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Employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Sep 2025–Present
National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan, ROC)

Education

PhD in Philosophy May 2025
University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

MA in Philosophy Jun 2019
National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan, ROC)

BA in Philosophy Jun 2016
National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan, ROC)
Second Specialty: Chinese Literature

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind
AOC: Metaphysics, Applied Ethics (esp. AI Ethics)

Publications

1. Solving the Puzzle of Forever Fitting Emotions: Justifying and Requiring Reasons, *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).
2. Fittingness and the Nature of Trustworthiness, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (forthcoming).
3. An Abductive Argument for the Badness of Death, *Philosophia* (forthcoming).
4. Why AI Is Not an Epistemic Authority Regarding Our Own Minds, *Erkenntnis* (forthcoming).
5. Two Kinds of Arguments Against the Fittingness of Fearing Death, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 60(2): 327–341, (2026).
6. Explainability Is Necessary for AI's Trustworthiness, *Philosophy & Technology* 38(1): 1–5, (2025).
7. Achievements, Free Will, and Meaning in Life (with David Palmer), *Synthese* 204(5): 1–19, (2024).
8. Why Avowals Must be Assertions, *Philosophical Investigations* 46(2): 221–239, (2023).
9. Transparent Self-Knowledge of Attitudes and Emotions: A Davidsonian Attempt, *International Philosophical Quarterly* 61(3): 275–284, (2021).

Awards

Chen-hung Lin Postgraduate Outstanding Publication Award Taiwan Association for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology & Yin Hai-Kuang Academic Foundation (Taiwan)	Jun 2025
Excellence in Graduate Research Graduate Student Senate, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)	Apr 2025
Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (TOP Grants) National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan)	Aug 2023–Jul 2024
Richard Aquila Graduate Student Essay Prize Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)	Mar 2021
Da-Chin Memorial Scholarship—Master's Thesis Prize Graduate Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)	Jan 2021
The Second Prize of Master's Thesis Award Taiwan Philosophical Association (Taiwan)	Dec 2020
Herman E. Spivey Humanities Graduate Fellowship The Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)	Apr 2020
Graduate Excellence Fellowship Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)	Apr 2020

Talks

1. Epicureanism and the Morality of Killing
Department of Philosophy, Soochow University, Taiwan. May 13, 2026.
2. An Abductive Argument against Epicureanism about Death
Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan. March 11, 2026.
3. The Normative Account of Ignorance Revisited
Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan. November 5, 2025.
4. The Puzzle of Forever Fitting Emotions
Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University, Taiwan. October 13, 2025.