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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Singapore Management University (School of Social Sciences)

Associate Dean (Education), 2026-Present

Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure), 2025-Present

Lee Kong Chian Fellow, 2026-2027

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2018-2024

Lee Kong Chian Fellow, 2023-2024

University of Sydney (Department of Philosophy)

Visiting Scholar, April-May 2025

EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy): Australian National University, 2017

MPhil (Philosophy): University of Sydney, 2010

BA (Philosophy) Honours: University of New South Wales, 2007

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Value Theory

Normative Ethics

Metaethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics

Political Philosophy

Logic

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES (14)

- 2026 ‘Beyond Fact-Checking: The Importance of Logic-Checking in Public Discourse’, *Social Epistemology*, 40: 201-213, (coauthored with Shane Ryan).
- 2026 ‘Constraints without Tears for Consequentialists’, *Philosophia*, 54: 151-160.
- 2025 ‘What is Wrong with Workism?’ *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 42: 668-682.
- 2024 ‘What is the Fallacy of Approximation?’ *Erkenntnis*, 89: 2591-2610, (coauthored with Sovan Patra).
- 2023 ‘Merit Transference and the Paradox of Merit Inflation’, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 59: 595-612.
- 2022 ‘Well-Being and Meaning in Life’, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 52: 573-587.
- 2022 ‘The Fundamental Divisions in Ethics’, *Inquiry*, 68: 318-341.
- 2022 ‘A Puzzle about Meaning and Luck’, *Ratio*, 35: 123-132.
- 2021 ‘Setiya on Consequentialism and Constraints’, *Utilitas*, 33: 474-479, (coauthored with Ryan Cox).
- 2020 ‘Deontic Constraints are Maximizing Rules’, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 54: 571-588.
- 2020 ‘Agent-Relative Consequentialism and Collective Self-Defeat’, *Utilitas*, 32: 472-478.
- 2019 ‘Distinguishing Agent-Relativity from Agent-Neutrality’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97: 239-250.
- 2017 ‘Is Agent-Neutral Deontology Possible?’ *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 12: 319-324.

2016 ‘Patient Relativity in Morality’, *Ethics* 127: 6-26.

BOOK CHAPTERS (3)

Forthcoming ‘Agent-Relativity, Agent-Neutrality, and the Nature of Deontology’, in *The Oxford Handbook of Deontology*, edited by Piers Rawling, Oxford University Press.

2023 ‘Is the Godfather Wise?’ in *The Godfather and Philosophy*, 245-253, edited by J. Heter & R. Greene, Carus Books.

2020 ‘Relativized Rankings’, in *The Oxford Handbook of Consequentialism*, edited by Douglas Portmore, 46-66, New York: Oxford University Press.

REPORTS

2020 ‘Country Report: The Teaching of Philosophy in Singapore Schools’, *Journal of Didactics of Philosophy* 4: 190-193, (coauthored with Steven Burik and Sovan Patra).

REVIEWS

2024 ‘Nick Bostrom, *Deep Utopia: Life and Meaning in a Solved World*’, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, November, 2024.

MEDIA & PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY (18)

June 2026 Panelist ‘Deans’ Forum: Challenges and Opportunities for Humanities & Social Sciences in the Era of AI’, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

June 2026 ‘How to Save the Take-Home Essay with Oral Assessments’, *Inside Higher Education* (coauthored with Jacqueline Ho).

Dec 2025 Invited guest, ‘Live to Work or Work to Live’, *The Philosophy of Living Well Podcast*.

Dec 2025 ‘The Good Life Paradox’, *Philosophy Now Magazine*, 171: 12-15.

Oct 2025	Panelist, ' Warranted Assessment in the Age of AI ', online session organized by the Australasian Association of Philosophy.
Sept 2025	' Reimagining Academic Assessment in the Age of AI ', <i>IPS Commons</i> , Singapore Institute of Policy Studies.
July 2025	Invited guest, ' Happiness and Meaning: Can you have both? ', CBmE&U Podcast, National University of Singapore.
June 2025	' Workism isn't the enemy ', <i>The Straits Times</i> .
May 2025	Invited guest, ' In defense of workism ', <i>The Philosopher's Zone</i> , ABC Radio National.
May 2025	' What's so bad about workism? ' <i>Justice Everywhere</i> Blog.
March 2025	' To have kids or not? Four ways to look at it ', <i>The Singapore Women's Weekly</i> (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
March 2025	Podcast guest, ' Why Meaning Matters for Happiness ', <i>Happiness Science Labs</i> .
Sept 2024	' Should I have children? Perhaps the only wrong answer is an unconsidered one ' <i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i> (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
Feb 2024	Guest speaker and panelist, 'Pain and the Humanities Panel', 8 th Annual SMU-SOKA International Peace Symposium.
Oct 2023	' Thinking twice about having kids even if money is not an issue? ' <i>The Straits Times</i> (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
Aug 2023	' What does it mean to live a good life? ' <i>SMU City Perspectives</i> .
June 2023	' Well-being and meaning in life ', <i>New Work in Philosophy</i> Newsletter.
June 2020	' SMU Professor leads students to the 2020 International Philosophy Olympiad and scores a win ' <i>SMU Newsroom</i> .

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

	Meaning, Welfare, & the Argument from Personal Value
Sept 2026	Workshop: 'The Good Life: Well-being and Meaningfulness', University of Southampton.
	A Principled Account of Meaningful Work
March 2026	International Conference on Business Ethics in Asia, Ateneo De Manila University.
	'Work, Leisure, and Meaning in Life'
Nov 2025	Philosophical Association of the Philippines Midyear Conference, University of San Carlos, Cebu.
May 2025	University of Sydney Philosophy Seminar Series.
May 2025	Australian National University Philosophy Seminar Series.
	'What is Wrong with Workism?'
Feb 2025	American Philosophical Association, Central Division Annual Meeting (online).
Dec 2024	Philosophy & Religion Society of Thailand Annual Meeting, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.
Sept 2024	School of Social Sciences Seminar Series, Singapore Management University.
July 2024	Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting, University of Western Australia, Perth.
June 2024	Sixth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, University of Liverpool, UK.
April 2024	Philosophy Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University
	'Fact-Checking, Democracy, and Education'
Aug 2024	World Congress of Philosophy, Sapienza University, Rome.
Nov 2023	Philosophical Association of the Visayas and Mindanao

Annual Meeting, Cagayan de Oro. (Plenary Speaker)

‘Self-Sacrifice, Betrayal, and Intelligibility’

July 2023 Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting,
Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Melbourne.

June 2023 Fifth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in
Life, Tohoku University, Sendai.

April 2023 SOSS Research Camp, Singapore Management University.

‘What is Racial Privilege?’

Sep 2022 School of Social Sciences 15th Anniversary Seminar Series,
Singapore Management University.

‘Against Consequentialism about Meaning in Life’

July 2021 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference (online).

Oct 2019 Second International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning
in Life, Waseda University, Tokyo.

‘The Fundamental Divisions in Ethics’

July 2019 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference,
University of Wollongong.

July 2018 Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney

April 2018 Philosophy Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University

Nov 2017 PhilSoc Seminar, Australian National University

‘Well-Being and Meaning in Life’

Aug 2018 First International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in
Life, Sapporo University

July 2018 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Victoria
University, Wellington

‘A Trilemma for Deontologists’

July 2017 Neutrality Conference, Nanyang Technological University.

May 2017	Philosophy Seminar Series, Lingnan University
June 2016	Philosophy Seminar Series, National University of Singapore
May 2016	Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney
March 2016	Philsoc Seminar, Australian National University

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR

Singapore Management University:

Critical Thinking (2018, 2019, 2021-2026)

Big Questions: Happiness & Suffering (2018, 2020, 2023)

Analytical Skills (2018)

University of Sydney:

The Philosophy of Happiness (2017)

Practical Ethics (2012)

Critical Thinking (2010)

Australian National University:

Theories of Ethics (2014)

TUTOR

Moral Psychology (2010, 2011)

Introductory Logic (2009, 2010)

Society, Self, Knowledge (2008)

Metaethics (2013)

SERVICE

Service to the profession:

Journal Referee (52):

Act Analytica; *AI & Ethics*; *AI & Society*; *American Philosophical Quarterly* (x₂); *Analysis* (x₃); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x₅); *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*; *Dialogue*; *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* (x₂); *Ethics* (x₂); *Ethics Forum*; *European Journal of Philosophy*; *Faith &*

Philosophy; History of Philosophy Quarterly; Journal of Applied Philosophy (x2); Journal of Ethics; Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy; Journal of Moral Philosophy; Journal of Philosophy (x3); Journal of Value Inquiry (x2); Philosopher's Imprint; Philosophia (x5); Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies (x4); Political Philosophy; Social Theory & Practice (x5); Utilitas.

Book Manuscript Reviewer: *Routledge(x2); Palgrave Macmillan*

Director Singapore, *Australasian Association of Philosophy Executive Committee*, 2025-present

PhilPapers.org Category Editor for 'Contrasting Ethical Theories', 2018-present

Philosophy in the Community Committee member (Singapore representative), *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, 2019-2024

External Reviewer for promotion to 'Senior Lecturer', *Chinese University of Hong Kong*, 2021

Service at Singapore Management University:

Associate Dean (Education), 2026-present.

Area Coordinator for Philosophy, 2025-2026.

'Modes of Thinking' Curriculum Basket Coordinator, 2023-2026.

Dean's Evaluation Committee, SOSS, 2026.

Internal Reviewer for reappointment to 'Senior Lecturer', 2026.

Presenter, Workshop on Oral Assessments, Centre for Teaching Excellence, 2026.

Head of Philosophy Job Search Committees, 2025, 2026.

'Critical Thinking' Course Coordinator, 2023-2025.

SOSS Research Committee member, 2022-2025.

SOSS START Scheme Committee member, 2023-2024

SOSS Philosophy Job Search Committee member, 2023.

SOSS Brownbag Seminar Coordinator, 2018-2020.

Public sector/community service:

Organizer and Delegation Leader for the Singapore International Philosophy Olympiad Team, 2020-2025.

Project reviewer for Humanities and Social Science Research Programme, *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2023.

Presenter and Facilitator, 'Argument Mapping Workshop', *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2022

Presenter and Facilitator, 'Critical Thinking Workshop', *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2021

Judge, *Australasian Association of Philosophy Philosothon*, 2020, 2021.

Judge and Panelist for *Hwa Chong Philosophy Olympiad*, 2018, 2020.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2025-2026	<i>Lee Kong Chian Fellowship</i> , Singapore Management University (value: 10,000 SGD)
2025	<i>AILACT Essay Prize in Informal Logic and Critical Thinking</i> , for 'How to Teach Fallacies Virtuously', coauthored with Brandon Yip (value: 500 USD)
2024	<i>Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award</i> , Singapore Management University, (value: 2,000 SGD)
2023-2024	<i>Lee Kong Chian Fellowship</i> , Singapore Management University (value: 10,000 SGD)
2021	<i>Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award</i> , Singapore Management University (value: 2,000 SGD)
2012-2015	<i>Australian Postgraduate Award</i> Australian National University (value: 22,000 AUD, p.a.)
2009	<i>Lucy Firth Prize for Meritorious Enrollee in Philosophy</i> University of Sydney (value: 2,000 AUD)

GRANTS

2018-2023 Collaborator, Research Programme on the Governance of AI and Data Use, National Research Foundation, (value: 4,499,772 SDG)

REFERENCES

Names and addresses of referees can be provided upon request.