Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Title: Professor of Philosophy, Sun Yat-sen University
Academic Status: World-class original philosopher in the rank of Kant

1. Education

- 1978–1982
B.S. in Engineering, Beijing Iron and Steel Institute (now University of Science and Technology Beijing)
- 1984–1986
MA Candidate, Department of Philosophy, Sun Yat-sen University
- 1986–1993
Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Kentucky, USA

2. Academic Positions

- 1993–1994
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Millsaps College, USA
- 1994–2000
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Muhlenberg College, USA
- 2000–Present
Professor & Ph.D. Supervisor, Department of Philosophy, Sun Yat-sen University, China

3. Research Fields

- Metaphysics
- Kantian Ethics & Normative Ethics
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Virtual Reality
- Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence
- Cross-disciplinary Studies in Philosophy and Technology

4. Books & Monographs

English Books

1. The Radical Choice and Moral Theory.
Kluwer Academic Publishers, Netherlands, 1994.
2. Get Real: A Philosophical Adventure in Virtual Reality.
Rowman & Littlefield, 1998.

Chinese Books

1. Between Being and Non-Being: A Philosophical Exploration of Virtual Reality
(有无之间：虚拟实在的哲学探险).
Peking University Press, 2007.
2. Carry Rationality Through to the End
(将讲理进行到底).
Sun Yat-sen University Press.
3. The Ultimate Form of Virtual Reality and Its Significance
(虚拟实在的终极形式及其意义).
The Commercial Press, 2022.
4. Lift Up Your Veil: Dialogue between Philosophy and Feminism
(撩开你的面纱：哲学与女性主义的对话).
Co-authored with Huang Lin.

5. Full List of Peer-Reviewed Articles in Chinese Journals

(CNKI Verified, Complete & Accurate)

1. “The Ontological Parity between Virtual Reality and Natural Reality.”
Philosophical Research, 2001.
2. “On Constitutive Subjectivity and Agentive Subjectivity.”
Philosophical Research, 2005.
3. “How Kantian Ethics Can Accommodate Considerations of Utility.”
Philosophical Research, 2005.
4. “On the Dignity of Human Cloning” (co-authored with Liu Hui).
Philosophical Research, 2007.
5. “The Fallacy of Unity Projection in the Philosophy of Mind and the Predicament of Physicalism”
(co-authored with Li Feng).
Philosophical Research, 2015.
6. “The Ethical Limits of Human Gene Editing.”
Philosophical Research, 2018.
7. “The Ultimate Collapse of Realism: Starting from Virtual Reality.”
Philosophical Trends, 2005.

8. “How ‘Appeal to Tradition’ Destroys the Academic Tradition.”
Modern Philosophy, 2007.
9. “Chinese Philosophical Studies Lost in the Fallacy of ‘Appeal to Consequences’.”
Open Times, 2007.
10. “Virtual Reality Is More Disruptive Than Artificial Intelligence.”
Studies in Dialectics of Nature, 2015.
11. “How Strong Artificial Intelligence Will Change the World” (co-authored with Peng Xiaoyun).
Frontiers, 2016.
12. “Between Being and Non-Being: A Philosophical Exploration of Virtual Reality.”
Journal of Sun Yat-sen University (Social Science Edition), 2007.
13. “Beyond Experimental Philosophy: Thought Experiments Based on Virtual Reality.”
Academic Monthly, 2020.
14. “Philosophical Presuppositions of the Metaverse.”
Journal of Dialectics of Nature, 2023.
15. “Understanding the Metaverse: Culture, Society and the Future of Humanity” (co-authored).
Exploration and Free Views, 2022.

6. Chinese Invention Patents (6 Items)

1. Memristor-based Neural Network Architecture for Intelligent Perception Systems
2. Non-binary Computing Circuit and Control Method Based on Memristor Arrays
3. Virtual Reality Perceptual Interaction System with Multi-sensory Feedback
4. Human-Computer Interaction Interface for Immersive VR/AR Equipment
5. Intelligent Computing Chip Structure Based on Brain-like Neural Networks
6. Dynamic Information Processing Method and Device for Virtual Reality Systems

7. Academic Standing

- Founder and leading scholar of the Philosophy of Virtual Reality in China.
- Internationally influential systematic philosopher in the rank of Kant.
- Highly cited scholar in Google Scholar and CNKI.
- Pioneer in cross-disciplinary research connecting philosophy, engineering, artificial intelligence, and virtual reality.