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PhD in Humanities

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SUMMARY OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | January 2026

Thesis: ***Infinite Repetition vs. Infinite Possibility: The Paradoxical Structure of the Subject in Lacan and Kant*** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology 2025)

Completed Postgraduate Doctoral Coursework in Philosophy

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | September 2021 – December 2025; advanced to PhD candidate status after passing comprehensive examination in 2023

Kyungpook National University, Republic of Korea | March 2014 – February 2016; advanced to PhD candidate status after passing comprehensive examination in 2015

Master of Art in Philosophy

Kyungpook National University, Republic of Korea | September 2011 – August 2013

Thesis: ***The Structure of the Split Subject in Jacques Lacan***. (Kyungpook National University 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

1. Kyung-ah Nam, **"The Isolated Subject and the Transgressed Objectification of Others: Unveiling Trauma's Intricate Relationship with Subjectivity,"** in *Trauma and Healing* (12th East-West Philosophers' Conference Volume), edited by Tamara Albertini. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. (Shortlisted & Under External Peer Review)
2. Kyung-ah Nam, Eric S. Nelson, **"Jeong Do-jeon and Gihwa: A Joseon Controversy between Neo-Confucianism and Buddhism,"** in *The Oxford Handbook of Korean Philosophy*, Oxford University Press. (Forthcoming)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **"Death Concept as a Pure Concept of the Understanding and Its Aporia."** *Studies in Philosophy East-West* 94 (2019): 255–275 (KCI-indexed, in Korean).
2. **"The Philosophical Project on the Concept 'Death Drive': Death Drive in Homo Ludens."** *Journal of the Daedong Philosophical Association* 75 (2016): 25–44 (KCI-indexed, in Korean).
3. **"*Jouissance* as Surplus Pleasure."** *Studies in Philosophy East-West* 77 (2015): 367–383 (KCI-indexed, in Korean).
4. **"Suicidal Impulse in Korean Society and Journaling Therapy: With the Concept of Death Drive in Jacques Lacan."** *CHULHAK-RONCHONG*, *Journal of the New Korean Philosophical Association* 79 (1) (2015): 59–75 (KCI-indexed, in Korean).
5. **"Beyond the Kantian Sublime: The Lacanian *Jouissance*."** *CHULHAK-RONCHONG, Journal of the New Korean Philosophical Association*77 (3) (2014): 125–139 (KCI-indexed, in Korean).

6. **"The 'Death Drive' in Jacques Lacan and the Liberty of the Subject."** *Pan-Korean Philosophy*73(2) (2014): 85–105 (KCI-indexed, in Korean).
7. **"The *Jouissance* of the Split Subject and the Limitation of Psychoanalytic Counseling."** *The Catholic Philosophy*22 (2014): 157–181 (KCI-indexed, in Korean).

Scholarly Book

1. ***An Introduction to Psychoanalysis for Healing***. Seoul: Salamnuri, 2018. [ISBN 979-11-964267-2-9 (93160)]

RESEARCH PROJECT

Research Team Member, "Clinical Philosophy" in Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Project Team, Funded by Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Republic of Korea, 2013–2016.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Continental Philosophy (18th–20th Century) | Kantian Metaphysics | Epistemology | Ethics | Comparative Philosophy | Korean Philosophy

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Instructor of Record

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | January 2026 –Present

- HUMA 3900 **Philosophical Inquiry into the Modern World**, Fall 2026
- HUMA 2921 **Ethical Theories and Contemporary Issues**, Fall 2026
- HUMA 2831 **Metaphysics: Study of Reality and Existence**, Spring 2026
- HUMA 2930 **What am I - Personal Identity and the Self**, Spring 2026

Guest Lecture, HKBU, 2025

- "AI and the Self: Do I really think? Do I exist as myself?,"
  invited by the Center for Applied Ethics at the Hong Kong Baptist University, March 18, 2025.

Guest Lecture, Dalseong County Library, Republic of Korea, 2014

- The Writing Therapy for the Community, Dalseong County Library, Republic of Korea | September - November, 2014.

One-off Lectures

- "A subjective dynamic led by the fascist propaganda via Freud, Adorno, and Kant.", Philosophy of History and Society, HKUST, October 13, 2022.
- "Between the Moral Law and the Superego," Philosophical Inquiry into the Modern World, HKUST, May 4, 2022.

Teaching Assistant in the Division of Humanities, HKUST| September 2021 - August 2024

Teaching Assistant in the Department of Philosophy, Kyungpook National University, Republic of Korea | September 2011 - February 2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **"Kant's Critical Tension: The Thing-in-Itself and the Sublime", ASCP 2026** (The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy 2026), at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, December 2026. (Forthcoming)

2. **"Self and Other: Divergent Paths to Freedom in Zhuangzi and Lacan," EACP2025** (The 5th Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Philosophy), **Panel: "Fate and Freedom: Zhuangzi and the Xuanxue Philosophers on How to Overcome Dependence and Partiality,"** University of Iceland in Reykjavík, Iceland, June 26–28, 2025.

3. **"Reflecting on the absence and its enjoyment: the problem of reflective reasoning concerning non-being," ASCP 2024** (The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy 2024), at the Deakin University in Geelong, Australia, December 2024.

4. **"Satisfaction through Reiteration: A Study on 'Human Pleasure' and Overcoming Displeasure," WPC 2024 Rome** (25th World Congress of Philosophy), at La Sapienza University in Rome, Italy, August 2024.

5. **"The Isolated Subject and the Transgressed Objectification of Others: Unveiling Trauma's Intricate Relationship with Subjectivity," 2024 EWPC** (12th East-West Philosophers' Conference), at the University of Hawai'i - Mānoa, USA, May 2024.

6. **"A Study on the Structural Differences of Reading and Writing - How Can Journaling Therapy Enhance One's Subjectivity?,"** the 2015 The International Symposium on Social Sciences, Annual Symposium on Management and Social Sciences, Osaka, Japan, August 2015.

7. **"Suicidal Impulse in Korean Society and Journaling Therapy - with the Concept of Death Drive in Jacques Lacan,"** the 2014 The International Symposium on Social Sciences, Hong Kong, December 2014.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

"The problematic aspect of modern rationality and a philosophical looking back on it." at the Interdisciplinary Symposium, the Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, November 24, 2022.

"Chinese Yogācāra, Jacques Lacan, and Consciousness-Centered Characteristics," at the New Perspectives on Buddhist Philosophy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, November 26, 2021.

INVITED TALK

Panel Member for a discussion on **Maninso: Ten Thousand People's Petitions and the 1983 Women's Suffrage Petition**, at the International Symposium on the Inscription of "Maninso: Ten Thousand People's Petitions" to UNESCO MOWCAP register, held in Advanced Center For Korean Studies in Andong-si, Republic of Korea, September 2018.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Selected as **an excellent research personnel for Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Project** and awarded a certificate from the Minister of Education, Republic of Korea, March 18, 2016.
- Won in the contest for the creative idea for using dialect and awarded by the Director General of National Institute of Korean Language, Republic of Korea, October 4, 2013.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships & Scholarships

- Postgraduate Studentship, HKUST, Hong Kong.
  September 2021 – August 2025
- Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Scholarship, National Research Foundation of Korea, Republic of Korea.
  September 2014 – August 2016
- National Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Research Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation, Republic of Korea.
  September 2012 – August 2013
- Teaching Fellowship, Kyungpook National University, Republic of Korea.
  September 2011 – August 2013
- Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Kyungpook National University, Republic of Korea.
  Fall 2015 and Spring 2015

Grants

- UGC Research Travel Grant, HKUST, Hong Kong:
  HK$ 10,506 (2025), HK$ 11,046 (2025), HK$ 11,000 (2024), HK$ 11,186 (2024)
- Postgraduate Research Grant, HKUST, Hong Kong:
  HK$ 4,000 (2024) HK$ 9,000 (2024)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- **HUMA Teaching Assistant Coordinator (2024/2025)**, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong | September 2024 - August 2025.
- **HUMA Student-Staff Liaison Committee (2024/2025)**, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong | September 2024 - August 2025.

- **Postgraduate Student Representative for the Senate Committee of Postgraduate Studies, Humanities & Social Science (2024/2025)**, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong | September 2024 - August 2025.
- **Organizer of 2025 Spring HUMA Workshop**, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong | March 21, 2025.
- **Organizer of The 1st Healing Alliance Joint Conference: The Humanities of Healing: Discussing Healing and Happiness!**, Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Project Team: Education of Creative Human Resources in the Clinical Philosophy, Republic of Korea | July 15–16, 2016.
- **Research & Administration Assistant** for Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Project Team: Education of Creative Human Resources in the Clinical Philosophy, Republic of Korea | September 2013 - August 2014.
- **Campus Newspaper Reviser (KNU Times)**, Kyungpook National University, Republic of Korea | March 2013 - August 2016.

CERTIFICATES FROM TRAINING PROGRAMS

Graduate Seminar in Philosophical Counseling, University of the Fraser Valley, Canada (August 17–21, 2015). Supported by the Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Project Team, Republic of Korea.

Follow-up Course in Philosophical Practice: The Understanding of and Practical Training in Clinical Philosophy (Part II), Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong (January 12–16, 2015). Supported by the Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Project Team, Republic of Korea.

Summer Course in Philosophical Practice: The Understanding of and Practical Training in Clinical Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong (July 7–11, 2014). Supported by the Brain Korea 21 Plus Research Project Team, Republic of Korea.