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Areas of Specialization: Comparative thought, Asian philosophies, normative/applied ethics, moral psychology, philosophy of education

Areas of Competence: Social and political philosophy, philosophy of biology, bioethics, philosophy of cognitive science, philosophy of religion, early modern philosophy

Employment:

Senior Instructor, Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2017-Present
Program Director, Asian Studies, 2020-Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Victoria University of Wellington, 2018
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Colorado College, 2018

Education:

Ph.D. in Philosophy: University of Utah (2012-2017)
Diss.: "Ritual and Moral Education: A Confucian Contribution," dir. E. Hutton
M.Phil. in Philosophy: Hong Kong University (2010-2012)
B.A. in Philosophy (graduation with distinction): Duke University (2005-2009)

Publications:

- (Under contract) *Toward Globalizing Political Philosophy: Contemporary Politics and Classical Chinese Thought*, with Jennifer Kling. Oxford University Press.
- (2023) "Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State," with Jennifer Kling. *Journal of Military Ethics* 22 (1): 1-18.
- (2023) "Michael the Hege-don," *The Godfather and Philosophy*, edited by Joshua Heter and Richard Greene, Carus Books.
- (2022) "Social and Political 'Statutes of Limitations': Mo' Approaches, Mo' Problems," with Jennifer Kling, *Forgiveness Confronts Race, Relationships, and the Social*, edited by Court D. Lewis, 91-111. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press.
- (2022) "Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: A Confucian-Inspired Account," with Jennifer Kling, *The Crisis of American Democracy: A Collection of Philosophical Perspectives*, edited by Leland Harper, 167-192. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press.
- (2021) "Xunzi's Ritual Model and Modern Moral Education," *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 13 (2): 17-43.
- (2020) "Moral Anger in Classical Confucianism," *The Ethics of Anger*, edited by Court Lewis and Gregory Bock, 131-154. NY: Lexington Books.
- (2020) *Confucian Ritual and Moral Education*, NY: Lexington Books.

Publications (con't):

- (2020) "Xunzi's Ritual Program as a Response to Han Feizi's Criticism of Confucianism," *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 34 (August): 129-153.
- (2019) "Vygotsky and Moral Education: A Response to and Expansion of Tappan," *Educational Philosophy and Theory* 51.1: 41-50.
- (2018) "Ritual Education and Moral Development: A Comparison of Xunzi and Vygotsky," *Dao* 17.1: 81-98.
- (2018) "Yu in the Xunzi: Toward a Precise Understanding," *Asian Philosophy* 28.2: 157-169.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations:

- (Pop) Culture and Perpetuating Peace: A Confucian Argument
Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference, Knoxville, TN (OCT 2023)
- Michael the Hege-don
Central Div. Mtg. of the American Philosophical Association, Denver, CO (FEB 2023)
- Narratives for Peace: A Mohist Contribution to Contemporary Political Dialogue
Annual Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (JUL 2022)
- Harmony and the Land: The Confucian Well-Field System in Modernity
Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference, Virtual (OCT 2021)
- Social and Political Statutes of Limitations: Mo' Approaches, Mo' Problems
Annual Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (JUL 2021)
- Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: a Confucian-Inspired Account
Annual Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (JUL 2021)
- Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State
Midwest Philosophy Conference, Wright State University (APR 2021)
- Harmony and the Land: The Confucian Well-Field System in Modernity
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Virtual (APR 2021)
- Xunzi's Ritual Model and Modern Moral Education
Invited talk for Confucianism, Rituals, and Modern Life, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea (NOV 2019)
- Narratives, Borders, and Human Aid: A Mohist Contribution
Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference, Colorado Springs, CO (OCT 2019)
- Xunzi's Ritual Program: A Practice Model of Virtue
Pacific Div. Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, British Columbia (APR 2019)
- Human Nature is Ugly: A Response to Schwitzgebel
Central Div. Mtg. of the American Philosophical Association, Denver, CO (FEB 2019)
- Yu in the Xunzi: Toward a Precise Understanding
Pacific Div. Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, WA (APR 2017)
- Ritual Education and Moral Development: A Comparison of Xunzi and Vygotsky
Eastern Div. Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD (JAN 2017)

Public Presentations:

- Nerd Wars: A Philosophical Discussion of Fans and Fandoms
Philosophy in the City, UCCS, Colorado Springs, CO (JAN 2022)
- Breaking Brains: Parody, Pedagogy, and Philosophical Inquiry
Philosophy in the City, UCCS, Colorado Springs, CO (DEC 2021)
- Lightning Philosophy: Arguing About the Environment
Philosophy in the City, UCCS, Colorado Springs, CO (OCT 2021)
- Confucian Ritual and Moral Education
Heller Salon Series, UCCS, Colorado Springs, CO (MAR 2021)
- Moral Aesthetics – Or Why First Impressions Matter...or Not
Philosophy in the City, UCCS, Colorado Springs, CO (FEB 2020)

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships:

- UCCS Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness Grant (2021)
- CU President's Diversity Award (2019, nominated)
- Faculty Minority Affairs Committee Diversity Grant (2019)
- Travel Grant, Dean's Office of LAS, UCCS (2019)
- University Teaching Assistant Fellowship, University of Utah (2016-2017)
- Steffensen Cannon Fellowship, University of Utah (2016-2017)

Teaching Experience:

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

- PHIL 1000 – Intro. to Philosophy (FAL/SPR 2017-Present; online and in-person)
- PHIL 1300 – Intro. to Phil. of Asia (FAL/SPR 2017-Present; online and in-person)
- PHIL 3490 – Philosophies of China (SPR 2018-Present; remotely and in-person)
- PHIL 3500 – Buddhist Philosophy (FAL 2018-Present; remotely and in-person)
- PHIL 3700 – Philosophy, new Media, and Pop Culture (SPR 2021-Present; hybrid)

Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand

- Political Philosophy East & West (WIN 2018)

Colorado College

- History of Modern European Philosophy (SPR 2018)

University of Utah

- Introduction to Philosophy (FAL 2016)
- Ethical Dilemmas (SUM 2013; online)
- Philosophy and Human Nature (FAL/SPR 2012-2015; online and in-person)
- Philosophy and Moral Education (SPR 2017; designed course as part of UTA Award)
- World Religions (SUM 2015-2017; online and in-person)

Administrative Experience:

Director, Asian Studies Minor, UCCS, 2020-Present
Board member, Campus Curriculum Committee, UCCS, 2023-Present

Service to the Profession at Large:

-Member, Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 2019-Present
-Referee: *Culture and Dialogue, Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture, Biology and Philosophy, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Dao*
-Referee and commentator, Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, 2017-Present
-Organizer, Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, 2014

Service to the University:

-Board member, Campus Curriculum Committee, UCCS, 2023-present
-Creator and Director, Asian Studies Minor, UCCS, 2020-present
-Coach, Bioethics Bowl, UCCS, 2019-present
-Coach, Ethics Bowl, UCCS, 2019-present

Service to the Department:

-Coordinator and Developer, Philosophy in the City event series, UCCS, 2018-2022
-Dept. Representative, Heller Center for the Arts and Humanities, UCCS, 2017-present

References (listed alphabetically):

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