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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Singapore Management University (School of Social Sciences)

Lee Kong Chian Fellow, 2023-2024

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2018-present

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## EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy): Australian National University, 2017

Advisors: Daniel Nolan, Philip Pettit, Nicholas Southwood

MPhil (Philosophy): University of Sydney, 2010

BA (Philosophy) Honours: University of New South Wales, 2007

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Value Theory  
Normative Ethics  
Metaethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics  
Social & Political Philosophy  
Logic & Critical Thinking

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## PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

2023                      'Merit Transference and the Paradox of Merit Inflation', *Journal of Value Inquiry*.

- 2023 'Well-Being and Meaning in Life', *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 52: 573-587.  
Featured in the *New Work in Philosophy* newsletter:  
<https://newworkinphilosophy.substack.com/p/matthew-hammerton-singapore-management>
- 2022 'What is the Fallacy of Approximation?' *Erkenntnis*, 1-20, (Coauthored with Sovan Patra).
- 2022 'The Fundamental Divisions in Ethics', *Inquiry*, 1-24.
- 2022 'A Puzzle about Meaning and Luck', *Ratio*, 35: 123-132.
- 2021 'Setiya on Consequentialism and Constraints', *Utilitas*, 33: 474-479, (coauthored with Ryan Cox).
- 2020 'Deontic Constraints are Maximizing Rules', *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 54: 571-588.
- 2020 'Agent-Relative Consequentialism and Collective Self-Defeat', *Utilitas*, 32: 472-478.
- 2019 'Distinguishing Agent-Relativity from Agent-Neutrality', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97: 239-250.
- 2017 'Is Agent-Neutral Deontology Possible?' *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 12: 319-324.
- 2016 'Patient Relativity in Morality', *Ethics* 127: 6-26.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2023 'Is the Godfather Wise?' in *The Godfather and Philosophy*, edited by J. Heter & R. Greene, Carus Books.
- 2020 'Relativized Rankings', in *The Oxford Handbook of Consequentialism*, edited by Douglas Portmore, 46-66, New York: Oxford University Press.

## REPORTS

- 2020                    ‘Country Report: The Teaching of Philosophy in Singapore Schools’, *Journal of Didactics of Philosophy* 4: 190-193, (coauthored with Steven Burik and Sovan Patra).
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## MEDIA & PUBLIC TALKS

- February 2024       Guest speaker and panelist, ‘Pain and the Humanities Panel’, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual SMU-SOKA International Peace Symposium.
- October 2023        [‘Thinking twice about having kids even if money is not an issue?’](#) *The Straits Times* (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
- August 2023        [‘What does it mean to live a good life?’](#) *SMU City Perspectives*.
- June 2020            [‘SMU Professor Matthew Hammerton leads students to the 2020 International Philosophy Olympiad and scores a win’](#) *SMU Newsroom*.
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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- ‘Fact-Checking, Democracy, and Education’**
- Nov 2023              Philosophical Association of the Visayas and Mindanao Annual Meeting, Cagayan de Oro. (Plenary Speaker)
- ‘Self-Sacrifice, Betrayal, and Intelligibility’**
- July 2023              Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Melbourne.
- June 2023              Fifth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, Tohoku University, Sendai.
- April 2023             School of Social Sciences Research Camp, SMU.

### **‘Against Consequentialism about Meaning in Life’**

- July 2021      Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Online.
- October 2019      Second International Conference on Meaning in Life, Waseda University, Tokyo.

### **‘The Fundamental Divisions in Ethics’**

- July 2019      Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Wollongong.
- July 2018      Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney
- April 2018      Philosophy Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University
- Nov 2017      PhilSoc Seminar, Australian National University

### **‘Well-Being and Meaning in Life’**

- August 2018      First International Conference on Meaning in Life, Sapporo University
- July 2018      Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Victoria University, Wellington

### **‘A Trilemma for Deontologists’**

- July 2017      Neutrality Conference, Nanyang Technological University.
- May 2017      Philosophy Seminar Series, Lingnan University
- June 2016      Philosophy Seminar Series, National University of Singapore
- May 2016      Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney
- March 2016      Philsoc Seminar, Australian National University

### **‘Ensuring and the Timing of Wrongdoing’**

- July 2016      Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Monash

### **‘Deontology and Agent-Relativity’**

- July 2015      Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference,

	Macquarie University, Sydney
April 2015	Philsoc Seminar, Australian National University
	<b>‘A Defence of Agent-Relative Value’</b>
May 2015	Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney
July 2014	Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, ANU

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## TEACHING

### INSTRUCTOR

#### **Singapore Management University:**

*Critical Thinking* (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

*Big Questions: Happiness & Suffering* (2018, 2020, 2023)

*Analytical Skills* (2018)

#### **University of Sydney:**

*The Philosophy of Happiness* (2017)

*Practical Ethics* (2012)

*Critical Thinking* (2010)

#### **Australian National University:**

*Theories of Ethics* (2014)

### TUTOR

*Moral Psychology* (2010, 2011)

*Introductory Logic* (2009, 2010)

*Society, Self, Knowledge* (2008)

*Metaethics* (2013)

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## SERVICE

### **Service to the profession:**

#### Journal Referee:

*American Philosophical Quarterly* (x2); *Analysis*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x4); *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* (x2); *Journal*

*of Ethics & Social Philosophy; Journal of Moral Philosophy; Journal of Philosophy (x2); Journal of Value Inquiry (x2); Philosopher's Imprint; Philosophia; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies (x4); Social Theory & Practice (x5); The Ethics Forum; Utilitas.*

Book Manuscript Reviewer:

*Routledge; Palgrave Macmillan*

Philosophy in the Community Committee member (Singapore representative),  
*Australasian Association of Philosophy*. 2019-present

*PhilPapers.org* Category Editor for 'Contrasting Ethical Theories', 2018-present.

External Reviewer for promotion to 'Senior Lecturer', *Chinese University of Hong Kong*, 2021

### **Service at Singapore Management University:**

'Modes of Thinking' Curriculum Basket Coordinator, 2023-2025.

'Critical Thinking' Course Coordinator, 2023-2025.

School of Social Sciences START Scheme Committee member, 2023-2024.

School of Social Sciences Research Committee member, 2022-2024.

School of Social Sciences Philosophy Job Search Committee, 2023

Brownbag Seminar Coordinator, School of Social Sciences, 2018-2020.

### **Public sector/community service:**

Organizer and Delegation Leader for the Singapore International Philosophy Olympiad Team, 2020-present.

Project reviewer for Humanities and Social Science Research Programme, Singapore Ministry of Education, 2023.

Presenter and Facilitator, 'Argument Mapping Workshop', *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2022

Presenter and Facilitator, 'Critical Thinking Workshop', *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2021

Judge, *Australasian Association of Philosophy Philosothon*, 2020, 2021.

Judge and Panelist for *Hwa Chong Philosophy Olympiad*, 2018, 2020.

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## HONOURS AND AWARDS

2023-2024	<i>Lee Kong Chian Fellowship</i> , Singapore Management University
2021	<i>Office of Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award</i> , Singapore Management University
2009	<i>Lucy Firth Prize</i> Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney

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## REFERENCES

Names and addresses of referees can be provided upon request.