

WENTAO DING

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Meta-ethics; Philosophy of Science (general)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Normative Ethics; Metaphysics; Epistemology

EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. in Philosophy
<i>Syracuse University, Department of Philosophy</i> | 2024 – present |
| B.A. in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)
<i>Wuhan University, Hongyi Honor College</i>
<i>Thesis: “The Possibility of Moral Explanation” (Advisor: Matt Lutz)</i> | 2020 – 2024 |

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

“New Grounding Account of Governance”

- Asian Philosophy of Science Association Conference, Nanyang Technological University (July 2026)
- Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, University of Toronto (May 2026)

“The Humean Account of Moral Laws (for Non-naturalism)”

- Frankfurt Metaethics Conference, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management (June 2026)
- APA Pacific, Workshop, Online (Apr. 2026)
- APA Eastern, Papers-in-Progress Workshop, Baltimore (Jan. 2026)

“Inquiry Beyond Improvement”

- Science and Reality Workshop, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (July 2025)
- Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida (Apr. 2025)
- Inquiry Network WIP Talks, Online (Feb. 2025)

“How Should Normative Laws Explain Supervenience?”

- 2nd Beijing International Graduate Conference in Analytic Philosophy, Beijing Normal University (July 2024)
- WHU Student’s Workshop, Wuhan University (June 2024)

COMMENTS

Comments on McKenna’s “The Coordinating Role of Laws in Empirical Science”, Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, University of Toronto (May 2026)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- A paper on the moral debunking argument (*under review*)
- A paper on laws of nature (*under review*)
- A paper on moral laws
- A paper on normative explanation

TEACHING

As Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University

- Introduction to Moral Theory (for David Sobel) Fall 2024
- Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (for Chris Bousquet) Spring 2025
- The Meaning of Life (for Josh Hunt) Fall 2025
- Logic (for Michael Rieppel) Spring 2026
- Critical Thinking (for Daniel Murphy) Fall 2026

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- WHU Merit Undergraduate Fellowship
- Chinese National Encouragement Scholarship

SERVICE

- Graduate Teaching Mentor, Syracuse University 2026–2027
- Organizer, Departmental Working Paper Workshop, Syracuse University 2025–2026
- Reviewer, Syracuse Graduate Philosophy Conference 2025, 2026
- Chair, Syracuse Graduate Philosophy Conference 2025, 2026
- Chair, Cornell–Syracuse Graduate Workshop 2025

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

(* = *audited*)

Syracuse University

- Proseminar: Moral and Political Philosophy (Hille Paakkunainen)
- Proseminar: Language, Epistemology, Mind, and Metaphysics (Kevan Edwards)
- Proseminar: History of Philosophy (Kara Richardson)
- Logic and Language (Martín Abreu Zavaleta)
- Modal Logic (Martín Abreu Zavaleta)
- Inquiry and Attention (Hille Paakkunainen)
- Philosophy of David Lewis (Erica Shumener)
- Aims of Science (Josh Hunt)
- Values and Attitudes (David Sobel)
- Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Kara Richardson)
- Independent Study: Laws of Nature (Josh Hunt)

- Independent Study: Explanations in Mathematics and Ethics (Josh Hunt)
Wuhan University
- Axiology* (Xiaofei Liu)
- Counterfactuals* (Da Fan)
- Moral Supervenience* (Matt Lutz)

OUTREACH

- Co-organizer, Topics in Epistemology Online Reading Group
- Participant and presenter, Principia: Ethics Online Reading Group