

# Zili Dong

## CV | Résumé

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## Education

- 2023 **Western University, Canada**, PhD in Philosophy.  
Dissertation: Causal variable choice, intervention, and pragmatism <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/etd/9501>(Supervisor: Wayne Myrvold)
- 2019 **Simon Fraser University, Canada**, MA in Philosophy, Supervisor: Holly Andersen.
- 2017 **Zhejiang University, China**, MA in Philosophy.  
Master Thesis: "Levels, Constitution, Causation in Mechanisms."(Supervisor: Xiangdong Xu)
- 2015 **Zhejiang University, China**, BA in Philosophy.

## Work Experience

- 2024.9-Present **Seafood Cutter, T&T Supermarket**, London.  
Prepare various seafood products for sales activities, pack and label various seafood products and display them in the display coolers
- 2024.4-Present **Writing Feedback Specialist, Studiosity**, Remote.  
Provide feedback on students' assignments (scientific reports and essays), check their structure, language, spelling, grammar and use of sources, help improve writing skills
- 2024.3-Present **Teaching Assistant, Scholar Launch**, Remote.  
Hold 1v1 meetings with high school students to provide support with research, writing, and editing skills
- 2022.9-2023.4 **Teaching Assistant, Western University**, London, Ontario.  
Course: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Tutorial Leader & Marker
- 2020.9-2022.4 **Assistant Editor, PhilPapers at Western University**, London, Ontario.  
Editorships including categories such as Causation, General Philosophy of Science, and History of Science
- 2020.5-2020.9 **Research Assistant, Western University**, London, Ontario.  
Copy editing for Wayne Myrvold's book *Beyond Chance and Credence*
- 2019.9-2020.4 **Teaching Assistant, Western University**, London, Ontario.  
Course: *Introduction to Logic*, Marker
- 2018.1-2019.4 **Teaching Assistant, Simon Fraser University**, Burnaby, BC.  
Courses: *Epistemology* (Marker), *Introduction to Logic and Reasoning* (Twice; Tutorial Leader & Marker), *Critical Thinking* (Tutorial Leader & Marker)

## Peer-Reviewed Academic Publications

- 2024c **Simpson's Paradox Beyond Confounding**, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, with Weixin Cai and Shimin Zhao, <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13194-024-00610-8>, [A&HCI,SCIE].

- 2024b **The Ontology of Causation: A Carnapian-Pragmatist Approach**, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10838-023-09669-y>, [A&HCI].
- 2024a **Wright's Path Analysis: Causal Inference in the Early Twentieth Century**, *THEORIA. An International Journal for Theory, History and Foundations of Science*, 39(1), 67–88., <https://ojs.ehu.es/index.php/THEORIA/article/view/24823/23841> [A&HCI].
- 2023 **Well-Defined Interventions and Causal Variable Choice**, *Philosophy of Science*, 90(2), 395-412. <https://doi.org/10.1017/psa.2022.88> [A&HCI, SSCI, SCIE].
- 2017 **Causal Relevance of Mental Properties: A Refutation of Kim's Exclusion Argument**, *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, 12(4), 633-647. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26571925>

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## Academic Conference Presentations

- May. 15-16, 2021 **Rotman Graduate Student Conference (RGSC2021)**, *Western University*, London, ON.  
Presentation: Well-defined causal variables and varieties of interventions
- Jun. 1-3, 2019 **Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science 2019 Conference**, *University of British Columbia*, Vancouver.  
Presentation: Wright versus Pearson: Causal inference in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Aug. 22–25, 2018 **The 11th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference (Social Ontology 2018)**, *Tufts University*, Boston.  
Presentation: The Reality of Social Kinds: A Causal Account.
- Apr.2, 2016 **The 3rd Beijing Analytic Philosophy Conference (Mental Causation)**, *Renmin University of China*, Beijing.  
Presentation: Causal Relevance of Mental Properties

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## Awards and Scholarships

- 2019-2023 **Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS)**, *Western University*.
- 2018 Fall **Philosophy Graduate Research Award**, Simon Fraser University, For my essay: "Inter-level Causal Relevance in Mechanisms".  
See: <https://www.sfu.ca/philosophy/events/news/2018/gradessay18.html>
- 2017 Fall **Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship**, Simon Fraser University.
- 2017 Fall **O. H. Sorila Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Philosophy**, Simon Fraser University.

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## Professional Services

- **Journal Referee**, *Synthese (1)*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science (1)*.
- May 17-18, 2023 **Conference Organizer (Fundraiser & Reviewer)**, 22<sup>nd</sup> annual *Philosophy of Logic, Math and Physics (LMP) graduate student conference*, *Western University*, <https://philevents.org/event/show/107422>.

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## Languages

- **English**, *Full Professional Proficiency*, IELTS General Training 8.0 (CEFR C1).
- **Chinese**, *Native*.