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PRESENT POSITION

since 2022 Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica
Research Fellow
Department of Philosophy, National Chengchi University
Professor (joint appointment)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2017-2022 Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica
Associate Research Fellow
2014-2017 Graduate Institute of Religious Studies, Nanhua University
Professor
2005-2014 Graduate Institute of Religious Studies, Nanhua University
Associate Professor
2001-2005 Graduate Institute of Religious Studies, Nanhua University
Assistant Professor
2000-2001 Graduate Institute of Life-and-death Studies, Nanhua University
Assistant Professor
1999-2000 General Education Center, Nanhua University
Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

1995-1999 Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi
PhD in Philosophy
Title: *Sense Experience and Language in the Indian Classical Buddhist, Nyāya, and Grammarian Philosophies*
Supervisor: *Arindam Chakrabarti*
1993-1995 Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi

MPhil in Philosophy

Title: *What Do We See? An Essay on Dignāga's Concept of the Object of Perception*

Supervisor: *Arindam Chakrabarti*

1991-1993 Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi
MA in Philosophy

1986-1989 Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University
BA in Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed journals

1. 2024. "Worldly Indeterminacy and the Provisionality of Language," forthcoming in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
2. 2023. "Can the World Be Indeterminate in All Respects?" *Ergo*, 9: 584–602.
3. 2022. "The Notion of Apoha in Chinese Buddhism," *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 21 (2): 283–298.
4. 2021. "Causation and Ontic Indeterminacy," *Res Philosophica*, 98 (1): 43–61.
5. 2020. "Ontic Indeterminacy: Chinese Madhyamaka in the Contemporary Context," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 98 (3): 419–433.
6. 2016. "Interdependence and Nonduality: On the Linguistic Strategy of the *Platform Sūtra*," *Philosophy East and West*, 66 (4): 1231–1250.
7. 2014. "Meaning, Understanding, and Knowing-what: An Indian Grammarian Notion of Intuition (*pratibhā*)," *Philosophy East and West*, 64 (2): 404–424.
8. 2013. "Ontic Indeterminacy and Paradoxical Language: A Philosophical Analysis of Sengzhao's Linguistic Thought," *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 12 (4): 505–522.
9. 2012. "One Name, Infinite Meanings: Jizang's Thought on Meaning and Reference," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 39 (3): 436–452.
10. 2012. "The Nonduality of Speech and Silence: A Comparative Analysis of Jizang's Thought on Language and Beyond," *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 11 (1): 1–19.
11. 2010. "Nāgārjuna's Critique of Language," *Asian Philosophy*, 20 (2): 159–174.
12. 2008. "The Finger Pointing toward the Moon: A Philosophical Analysis of the Chinese Buddhist Thought of Reference," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 35 (1): 159–177.
13. 2007. "Consciousness and Self-awareness," *Asian Philosophy*, 17 (3): 213–230.
14. 2006. "Saying the Unsayable," *Philosophy East and West*, 56 (3): 409–427.
15. 2005. "God as the Ultimate Referent of Language—Rāmānuja on the Sayability of

- Divine Reality” [in Chinese], *Aletheia*, 8: 57–91.
16. 2004. “Consciousness, Witness Consciousness, and Pure Consciousness” [in Chinese], *Journal of World Religions*, 4: 105–134.
 17. 2004. “An Annotated Translation of the Perception Chapter of Dharmottara’s *Nyāyabinduṭīkā*” [in Chinese], *Satyabhisamaya: A Buddhist Studies Quarterly*, 31: 5–76.
 18. 2004. “Śāṅkara on Saying the Unsayable” [in Chinese], *National Taiwan University Philosophical Review*, 27: 1–40.
 19. 2003. “On the Paradox of ‘Unsayable’” [in Chinese], *Journal of World Religions*, 2: 89–110.
 20. 2002. “On the Religious Meaning of the Buddhist Pramāṇa Theory” [in Chinese], *Aletheia*, 4: 35–60.
 21. 2002. “An Analysis of Dignāga’s Logical Theory” [in Chinese], *Journal of the Center for Buddhist Studies*, 7: 27–47.
 22. 2001. “Dignāga on Sense Perception and Its Object” [in Chinese], *Satyabhisamaya: A Buddhist Studies Quarterly*, 17: 4–31.
 23. 1996. “How Not to Avoid Speaking—A Free Exposition of Dignāga’s *Apoha* Doctrine,” *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, 24 (5): 541–562.

Contributions to edited volumes

1. 2022. “Liang Shuming’s Interpretation of Indian Culture—Comments and Reflections” [in Chinese] in Chien-hsing Ho & Tak-lap Yeung (eds.): *Cultural Interpretation and Interaction among Traditions*, pp. 265–288, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica.
2. 2020. “Paradoxical Language in Chan Buddhism” in Yiu-ming Fung (ed.): *Dao Companion to Chinese Philosophy of Logic*, pp. 389–404, Springer.
3. 2018. “The Nonduality of Motion and Rest: Sengzhao on the Change of Things” in Sandra Wawrytko & Youru Wang (eds.): *Dao Companion to Chinese Buddhist Philosophy*, pp. 175–188, Springer.
4. 2015. “Resolving the Ineffability Paradox” in Arindam Chakrabarti & Ralph Weber (eds.): *Comparative Philosophy without Borders*, pp. 69–82, Bloomsbury Academic.
5. 2014. “The Way of Nonacquisition: Jizang’s Philosophy of Ontic Indeterminacy” in Chen-kuo Lin & Michael Radich (eds.): *A Distant Mirror: Articulating Indic Ideas in Sixth and Seventh Century Chinese Buddhism*, pp. 397–418, Hamburg University Press.
6. 2014. “Emptiness as Subject-Object Unity: Sengzhao on the Way Things Truly Are” in JeeLoo Liu & Douglas Berger (eds.): *Nothingness in Asian Philosophy*, pp.

104–118, Routledge.

Entries in encyclopedias

1. 2022. “Buddhist Logic: Dignāga” [in Chinese] in Lipton Wang (ed.): *Mandarin Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
2. 2020. “Sengzhao” [in Chinese] in Lipton Wang (ed.): *Mandarin Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
3. 2019. “Nāgārjuna” [in Chinese] in Lipton Wang (ed.): *Mandarin Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

RECENT INVITED TALKS

1. 2021. “Chinese Madhyamaka on the Provisionality of Language,” the First International Conference on Concept and Reasoning: East Asian Analytic Buddhism, Shandong University. (Keynote speech)
2. 2019. “Can the World Be Indeterminate in All Respects?” Department of Philosophy, Peking University.
3. 2019. “Can the World Be Indeterminate in All Respects?” Department of Philosophy, Kyoto University.
4. 2018. “Ontic Indeterminacy: Chinese Madhyamaka in Contemporary Context,” the the Fourth Conference on Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia, National Chengchi University. (Keynote speech)
5. 2018. “Ontic Indeterminacy: Reconstructing Chinese Madhyamaka Thought,” Department of Philosophy, Kyoto University.
6. 2018. “The Notion of Apoha in Chinese Buddhism,” Research Center for Chinese Philosophy and Culture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
7. 2018. “Paradoxical Language in Chan Buddhism,” Research Center for Chinese Philosophy and Culture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

HONORS AND AWARDS

1. 2014. Outstanding Research Award, Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan. (Total value TWD 900,000 [about USD 29,000])
2. 2011. Flexible Salary Award, Ministry of Education, Taiwan. (Total value TWD 1,200,000)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

1. From 2024 to 2026, I am the convener of the Philosophy Division of Taiwan’s National Science and Technology Council (previously Ministry of Science and Technology, MOST) and am in charge of supervising and facilitating the

- development of philosophical research in Taiwan.
2. Between 2016 and 2021, I was a co-editor for the MOST-sponsored *Mandarin Encyclopedia of Philosophy* and was responsible for the entries in the field of Buddhist philosophy.
 3. Between 2018 and 2020, I was the vice convener for MOST's Philosophy Division, whose main task is to supervise the evaluation of research projects in religious studies.
 4. Under a MOST-sponsored Mentor Project, in 2017, I mentored an assistant professor from Chang Jung Christian University. With Professor Chen-kuo Lin of National Chengchi University, I co-advised the Master's thesis of Mr. Cheng-En Lee, who later received the Best Master's Thesis Award in 2022 from the Taiwan Philosophy Association.
 5. Between 2015 and 2016, I was the principal convener who led a team of eight distinguished scholars to investigate popular and forward-looking research issues in philosophy and religious studies. The investigation, entrusted by Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology, is conducted once a decade and has proved important to Taiwan's academic community of philosophy and religious studies.
 6. In recent years, I have reviewed papers for these international journals: *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*, *Res Philosophica*, *Philosophy East and West*, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, and *Vienna Journal for South Asian Studies*.
 7. I have for many years been the editor for the category "Chinese Buddhist Philosophy" at the influential website *PhilPapers*.