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AOS: Value Theory, Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, PPE  
AOC: Philosophy of AI, Applied 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 "Intransitive Choice, Preference Reversal, and the Desire-First View" *Ergo*  
2026 "Desire, Aversion, and Welfare" *Analysis* 86: 290-298.  
2026 "Human Extinction and Conditional Value" *Philosophical Studies* 183: 165-181  
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"
- "Feelings of Attitudinal Pleasure"
- "Hedonism about Well-Being Amended and Defended"
- "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/hkcrc/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

- 2027-2029 General Research Fund Grant, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong ~\$26,000USD. A Hong Kong government competitive research grant. Project title: Desire and Welfare
- 2024-2026 Early Career Scheme Grant, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. ~\$25,000USD. A Hong Kong government competitive research 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

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| 09/2026 | "Desire Satisfactionism vs. Preference Satisfactionism," LMPST Taiwan, National Taiwan University                                      |
| 07/2026 | "Desire Satisfactionism vs. Preference Satisfactionism," International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference, University of Macau |
| 04/2026 | "Desire Satisfactionism vs. Preference Satisfactionism," LGKM Value Theory Conference, Lingnan University                              |
| 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, S26                          | PHI3103: Advanced Western Ethics                              |
| F25, F26                                    | PHI3105: Philosophy of Happiness                              |
| S23                                         | PHI3278: Metaethics                                           |
| F22                                         | PHI4374: Value Theory                                         |
| S22, S23, F23, S24, F24, S25, F25, S26, F26 | CCC8011: Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation        |

### ADVISING

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| F26-S27 | PHI4301: Directed Research<br>Primary Advisor. Juntao Wang. Undergraduate thesis on well-being and knowledge.                                                                             |
| S24     | MPhil Philosophy<br>Member, Thesis Defense Committee. Nanyun Shen.                                                                                                                        |
| F23     | MPhil Philosophy<br>Member, Thesis Defense Committee. Chun Yin Kong.                                                                                                                      |
| F22-S23 | MPhil Philosophy<br>Primary Advisor. Wai Sing Fook. "Incompatibilist Arguments and Compatibilist Rebuttals." Student's current position: PhD student in Philosophy at Lingnan University. |
| F22-S23 | PHI4301: Directed Research<br>Primary Advisor. Boyang Zhang. Undergraduate thesis on utilitarianism and immigration.                                                                      |

## Service

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| 2026-     | Associate Editor, <i>The Journal of Ethics</i>                                                                            |
| 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: *Acta Analytica* (x2); *Analysis*; *Asian Journal of Philosophy* (x2); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x5); *Economics and Philosophy*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Inquiry* (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 Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies* (x6); Routledge; *Synthese* (x3); *Theoria* (x2); *Utilitas*