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Area of Specialization: Applied Ethics (esp. Clinical Ethics), Epistemology, Moral Psychology

Area of Competency: Political Philosophy

Education

PhD, Applied Philosophy 2023 to Present
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

Dissertation: Adaptive Preferences, Informed Consent, and Patient Care

Supervisor: Dr. Mathieu Doucet

Committee: Drs. Katy Fulfer and Jenny Saul

M.A, Philosophy 2020 to 2022
Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Ontario

MRP: Towards a Pluralist Concept of Vulnerability in Research Ethics

Supervisor: Dr. Alex Wellington

Second Reader: Dr. Robert Murray

B.A, Combined Honours in Philosophy and Sociology 2016 to 2020
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Tang, Marco. 2025. "Liberalism and Mitochondrial Replacement Technique." *Journal of Medical Ethics* 51 (11): 743-46. <https://doi.org/10.1136/jme-2024-110373>

Under Review

1. Adaptive Preferences, Informed Consent, and Testimonial Injustice | *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*

Selected Presentations

Upcoming Presentations

“Adaptive Preferences and Epistemic Injustice”, 43rd International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2026

“An Epistemic Critique of Integrating the Concept of Adaptive Preferences in Clinical Care”, Canadian Philosophical Association, June 2026

Past Presentations

“Should the Concept of Adaptive Preferences Play a Role in Clinical Care?”, Canadian Philosophical Association, June 2025 (Received the Congress Graduate Merit Award)

“An Argument Towards a Pluralist Concept of Vulnerability”, 32nd Annual Canadian Bioethics Society, May 2024

“An Argument Towards a Pluralist Concept of Vulnerability”, 3rd Annual Association of Practical and Professional Ethics International Conference, February 2024

Commentaries

On Malcom Murray’s “Supererogation and Contractarianism” 2026
The Canadian Philosophical Association Conference

On Tiina Rosenqvist’s “Engineering the Concept of Pain for Clinical Practice” 2025
The Canadian Philosophical Association Conference

Awards & Scholarships *Received in multiple years

President’s Graduate Scholarship 2026 to 2027
Internal scholarship for receiving the SSHRC CGRS-D
\$5,000.00 CAD

SSHRC Canada Graduate Research Scholarship-Doctoral 2026 to Pres.
External scholarship provided by the Government of Canada
\$40,000.00 CAD per year

Big Thinking Summit Graduate Participation Grant 2025
Covered costs associated with the Big Thinking Summit: Future Ready Graduate Education
\$500.00 CAD

Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress Graduate Merit Award 2025

Selected by the Canadian Philosophical Association awards committee
\$500.00 CAD

Department of Philosophy Congress Graduate Award* 2025
Covered costs associated with the Canadian Philosophical Association Conference
\$500.00 CAD

Centre for Work Integrated Learning Canada's Innovation Hub Award 2025
Covered costs associated with the student's research placement
\$1,500.00 CAD

Dr. Brian Rudrick Memorial Graduate Award in Applied Philosophy 2024
Covered costs associated with the student's research placement
\$300.00 CAD

University of Waterloo Senate Graduate Scholarship 2024
Internal scholarship for good academic standing
\$500.00 CAD

Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Conference Award* 2024
Internal Conference Funding
\$200.00 CAD

Graduate Student Research Dissemination Award 2024
Internal Conference Funding
\$500.00 CAD

Association for the Study for Practical & Professional Ethics Student Scholarship* 2024
External Conference Funding
\$150.00 USD

Faculty of Arts Connect 4 Success: Research and Travel Grant* 2024
Internal Conference Funding
\$300.00 CAD

Paul Seligman Memorial Scholarship 2023
Internal Scholarship for work in the philosophy of religion
\$800.00 CAD

University of Waterloo Graduate Scholarship 2023 to 2026

PhD Scholarship
\$16,000.00 CAD per year

Arts Graduate Funding 2021
Department of Philosophy Graduate Funding
\$3,000.00 CAD

Toronto Metropolitan University Graduate Fellowship 2020 to 2022
MA Scholarship
\$5,250.00 CAD per year

McMaster Honours Award 2016
BA Entrance Scholarship
\$500.00 CAD

Teaching F: Fall W: Winter S: Spring/Summer *Online

Instructor

Toronto Metropolitan University International College

PHIL 120 Introduction to Philosophical Reasoning | 2023W

Teaching Assistant

University of Waterloo

PHIL 327 Philosophy of Law | 2026W*

PHIL 206 Philosophy of Sport | 2026W

PHIL 324 Social and Political Philosophy | 2025S*, 2026S*

PHIL 101 Challenging Ideas: An Introduction to Philosophy | 2025W

PHIL 240 Introduction to Formal Logic | 2025W*

PHIL 145 Critical Thinking | 2024F*, 2025F

PHIL 251 Metaphysics and Epistemology | 2024F*

PHIL 384 History of Modern Philosophy | 2024S*

PHIL 215 Professional and Business Ethics | 2024W, 2025W

PHIL 226 Bioethics | 2023F

Toronto Metropolitan University

SSH 105 Critical Thinking I | 2020F*, 2021W*, 2021F*, 2022W, 2022F
PHL 302 Ethics and Health Care | 2021F*

Scholarly Engagement

Invited Contributor

Canadian Forum for Social Innovation Canadian Collaborative for Society, Innovation and Policy	2026
Big Thinking Summit: Future-ready Graduate Education The Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences	2025

Professional Service

Committee Membership

Colloquium Committee Member Philosophy Graduate Student Union, University of Waterloo	2023 to 2024
Conference Committee Member Philosophy Graduate Student Union, University of Waterloo	2023 to 2025
Teaching Assistant Committee Member Philosophy Graduate Student Union, University of Waterloo	2023 to Pres.
Graduate Representative Philosophy Department Council, Toronto Metropolitan University	2021 to 2022

Events Organized

32nd University of Waterloo Graduate Philosophy Conference	2025
31st University of Waterloo Graduate Philosophy Conference	2024
Marx, Rawls, Cohen, and Philosophical Liberalism with Ben Burgis	2022
2022 Graduate Philosophy Conference, The Pandemic Perspective	2022

Student Union Membership

Treasurer 2023 to 2025
Philosophy Graduate Student Union, University of Waterloo

Vice President 2021 to 2022
Toronto Metropolitan Philosophy Graduate Student Union

Vice President of Finance 2018 to 2020
McMaster Philosophers' Society

Vice President of Finance 2019 to 2020
McMaster Sociology Society

Community Service

Graduate Representative 2024 to Pres.
Clinical Research Ethics Board, University of Waterloo

Graduate Representative; Community Member 2021 to Pres.
Research Ethics Board, Toronto Metropolitan University

Professional Membership

North American Society for Social Philosophy 2026 to Pres.

Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards 2021 to 2025

Canadian Bioethics Society 2025 to Pres.

Canadian Philosophical Association 2024 to Pres.

Association of Practical and Professional Ethics 2023 to Pres.

Languages

Cantonese Conversational

English Native