

**Ning Fan**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Philosophy  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
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**Education**

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**PhD in Philosophy** 2020-Present

University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

Dissertation: *Resisting Epicurean Therapy: On Why Death Is a Fitting Object of Fear*

Advisor: David Palmer (Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

**MA in Philosophy** 2016-2019

National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)

Thesis: *Davidson on Skepticism and First-Person Authority*

Advisor: Chi-Chun Chiu (Associate Professor, National Tsing Hua University)

**BA in Philosophy** 2012-2016

National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)

Second Specialty: Chinese Literature

**Areas of Specialization and Competence**

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**AOS:** Ethics, Value Theory, Epistemology (esp. Self-Knowledge), Philosophy of Death

**AOC:** Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind (esp. Emotions)

**Publications**

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“Two Kinds of Arguments Against the Fittingness of Fearing Death.” Forthcoming in  
*Journal of Value Inquiry*

“Why Avowals must be Assertions.” *Philosophical Investigations*, 46(2): 221–239. (2023)

“Transparent Self-Knowledge of Attitudes and Emotions: A Davidsonian Attempt.”  
*International Philosophical Quarterly*, 61(3): 275–284. (2021)

“Van Inwagen on the Problem of Evil.” *Universitas-Monthly Review of Philosophy and Culture*, 45(2): 167-183. (in Chinese) (2018)

## Research Grants

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**Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (TOP Grants)** Aug 2023-July 2024  
National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan)

## Awards

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**Richard Aquila Graduate Student Essay Prize** Mar 2021  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

**Da-Chin Memorial Scholarship—Master’s Thesis Prize** Jan 2021  
Graduate Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)

**The Second Prize of Master’s Thesis Award** Dec 2020  
Taiwan Philosophical Association (Taiwan)

**Herman E. Spivey Humanities Graduate Fellowship** Apr 2020  
The Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

**Graduate Excellence Fellowship** Apr 2020  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

## Teaching Experience

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**Teaching Associate (Primary Instructor)**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)  
**Introduction to Philosophy**, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

**Teaching Assistant**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)  
**Professional Responsibility**, Spring 2021-Spring 2023

## Presentations

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“Davidson’s Anti-Skeptical Argument.” Fourth Conference on Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia (4th CCPEA), National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, August 9-11, 2018.

## Languages

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Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)