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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy (2011)	City University of New York, Graduate School and University Center
M.Phil. in Philosophy (2002)	City University of New York, Graduate School and University Center
B.A. in Philosophy (1996)	William Paterson University
A.A.S. in Music (1995)	Nassau Community College

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

**AOS:** Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science, Neuroethics/Neurolaw, Punishment  
**AOC:** Ethics, Social and Political, Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics

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## EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Positions:

Associate Professor of Philosophy (2013-present), Corning Community College (SUNY)  
Chair of Humanities Department (2008-2014), Corning Community College (SUNY)  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Tenured) (2009-2012), Corning Community College (SUNY)  
Instructor of Philosophy (2006-2009), Corning Community College (SUNY)  
Substitute Instructor (2005-2006), Brooklyn College CUNY, Philosophy Department  
Writing Fellow (2003-2005), John Jay College of Criminal Justice CUNY, Philosophy Department  
Graduate Teaching Fellow (2000-2003), Brooklyn College, Philosophy Department

### Editorial Positions:

Founder and Editor-in-Chief, *Science, Religion and Culture* (SRC) (2014-present)  
Assessing Editor, *The Journal of Mind and Behavior* (2011-present)

### Positions in Professional Organizations and Societies:

Co-Director, Justice without Retribution Network (2015-Present)  
President, Southwestern Philosophical Society (SWPS) (2014-2015)  
Vice President, Southwestern Philosophical Society (SWPS) (2013-2014)  
Executive Committee Member (at Large), Southwestern Philosophical Society (SWPS) (2012-2013)

### Blogs:

Contributor, *Psychology Today* (author of the blog *Unjust Deserts*)  
Contributor, *Flickers of Freedom*

### Grants:

- CCC Sustainability Grant: \$5,000 to establish the *Justice without Retribution Network*; Directors: Gregg Caruso (SUNY Corning), Derk Pereboom (Cornell University), and Farah Focquaert (Ghent University), Elizabeth Shaw (University of Aberdeen).
- Cornell University Grant: \$8,000 to organize *Justice without Retribution Conference*. June 3-5, 2016.

## **Awards/Distinctions/Fellowships:**

SUNY Chancellors Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities — 2015  
Regional Board of Trustees Excellence in Teaching Award — 2012  
Award of Excellence: Awarded by the Faculty Assembly of Corning Community College — 2007  
Writing Fellowship, John Jay College of Criminal Justice [Two-year Fellowship] — 2003-2005  
Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Brooklyn College [Three-year Fellowship] — 2000-2003

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

#### **Authored:**

Caruso, Gregg D. (2012). *Free Will and Consciousness: A Determinist Account of the Illusion of Free Will*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Caruso, Gregg D., Michael L. Corrado, Mitchell Berman, and Manuel Vargas (in progress). *Punishment and Free Will: Four Views*.

Caruso, Gregg D. (in progress). *Free Will Skepticism: Punishment, Persons, and Purpose*.

#### **Edited:**

Caruso, Gregg D. (ed.) (2013). *Exploring the Illusion of Free Will and Moral Responsibility*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Caruso, Gregg D. (ed.) (2014). *Science and Religion: 5 Questions*. London: Automatic Press/VIP.

Caruso, Gregg D., and Owen Flanagan. (eds.) (2016). *Neuroexistentialism: Meaning, Morals, and Purpose in the Age of Neuroscience*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Caruso, Gregg D. (ed.) (in progress). *Ted Honderich on Consciousness, Determinism, and Humanity*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Caruso, Gregg D. (ed.) (in progress). *Handbook on Philosophy and Public Policy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Journal Articles and Book Chapters:**

Gregg D. Caruso (in progress). "Skepticism about Moral Responsibility," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Gregg D. Caruso (in progress). "Consciousness, Free Will, and Moral Responsibility," in *The Routledge Handbook of Consciousness*, ed. Rocco J. Gennaro. London: Routledge.

Gregg D. Caruso and Stephen G. Morris (under review). "Compatibilism and Retributive Desert Moral Responsibility: On What is of Central Philosophical and Practical Importance."

Gregg D. Caruso (under review). "Free Will Skepticism and the Question of Creativity: Creativity, Desert, and Self-Creation."

Gregg D. Caruso (forthcoming). "Origination, Moral Responsibility, Punishment, and Life-Hopes: Ted Honderich on Determinism and Freedom," in *Ted Honderich on Consciousness, Determinism, and Humanity*, ed. Gregg D. Caruso. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Gregg D. Caruso (forthcoming). Moral Responsibility and the Strike Back Emotion: Comments on Bruce Waller's *The Stubborn System of Moral Responsibility*. *Syndicate Philosophy* 1 (1): July/August 2016.

Derk Pereboom & Gregg D. Caruso (2016). "Hard-Incompatibilist Existentialism: Neuroscience, Punishment, and Meaning in Life" in *Neuroexistentialism: Meaning, Morals, and Purpose in the Age of Neuroscience*, eds. Gregg D. Caruso and Owen Flanagan. New York: Oxford University Press.

Owen Flanagan & Gregg D. Caruso (2016). "Neuroexistentialism: Third-Wave Existentialism," in *Neuroexistentialism: Meaning, Morals, and Purpose in the Age of Neuroscience*, eds. Gregg D. Caruso and Owen Flanagan. New York: Oxford University Press.

Gregg D. Caruso (2016). "Free Will Skepticism and Its Implications: An Argument for Optimism," in *Free Will Skepticism in Law and Society*, ed. Elizabeth Shaw and Derk Pereboom. Cambridge University Press.

Gregg D. Caruso (2016). "Free Will Skepticism and Criminal Behavior: A Public Health-Quarantine Model," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 32 (1): 25-48. [Presidential Address to the Southwestern Philosophical Society.]

Gregg D. Caruso (2015). "Free Will Eliminativism: Reference, Error, and Phenomenology" *Philosophical Studies* 172 (10): 2823-2833.

Gregg D. Caruso (2015). "If consciousness is necessary for moral responsibility, then people are less responsible than we think," *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 22 (7-8): 49-60.

Gregg D. Caruso (2015). "Précis of Neil Levy's *Consciousness and Moral Responsibility*," *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 22 (7-8): 7-15.

Gregg D. Caruso (2015). "Kane is Not Able: A Reply to Vicens' 'Self-Forming Actions and Conflicts of Intention'," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 31, 2.

Gregg D. Caruso (2014). "Précis of Derk Pereboom's *Free Will, Agency, and Meaning in Life*," *Science, Religion and Culture* 1, 3: 178-201. [Part of a book symposium w/Derk Pereboom, John Martin Fisher, and Dana Nelkin.]

Gregg D. Caruso (2014). "(Un)just Deserts: The Dark Side of Moral Responsibility," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 30, 1: 27-38.

Gregg D. Caruso (2013). "Introduction: Exploring the Illusion of Free Will and Moral Responsibility," in *Exploring the Illusion of Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, ed. Gregg Caruso, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books: 1-16.

Gregg D. Caruso (2012). "The Folk Psychology of Free Will: An Argument against Compatibilism," *Kriterion: Journal of Philosophy* 26: 56-89.

Gregg D. Caruso (2011). "Compatibilism and the Folk Psychology of Free Will," in *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies, Vol. V*, ed. Patricia Hanna, Athens, Greece: ATINER: 215-226.

Gregg D. Caruso (2008). "Consciousness and Free Will: A Critique of the Argument from Introspection," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 24, 1: 219-231.

Gregg D. Caruso (2007). "Realism, Naturalism, and Pragmatism: A Closer Look at the Views of Quine and Devitt," *Kriterion: Journal of Philosophy* 21: 64-83.

Gregg D. Caruso (2005). "Sensory States, Consciousness, and the Cartesian Assumption," in *Descartes and Cartesianism*, eds. Nathan Smith and Jason Taylor, Cambridge Scholars Press: 177-199.

## Reviews:

Gregg D. Caruso (2016). "Review of Bruce Waller's *Restorative Free Will*," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

Gregg D. Caruso (2002). "A Review of David Cockburn's *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*," *Metapsychology* 6, 26.

Gregg D. Caruso (2001). "A Review of Nicholas Humphrey's *How to Solve the Mind-Body Problem*," *Philosophical Writings* 18, Autumn: 51-53. Reprinted in *Metapsychology* 5, 46 (2001).

### **Other:**

"Science, Religion and Culture: New Beginnings," *Science, Religion and Culture* 1:1 (2014): 1-3.

"Preface" and "Introduction" in *Science and Religion: 5 Questions*, ed. Gregg D. Caruso, London: Automatic Press/VIP, 2014.

Co-author (with David M. Rosenthal), "Bibliography 1971-2000," in *Materialism and the Mind-Body Problem*, revised edition, ed. David M. Rosenthal, Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co., 2000.

### **Popular Media Articles:**

"Moral Responsibility and the Strike Back Emotion: Where does the belief in moral responsibility come from?" *Psychology Today*. February 21, 2016.

"Justice Without Retribution: Retributivism, Mass Incarceration, and Free Will Skepticism," *Psychology Today*. December 14, 2015.

"Neuroscientific Prediction and Free Will," *Psychology Today*. October 26, 2015.

"Does Disbelief in Free Will Increase Anti-Social Behavior?" *Psychology Today*. October 16, 2015.

"Was Stephen Jay Gould Right?," *RealClearReligion*. April 23, 2014.

"Free Will Skepticism and Its Implications: An Argument for Optimism (Parts I & II)," *Scientia Salon*, December 22-23, 2014.

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## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

### **Conferences:**

"Origination, Moral Responsibility, Punishment, and Life-Hopes: Ted Honderich on Determinism and Freedom," Conference in honor of Ted Honderich organized by the Royal Institute of Philosophy. February 9, 2016. London.

"Free Will Skepticism and Criminal Behavior: A Public Health-Quarantine Model," 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Justice Without Retribution Conference, June 10-12, 2016. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

"Free Will Skepticism and Criminal Behavior: A Public Health-Quarantine Model," 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 6-8, 2015. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

"Free Will Skepticism and Its Implications: An Argument for Optimism," Justice Without Retribution Conference, April 2-3, 2015. University of Aberdeen School of Law, Scotland.

"If consciousness is necessary for moral responsibility, then people are less responsible than we think," Central APA Annual Meeting, February 19, 2015, St. Louis. [Session dedicated to Neil Levy's *Consciousness and Moral Responsibility*.]

"Free Will Eliminativism: Reference, Error, and Phenomenology," Free Will Conference sponsored by The Center for Cognition and Neuroethics, October 10-11, 2014. Insight Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience, Flint, MI.

"(Un)just Deserts: The Dark Side of Moral Responsibility," 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 8, 2013. Fredericksburg, TX. [As part of a plenary session on moral responsibility with Bruce Waller and Benjamin Vilhauer.]

“The Folk Psychology of Free Will: An Argument against Compatibilism,” 5th Annual International Conference on Philosophy sponsored by The Philosophical Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) in Athens, Greece (May 31-June 3, 2010).

“The Divided Self as the Root of Our Ecological Crisis,” Broome Community College, Second Annual Applied Ethics Conference: Environmental Ethics, April 17, 2010.

“Consciousness and Free Will: A Critique of the Argument from Introspection,” 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophy Society, November 10, 2007. San Antonio, TX.

“Shifting Contexts: Communicating Expectations to Writers in Core Humanities Classes,” (delivered with the Writing Fellows from John Jay College) Writing Across the Curriculum Semester of Inquiry Conference, City University of New York Graduate School, May 13, 2005. New York, NY.

“Sensory States, Consciousness, and the Cartesian Assumption,” Boston College, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy Conference: Descartes and Cartesianism, March 27, 2004. Boston, MA.

“Sensory States, Consciousness, and the Cartesian Assumption,” The New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Fall Meeting, November 18, 2000.

### **Invited Talks:**

“Life Unfree: Meaning, Purpose, and Punishment without Free Will,” *Cornelia Street Café*, January 11, 2016. Sponsored by the Gothen Philosophical Society.

“Free Will Skepticism and Its Implications: Punishment Reconsidered,” University of Ghent, October 2, 2015. Ghent, Belgium.

“Free Will Skepticism and Its Implications,” Unitarian Fellowship Church, March 9, 2014. Big Flats, NY.

“Free Will and Consciousness,” Science and Religion Discussion Group, First United Methodist Church, June 12, 2012. Corning, NY.

“The Free Will Illusion: Why You Are Not Free,” Lecture Series sponsored by the Council of Full Professors, Corning Community College, March 27, 2009. Corning, NY.

“Stephen Palmer’s ‘Color, Consciousness, and the Isomorphism Constraint’,” Cognitive Science Symposium and Discussion Group, City University of New York Graduate School, Fall 1999.

“Necessity, Truth and Existence in Descartes’ Second Meditation,” Felician College, February 14, 1997.

“Writing for Philosophy: Socratic Method and Logical Fallacies,” John Jay College of Criminal Justice, April 21, 2005.

### **Media Appearances:**

TEDx talk on The Dark Side of Free Will. December 9, 2014. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfOMqehl-ZA>

*Philosophy TV* episode with Neil Levy, May 28, 2014. Discussed the relationship between consciousness and moral responsibility.

*Philosophy TV* episode with Bruce Waller, December 4, 2013. Discussed free will, moral responsibility, and the implications of free will skepticism.

Guest on *Skeptical Sundays*, hosted by John Sullivan, November 3, 2013 (88.1 Ithaca, 91.9 Watkins Glen & Geneva Community Radio). Discussed my two books on free will, consciousness, and moral responsibility.

### **Conference Commentaries/Responses:**

“Comments on Leigh Vicens’ ‘Self-Forming Actions and Conflicts of Intention.’” 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Saturday, November 1, 2014. Lawrence, KS.

“Comments on Joseph Palencik’s ‘Thinking about Believing: Is Testimony-Inspired Belief Necessary to Testimony?’” Long Island Philosophical Society (LIPS) Fall Conference, St. John’s University, October 21, 2006. Queens, NY.

“Comments on Francesca di Poppa’s ‘Descartes’ Theory of Sense Perception’” City University of New York Graduate Philosophy Conference (CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York), March 15, 2003.

### **OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

Chaired session on *Philosophical Psychology* at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 7, 2015. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Chaired session on *Philosophy of Mind* at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 2, 2014. Lawrence, KS.

Chaired session on *Luck and Liberty* at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 10, 2012. Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

Chaired session on *Conscious Experience* at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 19, 2011. Austin, TX.

Moderator of Panel Discussion on *Islamic Ethics* at the Third Annual Broome Community College Conference on Applied Ethics, April 2, 2011. BCC, Binghamton, NY.

Chaired session on *19th and 20th Century Philosophy* at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Philosophy sponsored by The Philosophical Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) in Athens, Greece. June 1, 2010.

Chaired session on *Cognitive Science* at The New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Fall Meeting, November 14, 1998.

Chaired session on *Philosophy of Mind* at The New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Fall Meeting, November 22, 1997.

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### **Courses Taught:**

Phil 1010: Introduction to Philosophy  
Phil 2010: Introduction to Ethics  
Phil 2070: Contemporary Philosophy  
Phil 2200: Environmental Ethics  
Phil 2250: Health Care Ethics  
Phil 2310: Philosophy of Religion

Phil 2360: Philosophy of the Arts  
Phil 2420: Social & Political Philosophy  
Honors Forum: Science and Religion  
Phil 10: Reasoning (Brooklyn College)  
Phil 14: Moral Issues in Business (Brooklyn College)  
Phil 15.3: Medical Ethics (Brooklyn College)

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### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS**

Co-organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Gun Control: Gun Violence and the 2nd Amendment” Corning Community College, April 11, 2013. [Debated Steuben County Sheriff David Cole]

Organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Occupy Wall St: Democracy, Economic Inequality, and the Role of Social Protest” Corning Community College, November 10, 2011. [Debated local Tea Party President]

Organizer and Moderator: *NY-29th Congressional District Debate: Tom Reed (R) vs. Matt Zeller (D)*. [I organized and moderated a debate between the two candidates for the 29th Congressional District.]

Co-organizer, “College Roundtable: The Politics of Workers Rights: Do we still need unions?” Corning Community College, April 7, 2011.

Organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: A Colossal Fracking Mess: Hydraulic Fracturing in NYS (To Frack or Not to Frack?)” Corning Community College, September 23, 2010.

Organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Gay Marriage: A Civil Right or Special Privilege?” Corning Community College, March 11, 2010.

Organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Health Care Reform: The Great Debate” Corning Community College, September 24, 2009.

Organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Darwin 200 Years Later: How has Darwin’s Theory of Evolution Changed the World?” Corning Community College, April 2, 2009.

Organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: End of Capitalism? Bailout and Worldviews” Corning Community College, November 16, 2008.

Organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Privacy, Surveillance, and Modern Life” Corning Community College, September 25, 2008.

Co-organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: The Role of the Citizen in a Participatory Democracy” Corning Community College, April 17, 2008.

Co-organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Health Care: A Right or a Privilege?” Corning Community College, November 15, 2007.

Co-organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: Global Warming: Are the Solutions at Hand?” Corning Community College, April 26, 2007.

Organizer, Philosophy Lecture Series: “Socratic Citizenship” with Robert Talisse [Vanderbilt University]. Corning Community College, Nov 6, 2006.

Co-organizer and Panel Member, “College Roundtable: The Ethics of Eating” Corning Community College, Nov 2, 2006.

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## COMMITTEES

Curriculum Committee	Corning Community College (2013-present)
Honors Program Committee	Corning Community College (2009-2015)
Educational Policies	Corning Community College (2007-2011)
LAS Program Review Committee,	Corning Community College (2009-2011)
Middle States Periodic Review Report	Corning Community College (2007-2008)
Green Campus Task Force	Corning Community College (2006-2007)
Arrangements and Calendar	Committee, Brooklyn College (2005-2006)
Philosophy Department Secretary	Brooklyn College (2005-2006)
Student Steering Committee	CUNY Graduate School (2000-2001)
Student Member, Executive Committee	CUNY Graduate School (2000-2001)

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## REFERENCES

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