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**AOS:** Value Theory, Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, PPE  
**AOC:** Philosophy of AI, Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, Epistemology

## Academic Employment

2022- *Assistant Professor* (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University  
2022- *Fellow*, Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre, Lingnan University  
2021-2022 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University

## Education

2021 PhD in Philosophy, Arizona State University  
Dissertation: *Reviving Hedonism*  
Committee: Cheshire Calhoun, Tyler DesRoches, Doug Portmore (chair)  
2018 MA in Philosophy, Arizona State University  
2018-2021 Visiting Predoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University  
2015 BA in Philosophy (Honors), State University of New York at Albany

## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forthcoming "Preference as Desire" *Journal of Philosophy*  
Forthcoming "Intransitive Choice, Preference Reversal, and the Desire-First View" *Ergo*  
Forthcoming "Desire, Aversion, and Welfare" *Analysis*. doi 10.1093/analys/anae101  
2026 "Human Extinction and Conditional Value" *Philosophical Studies* 183: 165-181  
2025 "Are Current AI Systems Capable of Well-Being?" *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 4: 42  
2025 "Alienation, Engagement, and Welfare" *Philosophical Quarterly* 75(1): 40-60  
2024 "Why Prevent Human Extinction?" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 109(2): 650-662  
2024 "Unconscious Pleasure as Dispositional Pleasure" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 102(4): 999-1013  
2023 "What's Wrong With Virtue Signaling?" (with Jesse Hill) *Synthese* 201: 117  
2022 "On Sense and Preference" *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 19(3): 280-302  
2021 "The Psychological Basis of Collective Action" *Philosophical Studies* 178(2): 427-444  
2020 "Do Fitting Emotions Tell Us Anything About Well-Being?" *Utilitas* 32(1): 118-125

- 2020 "Human Enhancement and the Proper Response to Climate Change" *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 23(1): 85-96
- 2020 "What Is the Point of Helping?" *Philosophical Studies* 177(6): 1487-1500
- 2019 "Imprecise Lexical Superiority and the (Slightly Less) Repugnant Conclusion" *Philosophical Studies* 176(8): 2103-2117

#### IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Forthcoming "Decision Theory and Desire" *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Desire* (ed. A. Gregory)

### Works in Progress

(All available upon request)

- "Desire Satisfactionism vs. Preference Satisfactionism"
- "Hedonism about Well-Being Amended and Defended"
- "How Framing Affects Choice: A Desire-First View"
- "Knowledge as Non-Aversion"
- "Repugnance Reconsidered"
- "Well-Being as Reliable Happiness"

### Public Philosophy

- 2024 "Global Environmental Risks" Freely accessible module, including text and video lessons, for on-line course on Ethics and Global Catastrophic Risks  
<https://www.ln.edu.hk/philoso/hkrc/risk/learning-modules/module6>
- 2024 "Why Prevent Human Extinction?" Featured in *New Work in Philosophy*  
<https://newworkinphilosophy.substack.com/p/james-fanciullo-why-prevent-human>

### Awards

- 2024-2026 Early Career Scheme Grant, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. ~\$25,000USD. A Hong Kong government competitive grant for early career faculty. Project title: Desire, Preference, and Context
- 2021 Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. ~\$155,000USD. A Hong Kong government competitive grant for three-year postdoctoral positions. Resigned 2022 to take new position at Lingnan
- 2018-2021 University Graduate Fellowship, Arizona State University (awarded F18, S19, S20, F20, S21)
- 2019 Graduate College Fellowship, Arizona State University
- 2019 Research Assistant, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University
- 2018 Research Grant, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University. (\$10,000USD)
- 2015 Recruitment Funding Award, Arizona State University
- 2015 Philosophy Undergraduate of the Year, SUNY Albany

## **Presentations**

07/2026	"Desire Satisfactionism vs. Preference Satisfactionism," International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference, University of Macau
04/2026	"Desire Satisfactionism vs. Preference Satisfactionism," LGKM Value Theory Conference, Lingnan University
05/2025	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," Kyoto University of Advanced Science
04/2025	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," University of Hong Kong
04/2025	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," Wuhan University
03/2025	"All Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being," University of Hong Kong
10/2024	"Preference as Desire," Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference Online
09/2024	"Human Extinction and Conditional Value," University of Southampton
12/2021	"The Nature of Achievement," Lingnan University
3/2020	"Hedonism Revived," Lingnan University
1/2020	"Hedonism Revived," National University of Singapore
8/2018	"Nobody Needs a Theory of Human Well-Being," Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University

## **Teaching and Advising**

### TEACHING

S20	PHI105: Introduction to Ethics (*at Arizona State University)
F21, F23, F24, S26	PHI3103: Advanced Western Ethics
F25	PHI3105: Philosophy of Happiness
S23	PHI3278: Metaethics
F22	PHI4374: Value Theory
S22, S23, F23, S24, F24, S25, F25, S26	CCC8011: Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation

### ADVISING

F22-S23	PHI4301: Directed Research Primary Advisor. Boyang Zhang. Undergraduate thesis on utilitarianism and immigration.
F22-S23	MPhil Philosophy Primary Advisor. Wai Sing Fook. "Incompatibilist Arguments and Compatibilist Rebuttals." Student's current position: PhD student in Philosophy at Lingnan University.
F23	MPhil Philosophy Member, Thesis Defense Committee. Chun Yin Kong.
S24	MPhil Philosophy Member, Thesis Defense Committee. Nanyun Shen.

## **Service**

2025-	Chair, Postgraduate Admissions Committee, Lingnan University
2024-	RGC Junior Research Fellow (Postdoctoral Fellowship) Search Committee, Lingnan University
2025	Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) Environment Statement Committee, Lingnan University

- 2022-2025 Member, Postgraduate Admissions Committee, Lingnan University
- 2024 Mock Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) Impact Case Committee, Lingnan University
- 2023 Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University
- 2023 Research Assistant Professor Search Committee, Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre, Lingnan University
- 2022-2023 Associate Director, Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre
- 2022-2023 Organizing Committee, Masters Program in "AI and the Future," Lingnan University
- 2021-2022 Seminar Coordinator, Lingnan University
- 2021 Organizing Committee, 15th Biennial Conference of the International Network for Economic Method, Arizona State University

Referee for: *Acta Analytica* (x2); *Analysis*; *Asian Journal of Philosophy* (x2); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x5); *Economics and Philosophy*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Inquiry* (x3); *Journal of Economic Methodology* (x4); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (x2); *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of Value Inquiry* (x3); *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies* (x4); Routledge; *Synthese* (x3); *Theoria*; *Utilitas*