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Employment

Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
Associate Professor (tenure-track) (2026 – present)
Assistant Professor (tenure-track) (2022 – 2026)

University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany
Assistant Professor (“wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) (2019 – 2022)

Seoul National University, Underwood International College, Korea
Lecturer (2018 – 2019)

Education

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Southern California (August 2018)

- Dissertation: Rationality and the Primacy of the Occurrent
- Committee: Stephen Finlay (Chair), Mark Schroeder, Ralph Wedgwood

Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea.
M.A. Philosophy, Seoul National University (August 2011)

Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
B.A. Philosophy, Seoul National University, February 2009 (*Summa cum Laude*)

AOS

Metaethics, Epistemology

AOC

Normative Ethics, History of Ethics, Philosophy of Mind

Publications

The Wrong Kind of Reasons as Useless Reasons
Oxford Studies in Metaethics (provisionally forthcoming)

Coherence as the Possibility of Joint Success?: The Way to Success
Erkenntnis (forthcoming)

Instrumental and Intrinsic Desire
Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Desire (forthcoming)

Belief, Doubt, and Inquiry
Synthese, Vol. 208, No. 50 (2026), 1-21.

Pointless Epistemic Norms
Synthese, Vol. 205, No. 83 (2025), 1-17.

What Is Structural Rationality?
Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. 74, No. 2 (2024), 614-636.

Belief and Settledness
Inquiry, Vol. 66, No. 6 (2023), 1094-1119.

Fittingness First?: Reasons to Withhold Belief
Philosophical Studies, Vol. 179, No. 12 (2022), 3565-3581.

The Real Myth of Coherence
Erkenntnis, Vol. 87, No. 3 (2022), 1211-1230.

The Independence of (In)coherence
Synthese, Vol. 199, No. 3-4 (2021), 6563-6584.

Two Roles for Reasons: Cause for Divorce?
Philosophical Studies, Vol. 178, No. 6 (2021), 1993-2008.

Enkratic Rationality Is Instrumental Rationality
Philosophical Perspectives, Vol. 34, No. 1 (2020), 164-183.

Willing the End Means Willing the Means: An Overlooked Reading of Kant
Ergo, Vol. 5, No. 16 (2018), 419-444.

Reasoning, Rational Requirements, and Occurrent Attitudes
European Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 26, No. 4 (2018), 1343-1357.

Work in Progress A paper on the nature of doxastic deliberation (full draft available)

 A paper on the nature and the normativity of fittingness (full draft available)

 A paper on the rationalizing power of desire (full draft available)

 A paper on the sense in which incoherence is self-defeating (in progress)

**Conference
Activities
(*=invited)** “Doxastic Deliberation Reconceived”
 Eastern Division APA (January 2027)

 “The Wrong Kind of Reasons as Useless Reasons”
 Madison Metaethics Workshop (September 2026)
 **Work in Progress Workshop, University of Maryland* (September 2026)
 **Department Colloquium, Virginia Commonwealth University* (October 2026)

 “Desires Rationalize without the Guise of the Normative”
 The 19th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2026)

- “Coherence as the Possibility of Joint Success?: The Way to Success”
 *Southampton Normativity Workshop (December 2025, online)
 *Department Colloquium, Academia Sinica (January 2026)
- “Belief, Doubt, and Inquiry”
 The 12th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (September 2025)
 *Department of Science Studies Colloquium, Seoul National University (November 2023)
- “Instrumental and Intrinsic Desire”
 *Research Group Colloquium, University of Duisburg-Essen (June 2025)
- “The Joint Satisfaction Account of Coherence: Not so Satisfactory”
 Eastern Division APA (January 2025)
- “Guidance and the Wrong Kind of Reasons Problem”
 The 16th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2023)
- “What Is Structural Rationality?”
 Eastern Division APA (January 2024)
 *The 16th KSAP Grad Division Workshop (February 2023)
 *Job talk, Seoul National University (May 2022)
- “Moral Error Theory without Companions in Guilt”
 *The Korean Society for Ethics Meeting (August 2022)
 SoPhA 2022 (Theme: Epistemic Values), University of Neuchâtel (July 2022)
 *Lecture Series in Analytic Philosophy, Seoul National University (November 2021)
 *Norms and Nature, University of Luxembourg (November 2021)
- “Reasons, Guidance and Advice” (or “Reasons, Reasoning, and Guidance”)
 Central Division APA (February 2022)
 The 11th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (September 2022)
- “Fittingness First?: Reasons to Withhold Belief”
 Eastern Division APA (January 2022)
 *Brownbag Meeting, University of Cologne (July 2021)
 *MetaFS.4, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management (June 2021)
- “The Independence of (In)coherence”
 *Kyung-Hee University, Korea (February 2021)
 *Research Group Colloquium, Technical University of Dortmund (December 2020)
- “Two Roles for Reasons: Cause for Divorce?”
 Central Division APA (February 2021)
 Humboldt Normativity Conference (December 2020)
- “Explaining the Enkratic Requirement”
 Central Division APA (February 2020)
 *Department Colloquium, University of Duisburg-Essen (October 2019)

“Inquiring into What You Believe?”

Pacific Division APA (April 2019)

“The Real Myth of Coherence”

The 12th Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference (November 2017)

The 6th Seoul Graduate Philosophy Conference (April 2018)

“Willing the End Means Willing the Means: An Overlooked Reading of Kant”

2017 UC Riverside Graduate Philosophy Conference (June 2017)

The 10th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2017)

**The Korean Society for Ethics Meeting (February 2018)*

“A New Way out of the Preface Paradox”

**Department Colloquium, University of Duisburg-Essen (May 2021)*

2017 Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference (April 2017)

The 54th Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting (October 2017)

“Reasoning, Rational Requirements, and Occurrent Attitudes”

The 53rd Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting (October 2016)

“Non-Cognitivism and the Wishful Thinking Problem”

The 1st Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talk (October 2014)

“Van Fraassen’s Concept of Observability: A Critical Assessment”

The 4th BESETO Philosophy Conference (January 2010)

“Semantics and Metaethics”

**Japan-Korea Philosophy Student Forum (February 2009)*

“Why Does Ethics Matter in the Contemporary World?”

**Japan-Korea Philosophy Student Forum (February 2009)*

Comments on Julia Driver, *Blame, Praise, and Normative Expectations*

Book Symposium at Universität Duisburg-Essen (June 2025)

Comments on Annalisa Coliva, *Social and Applied Hinge Epistemology*

The Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy Meeting (February 2025)

Comments on Byeong D. Lee, “Logins’ Erotetic View of Reasons and Justifying Reasons”

The Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy Meeting (August 2024)

Comments on Jinho Kang, “Truth as a Normative Property”

The Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy Meeting (August 2019)

Comments on Sungwoo Um, “What Is a Relational Virtue?”

The Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy Meeting (August 2018)

Comments on Emer O’Hagan, “Inarticulate Forgiveness”

The 54th Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting (October 2017)

**Teaching
Experience**

Primary Instructor, Seoul National University

Meaning (Fall 2025, co-taught with Woojin Chung and Insuk Seo)
The Nature of Desire (Spring 2025)
Logic (Spring 2025)
The Semantics of Knowledge Attributions (Spring 2024)
Epistemology (annually since Fall 2023)
Introduction to Western Philosophy (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
Rationality, Reasons, and Coherence (Spring 2023)
Symbolic Logic (Fall 2022, Fall 2024)

Primary Instructor, University of Duisburg-Essen

Personal Identity (Summer 2022)
The Nature of Blame (Summer 2022)
The Nature of Action (Winter 2021)
Faces of Moral Responsibility (Winter 2021)
The Possibility of Moral Knowledge (Summer 2021)
Love: Its Nature and Norms (Summer 2021)
Shared Agency (Winter 2020)
Reasoning and Agency (Winter 2020)
Consequentialism and its Critics (Summer 2020)
Moral Psychology and Desire (Summer 2020)
Reasons and Rationality (Winter 2019)
The Ethics of Belief (Winter 2019)

Primary Instructor, Seoul National University & Underwood International College

Critical Reasoning (Fall 2018, Winter 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019)
Logic and Critical Thinking (Fall 2018, Winter 2018, Summer 2019)
Seminar in Epistemology: The Ethics of Belief (Fall 2018)
Logic (Spring 2018)

Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California

Current Moral and Social Issues (Mark Schroeder, Fall 2017)
Ethical Business Strategies (Michael Ashfield, Summer 2016)
Meaning of Life (Stephen Finlay, Fall 2016)
Current Moral and Social Issues (Stephen Finlay, Fall 2015)
Modern Philosophy and the Meaning of Life (Stephen Finlay, Spring 2015)
Change and the Future (Sharon Lloyd, Fall 2013)
Social Ethics for Earthlings and Others (Sharon Lloyd, Spring 2014)
Contemporary Moral and Social Issues (Jacob Ross, Fall 2013)

Teaching Assistant, Seoul National University

Contemporary Western Philosophy (Jinho Kang, Fall 2011)

Academic Honors and Awards	Travel Grant, Department of Philosophy, University of Southern California (2013) University Provost Fellowship, University of Southern California (2012–2017) Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies Scholarship (2011) Woo San Fellowship (March 2009–February 2011) The Best B.A. Thesis Award, Seoul National University (2008) Asan Welfare Foundation Scholarship (March 2008–February 2009) University Scholarship, Seoul National University (September 2003–August 2005)				
Academic Service	Journal Refereeing: <i>Analysis</i> (x4), <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> (x5), <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i>, <i>Episteme</i> (x3), <i>Ergo</i>, <i>Erkenntnis</i> (x5), <i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i> (x2), <i>Grazer Philosophische Studien</i>, <i>Inquiry</i> (x2), <i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i>, <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>, <i>Logique et Analyse</i>, <i>Mind</i>, <i>Noûs</i> (x2), <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> (x2), <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i>, <i>Philosophia</i>, <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> (x4), <i>Philosophical Studies</i> (x7), <i>Philosophical Topics</i>, <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> (x2), <i>Res Philosophica</i>, <i>Synthese</i> (x11), <i>Utilitas</i> Workshop/Lectures organization: The Inaugural <i>Moha Lectures</i>, Seoul National University (October 2024) <i>MetaEssen V</i>, University of Duisburg-Essen (January 2021) <i>MetaEssen VI</i>, University of Duisburg-Essen (June 2022) Conference Refereeing: 2022 Humboldt Normativity Conference USC/UCLA Graduate Philosophy Conference (x2) Volunteer Effort for the XXII World Congress of Philosophy (August 2008)				
Languages	Korean (native), English (fluent), German (reading knowledge)				
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