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EDUCATION

PhD Student in Philosophy
Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Republic of Korea — 2025–Present
Advisor: Seong Soo Park

M.A. in Philosophy
Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Republic of Korea — 2021–2024
Master's Thesis: *A Critique of Benatar's Pessimism on the Meaning of Life*
Committee: Byeong D. Lee (**Advisor**), Jeonggyu Lee (**Chair**), Min Seol

B.A. in History and Philosophy (Dual Major)
Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, Republic of Korea — 2016–2021
Undergraduate Thesis: *Normal science of Kuhn and Feyerabend*
Advisor: Namjoong Kim

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of AI, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Epistemology

RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

- **Doctoral Student Research Fellowship, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)** — 2025–2027
  Project: A New Consideration of Consciousness Theories
  Role: Principal Investigator (Funding: KRW 40,000,000)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- *Formative Thinking* (Instructor: Seong Soo Park) — Fall 2026
- *Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1* (Instructor: Sang Tae Park) — Fall 2026
- *Introduction to Philosophy* (Instructor: Song Ee Baek) — Spring 2026
- *Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1* (Instructor: Sang Tae Park) — Spring 2026
- *Philosophy of Culture* (Instructor: Arum Lee) — Fall 2025
- *Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1* (Instructor: Sang Tae Park) — Fall 2025
- *Critical Thinking* (Instructor: Jiho Hong) — Spring 2025
- *Analytic Philosophy* (Instructor: Seong Soo Park) — Spring 2025
- *Data Analysis and Situational Judgement* (Instructor: Jung Ha Park) — 2021–2023

- *Topics in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (Instructor: Kee-Baek Rhee) Fall 2022
- *Ethics* (Instructor: Jeongok Cho) Spring 2022
- *Topics in Modern Philosophy* (Instructor: Phil-bae Park) Fall 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Third Prize,** *SKKU Research Matters*, Sungkyunkwan University 2022
  Submission: "The Trolley Problem and the Value of Moral Philosophy"
- **Best Undergraduate Thesis Scholarship**, Dept. of Philosophy, Gyeongsang National University 2021
  Submission: "Normal science of Kuhn and Feyerabend"
- **Second Prize,** *The 14th Book Review Competition*, Gyeongsang National University Library 2020
  Book Reviewed: *Eichmann in Jerusalem* by Hannah Arendt
- **First Prize**, *Undergraduate Academic Essay Competition*, College of Humanities, GNU 2019
- **Second Prize**, *Undergraduate Student Paper Presentation Competition*, The 39th Int'l Conference on Chinese Studies, The Korea Society for Chinese Studies 2019
  Submission: "The Process of Neo-Confucianism's Overcoming the Power Asymmetry in Sung Dynasty"
- **First Prize**, *Department of Philosophy Presentation Competition*, GNU 2019
  Submission: "Aristotle's Concept of Happiness and its Controversy"

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **New Graduate School Excellence Scholarship (Type 1)**, Sungkyunkwan University 2025–Present
- **SimSan Scholarship**, Sungkyunkwan University 2022
- **Pioneer Scholarship for Academic Excellence**, Gyeongsang National University 2016–2021

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *Consciousness: A Very Short Introduction* (Susan Blackmore 2nd ed.), English to Korean Translation (Forthcoming from Badabooks.)
- "*Three Problems with Nussbaum's Theory of Political Emotions*" (Under review)
- "*A Variabilist Account of Real Names in Fiction*" (In preparation)
- "*Can LLMs Understand Without Grasping?*" (In preparation)
- "*Does Rosenthal's Quality-Space Theory Resolve Sellars's Grain Problem?*" (In preparation)
- "*Can the AI Welfare Debate Avoid Shiffrin-Style Responsibility for Creation?*" (In preparation)
- "*A Defense of Mereological Nihilism*" (In preparation)
- "*Is the Absence of Cosmic Meaning a Serious Deprivation for Human Beings?*" (In preparation)

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Does Nussbaum's Cultivation of Public Emotions Undermine Autonomy?" *The 25th Research Conference of the Institute for Philosophy and Humanities Education* August 2026
- "The Tension between the Theory of Emotion and Liberalism in Nussbaum's Capabilities Approach" *Sungkyunkwan Suseon Philosophy Society Graduate Conference* June 2026

- "A Variabilist Account of Real Names in Fiction" *Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy (KSAP) Grad Student Division* — February 2026
- "Philosophy of Psychiatry and Consciousness," *Korean Association for Consciousness Sciences (KACS)* — February 2024

GRADUATE COURSEWORK '†' *indicates course audited*

Philosophy of Mind, AI & Cognitive Science

- Social Science in the Age of AI, Fall 2026
- Philosophy of AI and Philosophy of Language of AI, Spring 2026
- Sellars on Perceptual Experience and Sensory Consciousness, Spring 2026
- †Mental Causation and Consciousness, Fall 2025
- Cognitive Science, Spring 2025
- Cognitive Psychology, Spring 2025
- †Belief, Imagination, and Action, Spring 2024

Philosophy of Language

- On Generics, Fall 2026
- Philosophy of Fiction, Fall 2025
- Speech Acts, Speakers' Intentions, and Hearers' Uptakes, Spring 2025
- †Referential, Predicative, and Bound Uses of Names, Fall 2024
- Propositional Attitude Reports and Referentialism, Spring 2022
- Truth in Fiction, Fall 2021
- Philosophy of Language, Fall 2021

Ethics & Value Theory

- Kantian Ethics, Fall 2025
- Virtue Ethics, Fall 2025
- Reasons and Good Reasoning, Spring 2023
- Instrumental Rationality, Fall 2022
- The Meaning of Life and Pessimism Spring 2022
- Trolley Problem, Fall 2021

Metaphysics

- Special Composition Question, Spring 2025
- †Metaphysics, Spring 2025
- The Metaphysics of Fictional Entities, Fall 2023
- Abstract and Concrete Artifacts, Spring 2023
- Ontology of Ordinary Objects, Fall 2022

Philosophy of Science

- Induction, Inference to the Best Explanation, and Scientific Realism, Fall 2026
- Explanation and Understanding, Spring 2026

Epistemology

- Epistemic Dependence and Intellectual Autonomy, Fall 2026

Logic

• †Modal Logic, Fall 2022

History of Philosophy

• Plato's Republic, Spring 2023

JOURNAL REFEREE

Acta Analytica