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### Employment

- Assistant Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Philosophy (January 2022 – present)
- Lecturer at Jilin University, School of Philosophy and Sociology (January 2019 – December 2021)
- Visiting Scholar at Jilin University, School of Philosophy and Sociology (September 2018 – December 2018)

### Education

- Ph.D. in philosophy, University of Virginia, May 2018
  - Dissertation: Representational Content and the Objects of Thought (director: Trenton Merricks)
- M.A. in Humanities, University of Chicago, 2008
- B.A. in Philosophy and in English, Duke University, 2006

**Areas of Specialization:** ethics, metaphysics, philosophy of mind

**Areas of Competence:** logic, metaethics, philosophy of language

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

- Forthcoming in print (published online October 2021). Co-authored with Matthew Adams. “Can the Future-Like-Ours Argument Survive Ontological Scrutiny?”, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. DOI: 10.1093/jmp/jhab033
- 2018. “Persons, Stages, and Tensed Belief,” *Erkenntnis* 83 (3): 577-593. DOI: 10.1007/s10670-017-9903-5

### Book Publications

- 2021. *Representational Content and the Objects of Thought*. Singapore: Palgrave MacMillan. ISBN: 978-981-16-3516-8
- 2021. Co-edited with Qu Hongmei and Gerhard Zecha. *Selected Readings in Western Ethics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Beijing: Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications Press.

### Book Chapter

- 2021. “On Metaethics.” In *Selected Readings in Western Ethics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, eds. Qu Hongmei, Gerhard Zecha, and Nicholas Rimell. Beijing: Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications Press.

## **Book Review**

- 2021. *Vagueness: A Global Approach*. By Kit Fine. (Review.) *Philosophical Quarterly* 71 (4) DOI: 10.1093/pq/pqaa085

## **Under Review or Revise and Resubmit (title redacted)**

- An essay that defends the importance of the metaphysics of identity in abortion ethics
- An essay that argues that contingentist actualists must endorse the Barcan Formula and that explores how they might plausibly do this
- An essay that explores the relationship among autonomy, consent, and deception, both in sexual ethics and more generally

## **Awards and Grants**

- 2019 JLU Research Grant: Scientific Frontiers & Interdisciplinary Innovation Project
- Marc Sanders Graduate Student Paper Prize in value theory (awarded for “Sex, Deception, and Will,” Eastern APA meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2017)
- Graduate Student Travel Stipend (2017 Eastern APA meeting, 2014 Central APA meeting)

## **Refereed Presentations**

- “Animalism is Interesting, Important, and (Quite Plausibly) True.” Annual Meeting of the Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand, online; December 2021.
- “Parts of Enduring Objects.” Central APA, Philosophy of Time Society meeting, online; February 2021.
- “Why (Contingentist) Actualists Should Endorse the Barcan Formula.” Central APA meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2020.
- “Singular Propositions and Necessary Existence.” Conference: Philosophy of Language: Propositions, Reference and Meaning (Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Science), Bratislava, Slovakia, November 2019.
- “Russellian Propositions and Necessary Existence.” Central APA, Bertrand Russell Society meeting, Denver, CO; February 2019.
- With Matthew Adams. “A Dilemma for the Future-Like-Ours Argument against Abortion.” Central APA meeting (poster session), Chicago, IL, February 2018.
- “Persistence on the Edge.” Central APA, Philosophy of Time Society meeting, Kansas City, MO; March 2017.
- “Sex, Deception, and Will.” Eastern APA meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2017.
- “Reimagining the Epistemic Objection to Non-Presentist A-Theories.” International Association for the Philosophy of Time meeting, Winston-Salem, NC, June 2016.
- “Persistence, Thought, and Personhood.” Central APA meeting, Chicago, IL, Feb. 2014.

## Comments

- On Qu Hongmei, “Kant’s Cosmopolitan Ideas and their Contemporary Impact.” Northeast Normal University Ethics Meeting, Changchun, Jilin Province, China, October 2019.
- On Alexander Kocurek and Ethan Jerzak, “Counterlogicals.” Central APA meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2019.
- On Henry Taylor, “Russellian Monism without Panpsychism.” Eastern APA meeting, Savannah, GA, January 2018.
- On Paul Nedelisky, “No Simple Properties.” Virginia Philosophical Association meeting, Longwood University, Farmville, VA, October 2017.
- On Jake Earl, “A Portable Defense of the Procreation Asymmetry.” Virginia Philosophical Association meeting, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, October 2015.
- On Joshua Schwartz, “Quine and the Problem of Truth.” UVA Philosophy Department annual retreat, Charlottesville, VA, October 2015.

## Invited Presentations (Philosophy)

- “Contingency and Quantification.” Sun Yat-Sen University – Zhuhai. Zhuhai, Guanzhou Province, China, May 2021.
- “Vagueness: An Opinionated Introduction, Part II.” Jilin University colloquium series. Changchun, Jilin Province, China, December 2020.
- “Vagueness: An Opinionated Introduction, Part I.” Jilin University colloquium series. Changchun, Jilin Province, China, December 2020.
- “First Personal Knowledge.” Northeast Normal University talk to students. Changchun, Jilin Province, China, October 2019.
- “Philosophical Writing as Dialectical Activity.” Jilin University colloquium series. Changchun, Jilin Province, China, December 2018.
- “From Split Brains to Split Minds?” Jilin University colloquium series. Changchun, Jilin Province, China, October 2018.
- “Necessitism and the Nature of Propositions.” Jilin University colloquium series. Changchun, Jilin Province, China, June 2018.
- “The Real Moral of Too-Many-Thinkers.” Conference: The Change in Paradigm of Human Civilization and its Relation to Innovations in Philosophical Ideas. Changchun, Jilin Province, China, June 2018.
- “Necessitism and the Nature of Propositions.” UVA philosophy department colloquium series. Charlottesville, VA, November 2017.
- “Sex, Deception, and Will.” Brown-bag workshop, Charlottesville, VA, December 2016.
- “Truth Supervenes on Content.” Brown-bag workshop, Charlottesville, VA, April 2015.
- “The Representation Problem.” Brown-bag workshop, Charlottesville, VA, April 2014.

### **Invited Presentations (Inter-disciplinary)**

- “General Education in the US: From a Teacher’s and Student’s Perspective.” Colloquium: Thinking at 40° North Latitude: General Education. Changchun, China, September 2020.
- “On Internationalization.” Colloquium: Thinking at 40° North Latitude: Internationalizing Humanities and Social Sciences. Changchun, China, December 2019.
- “My Experience as a Non-Chinese Speaker.” Thinking about the Future: On Academic Growth.” JLU President’s Colloquium: Thinking about the Future: On Academic Growth. Changchun, China, November 2019.

### **Teaching**

- At the Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - Ethics (Spring 2022)
  - Symbolic Logic (Spring 2022)
- At Jilin University
  - Metaethics Graduate Seminar (Fall 2020 and 2019)
  - Selected Readings in Western Ethics (Fall 2020 and, with Qu Hongmei, Fall 2019)
  - Workshop: Saul Kripke’s *Naming and Necessity* (Fall 2019)
- At Randolph College
  - Ethics and Public Life (Fall 2017)
- At the University of Virginia as sole instructor
  - Skeptics and Believers (Summer 2013)
  - Morality and Responsibility (Spring 2013)
- At UVA as teaching assistant
  - God (Spring 2017)
  - The Meaning of Life (Fall 2016)
  - Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Spring 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013)
  - Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2014)
  - Introduction to Moral and Political Philosophy (Spring 2012, Fall 2010)
  - Human Nature (Fall 2011)
  - Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2015, Spring 2011)
- At the UVA Curry School of Education’s Summer Enrichment Program (for middle and high school students)
  - Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Summer 2012)

### **Service to the Profession**

- Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, and *Philosophical Studies*
- Organizer of international roundtable, “Knowledge, Goodness, and Normativity,” hosted by Jilin University, Fall 2021 (online)

- Chair for Zachary Barnett, “No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions” (symposium). Central APA meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2018.
- Chair for Philosophy of Perception Colloquium. Eastern APA meeting, Washington, DC, January 2016.

### Service at JLU

- Teacher of six-session workshops
  - An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind (Fall 2018)
  - Virtues of Academic Writing (Fall 2018)

### Service at UVA

- Organizer, Non-Classical Logic Workshop (Summer 2015)
- Organizer, UVA Metaphysics Writing Group (Fall 2010)
- Philosophy Department Representative to the Graduate Council (2010-2012)
- Department Librarian (2009-2010 & 2013-2015)

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