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Areas of Specialization	Epistemology, Metaphysics
Areas of Competence	Ancient Greek Philosophy (Aristotle), Ethics, Language

EDUCATION

University of Toronto	2022 - Present
PhD in Philosophy	
Committee: David J. Barnett (co-chair), Michael Caie (co-chair), Gurpreet Rattan	
National Taiwan University	2017-2020
M.A. in Philosophy	
Thesis: <i>A Defense of the Growing Block Theory of Time</i>	
Supervisor: Duen-Min Deng	
Soochow University (Taiwan)	2012-2017
B.A. in Philosophy	

OTHER EDUCATION

Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University	2020-2022
Supervisors: Sam Baron, J. Dimitri Gallow	

PUBLICATIONS

(All co-authored publications are fully co-equal, with authors listed in alphabetical order.)

“Time, and Time Again”, (2022) *The Philosophical Quarterly*. (with Sam Baron)

PRESENTATIONS

“Branching Time and Probability”

- Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, May 2026

“Indeterminacy and Belief”

- Annual Conference of Taiwan Philosophical Association, Taipei, Taiwan, Nov 2025

“Evidentialism and Future Beliefs” (or: “Evidentialism and Future Contingents”)

- Oxford's Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, Oxford, UK, Nov 2025
- Pacific APA, San Francisco, US, April 2025
- Eastern APA, New York, US, Jan. 2025

“A New Theory of the Passage of Time”

- LMPST Annual Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, Jun. 2024
- University of Toronto Graduate Forum, Toronto, Canada, Oct. 2023
- Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Halifax, Canada, Aug 2023
- Dianoia Works in Progress Workshop, Melbourne, Australia, March 2022

“A New Objection to the B-theory”

- Annual Conference of Taiwan Philosophical Association, Taipei, Taiwan, Dec, 2022

“The Growing Block Theory and Truthmaking”

- Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, Australia, July 2021 online

“Hypertemporal Ontology”

- Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, Sydney, Australia, Sep., 2020 online

“Imagining Possibility and Impossibility”

- NTU-CCU workshop on Modal Epistemology, ChiaYi, Taiwan, Dec., 2019

“Time-Traveling in the GBT View of the World”

- NTU Graduate Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, May, 2019

“The Growing Block View of Time and the Epistemic Problem”

- Annual Conference of Taiwan Philosophical Association, Taipei, Taiwan, Nov, 2018

“On Lucretius's Fear of Death”

- Classics and Modern Philosophy, Tianjin, China, Aug., 2018

COMMENT

Comment on Yonathan Fiat's **“Ravens Knowledge”**

- Rationality and Epistemology Workshop, Toronto, Canada, April, 2026

Comment on Alexander Leferman's **“Internalism and Normative Reasons for Joint Action”**

- Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, Canada, June, 2025

AWARDS

Graduate Student Service Awards, University of Toronto, 2025

American Philosophical Association Travel Stipend, 2025

Ian Hacking Travel Grant, University of Toronto, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

UTGSU Student Conference Bursary, University of Toronto, 2024

SGS Conference Grant, University of Toronto, 2024

Sidney Robinson Essay Prize, University of Toronto, 2023

(The best paper on Ancient Greek Philosophy in that academic year.)
Altruistic Award, National Taiwan University, 2018
Valedictorian, Soochow University (Taiwan), 2016
Outstanding Graduates, Soochow University (Taiwan), 2016
National Outstanding Young Person of the University, Taiwan, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(Toronto= University of Toronto / NTU= National Taiwan University)

Metaphysics and Epistemology

Knowledge and Reality, (with Yonathan Fiat), Toronto, (Spring '26)
Knowledge and Reality, (with Vicent Lee), Toronto, (Summer '25)
Knowledge and Reality, (with Martin Dimitrov), Toronto, (Spring '25)
Knowledge and Reality, (with Michael Caie), Toronto, (Fall '24)
Knowledge and Reality, (with Trevor Teitel), Toronto, (Spring '24)
Metaphysics, (with Byeong-uk Yi), Toronto, (Spring '26)
Metaphysics (with Lok-Chi Chan), NTU (Spring '20)
Metaphysics (with Duen-Min Deng), NTU, (Spring '18) (Spring '19)
God, Self, World (with Zain Raza), Toronto, (Summer '23)
Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy (with Nihel Jhou), NTU, (Fall '18)

Ethics

Issues in Philosophy of Law, (with TBD), Toronto, (Summer '26)
Issues in Normative Ethics, (with Bowen Chen), Toronto, (Summer '24)
Law and Morality, (with Steven Coyne), Toronto, (Fall '23)
Ethics: Death and Dying (with Natasha Hay), Toronto, (Summer '23)
Ethics (with Tse-Mei Wu), NTU, (Fall '19)

Logic

Symbolic Logic (with Jared Riggs), Toronto, (Winter '23)
Elementary Logic (with Duen-Min Deng), NTU, (Fall '17)

Public Philosophy

Critical Reasoning (with Matthew Delhey), Toronto, (Fall '25)
Philosophy in Everyday Life (with Zain Raza), Toronto, (Fall '25)
Philosophy in Everyday Life (with Lu-Vada Dunford), Toronto, (Spring '25)
Philosophy in Everyday Life (with Logan Fletcher), Toronto, (Fall '22) (Fall '23)

SERVICE

(All service is at the Department of Philosophy.)

Conference Refereeing: Annual Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2023, 2024, 2025

Student Mentor, University of Toronto, 2023-present

Colloquium Committee Member, University of Toronto, 2024-2025

Website Developer for Faculty and Students, University of Toronto, 2023-2025

Organizer, Toronto Reading Group on David Armstrong/Timothy Williamson, 2023, 2024

Organizer, NTU Reading Group on Metaphysics, 2018-2020

Conference/Workshop Assistant or Organizer:

Workshop on Rationality and Epistemology, Toronto, Canada, 2026

University of Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, Toronto, Canada, 2024

Second Joint Symposium of NTU-CUHK, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020

Analytics Philosophy of Religion in Asia, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020

John Bigelow's Online Seminar Series, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020

The 4th Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020

Joint Philosophy Symposium of NTU-CUHK, Taipei, Taiwan, 2019

The 4th Taiwan Logic Colloquium, Taipei, Taiwan, 2018

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

(Selected; * = for audit; at University of Toronto unless otherwise specified; NTU= National Taiwan University)

Epistemology:

Evidence and Self-Knowledge*, Nilanjan Das, (Winter '25)

Self-Consciousness and Rationality*, David Barnett, (Fall '24)

Beliefs and Rationality, David Barnett, (Spring '24)

The Self and Normativity, David Barnett and Brandon de Kenessey, (Fall '23)

Metaphysics:

Modality, Time, and the Self, Mike Caie, (Fall '23)

Grounding*, Duen-Min Deng, (Spring '22) (NTU)

Social ontology*, Duen-Min Deng, (Fall '20) (NTU)

Modal Epistemology*, Duen-Min Deng, (Spring '20) (NTU)

Metametaphysics, Duen-Min Deng, (Fall '19) (NTU)

Philosophy of Time, Duen-Min Deng, (Spring '19) (NTU)

Fischer's Metaphysics of Free Will, Christian Wenzelg, (Spring '19) (NTU)

Analytic Essays on Free Will, Christian Wenzelg, (Fall '18) (NTU)

Properties, Duen-Min Deng, (Fall '18) (NTU)

Philosophy of Physics:

The Theory of Relativity and Time, Nihel Jhou, (Spring '19) (NTU)

Mind & Language:

Representation*, Imogen Dickie, (Fall '25)

New Books in Philosophy of Mind, Nate Charlow and Imogen Dickie, (Fall '23)

(Meta)ethics:

Source of Normativity in Chinese Thoughts, Chris Fraser, (Spring '23)

Good in Human Lives, Thomas Hurka, (Fall '22)

Intention and Permissibility*, Rong-Lin Wang, (Spring '21) (NTU)

Normativity, Rong-Lin Wang, (Spring '19) (NTU)

Kant and Early Modern Philosophy:

Kant's Ethics, Sergio Tenenbaum and Owen Ware, (Spring '23)

Hume's System of Ethics, Donald Ainslie, (Spring '23)

Kant's Philosophy of History, Christian Wenzel, (Spring '19) (NTU)

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy:

Aristotle's *De Anima*, Jessica Gelber, (Spring '23)

Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Theta, Christian Pfeiffer, (Spring '23)

Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms, Lloyd Gerson, (Fall '22)

Aristotle's *Poetics**, Zhi-Hue Wang, (Fall '20) (NTU)

De Rerum Natura, Hsei-Yung Hsu, (Spring '19) (NTU)

LANGUAGES

Reading and Speaking: Mandarin, and English

Reading: Ancient Greek, Classical Chinese, and German