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<b>Areas of Specialization</b>	Epistemology, Metaphysics
<b>Areas of Competence</b>	Ancient Greek Philosophy (Aristotle), Language, Value Theory

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Toronto</b> PhD in Philosophy Dissertation: Credence, Chance, and Time Committee: David J. Barnett & Michael Caie (co-chairs), Gurpreet Rattan	<i>Expected April 2027</i>
<b>Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University</b> (left to begin PhD at the University of Toronto) Supervisors: Sam Baron & J. Dimitri Gallow	2022
<b>National Taiwan University</b> M.A. in Philosophy Thesis: <i>A Defense of the Growing Block Theory of Time</i> Supervisor: Duen-Min Deng	2020
<b>Soochow University (Taiwan)</b> B.A. in Philosophy	2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Time, and Time Again”, (2022) *The Philosophical Quarterly*. (with Sam Baron)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Aristotle on *Dunamis*” (under review)  
“Rejectionism and Betting Behavior” (in preparation)  
“Credence and Indeterminacy” (in preparation)  
“Ought Implies Can, Evidentialism, and the Factivity of Evidence” (with Nate Oppel) (in preparation)  
“Branching Time and Probability” (in preparation)  
“Determinacy Operator vs. Tense Operator” (in preparation)

## PRESENTATIONS

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### **“Branching Time and Probability”**

- Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, May 2026

### **“Indeterminacy and Belief”**

- Annual Conference of Taiwan Philosophical Association, Taipei, Taiwan, Nov 2025

### **“Evidentialism and Future Beliefs” (or: “Evidentialism and Future Contingents”)**

- Oxford’s Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, Oxford, UK, Nov 2025

- Pacific APA, San Francisco, US, April 2025

- Eastern APA, New York, US, Jan. 2025

### **“A New Theory of the Passage of Time”**

- LMPST Annual Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, Jun. 2024

- University of Toronto Graduate Forum, Toronto, Canada, Oct. 2023

- Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Halifax, Canada, Aug 2023

- Dianoia Works in Progress Workshop, Melbourne, Australia, March 2022

### **“A New Objection to the B-theory”**

- Annual Conference of Taiwan Philosophical Association, Taipei, Taiwan, Dec, 2022

### **“The Growing Block Theory and Truthmaking”**

- Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, Australia, July 2021 online

### **“Hypertemporal Ontology”**

- Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, Sydney, Australia, Sep., 2020 online

### **“Imagining Possibility and Impossibility”**

- NTU-CCU workshop on Modal Epistemology, ChiaYi, Taiwan, Dec., 2019

### **“Time-Traveling in the GBT View of the World”**

- NTU Graduate Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, May, 2019

### **“The Growing Block View of Time and the Epistemic Problem”**

- Annual Conference of Taiwan Philosophical Association, Taipei, Taiwan, Nov, 2018

### **“On Lucretius’s Fear of Death”**

- Classics and Modern Philosophy, Tianjin, China, Aug., 2018

## COMMENTS

### Comment on Yonathan Fiat’s **“Ravens Knowledge”**

- Rationality and Epistemology Workshop, Toronto, Canada, April, 2026

### Comment on Alexander Leferman’s **“Internalism and Normative Reasons for Joint Action”**

- Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, Canada, June, 2025

## AWARDS

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Graduate Student Service Awards, University of Toronto, 2025, 2006

American Philosophical Association Travel Stipend, 2025

Ian Hacking Travel Grant, University of Toronto, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

UTGSU Student Conference Bursary, University of Toronto, 2024

SGS Conference Grant, University of Toronto, 2024

Sidney Robinson Essay Prize, University of Toronto, 2023

(The best paper on Ancient Greek Philosophy in that academic year.)  
Altruistic Award, National Taiwan University, 2018  
Valedictorian, Soochow University (Taiwan), 2016  
Outstanding Graduates, Soochow University (Taiwan), 2016  
National Outstanding Young Person of the University, Taiwan, 2016

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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(Toronto= University of Toronto / NTU= National Taiwan University)

### *Invited Guest Lecture:*

Knowledge and Reality, Toronto, (Summer, '26)  
Lecture: External World Skepticism

### *Tutorial Leaders and Graders:*

#### *Metaphysics and Epistemology*

Knowledge and Reality, (with Yonathan Fiat), Toronto, (Spring '26)  
Knowledge and Reality, (with Vincent Lee), Toronto, (Summer '25)  
Knowledge and Reality, (with Martin Dimitrov), Toronto, (Spring '25)  
Knowledge and Reality, (with Michael Caie), Toronto, (Fall '24)  
Knowledge and Reality, (with Trevor Teitel), Toronto, (Spring '24)  
Metaphysics, (with Byeong-uk Yi), Toronto, (Spring '26)  
Metaphysics (with Lok-Chi Chan), NTU (Spring '20)  
Metaphysics (with Duen-Min Deng), NTU, (Spring '18) (Spring '19)  
God, Self, World (with Zain Raza), Toronto, (Summer '23)  
Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy (with Nihel Jhou), NTU, (Fall '18)

#### *Ethics and Value Theory*

Issues in Philosophy of Law, (with Emily Baron), Toronto, (Summer '26)  
Philosophy of Law, (with Stanley Zhang), Toronto, (Summer '26)  
Issues in Normative Ethics, (with Bowen Chen), Toronto, (Summer '24)  
Law and Morality, (with Steven Coyne), Toronto, (Fall '23)  
Ethics: Death and Dying (with Natasha Hay), Toronto, (Summer '23)  
Ethics (with Tse-Mei Wu), NTU, (Fall '19)

#### *Logic*

Symbolic Logic (with Jared Riggs), Toronto, (Winter '23)  
Elementary Logic (with Duen-Min Deng), NTU, (Fall '17)

#### *Public Philosophy*

Critical Reasoning (with Matthew Delhey), Toronto, (Fall '25)  
Philosophy in Everyday Life (with Zain Raza), Toronto, (Fall '25)  
Philosophy in Everyday Life (with Lu-Vada Dunford), Toronto, (Spring '25)  
Philosophy in Everyday Life (with Logan Fletcher), Toronto, (Fall '22) (Fall '23)

## SERVICE

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(All service is at the Department of Philosophy.)

Conference/Workshop Assistant or Organizer:

- Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, 2026
- Workshop on Rationality and Epistemology, Toronto, Canada, 2026
- University of Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, Toronto, Canada, 2024
- Second Joint Symposium of NTU-CUHK, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020
- Analytics Philosophy of Religion in Asia, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020
- John Bigelow's Online Seminar Series, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020
- The 4th Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020
- Joint Philosophy Symposium of NTU-CUHK, Taipei, Taiwan, 2019
- The 4th Taiwan Logic Colloquium, Taipei, Taiwan, 2018
- Conference Refereeing: Annual Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Student Mentor, University of Toronto, 2023-present
- Colloquium Committee Member, University of Toronto, 2024-2025
- Website Developer for Faculty and Students, University of Toronto, 2023-2025
- Organizer, UofT Reading Group on David Armstrong/Timothy Williamson, 2023, 2024
- Organizer, NTU Reading Group on Metaphysics, 2018-2020

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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(Selected; \* = for audit; at University of Toronto unless otherwise specified; NTU= National Taiwan University)

*Epistemology:*

- Evidence and Self-Knowledge\*, Nilanjan Das, (Winter '25)
- Self-Consciousness and Rationality\*, David Barnett, (Fall '24)
- Beliefs and Rationality, David Barnett, (Spring '24)
- The Self and Normativity, David Barnett and Brandon de Kenessey, (Fall '23)

*Metaphysics:*

- Modality, Time, and the Self, Mike Caie, (Fall '23)
- Grounding\*, Duen-Min Deng, (Spring '22) (NTU)
- Social ontology\*, Duen-Min Deng, (Fall '20) (NTU)
- Modal Epistemology\*, Duen-Min Deng, (Spring '20) (NTU)
- Metametaphysics, Duen-Min Deng, (Fall '19) (NTU)
- Philosophy of Time, Duen-Min Deng, (Spring '19) (NTU)
- Fischer's Metaphysics of Free Will, Christian Wenzelg, (Spring '19) (NTU)
- Analytic Essays on Free Will, Christian Wenzelg, (Fall '18) (NTU)
- Properties, Duen-Min Deng, (Fall '18) (NTU)

*Philosophy of Physics:*

- The Theory of Relativity and Time, Nihel Jhou, (Spring '19) (NTU)

*Mind & Language:*

- Representation\*, Imogen Dickie, (Fall '25)
- New Books in Philosophy of Mind, Nate Charlow and Imogen Dickie, (Fall '23)

*(Meta)ethics:*

Source of Normativity in Chinese Thoughts, Chris Fraser, (Spring '23)  
Good in Human Lives, Thomas Hurka, (Fall '22)  
Intention and Permissibility\*, Rong-Lin Wang, (Spring '21) (NTU)  
Normativity, Rong-Lin Wang, (Spring '19) (NTU)

*Kant and Early Modern Philosophy:*

Kant's Ethics, Sergio Tenenbaum and Owen Ware, (Spring '23)  
Hume's System of Ethics, Donald Ainslie, (Spring '23)  
Kant's Philosophy of History, Christian Wenzel, (Spring '19) (NTU)

*Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy:*

Aristotle's *De Anima*, Jessica Gelber, (Spring '23)  
Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Theta, Christian Pfeiffer, (Spring '23)  
Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms, Lloyd Gerson, (Fall '22)  
Aristotle's *Poetics*\*, Zhi-Hue Wang, (Fall '20) (NTU)  
*De Rerum Natura*, Hsei-Yung Hsu, (Spring '19) (NTU)

## REFERENCES

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