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EDUCATION

Rutgers University—New Brunswick, USA	2021 – Present
PhD in Philosophy	
Supervisors: Frances Kamm and Michael Otsuka	
Graduate Certificate in Philosophy of Religion	Expected in 2024
Teaching with Technology Certificate	2023
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	
MA in Philosophy	2019 – 2021
BA in Philosophy (<i>Honours with Highest Distinction</i>), <i>Top of Cohort</i>	2015 – 2019

AREAS

AOS: Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

AOC: Chinese Philosophy, Technology Ethics, Epistemology, Experimental Philosophy

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- “The Subjective Ought and the Accessibility of Moral Truths”
American Philosophical Quarterly (Forthcoming)
- “Addressing Two Recent Challenges to the Factive Account of Knowledge” (with Esther Goh)
Synthese (Forthcoming)
- “Conversational Implicatures Cannot Save Divine Command Theory from the Counterpossible Terrible Commands Objection”
Religious Studies 59(4): 852-858 (2023)
- “Can a Worship-worthy Agent Command Worship?” (Finalist for *Religious Studies Postgraduate Essay Prize*)
Religious Studies 8(1): 79-95 (2022)
- “The Epistemic Significance of Religious Disagreements: Cases of Unconfirmed Superiority Disagreements”
Topoi 40(5): 1139-1147 (2021)
- “The Prior Obligations Objection to Theological Stateism”
Faith and Philosophy 36(3): 372-384 (2019)
- “Telling Others to Do What You Believe Is Morally Wrong: The Case of Confucius and Zai Wo”
Asian Philosophy 29(2): 106-115 (2019)
- “The Free Will Defense Revisited: The Instrumental Value of Significant Free Will” (with Esther Goh)
International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science 4: 32-45 (2019)

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

- “Desire Satisfactionism and the No-Future Time-of-Desire View”
 - Symposium at APA Central Division*, New Orleans (2024).
 - 16th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME XVI)*, University of Colorado-Boulder (2023). (*Young Ethicist Prize*—i.e. Most meritorious submission by an untenured philosopher)
 - 6th Beijing Analytic Philosophy Conference*, Remin University of China (2019). (*Best Graduate Student Paper*)
- “The Loop Trolley Case: Is it Permissible to Divert?”
 - Galway International Graduate Conference*, University of Galway (2023).
- “Is Theism Compatible with Moral Error Theory? An Experimental Investigation”
 - Natural Theology Conference*, Saint Louis University (2023).
- “Psychopaths: The Problem of God’s Inaccessible Commands”
 - Virginia Philosophy of Religion Workshop*, Virginia Commonwealth University (2023). (Invited)
- “Wealth, Poverty, and Living a Moral Life: Confucius and Mencius”
 - 6th Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy*, Rutgers University (2023).

6. “Is the Subjective Ought Sensitive to Our Epistemic Position Regarding Moral Facts?”
 - *15th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME XV)*, University of Colorado-Boulder (2022).
7. “Moral Concerns about Robots and AI Leading to a Utopic Post-work World”
 - *Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Sydney (2022).
8. “Omnipotence, Omnibenevolence, and the Power to Ground Moral Obligations”
 - *Virginia Philosophy of Religion Workshop*, Virginia Commonwealth University (2022). (Invited)
9. “God’s Terrible Commands and Impossible Worlds”
 - *The Philosophy of Religion Incubator*, Princeton University (2021).
10. “In Defense of Uncertainty”
 - *4th SPEL Graduate Conference*, Binghamton University (2020).
11. “De-motivating Rowland’s Buck-passing Account of Good-For”
 - *Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Adelaide (2020).
12. “The Moral Obligations of Reasonable Non-Believers”
 - *II Graduate Conference “Contemporary Issues Across Ethics and Epistemology,”* University of Pavia (2019).
13. “On the Prior Obligations Objection to Theistic Ethical Theories”
 - *University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Oklahoma (2019).
14. “The Epistemic Significance of Religious Disagreements”
 - *The Haifa Philosophy of Religion Conference*, University of Haifa (2018).

Talks

1. “Is Automation Desirable? Worries about the Goods of Work and Autonomy in a Partially-Working World”
 - *California State University, East Bay* (2022).

Comments

1. Comments on Will Schumacher, “Reasonableness Requires Good Reasoning”
 - *APA Eastern Division*, New York (2024).
2. Comments on Bada Kim, “In Defense of Epistemic Supererogation”
 - *Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference*, University of Pennsylvania (2023).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Rutgers University

1. Introduction to Philosophy—Writing Intensive (Fall 2023); taught by Stephen Stich
 Conducted three 1hr 20mins lectures for a class of 158 students, led two self-designed weekly sections of 20 students each, conduct iClicker quizzes in lecture, and responsible for grading.
2. Topics in Health Systems and Health Policy: Population-level Bioethics (Online) (*Spring 2024*); taught by Nir Eyal (under the School of Public Health)
Duties to be determined. Expected class size of 15 graduate students from the Rutgers School of Public Health.

Nanyang Technological University

1. Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020); taught by Preston Greene
 Conducted two 3hr lectures for a class of 60 students, helped main instructor facilitate in-class active learning activities, and responsible for grading.

Pedagogy Training

1. Teaching with Technology Certificate, Rutgers University (2023).
2. Teaching Seminar in Philosophy (*To take in Spring 2024*)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

1. Generalist Journals: Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Erkenntnis; Synthese; Philosophia; Asian Journal of Philosophy; Inquiry; Topoi.

2. Religion Journals: Religious Studies; European Journal for Philosophy of Religion; Sophia.
3. Book Proposal: Routledge Handbook of Theological Voluntarism.

Departmental Service (Rutgers)

1. Organizer for Rutgers Value Theory Discussion Group, 2023—Present.
2. Conference Manager for “Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar 2024”, 2024.
3. Department Newsletter Editor, 2024.
4. Editorial Assistant for Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion, 2023-2024.
5. Editorial Assistant for Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, 2023-2024.
6. iClicker Technical Support, Fall 2023.
7. Library Assistant, Summer 2023.
8. Co-organizer for Graduate Talks, Spring 2023.
9. Website Creator and Manager for Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy, 2023.
10. Conference Manager for “Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar 2023”, 2023.
11. Conference Manager for “A Philosophical Conference in Honor of Peter van Inwagen’s 80th Birthday”, 2022.
12. Rapporteur for “5th Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy: Chinese Philosophy and Virtue Epistemology”, 2022.
13. Public Outreach Volunteer for Rutgers’ Day Philosophy Booth, 2022.
14. Website Manager for Philosophy Department, 2021-2022.

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2021-2026. (For PhD Programme)
2. NTU Research Scholarship, Nanyang Technological University, 2019-2021. (For MA Programme)

OTHER AWARDS

1. Young Ethicist Prize (i.e. Most meritorious submission by an untenured philosopher), *16th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME XVI)*, 2023.
2. Best Graduate Student Paper, *6th Beijing Analytic Philosophy Conference*, 2019.
3. Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal Award (Top Philosophy Undergraduate), *Nanyang Technological University*, 2019.
4. Mah Lan Ying Confucianism Award (Outstanding Undergraduate Work in Chinese Philosophy), *Confucian Association*, 2016.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

1. “Can a Worship-worthy Agent Command Worship?”, *The Analytic Christian*, 2022.
2. “The Prior Obligations Objection to Divine Command Theory”, *The Analytic Christian*, 2022.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

1. Rutgers Value Theory Discussion Group. Spring 2023—Present.
2. Michigan-Princeton AI (and Related Emerging Technologies) Reading Group. Spring 2023.
3. Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Group. Fall 2021—Present.

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Note: NTU = Nanyang Technological University; CUNY = City University of New York
 NC = Not for credit

Ethics

1. Three Philosophers: Selim Berker, Michael Otsuka, and Pamela Hieronymi
 Sarah McGrath (Princeton) & Elizabeth Harman (Princeton)
2. The Project of Moral Theory ^{NC}
 Gideon Rosen (Princeton) & Elizabeth Harman (Princeton)
3. Contemporary Philosophical Work on Well-being ^{NC}

Daniel Haybron (Saint Louis University)

4. Normative Ethics
Larry Temkin (Rutgers) & Michael Otsuka (Rutgers)
5. The Ethics and Politics of Artificial Intelligence
Alex Guerrero (Rutgers) & Lauren Goodlad (Rutgers)
6. Population-level Bioethics (*To take in Spring 2024*)^{NC}
Nir Eyal (Rutgers)
7. Art and Morality
Noel Carroll (CUNY)
8. Value Theory: Varieties of Goodness
Andrew Forcehimes (NTU)
9. Independent Research: Moral Uncertainty
Andrew Forcehimes (NTU)
7. Independent Research: Pride, Humility, and Worship
Preston Greene (NTU)

Philosophy of Religion

1. Independent Research on Philosophy of Religion
Dean Zimmerman (Rutgers)
2. Summer Seminar on Divine Attributes^{NC}
Philip Neri Reese (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome), Brian Carl (University of St. Thomas, Houston), Dean Zimmerman (Rutgers), & Brian Leftow (Rutgers), John Hawthorne (University of South Carolina & Australian Catholic University)

Chinese Philosophy

1. Origins of Morality in Early Chinese Religion
Tao Jiang (Rutgers)
2. Independent Study: Mozi's Ethics
Tao Jiang (Rutgers)
3. Chinese Philosophy: Ethics in Confucianism
Li Chenyang (NTU)

Other

1. Philosophy of Language: Pejoratives
Ernie Lepore (Rutgers) & Una Stojnic (Princeton)
2. Epistemology: Biases and Reasons First
Ernest Sosa (Rutgers) & Thomas Kelly (Princeton)
3. First Year Proseminar: Language, Epistemology, Mind
Paul Pietroski (Rutgers) and Susanna Schellenberg (Rutgers)
4. Logic
Lisa Warenski (CUNY)
5. Third Year Seminar
Brian Leftow (Rutgers)
6. Teaching Seminar in Philosophy (*To take in Spring 2024*)
Justin Kalef (Rutgers)