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## AREAS OF STUDY

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### Areas of Specialisation

Early Chinese and Ancient Greek Philosophy.

### Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Emotions, Moral Psychology, Political philosophy, Feminist philosophy, AI Ethics.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Lecturer in Philosophy**, 2022–present.

University of Leeds, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science

## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. University of California, Riverside,</b> USA, September 2016-June 2022	Comparative Literature (Philosophy track) Dissertation: “An Apologia for Anger, with respect to Early China and Ancient Greece” Committee: Lisa Raphals (chair), Myisha Cherry, Perry Link, Johannes Endres, Denver Graninger.
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<b>M.A. Fudan University,</b> Shanghai, China, 2016	Chinese Philosophy
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<b>B.A./M.A. University of Glasgow,</b> UK, 2012	Philosophy/Arts & Media Informatics (Honours)
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## OTHER PROGRAMS

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King’s College London	Summer 2018; Summer School Ancient Languages (Advanced Greek)
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Cambridge CELTA	August 2012; Hyland Language Centre, Madrid, Spain (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
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Akita International University	Summer 2009; Akita, Japan; Japanese Language Certificate.
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## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- “Distortions of the Self: Mohist and Zhuangzian Anti-Confucian Esteem,” in *Esteem and Self-Esteem in the History of Philosophy*. Ed. Andreas Blank and Attila Németh. Routledge, (forthcoming).
- “‘Do I look like a man with a plan:’ The Joker as a Daoist ‘wild-card’,” in *Joker and Philosophy*. Eds. George Dunn, Max Cappuccio and Jason Eberl. The Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series, (under contract).
- “Chinese Ethics,” in *Ethics: The Key Thinkers*. Ed. T. Angier. Bloomsbury Press, January 2023.
- “Dreary Useless Centuries of Happiness: Cordwainer Smith’s ‘Under Old Earth’ as an ethical critique of our current Emotion AI goals,” *Neohelicon* 49, 465-476 (2022).
- “Taking the Warp for the Weft: Gendered Anger in the *Lienüzhuan*,” *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 49 (3), 214-226 (2022).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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2023a Review of *Self-Cultivation Philosophies in Ancient India, Greece, and China*, by Christopher Govans, *Journal of Asian Studies* 82 (2), pp. 224-226.

2022 **Curry, Alba**, and Amanda Cercas Curry. "Computer says" No": The Case Against Empathetic Conversational AI." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2212.10983*.

Reports, Comparativism Seminar, Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, USA:

- 2021a Yiqun Zhou on “Bad Emperors Obsessed with Foreign Cultures,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/recap-yiqun-zhou-on-bad-emperors-obsessed-with-foreign-cultures/>).
- 2021b Cleo Carastro on “Comparative Perspectives on Ancient Greece and Contemporary Nuna Societies (Burkina Faso, West Africa),” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/recap-cleo-carastro-on-polytheisms-and-cosmologies/>).
- 2021c Johannes Haubold on “Comparativism from a Disciplinary Perspective: The Case of Classics and Assyriology,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/recap-johannes-haubold-on-disciplinary-perspectives/>).
- 2021d Michael Puett on “Rituals and Revelations Re-thinking Comparative Approaches to the Study of Religion,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/comparativism-seminar-series-with-michael-puett-harvard-university/>).
- 2021e Michael Herzfeld on “Continuities and Comparisons The Role of Hierarchy in Modern Democracies and their Lein on Ancient Past—Greece and Thailand in Transgressive Practice,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/comparativism-seminar-series-with-michael-herzfeld-harvard-and-leiden-universities/>).

Reports, Body and Mind Seminar, Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, USA:

- 2020a Charles Stocking on “Body and Mind: Mind, Body, and Athletics in Antiquity: A Brief Cultural History,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/body-and-mind-seminar-fall-2020-with-professor-charles-stocking-western-university-ontario-canada-mind-body-and-athletics-in-antiquity-a-brief-cultural-history/>).
- 2020b Brooke Holmes on “Body and Mind: Holism, Sympathy, and Organism in Ancient Greek Medicine and Philosophy,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/body-and-mind-seminar-fall-2020-with-professor-brooke-holmes-princeton-university-holism-sympathy-and-organism-in-ancient-greek-medicine-and-philosophy/>).
- 2020c Michael Puett on “Body and Mind: Souls, Spirits, and Other Stuff: Thinking about the Mind and Body from a Comparative Perspective,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/body-and-mind-seminar-2020-with-professor-michael-puett-harvard-university-souls-spirits-and-other-stuff-thinking-about-the-mind-and-body-from-a-comparative-perspective/>).
- 2020d Ryan Harte on “Body and Mind: Challenging Mind-Body Dualism in Plato with the *Phaedrus*,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/body-and-mind-seminar-fall-2020-with-dr-ryan-harte-postdoctoral-fellow-at-southern-university-of-science-and-technology-shenzhen-china-challenging-mind-body-dualism-in-plato-with-the-phaedrus/>).
- 2020e “Body and Mind: Aristotle on Mind/Body, Male/Female, Master/Slave: The Relevance of *Technē*,” (<https://chs.harvard.edu/body-and-mind-seminar-fall-2020-with-dr-tom-angier-university-of-cape-town-aristotle-on-mind-body-male-female-master-slave-the-relevance-of-techne/>).
- 2020f “Affective Video Technology and the Ethics of Flawed Scientific Foundations, Part I & II,” Ethical Intelligence Associates (<https://www.ethicalintelligence.co/blog/affective-video-technology-and-the-ethics-of-flawed-scientific-foundations-part-i>).

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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University of California, Riverside	<b>Dissertation Year Program Award</b> , 2021
University of California, Riverside	<b>Barricelli Memorial Grant</b> , 2021
University of California, Riverside	<b>Outstanding Teaching Assistant</b> (OTA) in the Department of Comparative Literature and Languages, 2020-2021.
University of California, Riverside	<b>Comparative Literature Summer Language Study Award</b> , 2018.
University of California, Riverside	<b>Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Award</b> , 2016.
Fudan University, Shanghai, China	<b>EMA “Dean of the Philosophy School Award,”</b> 2016.
Fudan University, Shanghai, China	<b>Scholarship Award</b> , 2014-2016.
Akita International University, Japan	<b>Summer Programme Award</b> , 2009.

## **PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Gendered Conceptions of Vice in Early China and Ancient Greece,” Vice in the Global Perspective Working Group, NYU London, July 2023 (forthcoming).
- “Encourage the Thoroughbred Horse: Anger and the Attainment of Goodness in Mozi and Mencius,” International Society of Chinese Philosophy (ISCP) 23rd International Conference, University of California, Riverside, June 2023 (forthcoming).
- “Kill me then, dear girl, with the pitiless bronze: Penelope, Clytemnestra, and Female Alternatives to Anger,” EmotionsLab, USA, April 11th, 2023.
- “An Interdisciplinary Teaching Toolkit,” Pedagogic Research in the Arts (PRiA), University of Leeds, UK, December 1st, 2022.
- “To Kill a Tyrant: Anger in Aristotle,” University of Edinburgh, UK, October 14th, 2022.
- “A Case for Anger: Early Chinese Female Didactic Anger to the Rescue,” IDEA Research Fortnight, Inter-Disciplinary Ethics Applied (IDEA) Centre, Leeds, UK, June 27th, 2022.
- “From the Armchair to the Lab: Can Philosophy of Emotions help improve NLP datasets?,” Bocconi Institute for Data Science and Analytics, Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy, December 17th, 2021.
- “D(Anger)ous Liaisons in Early China and Ancient Greece,” Bariccelli Lecture, University of California, Riverside, CA, US, November 18th, 2021”
- “From the Opium Wars to the AI Race: Putting China’s AI Policies in Context,” Let’s Chat Ethics LTD, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, April 15th, 2021.
- “Anger and Emotion AI,” Webinar, Ethical Intelligence Associates, Limited, August 10th, 2020.
- “Stereotypes and Surprises: Anger and Female Virtue in Ancient Greece,” Ancient Mediterranean Seminar Group, University of California, Riverside, USA, February 17th, 2020.
- “The Unhappy Tyrant: Plato and Han Fei on the Desires of the Autocrat,” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA, November 3rd, 2017.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Lecturer, University of Leeds:**

- PHIL 3322 (“Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art”), Semester 1 2022-23.  
PHIL 5360M (“Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art”), Semester 1 2022-23.  
PRHS 1000 (“Visions of Humanity”), Semesters 1&2 2022-2023.

### **Associate Instructor, University California, Riverside:**

- CLA 050 (“Monsters, and Magic in Ancient Greece and Rome”), Summer 2021, 2022.

### **Teaching Assistant, University California, Riverside:**

CHN 030 (“Introduction to Chinese Civilisation”), Winter 2020  
CHN 046 (“Responses to Political Repression in Modern Chinese Literature and Film”),  
Winter 2017, Fall 2018  
CLA 010A (“Ancient Civilisations: Early Greece and the Mediterranean”), Fall 2016  
CLA 010B (“Ancient Civilisations: Classical Greece”), Winter 2019, Winter 2010, Winter  
2021, Fall 2021  
CLA 030 (“Scientific Word Power”), Spring 2021  
CLA 040 (“Classical Mythology”), Fall 2020  
CLA 050 (“Folktales, Monsters and Magic in Ancient Greece and Rome”), Spring 2019  
CPLT 017A (“Masterworks of World Literature”), Fall 2017  
CPLT 025 (“Introduction to Science Fiction”), Fall 2019  
LING 131 (“Morphology”), Summer 2020

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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July 2021-To Date	<b>Cohost</b> , Let’s Chat Ethics LTD Podcast, Edinburgh, UK.
April 2021 - To Date	<b>Freelance Editor</b> : Edit work for non-Anglophone scholars for publication.
March 2021 - Jun 2021	<b>Rapporteur</b> , Comparatism Seminar, Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, USA.
Sep 2020 - Dec 2020	<b>Rapporteur</b> , Body and Mind Seminar, Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, USA.
Jan 2020 -To Date	<b>Consultant</b> , Ethical Intelligence Associates, Edinburgh, UK.
Dec 2012 - March 2013	<b>E-Learning/New Media assistant</b> , CTBTO (Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organisation) Preparatory Commission, United Nations.

### **PROFESIONAL SERVICE**

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June 2022-June 2023	<b>Member of the Organising Committee</b> , International Society for Chinese Philosophy Conference, University of California, Riverside, USA, June 20-23.
Dec 2021	<b>Session Chair and Discussant</b> , Sino-Hellenic Environmental Philosophy Conference, University of Bern, Switzerland, December 11th.
Nov 2021-June 2022	<b>Mentor for the Blue Gold and Black Mentorship program</b> : Mentorship program for Black undergraduate students, University of California, Riverside.
Sep 2020	<b>Co-organizer/Leader, Graduate Student Pedagogy Workshop</b> , Comparative Literature Department, University of California, Riverside.
2018-19	<b>Department Representative</b> , Graduate Student Association Council, University of California, Riverside

REFEREE

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Journal of Consciousness Studies

**RESEARCH GROUPS, INSTITUTES, AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Emotion & Society Lab: <https://www.emotionandsociety.com/>

Center for Aesthetic, Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Leeds, UK.

International Society of Chinese Philosophy

**LANGUAGES**

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**Native fluency:** English, Spanish

**Reading:** Classical Greek, Classical Chinese, Japanese, Mandarin

**Speaking:** French, Japanese, Mandarin

**Writing:** French, Mandarin