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EDUCATION

Harvard University

PhD, Psychology
“Self and resilience in trauma survivors”
Committee: C. Moroni, K. Nakayama, M. Nock

USA
Expected 2019

University Paris – La Sorbonne

PhD, *summa cum laude*, Philosophy
“The self and the other: personal identity experienced in the first person perspective”
Committee: C. Belin, J. Gayon, D. Ihde, F. Jouen, M. Kistler, T. Martin (chair)

France
2011

Ecole Normale Supérieure

MS, *summa cum laude*, Neuropsychology
MS, *magna cum laude*, Cognitive Psychology
MA, *magna cum laude*, Philosophy

2011
2008
2006

University Paris 10

BA, *summa cum laude*, Philosophy

2004

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Recipient of the Harvard Merit Research Fellowship

Amount awarded: \$14,010

2017

2016 Sackler Scholar in Psychobiology

“*Role of the face in our sense of self: A study in recipients of a face transplant*”
Amount awarded: \$14,000

2016

2013 Recipient of the Mind, Brain and Behavior award

Amount awarded: \$5,052

2013

AAUW international postdoctoral fellowship

Amount awarded: \$30,000

2013

Visiting Scholar at Harvard University (USA)

2012

Visiting Student at Coma Science Group (Belgium)

2009

AWARDS

Recipient of the 2018 Harvard Horizon Scholarship

Distinguishes 8 graduate students across the University for exceptional research

2018

Harvard University Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence

For two separate courses

2017

Harvard University Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence

For two separate courses

2016

French Certification as MCF (assistant professor)

National teaching/research award

2012

French Agrégation of Philosophy – rank: 9th	(43 posts/1076 candidates)	2011
National teaching award		
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English		2007
Ecole Normale Supérieure Fellowship – rank: 8th	(38 posts/1029 candidates)	2006
National examination in Humanities, 4-years grant		
1 st rank in <i>History of Philosophy</i>		
1 st rank in <i>Philosophy of Science</i>		

PUBLICATIONS

In Preparation

- Nizzi, M-C.**, Ramirez, F. (in preparation) Which coping strategies best protect US combat veterans against suicide? MSRC Study.
- Nizzi, M-C.**, Niemi, L. (in preparation) Perceived self-discontinuity, PTSD and suicidality after sexual assault.
- Nizzi, M-C.**, Moroni, C. (in preparation) Personal identity in Alzheimer’s disease: thinking of the self as a process.
- Tasigiorgos, S., Turk, M., **Nizzi, M-C.**, Bueno, E., Pomahac, B. (in preparation) Five year outcomes after face transplantation: the Brigham & Women’s experience.
- Nizzi, M-C**; Fidel Kinori, S.G.; Seulin, C., Bueno, E.; Tasigiorgos, S.; Quinn, L.; Kinsley, S.; Devine, E.; Molway, D.; Morelon, E.; Barret, J.P.; Pomahac, B. (in preparation) Patient selection for Vascularized Composite Allograft: a first step towards international guidelines.
- Nizzi, M-C.**, Pomahac, B. (in preparation) Coping with a face transplant: impact on sense of self, quality of life and mental health in 7 American recipients.
- Nizzi, M-C.**, Laureys, S. (in preparation) Perceived identity, coping and suicide thoughts and behaviors in the Locked-In Syndrome: a longitudinal study.

Submitted

- Nizzi, M-C.**, Moroni, C. (Under review) The Verbal Self Fluency (VSF): A neuropsychological measure to assess the sense of self.
- Nizzi, M-C.**, Blandin, V., Demertzi, A. (Under review) Attitudes towards personhood in the locked-in syndrome: from third- to first-person perspective and to inter-personal significance.
- Oser, M., **Nizzi, M-C.**, Zinser, J., Turk, M., Epstein, R., Bueno, E., Gitlin, D., Pomahac, B. (Under review) Longitudinal Analysis of Quality of Life and Psychosocial Functioning Two Years Following Facial Transplantation.

Peer Reviewed

- Nizzi, M-C.**, Tasigiorgos, S., Turk, M., Moroni, C., Bueno, E., Pomahac, B. (2017) Psychological outcomes in face transplant recipients: A literature review. *Current Surgery Reports*, 5:26.
- Nizzi, M-C.**, Belin, C., Maillet, D., Moroni, C. (2016) The sense of self is supported by several independent cognitive processes in Alzheimer's disease, and self-reported age tracks cognitive impairment. *Geriatr Psychol Neuropsychiatr Vieil*, 14(3): 341-350.
- Nizzi, M-C.** (2014) Technologie et futur du corps humain d’après sept œuvres de science-fiction. [Technology and the future of the human body] *Implications Philosophiques*, special issue “Philosophy and cinema”; available online on August 4th, 2014.
- Nizzi, M-C.** (2013) La notion de perte d’identité dans la représentation sociale de la maladie d’Alzheimer.

[The notion of a loss of identity in the social representation of Alzheimer's disease] *Klesis*, 27: 263-287.

Belin, C. Maillet, D., **Nizzi, M-C.**, Sacko, A., Carpentier, A. (2012). Contribution of Alzheimer's biomarkers in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in nonamnesic presentations. *Alzheimer's and Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, 8(4): 121.

Nizzi, M-C., Demertzi, A., Gosseries, O., Bruno, M-A., Jouen, F., Laureys, S. (2012) From armchair to wheelchair: how patients with a locked-in syndrome integrate bodily changes in experienced identity. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 21(1): 431-437.

Book Chapters

Nizzi, M-C. (2015) "Representation of Alzheimer's disease among non-specialists: a cross-cultural study between Paris and Boston", in Swinnen, A. & Schweda, M. (eds), *Popularizing Dementia: Public Expressions and Representations of Forgetfulness*, Aging Studies, vol. VI, Bielefeld: transcript 2015, pp. 333-358.

Bruno, M-A.; **Nizzi, M-C.**; Laureys, S.; Gosseries, O. (2015) "Consciousness in the locked-in syndrome", in Laureys, S.; Gosseries, O. and Tononi G. (eds), *The Neurology of Consciousness: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropathology*. Edition No 2. Elsevier Academic Press, Oxford, pp. 181-98.

Nizzi, M-C. (2015) "Movies and Bodies: variations of the embodied self in science fiction techno-fantasies", in Rosenburger, R. & Verbeek, P.P. (eds), *Postphenomenological Investigations: Essays on Human-Technology Relations*, Lexington Books/Rowman Littlefield Press.

Nizzi, M-C. (2012) « La maladie d'Alzheimer et son impact sur l'identité de la personne » [Impact of Alzheimer's disease on personal identity], in Hirsch, E., Gzil, F. (eds), *Alzheimer, éthique et société*, Paris, Erès.

Translation

Sytsma, J.M., Machery, E. (2012) « Comment étudier les intuitions du sens commun à propos de la conscience phénoménale » [How to study Folk Intuitions about Phenomenal Consciousness], **traduction M-C. Nizzi**, in Cova, F., Dutant, J., Machery, E., Nahmias, E., Nichols, S. (eds), *Philosophie Expérimentale*, Paris, Vuibert.

PRESENTATIONS

Nov 2017: International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Chicago.

[Poster] "*Combat Experience and Avoidant Coping as a Predictors for Suicidal Behavior and Psychiatric Comorbidity in US veterans*"

* Poster selected by the Military SIG for presentation at the Welcome Reception.

Sep 2017: New Scientist Live, London.

"*The Self: where does it begin and where does it end?*"

Aug 2017: Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston.

"*A third person attempt at getting to the first-person experience: assessing coping in non-communicative patients with a locked-in syndrome.*"

Mar 2017: Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco.

[Poster] "*Which coping strategies predict better outcome after a stroke?*"

Nov 2016: Personhood in the Locked-In Syndrome, Barcelona.

"*Which factors foster resilience in the Locked-in Syndrome?*"

Apr 2016: Cognitive Neuroscience Society, New York.

[Poster] "*In the face of change: which coping strategies predict better outcome after a face transplant surgery?*"

- Nov 2015: Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Denver.
"Movies and bodies: Variations of the embodied self in science-fiction techno fantasies"
- Jun 2015: Ustinov Annual Conference, What makes interdisciplinarity work? Durham.
"Damasio's error: a case study for interdisciplinary studies"
- Jan 2015: Mind, Brain and Behavior Winter Retreat, Cambridge.
"The Resilience project"
- Aug 2014: Body, Brain and Personal Identity International Summer School, Erice.
"Personal identity through massive physical changes: how neuropsychology can inform the philosophy of mind"
- Jul 2013: Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Boston.
"What maintains the self in Alzheimer's disease: memory vs body"
- May 2013: Future directions in Phenomenology, University of Western Ontario, London.
"First person experience and neuropsychological methods in the LIS"
- Jun 2012: Society of Applied Philosophy, St Anne's College, Oxford.
"How to apply the philosophy of personal identity to clinical cases"
- Jun 2012: French Society of Neuropsychology, Lille.
"Building bridges between sciences and the humanities"
- Dec 2011: Ethics and Alzheimer for healthcare professional, Marseille.
"How to better understand and respond to self disorders in patients with Alzheimer Disease"
- Nov 2011: Society for Social Studies of Science, Cleveland.
"From the armchair to the wheelchair"
- Oct 2011: Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Philadelphia.
"From the armchair to the wheelchair"
- May 2011: Toward a Science of Consciousness, University of Arizona, Stockholm.
"Sense of self and body representation in locked-in syndrome patients"
- May 2010: French Society of Neuropsychology, Lille (poster).
"First and third person perspective: self-consciousness in patients with Alzheimer Disease"
- May 2010: Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on Consciousness, Boston.
"Post-phenomenological issue: patients reports on their sense of self"
- Apr 2010: Doctoral Seminar. CHArt laboratory, EPHE, Paris.
"Somatognosie in late stage Alzheimer patients"
- Feb 2010: Doctoral Seminar. PLC laboratory, University of Grenoble.
"Identity and relation to one's own body in the Locked-In Syndrome"
- Jan 2010: Clinical Seminar. Department of Gerontology, Intercity Hospital, Montfermeil.
"Aging, dementia and identity; a trans-disciplinary approach."
- Jan 2010: Clinical Seminar. Department of Neurology, Avicenne Hospital, Bobigny.
"Self-consciousness, from the soul to the brain."
- Jan 2010: Doctoral Seminar. Cyclotron Research Group, University of Liège.
"The feeling of one's own identity in the Locked-In Syndrome"
- Nov 2009: International Conference. Philosophy of Science Society, ENS Paris.
"Medical decision and non-communicative patients: is the patient still an agent?"
- Sep 2009: International Conference. SOPHA Project, University of Genève.
"Ethical issues in the treatment of non-communicative patients"
- Jun 2009 : Doctoral Seminar. Jean Nicod Institute, Paris.
"Motor imagery and procedural memory in Alzheimer's disease"
- May 2009: Summer school of the CNRS about Consciousness. Cargèse, Corsica.

“What defines me among others, the concept of identity in a first person’s perspective”

Mar 2009: Doctoral Seminar. Cyclotron laboratory, University of Liège.

“What is it like to be oneself: personal identity in the Locked-In Syndrome”

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Brigham and Women’s Hospital – Psychiatry & Plastic Surgery	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research in transplant</i>: senior scientist leading behavioral research in face and hand transplant recipients. Managing research training of 6 medical students.	Since 2015
AP-HP Avicenne Hospital & Beth Israel deaconess medical center – Neurology	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research in aging</i>: principal investigator for a multi-center, international study on the sense of self in Alzheimer’s disease.	2012-2014
AP-HP Avicenne Hospital – Neurology	2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Professional internship</i> in Neuropsychology 1 year-internship in a neurology unit	
AP-HP Avicenne Hospital – Neurology	2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research in aging</i>: original research protocol for patients with dementia to test self-recognition and self-knowledge impairment.• <i>Semi-supervised practicum</i>: specialty in brain trauma 8 month-internship in a neurology unit	
Liege University, Belgium – Cyclotron Research Center	2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research in brain trauma</i>: original research protocol for patients with a Locked-In Syndrome, in collaboration with Dr. Steven Laureys.	
Montreuil & Montfermeil Hospitals – Gerontology	2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Semi-supervised practica</i>: specialty in cognitive aging 7 month-internship in 2 gerontology units	
EPHE – Human and Artificial Cognition Laboratory (CHArt)	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research in aging</i>: original research protocol for patients with Alzheimer’s disease (motor imagery and procedural memory).	
Emile Gerard – Nursing Home	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Supervised practicum</i>: specialty in cognitive aging 6 month-internship in a nursing home	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Summer School (sole instructor) Seminar, <i>Introduction to Neuropsychiatry</i>	Summer 2017
Harvard University, Summer School (sole instructor) Seminar, <i>Mind, brain and Consciousness</i>	Summer 2017
Harvard University, Summer School (sole instructor) Seminar, <i>Philosophy and Films</i>	Summer 2017
Harvard University, Mind, Brain and Behavior Initiative (sole instructor) Seminar, Undergraduate course, <i>The Self</i>	Spring 2017
Harvard University, Mind, Brain and Behavior Initiative (co-instructor) Seminar, Undergraduate course, <i>Functional Neuroimaging of Psychiatric Disorders: Insights into the Human Brain-Mind</i>	Spring 2017
Harvard University, Summer School (sole instructor) Seminar, <i>Mind, brain and Consciousness</i>	Summer 2016
Harvard University, Summer School (sole instructor) Seminar, <i>Introduction to philosophy via science-fiction movies</i>	Summer 2016

Harvard University, Psychology Department (co-instructor) Seminar, Undergraduate course, <i>Functional Neuroimaging of Psychiatric Disorders: Insights into the Human Brain-Mind</i>	Spring 2016
Harvard University, Psychology Department (co-instructor) Lecture, Undergraduate course, <i>Consciousness: the last frontier of neurosciences?</i>	Spring 2016
Harvard University, Psychology Department (teaching fellow) Lecture, Undergraduate course, <i>Abnormal Psychology</i>	Fall 2015
Harvard University, Psychology Department (teaching fellow) Seminar, Undergraduate course, <i>Statistics using R</i>	Fall 2014
Harvard University, Mind, Brain and Behavior Initiative (sole instructor) Seminar, Undergraduate course, <i>Self in philosophy, psychology and neuroscience</i>	Spring 2013
Seminar, Undergraduate course, <i>Self in philosophy, psychology and neuroscience</i>	Spring 2012
University Paris 8 Saint-Denis / EPHE (sole instructor) Lecturer, Graduate course, <i>Philosophy of Mind (advanced)</i>	Spring 2011
Lecturer, Graduate course, <i>Philosophy of Mind (introductory)</i>	Spring 2010
Private School for Healthcare Professionals (sole instructor) Lecturer, Professional course, <i>Psychology</i>	Fall 2010
University Lille 3 (co-instructor) Lecturer, Undergraduate course, <i>Philosophy of Psychology</i>	Fall 2009

EDITORIAL SERVICE AS REVIEWER

Biology and Philosophy - Springer	Since 2017
Journal of Consciousness Studies	Since 2015
Human Studies - Springer	Since 2013

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy (ABCT)	Since 2016
Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS)	Since 2014
American Association for University Women (AAUW)	Since 2012
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)	Since 2011