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### **Employment**

2017- Zhejiang University  
Associate Professor of Philosophy (untenured)  
2013-2017 Shandong University  
Associate Professor of Philosophy (2016-2017)  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2013-2016)

### **Areas of Specialization**

Phenomenology, Philosophy of Mind

### **Areas of Competence**

Ethics, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy

### **Education**

2005-2011 University of Miami  
Ph.D in Philosophy, defended December 6, 2011  
Dissertation: “Fulfillment in Perception: A Critique of Alva Noë’s Enactive View”  
In my dissertation I examine the connections between Alva Noë’s enactive view of perception and Edmund Husserl’s phenomenology of perception. I find various Husserlian motifs in Noë’s enactive view and argue that the enactive view can be improved by incorporating and developing further Husserlian ideas, especially the idea of fulfillment.

Director: Mark Rowlands

Committee: Risto Hilpinen, Amie Thomasson, Dan Zahavi

1995-2005 University of Tartu, Estonia

M.A. in Philosophy 2002

B.A. in Philosophy 2000

### **Publications**

“Perspectivity and Rationality of Perception.” Forthcoming in *Dialectica*.

“Review of Michael Madary’s Visual Phenomenology” (Book Review). *Husserl Studies* (Published online).

“Constancy and Constitution.” *Theoria* 87 (3) (2021), 781-798.

“Review of Corijn van Mazijk: *Perception and Reality in Kant, Husserl, and McDowell*” (Book Review). Published online in *Continental Philosophy Review* (Feb. 11, 2021): <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11007-021-09530-3>

“Perceptual Confidence: A Husserlian Take.” *European Journal of Philosophy* 29 (2) (2021), 354-364.

*The Intentionality of Perception: An Updated Husserlian Approach* (Book). Hangzhou, China: Zhejiang University Press, 2020. (ISBN 978-7-308-207700-6)

“Philip Goff, *Galileo’s Error: Foundations for a New Science of Consciousness*” (Book Review). *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 27 (9-10), 252-257.

“Recalcitrant Emotions: A Phenomenological View”. *Problemos* 97 (2020), 99-113.

“Phenomenology and Perceptual Content.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 57 (3) (2019), 402-427.

“Attitudes and Illusions: Herbert Leyendecker’s Phenomenology of Perception.” *Continental Philosophy Review* 52 (3) (2019), 279-298.

“Distant Things: A Closer Look.” *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 50 (3) (2019), 249-263.

“Visual Field and Empty Space.” *European Journal of Philosophy* 27 (2) (2019), 403-411.

“Phenomenological Reflections on Instincts.” *Studia Phaenomenologica* XVIII (2018), 109-128.

“Presence by Degrees.” *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 25 (9-10) (2018), 125-138.

“Fears as Conscious Perceivings.” *Philosophia* 46 (3) (2018), 747-760.

“Action and Variation in Perception.” *European Journal of Philosophy* 25 (4) (2017), 1364-1375.

“Consciousness and Intentionality: The Face of the Phenomena.” *Prolegomena* 15 (1) (2016), 5-19.

“Norman Sieroka: Leibniz, Husserl, and the Brain.” *Phenomenological Reviews*. Published online at <http://reviews.ophen.org/2015/12/14/norman-sieroka-leibniz-husserl-brain/>, Dec. 14, 2015

“Wilhelm Schapp on Seeing Distant Things.” *Studia Phaenomenologica*. XV (2015), 394-412.

“Visual Contents: Beyond Reach?” *Philosophical Forum*. 46 (2) (2015), 193-204.

“Constitutive Strata and the Dorsal Stream.” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*. 13 (3) (2014), 419-435.

“Asjade antusest tajus.” *Akadeemia*, 1 (2013), 104-123. (Translated title: “On the Givenness of Things in Perception.”)

“Materiaalse looduse konstitutsioon.” *Akadeemia*, 1 (2013), 83-102, and 2 (2013), 348-357. (A translation, from German into Estonian, of § 15, and § 18, (a)-(c), of Husserl, E. (1952). *Ideen zu einer Reinen Phänomenologie und Phänomenologischen Philosophie. Zweites Buch. Phänomenologische Untersuchungen zur Konstitution* (Husserliana, Vol. IV). (M. Biemel, Ed.) The Hague, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff. Translated title: “The Constitution of Material Nature.”)

“On Perceptual Presence.” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 10 (4) (2011), 439-459.

“Intentsionaalsuse teadvuslikkus Charles Siewertil ja John Searle'il.” *Akadeemia*, 2 (2005), 355-385. (Translated title: “Charles Siewert and John Searle on the Phenomenality of Intentionality.”)

“Intentsionaalsusest, teadvusest ja taustast Searle'il.” In J. Kangilaski, B. Mölder, V. Palge (Ed-s), *Püsimatu metaphysicus: Madis Kõiv 75* (2004), 221-234. Tartu, Estonia: EYS Veljesto Kirjastus. (Translated title: “Searle on Intentionality, Consciousness and the Background.”)

### **Presentations (Selected), Academic Visits**

“Cosmopsychism as an Approach to the Mind-Body Problem,” by Itay Shani  
Moderator for a talk at Zhejiang University (Hangzhou, China) 2021

“Consciousness, Receptivity, and Affective Tone,” by Itay Shani  
Moderator for a talk at Zhejiang University (Hangzhou, China) 2021

“A Response to Lucy Osler’s *The Rise of Modern Rituals: Creating Togetherness in Online Communities*”  
Online talk series, *Collective Intentionality in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind*, hosted at the University of Copenhagen and Zhejiang University 2021

“A Response to Thomas Szanto’s *Collective Emotions: A Phenomenological Account*”  
Online talk series, *Collective Intentionality in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind*, hosted at the University of Copenhagen and Zhejiang University 2021

“The Rationality of Perception: A Husserlian Sketch”  
Online talk in the Mind and Metaphysics series, hosted at Sun Yat-sen University Zhuhai Campus 2021

“Demystifying Mind-Independence”

Online talk in the Mind and Metaphysics series, hosted at Sun Yat-sen University Zhuhai Campus 2020

Visiting Scholar

Husserl Archives Leuven, Feb. 1-Mar. 31, 2020

“Identity and Constancy”

Australasian Association of Philosophy 2019

“Recalcitrant Emotions: A Phenomenological Account”

European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions 2019

“Constancy and Identity”

International Conference on Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind (Xiamen, China) 2019

“Constancy and Identity”

Husserl Circle 2019

“Phenomenology and Perceptual Content”

Experience, Concepts and Agency: International Conference on Natural Cognition (Macau, China) 2018

“Perspectivity and Rationality of Perception”

Invited talk at the University of Hong Kong 2018

“Perspectivity and Rationality of Perception”

Kinds of Knowledge: A Research Workshop in Epistemology (Hangzhou, China) 2018

“Phenomenology and Perceptual Content”

Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology 2018

“Perspectivity and Rationality of Perception”

Invited talk at the University of Rijeka (Croatian Society for Analytic Philosophy) 2018

“Phenomenology and Perceptual Content”

World Congress of Philosophy (Beijing, China) 2018

“Distant Things: A Closer Look”

Conference on Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia 2018

“Commentary on *Hyle, Appearances, and Participation*, by Jeremy H. Smith”

Husserl Circle 2018

“Distant Things: A Closer Look”

Life and World: East China Youth Phenomenology International Forum (Suzhou, China)  
2018

“Fears as Conscious Perceivings”

Annual Meeting of the Chinese Society for the History of Foreign Philosophy and the  
Chinese Society for Modern Foreign Philosophy (Zhuhai, China) 2016

“Instinct and Affection in Husserl”

China Annual Phenomenology Conference (Jinan, China) 2016

“Affection and Instinct in Husserl”

Conference on Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia 2016

“Commentary on Emilio Vicuña’s *Identification and Quasi-identification*”

Husserl Circle 2016

“Phenomenology, Intentionality, Emotions”

International Workshop on Philosophy of Mind (Xiamen, China) 2015

“Distant Things: A Closer Look”

Conference on Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia 2014

“Consciousness and Intentionality: The Face of the Phenomena”

Husserl Circle 2014

“Asjade antusest tajus”

*Akadeemia* 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seminar (Tartu, Estonia) 2014

“Fulfillment in Perceptual Experiences”

Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology 2013

“Towards Solving Alva Noë’s Problem of Perceptual Presence”

American Philosophical Association Central Division 2011

“On Alva Noë’s Problem of Perceptual Presence”

Midsouth Philosophy Conference 2011

“*The Ambassadors* and the Ambulatory View of Knowledge”

Florida Philosophical Association 2007

## **Teaching**

2017- Zhejiang University

Edmund Husserl’s Phenomenology (undergraduate)

Philosophy of Science (undergraduate)

Critical Reasoning (undergraduate)

Philosophy of Science and Technology (graduate)

Modern Western Philosophy (undergraduate)  
2013-2017 Shandong University  
History of Modern Philosophy 2 (undergraduate)  
(This course was, *de facto*, a history of 20<sup>th</sup> century analytic philosophy.)  
Philosophy of Cognitive Science (graduate)  
Philosophy of Science (undergraduate)  
Philosophy of Mind (undergraduate)  
Philosophy of Mind (graduate)  
(I have, on different occasions, taught this course as a course in the philosophy of perception, and co-taught it as a course in the philosophy of emotions.)  
Academic English (graduate)  
Critical Thinking (undergraduate)  
Introduction to Philosophy (undergraduate)

2005-2011 University of Miami  
Philosophy 101, "Introduction to Philosophy"  
Philosophy 130, "Contemporary Moral Issues"  
Philosophy 110, "Critical Thinking"

2002-2005 Mainor Business School, Estonia  
HS-310, "Filosoofia ja loogika"  
(Translated course title: "Philosophy and Logic")

2001 University of Tartu, Narva College, Estonia  
Introductory philosophy course

### **Graduate Student Supervision**

2021- M.A. supervisor for Liu Xinyuan  
2019- Ph.D supervisor for Zhao Zhu

### **References**

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### **Awards, Projects**

Humanities and Social Sciences General Research Project of the Chinese Ministry of Education, titled *Perceptual Experience: Beyond the Mainstream Intentional Approach* (21YJA720001) 2021

Zhejiang Province Project for Philosophy and Social Science Planning  
(浙江省哲学社会科学规划课题) 2018

*Akadeemia* Annual Prize (“Universalialia”) 2014

Award of Academic Merit, University of Miami 2011

Kristjan Jaak Scholarship, Archimedes Foundation, Estonia 2005

### **Service**

Organizer (with Davide Fassio and Jie Gao) of *Frontiers of Epistemology* (a workshop at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China) 2019

Organizer (with Davide Fassio and Jie Gao) of *Intuitions and X-Phi: A Workshop* at Zhejiang University (Hangzhou, China) 2018

Organizer (with Davide Fassio and Jie Gao) of *Kinds of Knowledge: A Research Workshop in Epistemology* at Zhejiang University (Hangzhou, China) 2018

External Reviewer for Tarmo Tirol’s Ph.D dissertation, “Subjektiivsus Jean-Paul Sartre’i eksistentsialismis” (“Subjectivity in Jean Paul Sartre’s Existentialism”), defended at the University of Tartu (Tartu, Estonia) 2017

External reviewer for Marge Paas’s Ph.D Dissertation, “Empaatia kunstiteoste kogemisel: fenomenoloogiline analüüs” (“Empathy in Experiencing Works of Art: A Phenomenological Analysis”), defended at the University of Tallinn (Tallinn, Estonia) 2017

Editor, for *PhilPapers* online directory ([philpapers.org](http://philpapers.org)), of the category *Husserl: Philosophy of Mind*, and subcategories, 2013-present

Co-organizer, University of Miami Graduate Epistemology Conference 2006, 2007

### **Refereeing for Journals**

Canadian Journal of Philosophy  
Croatian Journal of Philosophy  
Études phénoménologiques / Phenomenological Studies  
European Journal of Philosophy  
Frontiers in Psychology  
Frontiers of Philosophy in China  
Inquiry  
Journal of Consciousness Studies  
Mind and Matter  
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences  
Prolegomena  
Southern Journal of Philosophy  
Studia Philosophica Estonica  
Trames

**Professional Affiliations**

Australasian Association of Philosophy  
European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions  
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Husserl Circle

**Chinese Language Skills**

HSK Level 4 2021