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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2023-present)
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore (2018-2023)

Areas of Specialization

Ethics • Epistemology • Practical Rationality

Education

BA in Philosophy (minor in Mathematics), Pomona College (2007–2011)
PʜD in Philosophy, Brown University (2012–2018)

Publications

"Rational Moral Ignorance", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 102 (2021): 645-664.
"Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome", *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 48 (2020): 422-446.
    Featured in *The Philosopher's Annual* 2021.
"Philosophy Without Belief", *Mind* 128 (2019): 109–138.
    Featured in OUP's *Best of Philosophy* promotion in 2017.
"Belief Dependence: How Do the Numbers Count?", *Philosophical Studies* 176 (2019): pp. 297–319.
"Tolerance and the Distributed *Sorites*", *Synthese* 196 (2019): pp. 1071–1077.
"No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions", *Analysis* 78 (2018): pp. 3–13.
    Featured in OUP's *Best of Philosophy* promotion in 2018.
"Fool Me Once: Can Indifference Vindicate Induction?" (with Han Li), *Episteme* 15 (2018): pp. 202–208.
"Conciliationism and Merely Possible Disagreement" (with Han Li), *Synthese* 193 (2016): pp. 1–13.

Presentations

"Against Risk-Aversion"
    Formal Epistemology Workshop, Northeastern (June 2023)
    Presidential Conference in Formal Epistemology, NUS (May 2023)
    Colloquium, Pacific APA (February 2023)
    Colloquium, NYU (December 2022)
    Invited Talk, Notre Dame (November 2022)
    HKU Speaker Series, HKU (September 2022)
    Mind & Moral Psychology Reading Group, University of Michigan (May 2022)

"The Consequentialist Case for Voting: Strengths and Limitations"

Invited Symposium, Central APA (February 2022)
PPE Society Meeting (November 2022)

"A Free Lunch for God? Vagueness and Gratuitous Evil" (with Phillip Swenson)
God and Gratuitous Evil Conference, Toronto Metropolitan University (May 2022)

"Save the Five: Meeting Taurek's Challenge"
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, UC Boulder (August 2021)
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC (August 2021)

"Six Roles for Inclination"
Social(ly Distanced) Epistemology Series, (April 2020)
Research Seminar Series, United Arab Emirates University (October 2021)

"Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome"
Probability in Philosophy Workshop, ACU, Melbourne (November 2019)
Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (February 2019)

"Rational Moral Ignorance"
Frontiers of Epistemology Conference, Yonsei University, Songdo, South Korea (November 2019)
International Ethics Conference on Moral Epistemology, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne (June 2018)
Brown-Princeton Moral Epistemology Workshop, Princeton University (May 2018)
Colloquium, National University of Singapore (February 2018)

"Belief Dependence: How Do the Numbers Count?"
Colloquium, Pacific APA, San Diego CA (April 2018)

"No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions"
Symposium, Central APA, Chicago IL (February 2018)
Philosophers' Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa (October 2017)

"Philosophy Without Belief"
Society for Skeptical Studies, Eastern APA, Baltimore MD (January 2017)
Colloquium, Pacific APA, San Francisco CA (April 2016)

"Selection and Merely Possible Disagreement" (with Han Li)
Colloquium, Eastern APA, Philadelphia PA (December 2014)
Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference, Rutgers University (April 2014)

Comments

Eyal Tal, "Some Limits of Normative Testimony," Colloquium, Pacific APA, Vancouver GA (April 2022)

Luke Elson, "Vagueness and Pessimism about Climate Rationality," Colloquium, Eastern APA, Savannah GA (January 2018)

Sahar Heydari Fard, "Decision-Theoretic Consequentialism," Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa (October 2017)

James Dreier, "World-Centered Value," Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University (November 2015)

Justin Tiehen, "How to Define 'the Physical'," Symposium, Pacific APA, Vancouver BC (April 2015)

Joshua Smart, "A Dialectical Conception of Philosophy" (with Nick Alvarez), Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University (November 2013)

Lea Salje, "Compatibilism about Thought-Insertion," Graduate Philosophy Conference Brown University (November 2012)

Teaching Competences

Ethics, Decision Theory, Epistemology, Philosophy of Computer Science

Courses Taught:
Issues in Moral Philosophy, NUS
Paradoxes, NUS
Epistemology, NUS
Graduate Research Seminar, NUS
Decision and Social Choice, NUS
Normative Ethics, NUS
Computation and Philosophy, NUS
Philosophy of Science, NUS
Issues in Epistemology, NUS
Social and Formal Epistemology, NUS
Introduction to Skepticism, Wheaton College, Brown University
Logic & Paradox, Summer@Brown Pre-College Program (×8)

Grants, Honors & Awards

"Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome," included in *Philosopher's Annual* 2021

Co-Investigator (with Bob Beddor), "Epistemology Beyond Belief," Singapore Ministry of Education Tier I Research Grant—$138,477 (2020–2022)

ODPRT Grant for Research Excellence—awarded to top 20% of NUS faculty based on research performance (2021)

ODPRT Grant for Research Excellence—awarded to top 20% of NUS faculty based on research performance (2020)

Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellowship, Brown University and Wheaton College (Fall 2016)

Graduate Student Stipend, American Philosophical Association (April 2018, February 2018, April 2016, December 2014)

W.T. Jones Prize in Philosophy, Pomona College (May 2011)

Professional Service

Journal Referee, *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, *Thought*, *Utilitas*

Graduate Student Director (with Nina Emery, Faculty Director), Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown (Summer 2018)

Nominated Member, APA Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy (2016–2019)

Leaf Editor (Disagreement in Philosophy), *PhilPapers.org* (2017–present)

Graduate Student Mentor, Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown (Summer 2015 – Summer 2018)

Workshop Organizer, "Innovative Methods in Philosophical Pedagogy," Teaching Hub, Eastern APA, Savannah GA (January 2018)

Chair, "Public School Certification for Philosophy Graduate Students," Teaching Hub, Eastern APA, Savannah GA (January 2018)

Organizer, Brown Epistemology Reading Group (2015–2018)

Conference Organizer, Philosophy Graduate Conference, Brown University (November 2014)

References

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