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**AOS:** Value Theory, Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, PPE  
**AOC:** Philosophy of AI, Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, Epistemology

## Academic Employment

2022- *Assistant Professor* (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University  
2022- *Fellow*, Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre, Lingnan University  
2021-2022 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University

## Education

2021 PHD in Philosophy, Arizona State University  
Dissertation: *Reviving Hedonism*  
Committee: Cheshire Calhoun, Tyler DesRoches, Doug Portmore (chair)  
2018 MA in Philosophy, Arizona State University  
2018-2021 Visiting Predoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University  
2015 BA in Philosophy (Honors), State University of New York at Albany

## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forthcoming "Preference as Desire" *Journal of Philosophy*  
Forthcoming "Human Extinction and Conditional Value" *Philosophical Studies*  
Forthcoming "Desire, Aversion, and Welfare" *Analysis*. doi 10.1093/analys/anae101  
2025 "Are Current AI Systems Capable of Well-Being?" *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 4: 42  
2025 "Alienation, Engagement, and Welfare" *Philosophical Quarterly* 75(1): 40-60  
2024 "Why Prevent Human Extinction?" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 109(2): 650-662  
2024 "Unconscious Pleasure as Dispositional Pleasure" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 102(4): 999-1013  
2023 "What's Wrong With Virtue Signaling?" (with Jesse Hill) *Synthese* 201: 117  
2022 "On Sense and Preference" *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 19(3): 280-302  
2021 "The Psychological Basis of Collective Action" *Philosophical Studies* 178(2): 427-444  
2020 "Do Fitting Emotions Tell Us Anything About Well-Being?" *Utilitas* 32(1): 118-125

- 2020 "Human Enhancement and the Proper Response to Climate Change" *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 23(1): 85-96
- 2020 "What Is the Point of Helping?" *Philosophical Studies* 177(6): 1487-1500
- 2019 "Imprecise Lexical Superiority and the (Slightly Less) Repugnant Conclusion" *Philosophical Studies* 176(8): 2103-2117

#### IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Forthcoming "Decision Theory and Desire" *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Desire* (ed. A. Gregory)

### Works in Progress

(All available upon request)

- "Desire Satisfactionism vs. Preference Satisfactionism"
- "Hedonism about Well-Being Amended and Defended"
- "How Framing Affects Choice: A Desire-First View"
- "Knowledge as Non-Aversion"
- "Repugnance Reconsidered"
- "Well-Being as Reliable Happiness"

### Public Philosophy

- 2024 "Global Environmental Risks" Freely accessible module, including text and video lessons, for on-line course on Ethics and Global Catastrophic Risks  
<https://www.ln.edu.hk/philoso/hkrc/risk/learning-modules/module6>
- 2024 "Why Prevent Human Extinction?" Featured in *New Work in Philosophy*  
<https://newworkinphilosophy.substack.com/p/james-fanciullo-why-prevent-human>

### Awards

- 2024-2026 Early Career Scheme Grant, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. ~\$25,000USD. A Hong Kong government competitive grant for early career faculty. Project title: Desire, Preference, and Context
- 2021 Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. ~\$155,000USD. A Hong Kong government competitive grant for three-year postdoctoral positions. Resigned 2022 to take new position at Lingnan
- 2018-2021 University Graduate Fellowship, Arizona State University (awarded F18, S19, S20, F20, S21)
- 2019 Graduate College Fellowship, Arizona State University
- 2019 Research Assistant, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University
- 2018 Research Grant, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University. (\$10,000USD)
- 2015 Recruitment Funding Award, Arizona State University
- 2015 Philosophy Undergraduate of the Year, SUNY Albany

## Presentations

05/2025	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," Kyoto University of Advanced Science
04/2025	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," University of Hong Kong
04/2025	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," Wuhan University
03/2025	"All Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being," University of Hong Kong
10/2024	"Preference as Desire," Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference Online
09/2024	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," University of Southampton
12/2021	"The Nature of Achievement," Lingnan University
3/2020	"Hedonism Revived," Lingnan University
1/2020	"Hedonism Revived," National University of Singapore
8/2018	"Nobody Needs a Theory of Human Well-Being," Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University

## Teaching and Advising

### TEACHING

S20	PHI105: Introduction to Ethics (*at Arizona State University)
F21, F23, F24	PHI3103: Advanced Western Ethics
F25	PHI3105: Philosophy of Happiness
S23	PHI3278: Metaethics
F22	PHI4374: Value Theory
S22, S23, F23, S24, F24, S25, F25	CCC8011: Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation

### ADVISING

F22-S23	PHI4301: Directed Research Primary Advisor. Boyang Zhang. Undergraduate thesis on utilitarianism and immigration.
F22-S23	MPhil Philosophy Primary Advisor. Wai Sing Fook. "Incompatibilist Arguments and Compatibilist Rebuttals." Student's current position: PhD student in Philosophy at Lingnan University.
F23	MPhil Philosophy Member, Thesis Defense Committee. Chun Yin Kong.
S24	MPhil Philosophy Member, Thesis Defense Committee. Nanyun Shen.

## Service

2025-	Chair, Postgraduate Admissions Committee, Lingnan University
2024-	RGC Junior Research Fellow (Postdoctoral Fellowship) Search Committee, Lingnan University
2025	Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) Environment Statement Committee, Lingnan University
2022-2025	Member, Postgraduate Admissions Committee, Lingnan University
2024	Mock Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) Impact Case Committee, Lingnan University
2023	Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University
2023	Research Assistant Professor Search Committee, Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre, Lingnan University

2022-2023 Associate Director, Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre  
2022-2023 Organizing Committee, Masters Program in "AI and the Future," Lingnan University  
2021-2022 Seminar Coordinator, Lingnan University  
2021 Organizing Committee, 15th Biennial Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, Arizona State University

Referee for: *Asian Journal of Philosophy* (x2); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x4); *Economics and Philosophy*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy* (x3); *Journal of Economic Methodology* (x4); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (x2); *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of Value Inquiry* (x3); *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophical Studies* (x3); Routledge; *Synthese* (x2); *Utilitas*

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