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Employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Sep 2025–Present
National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan)

Education

PhD in Philosophy May 2025
University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

MA in Philosophy Jun 2019
National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)

BA in Philosophy Jun 2016
National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)
Second Specialty: Chinese Literature

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Ethics, Epistemology
AOC: Metaphysics, Applied Ethics (esp. AI Ethics)

Publications

1. Solving the Puzzle of Forever Fitting Emotions: Justifying and Requiring Reasons, *Philosophical Studies*, (forthcoming).
2. An Abductive Argument for the Badness of Death, *Philosophia*, (forthcoming).
3. Why AI Is Not an Epistemic Authority Regarding Our Own Minds, *Erkenntnis*, (forthcoming).
4. Fittingness and the Nature of Trustworthiness, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 29 (4): 767–779, (2026).
5. Two Kinds of Arguments Against the Fittingness of Fearing Death, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 60(2): 327–341, (2026).
6. Explainability Is Necessary for AI's Trustworthiness, *Philosophy & Technology* 38(1): 1–5, (2025).
7. Achievements, Free Will, and Meaning in Life (with David Palmer), *Synthese* 204(5): 1–19, (2024).
8. Why Avowals Must be Assertions, *Philosophical Investigations* 46(2): 221–239, (2023).
9. Transparent Self-Knowledge of Attitudes and Emotions: A Davidsonian Attempt, *International Philosophical Quarterly* 61(3): 275–284, (2021).

Presentations

Invited

1. What Is Irrational Trust?
LMPST Taiwan 2026 Annual Meeting, September 20, 2026.
2. Epicureanism and the Morality of Killing
Department of Philosophy, Soochow University, Taiwan. May 13, 2026.
3. An Abductive Argument against Epicureanism about Death
Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan. March 11, 2026.
4. The Normative Account of Ignorance Revisited
Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan. November 5, 2025.
5. The Puzzle of Forever Fitting Emotions
Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University, Taiwan. October 13, 2025.

Awards

1. Chen-hung Lin Postgraduate Outstanding Publication Award
Taiwan Association for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology & Yin Hai-Kuang Academic Foundation (Taiwan), Jun 2025.
2. Excellence in Graduate Research
Graduate Student Senate, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA), Apr 2025.
3. Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (TOP Grants)
National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan), Aug 2023–Jul 2024.
4. Richard Aquila Graduate Student Essay Prize
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA), Mar 2021.
5. Da-Chin Memorial Scholarship—Master's Thesis Prize
Graduate Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan), Jan 2021.
6. The Second Prize of Master's Thesis Award
Taiwan Philosophical Association (Taiwan), Dec 2020.
7. Herman E. Spivey Humanities Graduate Fellowship
The Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA), Apr 2020.
8. Graduate Excellence Fellowship
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA), Apr 2020.

Teaching Experience

1. Introduction to Philosophy, Primary Instructor, Fall 2023–Spring 2025
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

2. Professional Responsibility, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2021–Spring 2023
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)