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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore

Areas of Specialization

Ethics • Epistemology • Decision Theory

Education

BA in Philosophy (minor in Mathematics), Pomona College (2007–2011)
PhD in Philosophy, Brown University (2012–2018)

Publications

- “Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome”, *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (forthcoming)
“Rational Moral Ignorance”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (forthcoming)
“Philosophy Without Belief”, *Mind* 128 (2019): 109–138.
(Featured in OUP’s *Best of Philosophy* promotion in 2017.)
“Belief Dependence: How Do the Numbers Count?”, *Philosophical Studies* 176 (2019): pp. 297–319.
“Tolerance and the Distributed *Sorites*”, *Synthese* 196 (2019): pp. 1071–1077.
“No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions”, *Analysis* 78 (2018): pp. 3–13.
(Featured in OUP’s *Best of Philosophy* promotion in 2018.)
“Fool Me Once: Can Indifference Vindicate Induction?” (with Han Li), *Episteme* 15 (2018): pp. 202–208.
“Conciliationism and Merely Possible Disagreement” (with Han Li), *Synthese* 193 (2016): pp. 1–13.

Presentations

- “Six Roles for Inclination”
Social (Distance) Epistemology Series, (April 2020)
- “Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome”
Probability in Philosophy Workshop, ACU, Melbourne (November 2019)
Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (February 2019)
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC, Canada (expected summer 2021)
- “Rational Moral Ignorance”
Frontiers of Epistemology Conference, Yonsei University, Songdo, South Korea (November 2019)
International Ethics Conference on Moral Epistemology, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne (June 2018)

Brown-Princeton Moral Epistemology Workshop, Princeton University (May 2018)
Colloquium, National University of Singapore (February 2018)

“Belief Dependence: How Do the Numbers Count?”

Colloquium, Pacific APA, San Diego CA (April 2018)

“No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions”

Symposium, Central APA, Chicago IL (February 2018)

Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa (October 2017)

“Philosophy Without Belief”

Society for Skeptical Studies, Eastern APA, Baltimore MD (January 2017)

Colloquium, Pacific APA, San Francisco CA (April 2016)

“Selection and Merely Possible Disagreement”

Colloquium, Eastern APA, Philadelphia PA (December 2014)

Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference, Rutgers University (April 2014)

Comments

Luke Elson, “Vagueness and Pessimism about Climate Rationality,” Colloquium, Eastern APA, Savannah GA (January 2018)

Sahar Heydari Fard, “Decision-Theoretic Consequentialism,” Philosopher’s Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa (October 2017)

James Dreier, “World-Centered Value,” Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University (November 2015)

Justin Tiehen, “How to Define ‘the Physical,’” Symposium, Pacific APA, Vancouver BC (April 2015)

Joshua Smart, “A Dialectical Conception of Philosophy” (with Nick Alvarez), Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University (November 2013)

Lea Salje, “Compatibilism about Thought-Insertion,” Graduate Philosophy Conference Brown University (November 2012)

Courses Taught

Graduate Research Seminar, NUS (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

Decision and Social Choice, NUS (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

Normative Ethics, NUS (Spring 2020)

Computation and Philosophy, NUS (Spring 2020)

Philosophy of Science, NUS (Spring 2019)

Issues in Epistemology, NUS (Fall 2018)

Social and Formal Epistemology, NUS (Fall 2018)

Introduction to Skepticism, Wheaton College (Fall 2016), Brown University (Fall 2015)

Logic & Paradox, Summer@Brown Pre-College Program (Summer 2018 with Larry Kenny, Summer 2016 (×2), Summer 2015 (×3), Summer 2014)

Grants, Honors & Awards

Co-Investigator (with Bob Beddor), “Epistemology Beyond Belief,” Singapore Ministry of Education Tier I Research Grant—\$138,477 (2020–2022)

ODPRT Grant for Research Excellence—awarded to top 20% of NUS faculty based on research performance (2020)

Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellowship, Brown University and Wheaton College (Fall 2016)

Graduate Student Stipend, American Philosophical Association (April 2018, February 2018, April

2016, December 2014)
W.T. Jones Prize in Philosophy, Pomona College (May 2011)

Professional and Departmental Service

Journal Referee, *Analysis*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*,
Journal of Philosophy, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Southern
Journal of Philosophy*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, *Thought*, *Utilitas*
Graduate Student Director (with Nina Emery, Faculty Director), Summer Immersion Program in
Philosophy at Brown (Summer 2018)
Nominated Member, APA Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy (2016–2019)
Leaf Editor (Disagreement in Philosophy), *PhilPapers.org* (2017–present)
Graduate Student Mentor, Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown (Summer 2015 –
Summer 2018)
Workshop Organizer, “Innovative Methods in Philosophical Pedagogy,” Teaching Hub, Eastern
APA, Savannah GA (January 2018)
Chair, “Public School Certification for Philosophy Graduate Students,” Teaching Hub, Eastern APA,
Savannah GA (January 2018)
Organizer, Brown Epistemology Reading Group (2015–2018)
Conference Organizer, Philosophy Graduate Conference, Brown University (November 2014)

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