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Employment

University of Tokyo, 2022-2025

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

Education

University of Alberta. Ph.D. in Philosophy 2016-2022

Dissertation title: *Hume's Epistemic Sentimentalism*

Dissertation Committee: Amy Schmitter (supervisor), Jennifer Welchman, Howard Nye, Ingo Brigandt, Karl Schafer (University of Texas at Austin)

University of Toronto, Visiting Student, 2015-16

Kyoto University, Doctoral Program in Philosophy, 2014-2019

Kyoto University, M.A. in Philosophy, 2012-2014

International Christian University, B.A., 2011

Areas of Specialization

History of Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind, Ethics, Epistemology

Refereed Publications

"Hume's Constitutivist Response to Scepticism," *Ergo*, forthcoming.

"Hume's Passion-Based Account of Moral Responsibility," *Hume Studies*, forthcoming.

(Winner of the Hume Studies Essay Prize)

"Hume on Distinctions of Reason: A Resemblance-First Interpretation", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 97, 3, (2019): 423-436.

(In Japanese) “What kind of intentionality does pride have?”, *Studies in British Philosophy* vol. 39 (2016).

(In Japanese) ”Hume on the self regarding passions”, *Tetsugaku Ronso* vol. 40 (2013), 43-57.

(In Japanese) “The ownership of perception problem in Hume’s account of person”, *Tetsugaku Ronso* vol.39 (2012), 63-74.

Book Review

”Review: Galen Strawson, *The Evident Connexion: Hume on Personal Identity*”, *Tetsugaku Ronso* vol. 40 (2013), pp.13-16 (In separate volume).

Presentations

“The Place of Virtue in Hume’s Epistemology,” 49th International Hume Conference, Provo, U.S., July 2023.

“Hume’s Epistemology and the Notion of Virtue,” ICC Special Open Lecture, Tokyo, Japan, March 2023.
Comments on Charles Goldhaber, “Hume’s Skeptical Philosophy and the Management of Pride”, Early Moderns on the Power of Philosophy Workshop, Dublin, Ireland, October 2022. (Invited)

“Hume’s Virtue-Theoretic Response to Scepticism?”, Hume Colloquium, Tokyo, Japan, August 2022.

“Truth-Sensitivity of Hume's Naturalistic Epistemology”, ICU/ISSP conference on Political Economy in Scottish Enlightenment, Online, March 2022. (Refereed)

“Truth-Sensitivity of Hume's Naturalistic Epistemology”, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Online, January 2022. (Refereed)

“Hume’s Passion-Based Account of Agency”, The 47th International Hume Conference, Online, July 2021. (Refereed)

“Truth-Sensitivity of Hume's Naturalistic Epistemology”, Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Online, June 2021. (Refereed)

“Personal Identity and the Normativity of Reason in Hume’s “Conclusion””, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Online, April 2021. (Refereed)

“Personal Identity and the Normativity of Reason in Hume’s “Conclusion””, 45th Japanese Society for British Philosophy conference, Online, March 2021. (Refereed)

“Hume’s Passion-Based Account of Agency”, The 10th New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, New York, U.S., December 2020. (Refereed)

“Hume’s Passion-Based Account of Agency”, University of Pennsylvania’s Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Online conference, August 2020. (Refereed)

“Hume on the Inertness of Belief”, The 2019 Central States Philosophy Association Conference, Saint-Louis, U.S., October 2019. (Refereed)

"Does the Vivacity of Belief Aim at Truth?", The 78th Philosophical Association of Japan Conference, Tokyo, Japan, May 2019. (Refereed)

"Does the Vivacity of Belief Aim at Truth?", The Philosophy Student Publication Support Group Talk,

Edmonton, Canada, November 2018.

Comments on Donald Oxtoby's "Berkeley on the Auditory Perception of Space", The 55th Conference of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary, Canada, October 2018. (Invited)

Comments on Andreh Sabino Ribeiro's "Hume on Sentiments in the 'Treatise'", University of Alberta Graduate and Postgraduate Conference, Edmonton, Canada, April 2017 (Invited)

"The Place of the Passions in Hume's Notion of the Self", The 53rd conference of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Edmonton, Canada, October 2016. (Refereed)

"Hume on Distinctions of Reason: A Resemblance-First Interpretation", The 43rd International Hume Conference, Sydney, Australia, July 2016. (Refereed)

"What Kind of Intentionality Does Pride Have?", Japanese Society for British Philosophy Conference, Kyoto, Japan, July 2015.

"On the notion of self: Hume and Asian thoughts" (with Kazuhiro Watanabe), Second Annual NUS-National Chenching University-Kyoto University Triangular Graduate Conference on Asian Philosophy, Singapore, March 2015.

"Hume on the self and abstraction", The Kansai Philosophical Association Conference, Hyogo, Japan), October 2014. (Refereed)

"Hume on skepticism and personhood", Hume Colloquium, Nagoya, Japan, September 2013

"Substantiating moral capacity in P. F. Strawson", Japan Association for Philosophy of Science, Osaka, Japan, June 2013, (with KAIDA Daisuke, KAJIMOTO Naoyuki, YAMGUCHI Sho).

"An idea of self as an abstract idea in Hume", The History of British Philosophy Colloquium, Kyoto, Japan, November 2012. (Invited)

"The ownership of perception problem in Hume", The Young Philosophers Forum, Tokyo, Japan, July 2012.

Scholarships/Awards

Hume Studies Essay Prize, 2023

Research grant, The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2022-2025

Postdoctoral fellowship, The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2022-2025

Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Alberta, 2022

Doctoral Fellowship, The Japan Student Services Organization, 2016 – 2022

Graduate Assistantship, University of Alberta, 2017 – 2022

Andrew Stewart Memorial Graduate Prize, University of Alberta, 2019

Kessler Prize, The Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, 2018

Hume Society Young Scholar Award, 2016

Travel grant, Kyoto University Foundation, 2016

Balzan Styles of Reasoning Visiting Fellowship, University of Toronto, 2015

Research grant, The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2015-16

Graduate fellowship, The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2015-16

Teaching Experience

Principal Instructor

At the Eikei University of Hiroshima

Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics. Fall 2022

At the University of Alberta

Descartes to Hume. Winter 2020

Introduction to Philosophy: Value and Society. Winter 2021

Teaching Assistant

At the University of Alberta

Introduction to Philosophy: Values and Society

(Instructor and grader for discussion sessions of about 25 students)

Instructor: Marie-Eve Morin. Fall 2017

Introduction to Philosophy: Values and Society

(Instructor and grader for discussion sessions of about 25 students)

Instructor: Matthew Kostelecky. Fall 2018

Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality

(Instructor and grader for discussion sessions of about 25 students)

Instructor: Nathan Kowalsky. Winter 2019

Certificate

Completion of the Summer Program at the University of Minnesota for the Center for Canon Expansion and Change, August 2022

Teaching Assistant Training (Fall 2017)

8-hour training session followed by weekly meetings, offered by the University of Alberta Philosophy department, designed to train new teaching assistants. Topics included strategies for effective communication, tutorial activity design, grading strategies. One tutorial was attended to provide feedback.

Graduate Coursework

University of Alberta

Descartes, Amy Schmitter

Aristotle's Metaphysics, Kathrin Koslicki

Hume's Ethics & Aesthetics, Amy Schmitter
Conceptual Analysis, Intuitions, and Experimental Philosophy, Ingo Brigandt
Biological and Social Kinds, Ingo Brigandt
Essence and Essentialism, Kathrin Koslicki
Self and Other, Marie-Eve Morin
Global Health Justice, Glenn Griener
Intergenerational Ethics, Jennifer Welchman
Foundations of Cognitive Sciences, Michael Dawson (audit)

Services

Referee for *Mind*, *Hume Studies*, International Hume Conference, University of Alberta Graduate and Postgraduate Conference.

Conference Program Committee, University of Alberta Graduate and Postgraduate Conference, 2019/20

Alternate Representative of Philosophy Department in the Graduate Student Association Council, University of Alberta, 2018/19