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**Areas of Specialization:** Asian and comparative philosophies, normative/applied ethics, philosophy of education and culture

**Areas of Competence:** Sociopolitical philosophy, phil. of biology, phil. of cognitive sci.

## Employment:

Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2017-Present  
Teaching Professor, 2025-Present  
Associate Teaching Professor, 2022-2025  
Assistant Teaching Professor, 2017-2022  
Director, Asian Studies Minor, 2020-Present

Philosophy, Victoria University of Wellington, 2018  
Visiting Assistant Professor

Philosophy, Colorado College, 2017  
Visiting Assistant Professor

**Citizenship:** USA

## Education:

Ph.D. University of Utah (2012-2017)  
Diss.: *Ritual and Moral Education: A Confucian Contribution*, dir. E. Hutton  
M. Phil Hong Kong University (2010-2012)  
B.A. Duke University (2005-2009, *with highest distinction*)

## Publications:

- (2025) "Peace, Pop Culture, and the Confucian Way," *Dialogues with Classical Chinese Philosophy*, edited by Aleksandar Stamatov. Routledge.
- (2024) *Contemporary Politics and Classical Chinese Thought: Toward Globalizing Political Philosophy*, with Jennifer Kling. Oxford University Press.
- (2023) "Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State," with Jennifer Kling. *Journal of Military Ethics* 22 (1): 1-18.
- (2023) "Michael the Hege-don," *The Godfather and Philosophy*, edited by Joshua Heter and Richard Greene. Carus Books.

### **Publications (continued):**

- (2022) “Social and Political ‘Statutes of Limitations’: Mo’ Approaches, Mo’ Problems,” with Jennifer Kling, *Forgiveness Confronts Race, Relationships, and the Social*, edited by Court D. Lewis, 91-111. Vernon Press.
- (2022) “Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: A Confucian-Inspired Account,” with Jennifer Kling, *The Crisis of American Democracy: A Collection of Philosophical Perspectives*, ed. Leland Harper, 167-192. Vernon Press.
- (2021) “Xunzi’s Ritual Model and Modern Moral Education,” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 13 (2): 17-43.
- (2020) “Moral Anger in Classical Confucianism,” *The Ethics of Anger*, edited by Court Lewis and Gregory Bock, 131-154. Lexington Books.
- (2020) *Confucian Ritual and Moral Education*, Lexington Books.
- (2020) “Xunzi’s Ritual Program as a Response to Han Feizi’s Criticism of Confucianism,” *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 34 (August): 129-153.
- (2019) “Vygotsky and Moral Education: A Response to and Expansion of Tappan,” *Educational Philosophy and Theory* 51.1: 41-50.
- (2018) “Yu in the Xunzi: Toward a Precise Understanding,” *Asian Philosophy* 28.2: 157-169.
- (2018) “Ritual Education and Moral Development: A Comparison of Xunzi and Vygotsky,” *Dao* 17.1: 81-98.

### **Presentations:**

- Fragile lands, fragile states: a Confucian “well-field” lens for viewing political obligations between states, citizens, and the environment  
Central APA, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (Feb 2026)
- Discourse, Discord, and Dyads: Classical Chinese Views of Harmony and Contemporary Politics  
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference (Oct 2025)
- Book Symposium: *Contemporary Politics and Classical Chinese Thought: Toward Globalizing Political Philosophy*  
Pacific APA, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Session (Apr 2025)
- Discourse, Discord, and Dyads: Classical Chinese Views of Harmony and Contemporary Politics  
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference (Apr 2025)
- Corporations, Rivers, and Now Robots: Legal Standing in a World of Advancing Technology  
PPE Society Meeting (Nov 2024)
- (Pop) Culture and Perpetuating Peace: A Confucian Argument  
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 30th Annual Conference (Oct 2023)

### **Presentations (continued):**

Michael the Hege-don

Central APA, Concerned Philosopher for Peace Group Session (Feb 2023)

Narratives for Peace: A Mohist Contribution to Contemporary Political Dialogue

Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Jul 2022)

Harmony and the Land: The Confucian Well-Field System in Modernity

Conference of the Concerned Philosophers for Peace (Oct 2021)

Social and Political Statutes of Limitations: Mo' Approaches, Mo' Problems

Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Jul 2021)

Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: a Confucian-Inspired Account

Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Jul 2021)

Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State

Midwest Philosophy Conference (Apr 2021)

Harmony and the Land: The Confucian Well-Field System in Modernity

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference (Apr 2021)

Xunzi's Ritual Model and Modern Moral Education

Sungkyunkwan Conference for Confucianism, Rituals, and Modern Life (Nov 2019)

Narratives, Borders, and Human Aid: A Mohist Contribution

Conference of the Concerned Philosophers for Peace (Oct 2019)

Xunzi's Ritual Program: A Practice Model of Virtue

Pacific APA, ISCWP Group Session (Apr 2019)

Human Nature is Ugly: A Response to Schwitzgebel

Central APA, ISCWP Group Session (Feb 2019)

*Yu* in the Xunzi: Toward a Precise Understanding

Pacific APA, ISCWP Group Session (Apr 2017)

Ritual Education and Moral Development: A Comparison of Xunzi and Vygotsky

Eastern APA, ISCWP Group Session (Jan 2017)

### **Honors, Awards, and Fellowships:**

Provost Fellow for Instructional, Research, and Clinical Faculty (2026, UCCS, \$14000)

Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness Grant (2021, UCCS, \$200)

Faculty Minority Affairs Committee Diversity Grant (2019, UCCS, \$2000)

University Teaching Assistant Fellowship (2016, University of Utah)

Steffensen Cannon Fellowship (2016, University of Utah)

### **Teaching Experience:**

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (2017-Present)

Intro. to Philosophy

Intro. to Philosophies of Asia

Philosophies of China

Buddhist Philosophy

Philosophy, New Media, and Pop Culture

**Teaching Experience (continued):**

Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand (2018)  
Political Philosophy East & West

Colorado College (2017)  
History of Modern European Philosophy

University of Utah (2012-2017)  
Intro. to Philosophy Ethical Dilemmas  
Philosophy and Human Nature  
Philosophy and Moral Education (designed course as part of UTA Award)  
World Religions

**Administrative Experience:**

Director, Asian Studies Minor, UCCS, 2020-Present

**Service to the Profession at Large:**

Member, Concerned Philosophers for Peace  
Member, American Philosophical Association  
Referee

Publishers: Lexington, Routledge  
Journals: *Culture and Dialogue*, *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture*,  
*Biology and Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Dao*, *Journal of  
Global Ethics*, *Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies*, *British Journal of  
Sociology*, *Philosophy East and West*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*

**Service to the University:**

Member, Campus Curriculum Committee, UCCS, 2023-2024  
Creator and Director, Asian Studies Minor, UCCS, 2020-present  
Coach, Collegiate Bioethics Bowl Team, UCCS, 2019-2020  
Coach, Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team, UCCS, 2019-2023

**Service to the Department:**

Member, Dept. Pedagogy and Curriculum Committee, UCCS, 2024-Present  
Coordinator and Developer, Philosophy in the City event series, UCCS, 2018-2022  
Dept. Rep., Heller Center for the Arts and Humanities, UCCS, 2017-present

**References (listed alphabetically):**

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