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A fresh approach to solving one of the great puzzles of the natural world

Eagerly awaited book from a prominent figure in consciousness studies

Some mental events are conscious, some are unconscious. What is the difference between the two? Uriah Kriegel offers the following answer: whatever else they may represent, conscious mental states always represent themselves (whereas unconscious ones do not, at least not in the right way). The book develops this 'self-representational' approach to consciousness along several dimensions - including phenomenological, ontological, and scientific - and defends it from common and uncommon criticisms.

Readership: Advanced students and scholars of philosophy, psychologists and cognitive scientists interested in consciousness.