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### Employment

Asst. Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame 2023–present  
Asst. Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, National University of Singapore 2018–2023

### Areas of Specialization

Ethics ◦ Epistemology ◦ Practical Rationality

### Education

PhD in Philosophy, Brown University 2012–2018  
BA in Philosophy (minor in Mathematics), Pomona College 2007–2011

### Publications

- ‘Save the Five: Meeting Taurek’s Challenge,’ *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. forthcoming
- ‘Six Roles for Inclination,’ *Mind*. forthcoming
- ‘It Seems to Me I’m Right, but Probably I’m Not: Philosophical Partisanship with Humility,’ in *Attitude in Philosophy* (eds. S. Goldberg and M. Walker). Oxford University Press. forthcoming
- ‘Rational Moral Ignorance,’ *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 102: pp. 645–664. 2021
- ‘Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome,’ *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 48: pp. 422–446. 2020  
\* Featured in The Philosopher’s Annual in 2021.
- ‘Philosophy Without Belief,’ *Mind* 128: pp. 109–138. 2019  
\* Featured in OUP’s *Best of Philosophy* promotion in 2017.
- ‘Belief Dependence: How Do the Numbers Count?’ *Philosophical Studies* 176: pp. 297–319. 2019
- ‘Tolerance and the Distributed Sorites,’ *Synthese* 196: pp. 1071–1077. 2019
- ‘No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions,’ *Analysis* 78: pp. 3–13. 2018  
\* Featured in OUP’s *Best of Philosophy* promotion in 2018.
- ‘Fool Me Once: Can Indifference Vindicate Induction?’ (with Han Li), *Episteme* 15: pp. 202–208. 2018
- ‘Conciliationism and Merely Possible Disagreement’ (with Han Li), *Synthese* 193: pp. 1–13. 2016

## Presentations

'There Is No Inefficacy Problem'		
The Ethics of Inefficacy, University of Gothenburg		2025*
PPE Society, Colloquium		2023
'Diffuse Harms and Fortuna's Wheel'		
Invited Symposium, Eastern APA		2025*
PPE Society, Colloquium		2024*
Decision, Desire, and Diffusion, UC Berkeley		2024
Food for Thought Workshop, Notre Dame		2024
'Against Risk Aversion'		
Formal Epistemology Workshop, Northeastern University		2023
Presidential Conference in Formal Epistemology, NUS		2023
Colloquium, Pacific APA		2023
Colloquium, NYU		2022
Invited Talk, Notre Dame		2022
HKU Speaker Series, Hong Kong University		2022
Mind & Moral Psychology Reading Group, Univ. of Michigan		2022
'The Consequentialist Case for Voting: Strengths and Limitations'		
Invited Symposium, Central APA		2022
PPE Society, Colloquium		2022
'A Free Lunch for God?' (with Phillip Swenson)		
God and Gratuitous Evil, Toronto Metropolitan University		2022
'Save the Five: Meeting Taurek's Challenge'		
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, UC Boulder		2021
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC		2021
'Six Roles for Inclination'		
Social(ly Distanced) Epistemology Series, Online		2021
Research Seminar Series, United Arab Emirates University		2020
'Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome'		
Probability in Philosophy Workshop, Dianoia Institute, ACU		2019
Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University		2019
'Rational Moral Ignorance'		
Frontiers of Epistemology Conference, Yonsei University		2019
International Ethics Conference, Dianoia Institute, ACU		2018
Brown-Princeton Moral Epistemology Workshop, Princeton		2018
Invited Talk, NUS		2018
'Belief Dependence: How Do the Numbers Count?'		
Colloquium, Pacific APA		2018
'No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions'		
Symposium, Central APA		2018
Philosophers' Cocoon Conference, University of Tampa		2017
'Philosophy Without Belief'		
Society for Skeptical Studies, Eastern APA		2017
Colloquium, Pacific APA		2016
'Selection and Merely Possible Disagreement' (with Han Li)		
Colloquium, Eastern APA		2014
Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference, Rutgers University		2014

## Awards & Grants

Tier I Research Grant (with Bob Beddor): ‘Epistemology Beyond Belief,’ Singapore Ministry of Education (\$138,477)	2020-2022
Contributor, <i>The Philosopher’s Annual</i> for “Why You Should Vote to Change the Outcome” (designated one of the “ten best articles of the year”)	2021
Grant for Research Excellence (awarded to select faculty based on research), Office of the Deputy President for Research and Technology, National University of Singapore (×3)	2020, 2022, 2023
Contributor, <i>Best of Philosophy</i> for “Philosophy Without Belief” and “No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions,” Oxford University Press (×2)	2017, 2018
Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellowship, Brown University and Wheaton College	2016
W.T. Jones Prize in Philosophy (awarded to a graduating senior for excellence in philosophy), Pomona College	2011

## Teaching Competences

Ethics ◦ Epistemology ◦ Decision Theory ◦ Probability ◦ Philosophy of Comp. Sci.

## Courses Taught

Difference-Making and Ethics (ND)	Spring 2025
Decision Theory (ND)	Spring 2025
Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics and Politics (ND)	Fall 2024
Introduction to Ethics (ND)	Fall 2023
Philosophical Issues in Decision Theory (ND)	Fall 2023
Paradoxes (NUS)	Spring 2023
Issues in Moral Philosophy (NUS)	Fall 2022
Epistemology (NUS)	Fall 2022
Introduction to Ethical Theory (NUS)	Fall 2021
Graduate Research Seminar (NUS)	Spring 2021
Graduate Research Seminar (NUS)	Fall 2020
Decision Theory & Social Choice (NUS)	Fall 2020
Introduction to Ethical Theory (NUS)	Spring 2020
Computation and Philosophy (NUS)	Spring 2020
Decision Theory & Social Choice (NUS)	Fall 2019
Introduction to Philosophy of Science (NUS)	Spring 2019
Issues in Epistemology (NUS)	Fall 2018

## Service

Journal Referee: *Analysis*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Dialogue*, *Episteme*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Review*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Rationality and Society*, *Social Epistemology*, *Sophia*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, *Thought*, *Utilitas*

Member, Postdoctoral Fellowship Steering Committee (2024–present)

Leaf Editor (Disagreement in Philosophy): PhilPapers.org (2017–present)

Oral Exam Committee Member (ND): Katie O’Dell (2024)

Qualifying Exam Evaluator (NUS): Jonathan Sim (2023), Melvin Ng (2022), Jeremias Koh (2022), Angel Qiantong (2021), Gabriele Escoffier (2020)

Thesis Supervisor (NUS): Calista Loh (2023), Ivan Tan (2022), Ashley Wong (2022), Quang Nghia (2022), Jowen Lim (2021), Cheong Xin Kang (2021), Jessica Tan (2020)

Nominated Member, APA Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy (2016–2019)

Graduate Student Director (with Nina Emery, Faculty Director), Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown (2018)

Graduate Student Mentor, Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown (2015–2018)

Organizer, “Innovative Methods in Pedagogy,” Teaching Hub, Eastern APA (2018)

Chair, “Public School Certification for Philosophy Graduate Students,” Teaching Hub, Eastern APA (2018)

Organizer, Brown Epistemology Reading Group (2015–2018)

Organizer, Philosophy Graduate Conference, Brown University (2014)