. Jan 2017 → ...

### **Is epistemology a normative guide to the study of folk epistemology?**

Mikkel Gerken (Guest lecturer)  
6. Aug 2016

## **Press/Media**

### **Er det fair at lektor Hansen flyver til konference i New Zealand?**

Mikkel Gerken  
07/10/2019  
1 Media contribution

### **Filosof: Benægtelse af klimavidenskab hører ikke hjemme i landsdækkende medier**

Mikkel Gerken  
17/07/2019  
1 Media contribution

### **Hvordan repræsenterer journalister uenighed i videnskaben?**

Mikkel Gerken  
25/02/2019  
1 Media contribution

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Mikkel Gerken  
25/02/2019  
1 Media contribution

### **Hvordan ved vi, hvad vi ved?**

Mikkel Gerken  
23/05/2018  
1 Media contribution

### **Hvordan ved vi, hvem der er troværdige?**

Mikkel Gerken

12/06/2018  
1 Media contribution

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Mikkel Gerken  
12/06/2018  
1 Media contribution

**kirkeligt set Psykologer og klimaforkæmpere er trusler mod den åndelige frihed**

Mikkel Gerken  
24/08/2019  
1 Media contribution

**Mentale tommelfingerregler**

Mikkel Gerken  
13/07/2018  
1 Media contribution

**Mikkel Gerken, filosof: "Intuitivt vil mange nok sige, at man skal have en åben debat Men det er "**

Mikkel Gerken  
19/07/2019  
1 Media contribution

**PRM / Hvordan repræsenterer journalister uenighed i videnskaben?**

Mikkel Gerken  
25/02/2019  
1 Media contribution

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12/06/2018  
1 Media contribution

**Psykologer og klimaforkæmpere er trusler mod den åndelige frihed**

Mikkel Gerken  
24/08/2019  
1 Media contribution

**Spot fup på Facebook med enkelte greb**

Mikkel Gerken  
12/12/2018  
1 Media contribution

**Projects**

## CoCoS: Cognition, Communication and Science

Gerken, M., Petersen, E. N., Schaffalitzky, C. & Nottelmann, N.

01/09/2018 → ...

## Teaching Portfolio

TAUGHT COURSES (TA) = teaching assistant; \* = co-taught  
Spring 2018 Theory of Science for the Humanities, PhD Course, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Spring 2018 Philosophy of Science 1, BA Course, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Spring 2018 Theoretical Philosophy 4, BA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Spring 2018 Theory of Science and Science Communication, Interdisciplinarity MA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Spring 2018 BA Writing Seminar, BA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Fall 2017 Phil. Seminar 1 & 2, MA Courses, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Fall 2017 Phil. Research Traditions, MA Course, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Fall 2017 Philosophy of Science (Cand. Negot), BA Course, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Fall 2017 Philosophy of Science 2, BA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Spring 2017 Theory of Science for the Humanities, PhD Course, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Spring 2017 Philosophy of Science 1, BA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Spring 2017 Theoretical Philosophy 4, BA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Spring 2017 Biases in our reasoning, MA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Fall 2016 Phil. Seminar 1 & 2, MA Courses, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Fall 2016, Philosophy of Science 2, BA Course, U. Southern Denmark  
Fall 2016 Theory of Science (Cand. Negot), MA Course, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Fall 2016 Phil. Research Traditions MA Course, U. Southern Denmark\*  
Spring 2016 Advanced Epistemology (online), MSc Course, U. Edinburgh  
Spring 2016 Advanced Philosophical Methods (online), MSc Course, U. Edinburgh  
Spring 2016 Advanced Philosophical Methods, MSc Course, U. Edinburgh  
Fall 2015 Intro to Phil. Methods (online + in class), MSc Course, U. Edinburgh\*  
Spring 2015 Epistemology (online), MSc Course, U. Edinburgh  
Spring 2015 Knowledge and Reality, BA Course, U. Edinburgh\*  
Spring 2015 Advanced Philosophical Methods, MSc Course, U. Edinburgh  
Spring 2014 Knowledge and Reality, BA Course, U. Edinburgh\*  
Spring 2014 Advanced Philosophical Methods, MSc Course, U. Edinburgh  
Spring 2013 Mindreading and Knowledge, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen  
Spring 2013 Theoretical Philosophy, BA Course, U. Copenhagen  
Spring 2013 MA thesis writing workshop, MA Workshop, U. Copenhagen  
Fall 2012 Introduction to Cognitive Science, MA Course, U. Copenhagen  
Fall 2012 BA and MA thesis writing workshops, U. Copenhagen  
Fall 2012 Philosophical Methodology, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen\*  
Spring 2012 Philosophy & Psychology of Social Cogn., MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen  
Spring 2012 MA thesis writing workshop, MA Workshop, U. Copenhagen  
Fall 2011 Intuitions in Philosophy, PhD Course, U. Copenhagen  
Fall 2010 When Epistemology met Cognitive Psych., MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen  
Fall 2010 BA and MA thesis workshops, MA/BA Workshops, U. Copenhagen  
Fall 2010 Philosophical Methodology, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen\*  
Spring 2010 Introduction to Social Epistemology, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen\*  
Spring 2010 20th Century Philosophy, BA Course, U. Copenhagen  
Spring 2010 Epistemic Contextualism, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen  
Spring 2009 Introduction to Social Epistemology, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen\*  
Fall 2008 Epistemology of Liberal Democracy, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen  
Spring 2008 Theoretical Philosophy, BA Course, U. Copenhagen  
Spring 2006 Philosophy of Mind, Lower Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
Winter 2006 Philosophy of Language, Upper Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
Fall 2005 Themes in Analytic Philosophy, MA Seminar, U. Copenhagen\*  
Spring 2005 Beginnings of Western Philosophy, Upper Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
Winter 2005 Philosophy of Science, Lower Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
Fall 2004 History of Philosophy, Lower Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
Spring 2004 Philosophy of Science, Lower Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
Spring 2003 Philosophy of Mind, Lower Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
Winter 2003 Philosophy of Mind, Lower Div. Course, UCLA (TA)  
PhD TEACHING AND EXAMINING  
University of Edinburgh. Jie Gao (2016). Belief, Knowledge and Action. Primary adviser 2013-2016. Stephen Ryan (In progress). Primary adviser 2014-2016. Adam Bricker (In progress). Primary adviser 2014-2016. Vivek Pachpande (In progress). Primary adviser 2015-2016. Christopher Ranalli (Internal examiner 2014 and 2015). Meta-Epistemological Skepticism. University of Reading. Jumbly Grindrod (External examiner 2017). Epistemic Contextualism as a Linguistic Thesis. Universite de Geneve. Jacques Vollet (External examiner 2017). Knowledge, Certainty and Practical Factors. MASTER THESIS TEACHING  
University of Copenhagen: Mikkel Fraulund (2013). How I know that my senses are reliable. Jeppe Duus Dolriis (2013). The Reductive View of Knowledge-Wh. Simon Domone (2013). The Mark of the Mental and the Extended Mind. Christoffer Bengt Jørgensen (2012). The Question of Human-Computer Interaction. Donelle Kosch (2012). Alienation and anxiety in the time of industrial capitalism. University of Edinburgh. Tamarinde Haven (2015). Too Biased to Know? University of Southern Denmark Vinnie Christensen (2018).

## Teaching practice

I have taught at UCLA, U. Copenhagen, U. Edinburgh and U. Southern Denmark and I enjoy teaching at every level from BA to PhD. Most of my teaching is within my own discipline (philosophy) where I most frequently teach in my specialties – epistemology, philosophy of science, philosophy of mind. However, I have also taught philosophy of language, philosophy of cognitive psychology and philosophy of the history of 20th century philosophy. Moreover, I teach a good deal of courses in theory of science and research communication to students of other disciplines and I really enjoy how doing to gives me an insight into other fields than my own. While each type of course comes with its own challenges, I try to adopt a relaxed classroom atmosphere that allows for plenty of discussion. In general, I take the ideal of research-based teaching to be an extremely important one at every level of teaching. Rather, than thinking of integrating research into teaching as a chore, I think of it as a major advantage. The sense of exploration that may be conveyed by research-based teaching tends to motivate students far more than going through textbook material. And for me the classroom offers a great setting for trying out new ideas.



## **Formal pedagogical training**

TA Training, UCLA 2000-2007

Pædagogikum, University of Copenhagen 2009