

# Yuan Dong

Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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| Sep 2021 – May 2026<br>(expected) | <b>Duke University, Durham, NC</b><br><i>PhD candidate in philosophy</i><br>Dissertation Committee: Benjamin Eva (co-chair), Reuben Stern (co-chair), David Wong |
| Jan 2020 – June 2020              | <b>Oxford University, UK</b><br><i>visiting student in philosophy</i>  |
| Sep 2017 – May 2021               | <b>College of William &amp; Mary, Williamsburg, VA</b><br><i>Summa cum laude</i> with honors in philosophy<br><i>BS in Mathematics and Philosophy</i>            |

## Research Interests

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AOS (Areas of Specialization): **Social and Formal Epistemology; Chinese Philosophy**

AOC (Areas of Competence): **Philosophy of Language; Neuroethics; Logic**

## Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

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### Duke University

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| Summer Research Fellowship | Summer 2022 |
| Summer Research Fellowship | Summer 2023 |
| Conference travel award    | May, 2024   |

### College of William & Mary

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| Phi Beta Kappa                                   | 2021            |
| Bosanko Scholarship                              | October, 2020   |
| • \$1000 for outstanding philosophy student      |                 |
| Honors Fellowship                                | June, 2020      |
| • \$4000 fellowship for pursuing honors research |                 |
| Breeze Scholarship                               | September, 2018 |
| • Award for outstanding applied music student    |                 |

## Research Experience

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### Duke University

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| Moral Attitudes and Decisions Lab at Duke   | Sep 2021 – ongoing   |
| Imagination and Modal Cognition Lab at Duke | Sep 2022 – June 2023 |
| Duke Causation Group                        | Sep 2023 – ongoing   |
| Harmony Lab                                 | Sep 2024 – ongoing   |

## Publications

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Dong, Y. (2025). "Neuroethical Considerations in Gaming Communities" *Social and Affective Neuroscience of Gaming: Insights from Fundamentals to Public Mental Health Applications*. 2025.

## Presentations at Conferences & Workshops

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**"Epistemic Accessibility in Social Knowledge"** May 2026

Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference at the University of Notre Dame

**"When Player Creativity and Authorship Trumps Prescribed Agency"** April 2026

APA Pacific, Society for the Philosophy of Creativity panel

**"Statistical and Philosophical Challenges of Agent-Based Modeling (ABM)"** August 2024

Philosophy of Statistics Early Career Summer Workshop at University of Minnesota

**"Against Supervenience in Social Knowledge"** July 2024

Social Ontology 2024 at Duke University

**"Restoring Trust"** May 2024

12th East-West Philosophers' Conference at University of Hawai'i, Manoa

**"Virtue Epistemology in Virtual Reality (VR)"** April 2024

Developing new skills in VR" conference at University of Bucharest, Romania

**"When Player Authorship Trumps Prescribed Agency"** Feb 2024

AFK in Florida at Florida Atlantic University

## Comments and Chairing Sessions

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**"Zhuangzi's Doubting Doubt, how Skepticism is the Cause of, and Solution to, Many Life Problems"** April

2026

APA Pacific, Daoism Symposium

**"Synthetic Disenchantment: Generative Products, Creativity, and AI"** April 2025

APA Pacific 2025, Ariela Tubert

**"Confucian Care, Civility, and Harmony"** April 2025

Comparative Philosophy Workshop at Harmony Lab, Chenyang Li

**"Philosophy, Culture, Video Games"** March 2025

Collaborative Learning Program, Roundtable

**"Mindshaping and (Gricean) Cooperativity"** February 2025

APA Central 2025, Juan Murillo Vargas

**"Knowing yourself. Knowing Your Vibe"** October 2024

Duke Centennial Conference, Hagop Sarkissian

"Could Social Robots Without Phenomenal Consciousness Be Morally Competent?"  
Collaborative Learning Program, JeeLoo Liu

September 2024

## Teaching

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### At Duke University

*As Instructor of Record*

**Philosophy of Language**

Spring 2025

**Symbolic Logic**

Fall 2024, Summer 2025, Fall 2025

*As Teaching Assistant*

**Philosophy of Biology** with Daniel McShea & Nina Van Rooy

Spring 2024

**Intro to Philosophy** with Alex Rosenberg

Fall 2023

**Philosophy of Economics** with Jennifer Jhun

Spring 2023

**Prisoner's Dilemma and Justice** with Alex Rosenberg

Fall 2022

## Additional Education

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### Duke University

Certificate in College Teaching

Dec 2024

### Munich University

Summer School on Mathematical Philosophy for Female Students

Aug 2022

### University of California, San Diego

Summer Program for the advancement of Women in Philosophy

July 2019

## Service to the Department

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### Department Steward

Duke Graduate School Union

Aug 2023-ongoing

## Professional Service

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### Student Organizer

International Social Ontology Conference

July 2024

Duke-UNC Epistemology Workshop

September 2023

Social Metaphysics Workshop

June 2022

### Committee Chair

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) at Duke Philosophy

2024-2025

### Steward Coordinator

Duke Graduate School Union

2024-2025

**Department Steward**  
Philosophy department at Duke

2023-2025