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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1998, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA.

M.A. in Philosophy, 1988, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, P.R. China.

B.S. in Geophysics, 1982, Changchun Institute of Geology, Changchun, P.R. China.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Science
Analytic Philosophy
Philosophy of Language

AREA OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology Logic, Ethics
Metaphysics Chinese Philosophy
Modern Philosophy Philosophy of Death

TEACHING POSITIONS

2010-now Professor of Philosophy, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Juniata College, Pennsylvania, USA.

2004-10 Associate Professor, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Juniata College, Pennsylvania, US.

1999-04 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of Philosophy, Juniata College, Pennsylvania, US.

1997-99 Assistant Professor (non-tenure track), Department of Philosophy, Trinity College, Connecticut, US.

1992-97 Lecturer (part time), Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, US.

1990-92 Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, US.

1988-90 Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Huazhong University of Science & Technology, Wuhan, P.R. China.

1982-85 Instructor, Department of Applied Geophysics, Xian College of Geology, Xian, P.R. China.

PUBLICATIONS***Philosophy Monograph***

2007, *Incommensurability and Cross-Language Communication*, Ashgate Publishing Ltd, England, pp. 374, included in *Ashgate New Critical Thinking in Philosophy Series*.

Textbook

2009, *Symbolic Logic Study Guide*, University Readers, pp. 110

Philosophy Articles (articles published in peer-reviewed philosophy journals and anthologies)

2018, "Incommensurability and Comparative Philosophy," *Philosophy East & West: a quarterly comparative philosophy*, Vol. 68 (3): 564-582

2012 (the year in print), "Alternative Conceptual Schemes and a Non-Kantian Scheme-Content Dualism," in *Proceedings of 22nd World Congress of Philosophy* (August, 2008, Seoul, Korea), Vol. 39 (Philosophy of Language): 267-275, by *Philosophy Documentation Center*, 2012

2010, "A Presuppositional Approach to Conceptual Schemes," *South African Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 29 (4): 404-421

2009 (3), "The Propositional vs. Hermeneutic Models of Cross-Cultural Understanding," *South African Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 28 (3): 312-331

2009 (2), "On Davidson's Refutation of Conceptual Schemes and Conceptual Relativism," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 90 (1): 140-164

2009 (1), "Linguistic Communication versus Understanding," *Philosophia: International Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 38 (1): 71-84

2008, "Epistemology," *Series on Western Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Philosophy Volume*, editors, Jiyuan Yu & Zhewei Zhang, Renmin University Press, Beijing, China, pp. 1-47

2007 (the year in print), "Conceptual Schemes and Presuppositional Languages," *The Proceedings of the 21st World Congress of Philosophy* (August, 2003, Istanbul, Turkey), Vol. 6 (Epistemology): 119-124, by *Philosophy Documentation Center*, 2007

2003 (2), "Where Are Facts? -- A Case for Internal Factual Realism," *Diálogos*, Vol. 38 (no. 82): 7-30.

- 2003 (1), “Presuppositional Languages and the Failure of Cross-Language Understanding,” *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, Vol. 42 (1): 53-77.
- 2002, “Taxonomy, Truth-Value Gaps and Incommensurability: A Reconstruction of T. Kuhn's Taxonomic Interpretation of Incommensurability,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, Vol. 33 (3), 465-485.
- 2004, the above original publication 2002 in English was translated into a Chinese version entitled, “语言分类系统、真值间隔和不可通约性 — 对库恩关于不可通约性的分类学解释之重建” and published by *Journal of World Philosophy*, 2004, no. 5 (世界哲学, 2004 第 5 期): 41-57 [in Chinese]
- 2001, “Hume Is Not A Skeptic about Induction,” *Diálogos*, Vol. 36 (no. 78): 41-54.
- 2000, “Hume on Epistemic Justification of Induction,” *Prima Philosophia*, Vol. 13 (4): 369-379.
- 1999, “Is the Notion of Semantic Presupposition Empty?” *Diálogos*, Vol. 34 (no. 73): 61-91.
- 2002, the Chinese version of the above original publication 1999 in English entitled, “语言预设概念空泛无物吗?” was collected in Bo Mou ed. *Contemporary Inquiries Into the Foundational Issues of Philosophy*, the Commercial Press, (博牟 编辑 留美 哲学博士文选: 当代基础理论研究, 商务印书馆), Beijing, China, pp. 190-224, 2002. [in Chinese]
- 1998, “A Critique of the Translational Approach to Incommensurability,” *Prima Philosophia*, Vol. 11 (3): 293-306.
- 1989, “The Issue of Defending the Rationality of Science” (“科学合理性辩护问题”), *Journal of Dialectics of Nature* (自然辩证法通讯), Vol. 11 (2): 20-30. [in Chinese]
This article was also included in *1989's Yearbook of Philosophy in China* (1989 中国哲学年鉴), a collection presented by Chinese Social Science Academy (中国社会科学院) as the best philosophical essays published in China in that year.
- 1988 (2), “Debate on the Notion of Truth in the Philosophy of Science” (“科学哲学中有关科学真理性的争论”), *Developments in Philosophy of China*, 国内哲学动态, Sum. 115 (1988, No.7): 9-15. [in Chinese]
- 1988 (1), “Can Science Reveal Truth?” (“科学能否揭示真理?”), *Journal of the Graduates of Huazhong University of Science and Technology* (华中理工大学研究生学报), Vol. 3 (1): 5-12. [in Chinese]

1987, “Analysis of the Concept of Information” (“信息概念分析”), *Journal of the Graduates of Huazhong University of Science and Technology* (华中理工大学研究生学报), Vol. 2 (2): 37-45. [in Chinese]

Published Abstracts, Reviews, and Notes (peer reviewed)

2008, “Alternative Conceptual Schemes and a Non-Kantian Scheme-Content Dualism,” in *Abstracts of 22nd World Congress of Philosophy*, August, 2008, Seoul, Korea, pp. 539-540

2003, “Conceptual Schemes and Presuppositional Languages,” in *Abstracts of 21st World Congress of Philosophy*, edited by Zeynep Davran, Turkey, 2003, p. 430.

2000, “A Reconstruction of T. Kuhn’s Taxonomic Interpretation of Incommensurability,” in *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol.73, No.4, February 2000, pp. 104-105.

1995, “Truth-value Gaps and Ontological Gaps,” *Volume of Abstracts of 10th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, published by Comune di Cesena, Italy, 1995, p. 372.

Translations (from English into Chinese)

1988a, “The Topological Structure of the Development of Knowledge,” by S. Leias, the Chinese translation was published in *Philosophical Problems of Natural Sciences*, (自然科学中的哲学问题), No. 1, pp. 34-45. [in Chinese]

1988b, “A Confutation of Convergent Realism,” by L. Laudan, the Chinese translation was published in *Philosophical Problems of Natural Sciences* (自然科学中的哲学问题), No. 2, pp. 78-90. [in Chinese]

Works under Construction

Book, *the Meaning of Death: A Philosophical Anthology of Death and Human Existence*
“Dualism, Transcendence, and Cross-Cultural Understanding”

PRESENTATIONS

Contributed Papers (peer-reviewed philosophy conference presentations)

2018, “Meaning of Death to Life and the Meaning of Life from Death,” *24th World Congress of Philosophy*, August, 2018, Beijing, China.

2017, “A Challenge to Comparative Philosophy,” *Society for Asian and Comparative*

- Philosophy, 49th Annual Conference*, June 9-12, 2017, Beijing, China.
- 2016, “Why does it matter and should it matter whether confucianism is a religion?”
International Conference: Dialogue of Religions and Beliefs in China, Beijing, China,
July 13-15, 2016
- 2015, “Incommensurability in Comparative Philosophy,” *15th Congress of Logic,
Methodology and Philosophy of Science, CLMPS 2015*, University of Helsinki,
Finland, 3-8 August, 2015
- 2012, delivered an invited *keynote speech* entitled, “Incommensurability in Cross-cultural
Communication” in the international conference *Incommensurability 50*, Taiwan
National University, Taipei, June, 2012
- 2010, “Wittgenstein’s distinction between Saying and Showing in Chinese Philosophy,”
33rd International Wittgenstein Symposium, August, 2010, Kirchberg am Wechsel,
Austria
- 2009, “Propositional vs. Hermeneutic Cross-Cultural Understanding,” presented at *16th
International Conference of the Society for Chinese Philosophy*, July, 2009, Taipei,
Taiwan
- 2008, “Alternative Conceptual Schemes and a Non-Kantian Scheme-Content Dualism,”
presented at *22nd World Congress of Philosophy*, August, 2008, Seoul, Korea
- 2006, “A Presuppositional Approach to Conceptual Schemes,” presented at *Annual
Conference 2006, Australasian Association for Philosophy, New Zealand Division*,
December, 2006, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2006, “Linguistic Understanding versus Communication,” presented at *1st International
Conference on Philosophy*, June, 2006, Athens, Greece
- 2003, “Conceptual Schemes and Presuppositional Languages,” presented at *21st World
Congress of Philosophy*, August, 2003, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2002, “Whitehead and Darwinism,” presented at *The International Conference on
Whitehead in the New Millennium*, June 2002, Beijing, PRC.
- 2000, “Presuppositional Languages and the Failure of Cross-language Understanding,”
presented at *The American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting*,
ninety-seventh annual meeting, December 2000, New York, US.
- 2000, “A Reconstruction of T. Kuhn’s Taxonomic Interpretation of Incommensurability,”
a colloquium paper in the main program, *The American Philosophical Association,
Central Division*, ninety-eighth annual meeting, April 20-23, 2000, Chicago, US.

1999, "Kuhn and incommensurability," *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference 1999*, University of Nottingham, England, July 8-9, 1999 (I was unable to attend the conference due to illness).

1999, "Taxonomy, Truth-Value Gaps, and Incommensurability," the International Conference *Incommensurability and the Related Issues*, Hanover, Germany, June 13-16, 1999. The abstract is published on-line at <http://sun1.rrzn.uni-hannover.de/zeww/inc.conf.html>

1997, "An Ontological Approach Toward Incommensurability," *First Symposium on Field-Being and the Non-substantialistic Turn*, The International Institute For Field-Being, Fairfield University, Connecticut, US, May 23-27, 1997.

1995, "Truth-value Gaps and Ontological Gaps," *10th International Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science*, Florence, Italy, August 19-25, 1995.

Invited Papers or Talks (not refereed)

2002, "On the Effective Cross-Language Understanding," a talk delivered at Xiamen University and ZhongShan University, P.R. China (July 2002).

1999, "Hume on Epistemic Justification of Induction," a talk delivered at University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, US (February 1999).

1998, "Traditional Chinese Medical Theory and the Pre-Modern Chinese Mode of Reasoning," a talk delivered at New England College, New Hampshire, US (May, 1998).

1998, "Truth-Value Status and Effective Understanding," a talk delivered at University of Redlands, California, US (June 1998).

1998, "Are There Mind-Independent Facts?" Trinity College, Connecticut, US (February 1998).

1996, "Defending the Notion of Semantic Presupposition," Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, US (November 1996).

1995, "The Issue of Incommensurability," Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, US (October 1995).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee and member of the editorial board of *Tao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* (an English philosophy journal published in USA)

Conference Program Committees

- Served in the program committee for two panels sponsored by the ACPA at the APA Eastern Division Meeting (December 2001, Atlanta).
- Served in the program committee for two panels sponsored by the ACPA at the APA Eastern Division Meeting (December 2003).
- Served in the program committee for two panels sponsored by the ACPA at the APA Eastern Division Meeting (December 2004).

Book Proposal and Manuscript Reviews

Member, the Editorial Advisory Board for the textbook, *The Study of Philosophy*, by S. Engel, Collegiate Press.

Book proposal *Human Nature*, by Jennifer Greene and Iain Morrison, review invited by Longman Publisher, New York, February 2003.

Book proposal *Philosophy of Science*, by David Boersema (Pacific University), review invited by Longman Publisher, New York, March 2003.

Book proposal for the second edition of *Existentialism*, by Robert Solomon, review invited by Oxford University Press, New York, May 2003

Book manuscript *Theories of Human Nature: An Introduction to Philosophy*, review invited by Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, Philadelphia, August 2003.

Book proposal *Delight In Thinking: An Introduction to Philosophy Reader*, by anonymous authors, review invited by McGraw-Hill, New York, April 2004.

EXTERNAL REVIEW

A brief review about Xinli Wang's research in Contemporary Analytical Philosophy by Dr. Yong Huang is included in *The Report On the Development of Chinese Philosophy in 1999*, edited by the editorial board of Philosophical Study at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, published by Yunnan People's Press, China, 2001.

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Winner, the 2002 CTNS (the Center for Theology and the Natural Science) Science & Religion Course Competition, \$10,000 award to the course *God, Evolution and Culture* (co-designed with Randy Bennett and Doug Glazier).

- “Excellence in Teaching Award,” University of Connecticut, US, 1996.
- Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut, US, 1994.
- Lectureship, University of Connecticut, US, 1992-97.
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, University of Connecticut, US, 1990-92.
- Phi Kappa Phi, 1992-97.
- “Excellence in Teaching Award,” Second Prize, Huazhong University, P.R. China, 1989.
- “Excellent MA Thesis Award,” First Prize, Huazhong University, P.R. China, 1988.
- “Outstanding Graduate Student Award,” Huazhong University, P.R. China, 1987.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Philosophical Association (in US).
- Member, The Philosophy of Science Association (in US).
- Member, British Society for the Philosophy of Science (in UK).
- Member, Association of Chinese Philosophers in America (in US).

COLLEGE COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, Juniata College Intercultural Learning Assessment Committee, 2009-2011
- Member, Juniata College Faculty Professional Development Committee, 2008-now
- Chair, Juniata College Philosophy Search Committee, 2007-2008
- Ethicist and member, Juniata College Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, 2006-2008
- Member, subcommittee on general education, Juniata College Curriculum Committee, 2005-current
- Chair, Philosophy Department, Juniata College, 2003-current
- Member, Juniata College Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program Steering Committee, 2002-now
- Member, Juniata College International Studies Program Committee, 2002-2010
- Member, Juniata College Academic Planning and Assessment Committee (a college standing committee), 2001-2004
- Member, Juniata College International Education Committee, 2001-2004.
- Member, Juniata College Chemistry Search Committee, 2000-2001
- Member, Juniata College Animal Ethics Committee, 2000-2006
- Faculty Advisor, Juniata College Student Logross Club, 2009-now
- Faculty Advisor, Juniata College Philosophy Club, 1999-2009.
- Faculty Advisor, Juniata College Chinese Club, 2002-2007.
- Faculty Advisor, Juniata College Ping-Pong Club, 1999-2010.
- Advisor, Trinity College Asian Study Program, 1998-1999.
- Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, 1993-97.

- Member, Undergraduate Committee of Social Science, Huazhong University, China, 1988-90.