

Yun-Ying Kuo

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Education

- 2024-Present** **Ph.D. Student**, Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, USA
- 2021/09** **M.A., Philosophy**, Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition,
2023/06 National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan
-Thesis title: The Intertwined Relationship of Knowledge and Values in Shared Decision-Making
-Committee members: Dr. Karen Yan, Michael T. Stuart, Sarah Wieten
- 2020** **B.S., Pharmacy**, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan

Research Areas of Interest

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Medicine, bioethics
Philosophy of Science and Technology, Social Epistemology

Publications

1. Yan, K.*, Cheng, MJ., **Kuo, YY.**, Wang, A. (2026) "Tool-Mediated Patienthood: Structural Plurality in Oncology, Surgery, and Palliative Care" *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* (History and Philosophy of Science field)
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11019-026-10359-x>
2. Yan, K.*, Ni, C., **Kuo, YY.**, Chen, MH. (2025). "Drug-Centered or Drug-Assisted? Epistemic Perspectives and Methodological Tensions in Psychedelic Psychotherapy." *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* Vol.15, 58 (History and Philosophy of Science field) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13194-025-00679-9>

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2026** **Kuo, Y.**, "Measurement as epistemic scaffolding: The role of patient-centered measurement in clinical practice." Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice (SPSP) 11th Biennial Conference, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK. (July 15-18) **(Oral presentation)**
- Kuo, Y.**, "Measurement as epistemic scaffolding: The role of patient-centered measurement in clinical practice." The Society for the Study of Measurement (SSM) 2nd Biennial Conference, University of Edinburgh, UK. (June 22-25) **(Poster presentation)**
- 2026** **Kuo, Y.**, "Measurement as Epistemic Scaffolding: The Role of Patient-Centered Measurement in Clinical Practice." APA Central Division meeting, Chicago, USA. (February 18-21) **(colloquium presentation)**

- 2025** **Kuo, Y.,** Yan, K. “Data Journey in Real-World Evidence (RWE): The Role of Validation Method Revelation in RWE.” Asia-Pacific Philosophy of Science Association (APPSA), National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei, Taiwan. (June 17-19) **(Oral presentation)**
- 2024** **Kuo, Y.** “Uncovering Diagnosis Misrepresentation: The Role of Validation Method Revelation in Real-World Evidence.” Conference “Diagnosis: Between Knowing and Doing”, Medical Museion and Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Basic Metabolic Research, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. (October 24-25) **(Oral Presentation)**
- 2024** **Kuo, Y.,** Yan, K. “Data Integrity Through Validation Method Revelation in Real-World Evidence.” Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice (SPSP) 10th Biennial Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA. (May 15–18) **(Oral Presentation)**
- 2023** **Kuo, Y.,** Yan, K. “Data Integrity Through Validation Method Revelation in Real-World Evidence.” Interdisciplinary conference “Explaining research misconduct: data, hypotheses, and methodological issues” Université de Lorraine, Nancy, France. (December 6-8) **(Oral Presentation)**
- 2023** **Kuo, Y.,** Yan, K., Wang, Y., & Jiang, R. “The Intertwined Relationship of Knowledge and Values in Shared Decision-Making.” The 10th biennial Asia-Pacific Philosophy of Science Association (APPSA), Vin University, Hanoi, Vietnam. (July 21-22) **(Oral Presentation)**
- 2023** **Kuo, Y.,** Yan, K., Wang, Y., & Jiang, R. “The Intertwined Relationship of Knowledge and Values in Shared Decision-Making.” The Medical Knowledge in the Clinic and Out of the Clinic Workshop, Digital Society Initiative of the University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland. (June 21-22) **(Oral Presentation)**
- 2023** **Kuo, Y.,** Yan, K., Wang, Y., & Jiang, R. “The Intertwined Relationship of Knowledge and Values in Shared Decision-Making.” Taiwan Philosophy Association Annual Conference 2022, Taipei, Taiwan (December 16-17, 2022) **(Oral Presentation)**
- 2022** **Kuo, Y.,** Yan, K., Wang, Y., & Jiang, R. “Epistemic Injustice in Shared Decision-Making.” Taiwan-Belgium Philosophy of Science Workshop, online (September 12-13, 2022) **(Oral Presentation)**

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, (Led the discussion sessions), University of South Carolina

- Communicating Moral Issues, Dr. Patrick Brissey
- Medical Ethics, Dr. Leah McClimans
- Engineering Ethics, Dr. Jeff Turner
- Introduction to Formal Logic, Dr. Brett Sherman

Teaching Assistant, Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

- Critical and Creative Thinking (2023, led the discussion sessions)
- Human-Centered Care and Technology in Practice (2022-2023)
- Philosophy of Psychedelics (2022-2023)
- Critical and Creative Thinking (2022, led the discussion sessions)
- Philosophy of Human-Centered Care and Technology (2022)
- Philosophy of Science and Technology (2021-2022)

- Logic (2021-2022)

Research and Working Experience

2025-Present

Asia-Pacific Philosophy of Science Association (APPSA) Online Seminar Committee member <https://asiapacificpsa.mystrikingly.com/>

2025.05-09

Research assistant, the Ann Johnson Institute for Science, Technology and Society

- Assisted in organizing book manuscript workshops/ writing retreats/ and book launch

2021-2024

Research Assistant, Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Project: “Person-Centered Care in Cancer Care” collaborate with Taichung Veterans General Hospital and Koo Foundation Sun Yat-Sen Cancer Center (2021-2023)

- Use cognitive ethnography as research method at a cancer center to collect qualitative data in cancer care practice
- Field observation 160 hours in total
- In-depth interviews with 9 practitioners, 8 patients from the cancer center
- Assisted in organizing an international workshop, “Interdisciplinarity and Philosophy of Science.” <https://phil.nycu.edu.tw/post-0113/>
-Keynote speakers and panelists: Nancy Nersessian, Catherine Herfeld, Sabina Leonelli, Miles MacLeod, Sophie Ritson.

Project: “Ethics of Human-Centered Care Technology” (2022-2023)

- Focused on human-centered technologies in healthcare
- Assisted in organizing 2 international exchange meeting with scholars from Stanford Human-Centered AI Institute <https://hai.stanford.edu/>
- Assisted in organizing 8 international seminars for the series, “Philosophy in a Changing World of Emerging Technologies” <https://reurl.cc/7RLdn1>
- Organized a two-day workshop of “Value Sensitive Design for Technology in Healthcare”

Project: University Social Responsibility Project: “Taiwan Senior Citizens Forum” (2021-2022)

- Focused on the philosophy of caring, philosophy of life and death.
- Assisted in organizing 6 philosophy forums for the public.
- Materials:
Mol, A. (2008). *The logic of care: Health and the problem of patient choice*. Routledge.
Kagan, S. (2012). *Death*. Yale University Press.

2020-2021

Pharmacist, National Taiwan University Hospital

- Performed pharmaceutical care and therapeutic assessment in outpatient clinics
- Assess clinical evidence with scientific intelligence to manage prescription
- Collaborated with different healthcare members to optimize medical treatments of patients and provide health education
- Instructed interns in conducting patient medication therapy evaluations
- Identified medication-associated problems, e.g., adverse drug reactions, therapeutic drug monitoring, drug-drug interaction

Professional Development Activities

- “Empirical bioethics” Summer School, Amsterdam UMC & VU University, 23rd – 26th June 2025

Honors and Awards

- 2026 James W. Oliver Award in Logic**
University of South Carolina, Department of Philosophy, Spring 2026
- Graduate Student Teaching Award**
University of South Carolina, Department of Philosophy, Spring 2026
- Graduate students travel grants from University of South Carolina & the Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)
- 2024** Graduate students travel grants from University of South Carolina
- 2020 Nominees for the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award**, National Taiwan University Hospital, Taiwan
- Out of 45 young pharmacists, only 10 were nominated
 - Exceptional clinical knowledge and skills in pharmacy practice
 - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- 2019 Outstanding Intern Pharmacist**, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan
- Out of 155 intern pharmacists, only 20 were awarded
 - Positive attitude and a willingness to learn and take on new challenges
 - Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team
- 2017-2019 Vice Director**, Pharmacy Service Promotion and Health Education Team, serviced at 6 counties, Taiwan, supplied health education classes for children and home visit for local people

Academic References

- Karen Yan Ph.D.; Associate Professor & Director of Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University
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