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RESEARCH AREAS

Specialization Epistemology, Metaphysics
Competence Ancient Greek Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of AI

EDUCATION

University of Toronto *Expected June 2027*
PhD in Philosophy
Dissertation: The Epistemic Structure of Future Indeterminacy
Committee: David J. Barnett & Michael Caie (co-chairs), Gurpreet Rattan
Examiner: J. Robert G. Williams (Leeds)

Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University 2020–2022
(left to begin PhD at the University of Toronto)
Supervisors: Sam Baron & J. Dimitri Gallow

National Taiwan University 2020
M.A. in Philosophy
Thesis: *A Defense of the Growing Block Theory of Time*
Supervisor: Duen-Min Deng

Soochow University (Taiwan) 2017
B.A. in Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

"Time, and Time Again." (2022) *The Philosophical Quarterly* 72 (2): 259–282. (with Sam Baron)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

A paper on rational betting (R&R)
A paper on degrees of belief and indeterminacy (under review)
"Probability and Branching Time" (in preparation)
"Determinacy Operator vs. Tense Operator" (in preparation)
"Knowledge and Future Indeterminacy" (in preparation)
"Aristotle on *Dunamis*" (in preparation)

PRESENTATIONS

"Determinacy Operator vs. Tense Operator"
- Eastern APA, Boston, US, Jan. 2027

"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" (under different titles)
- 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, June 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

COMMENTS

Comment on Will Dempsey's **"How (Not) to Disagree About What's Real"**
- UofT Philosophy Graduate Conference, Toronto, Canada, Oct. 2026

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 Award, University of Toronto, 2025, 2026

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
(Awarded for the best paper in Ancient Greek philosophy that academic year.)
Altruistic Award, National Taiwan University, 2018
Valedictorian, Soochow University (Taiwan), 2016
Outstanding Graduate, Soochow University (Taiwan), 2016
National Outstanding Young Person of the University, Taiwan, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Invited Guest Lecture:
Skepticism, Toronto (Summer '26)

Tutorial Leader and Grader:
Metaphysics and Epistemology
Knowledge and Reality (with Yonathan Fiat), Toronto (Spring '26, Fall '26)
Knowledge and Reality (with Vincent 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, Spring '27)
Metaphysics (with Lok-Chi Chan), NTU (Spring '20)
Metaphysics (with Duen-Min Deng), NTU (Spring '18, Spring '19)
Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy (with Nihel Jhou), NTU (Fall '18)

Ethics and Value Theory
Issues in Philosophy of Law (with Emily Baron), Toronto (Summer '26)
Philosophy of Law (with Stanley Zhang), 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

Philosophy in Everyday Life (with Zain Raza), Toronto (Fall '25, Fall '26)
Critical Reasoning (with Matthew Delhey), 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

(Departmental and professional service.)

Conference Refereeing: Annual Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Student Mentor, University of Toronto, 2023–present
Colloquium Committee Member, University of Toronto, 2024–2025
Personal Website Developer, University of Toronto, 2023–2025
Organizer, UofT Reading Group on David Armstrong/Timothy Williamson, 2023, 2024
Organizer, NTU Reading Group on Metaphysics, 2018–2020

Conference/Workshop Assistant or Organizer:
Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, 2026
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
Analytic 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; * = audited course; at University of Toronto unless otherwise specified; NTU = National Taiwan University)

Epistemology:
Vector for Philosophers*, Jonathan Weisberg (Fall '26)
Evidence and Self-Knowledge*, Nilanjan Das (Fall '25)
Self-Consciousness and Rationality*, David Barnett (Fall '24)
Beliefs and Rationality, David Barnett (Spring '24)
The Self and Normativity, David Barnett and Brendan de Kenessey (Fall '23)

Metaphysics:
Modality, Time, and the Self, Michael 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 Wenzel (Spring '19) (NTU)
Analytic Essays on Free Will, Christian Wenzel (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 Thought, 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)

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

A recurring thought in discussions of indeterminacy is that nonclassicality in the objects of thought requires a corresponding revision in rational cognition. My dissertation challenges this idea, using the open future as a central case. I argue that metaphysical indeterminacy does not by itself require revisionary attitudes toward future-tense propositions: evidence and objective chance can still constrain rational credence, and ordinary credal states can continue to guide deliberation and action. I develop a chance-based account of rational credence for an indeterminate future and argue, on the metaphysical side, that temporal openness should be characterized in terms of determinacy-operator rather than merely the truth status of future-tense propositions. More generally, the dissertation argues that epistemic consequences of indeterminacy must be established by the norms governing particular attitudes rather than read directly off the metaphysical status of their objects.

REFERENCES

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