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Employment and education

Associate Professor of Philosophy, National University of Singapore, 2015-present
Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore, 2008-2014
Faculty Fellow, Tulane University, Murphy Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, 2014-2015
Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, 2001-2008
Visiting Graduate Student in Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2004-2005
A. B. in Philosophy, *Magna Cum Laude*, Harvard University, 1997-2001

Specialization: ethics, Nietzsche

Competence: epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of mind and action, political philosophy

Books (3) – 2 monographs, 1 co-edited volume

2025: *Nietzsche on the Eternal Recurrence*, Cambridge University Press.
2017: *Humean Nature*, Oxford University Press.
2007: (edited with Brian Leiter) *Nietzsche and Morality*, Oxford University Press.

Articles (37) – 19 blind-refereed articles, 18 invited articles starred

forthcoming: Empathic representation, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*.
2025: Heidegger's argument for fascism, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 110:2, 643-660.
2024: Moral worth in Gettier cases, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 29:1, 151-158.
2024: The reliable route from nonmoral evidence to moral conclusions, *Erkenntnis* 89:6, 2321-2341.
2024: The epistemic argument for hedonism, *Human Minds and Cultures*, Springer, Chakraborty (ed).*
2024: Pleasure is goodness; morality is universal, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 27:5, 725-741.*
2023: Qualia share their correlates' locations, *Synthese* 202:2, 1-14.
2023: Foreword to *Is Morality Real?* by Matt Lutz and Spencer Case, Routledge, xii-xix.*
2022: Zarathustra's moral psychology, *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Nietzsche's Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, Ansell-Pearson and Loeb (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 148-167.*
2022: (with Tianxiang Lan and Luis Roman Carrasco) Recognition of intrinsic values of sentient beings explains the sense of moral duty towards global nature conservation, *PLOS One* 17:10.
2021: (with Jeremias Koh): Pleasure makes pro-attitudes, *Donald Davidson on Action, Mind, and Value*, Syrya (ed.), Springer, 93-105.*
2020: Rational epistemic akrasia for the ambivalent pragmatist, *The Philosophy and Psychology of Ambivalence*, Brogaard and Gatzia, (eds.), Routledge, 76-94.*
2020: On *Nietzsche's Constructivism*, Justin Remhof, *Philosophia*.*
2019: One-person Moral Twin Earth cases, *Thought* 8:1, 16-22.
2019: (with Kuong Un Teng): Loving the eternal recurrence, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 50:1, 106-124.*
2019: Humean replies to *Regard for Reason*, Josh May, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 42.
2018: Scalar consequentialism the right way, *Philosophical Studies* 175:12, 3131-3144.
2018: Ethical reductionism, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 13:1, 32-52.
2018: Reply to symposiasts on *Humean Nature*, *Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia* 9:1, 95-104.*
2018: Precis of *Humean Nature*, *Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia* 9:1, 57-66.*
2018: Nietzsche's Humean (all-too-Humean) theory of motivation, *The Nietzschean Mind*, Katsafanas (ed.), Routledge, 161-176.*
2017: Divine fine-tuning vs. electrons in love, *American Philosophical Quarterly* 54:1, 89-98.
2017: Desire and aesthetic pleasure, *Australasian Philosophical Review* 1:1, 95-99.*

- 2017: Nietzschean pragmatism, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 48:1, 56-70.*
- 2016: In defense of partisanship, *Ethics in Politics*, Killoren, Crookston, and Trerise (eds.), Routledge, 75-90.*
- 2016: Imagination and belief, *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Imagination*, Kind (ed.), Routledge, 111-123.*
- 2016: Virtue, desire, and silencing reasons, *Questions of Character*, Fileva (ed.), Oxford University Press, 158-168.*
- 2015: Zarathustra's metaethics, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 45:3, 278-299.
- 2015: (with John Williams): The backward clock, truth-tracking, and safety, *Journal of Philosophy* 112:1, 46-55.
- 2015: Advantages of propositionalism, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 96:1, 165-180.
- 2013: The desire-belief theory of intention explains everything, *Notûs* 47:4, 680-696.
- 2013: Unequal vividness and double effect, *Utilitas* 25:3, 291-315.
- 2013: Distinguishing belief and imagination, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 94:2, 152-165.
- 2011: The Humean theory of practical irrationality, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 6:1, 1-13.
- 2009: The Humean theory of motivation reformulated and defended, *Philosophical Review* 118:4, 465-500.
- 2008: Possible girls, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 89:2, 254-260.
- 2007: Vengeful thinking and moral epistemology, *Nietzsche and Morality*, Leiter & Sinhababu (eds.), Oxford University Press, 262-280.*

Reviews, introductions, appendices (12)

- 2022: review of *Nietzsche's Pragmatism*, Pietro Gori, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 53:1, 104-110.
- 2020: review of *Nietzsche's Moral Psychology*, Mark Alfano, *Ethics* 131:1, 122-127.
- 2015: review of *Nietzsche on Ethics and Politics*, Maudmarie Clark, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- 2015: Appendix D: philosophy resources on the internet, in *Philosophical Writing: An Introduction*, A. P. Martinich, Blackwell, 181-185.
- 2014: review of *Would You Kill The Fat Man?*, David Edmonds, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 92:4, 818-819.
- 2014: review of *The Oxford Handbook of Nietzsche*, Gemes & Richardson (eds.), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- 2014: review of *Nietzsche's On the Genealogy of Morality*, May (ed.), *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 45:2, 216-218.
- 2014: review of *Nietzsche, Naturalism and Normativity*, Janaway & Robertson (eds.), *Ethics* 124:3, 617-622.
- 2012: review of *Like-Minded: Externalism and Moral Psychology*, Andrew Sneddon, *Ethics* 122:4, 824-829.
- 2010: review of *Nietzsche, Psychology, and First Philosophy*, Robert Pippin, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- 2009: review of *Nietzsche's Thus Spoke Zarathustra: Before Sunrise*, Luchte (ed.), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- 2007: (with Brian Leiter): Introduction, *Nietzsche and Morality*, Leiter & Sinhababu (eds.), Oxford University Press, 1-6.

Teaching

- Spring 2025 Metaethics, Graduate ethics seminar
- Fall 2023 Metaethics, Nietzsche
- Spring 2023 Knowledge modernity and global change
- Fall 2022 Metaethics, Political philosophy (graduate/honors)
- Spring 2022 Introduction to PPE, Metaethics
- Fall 2021 Political philosophy
- Spring 2021 Introduction to PPE
- Fall 2020 Metaethics, Nietzsche
- Spring 2020 Political philosophy (graduate/honors), Graduate research seminar
- Fall 2019 Metaethics, Nietzsche
- Spring 2019 Normative ethics, Political philosophy
- Fall 2018 Metaethics, Philosophy of religion
- Spring 2018 Nietzsche, Normative ethics
- Fall 2017 Metaethics, Ethics (graduate)
- Spring 2016 Political philosophy (graduate), Topics in moral philosophy
- Fall 2015 Metaethics, Political philosophy

Spring 2014 Ethics (graduate), Metaethics
Fall 2013 The self, Major moral philosophers
Fall 2012 Topics in moral philosophy, Normative ethics, Epistemology
Spring 2012 Nietzsche, Major moral philosophers
Spring 2011 Metaethics, Recent philosophy
Fall 2010 Metaethics (graduate), Normative ethics, Introduction to philosophy (tutorials)
Spring 2010 Nietzsche, Metaethics
Fall 2009 Core issues in analytic philosophy (graduate), Major moral philosophers
Spring 2009 Political philosophy, metaethics
Fall 2008 Metaethics (graduate), Major moral philosophers
Spring 2008 Argument

Advising and supervision (external supervision in parentheses)

Ph.D: Melvin Ng, Jeremias Koh.

Ph.D committee: Angel Wu 2024, Alex Grossman (Texas) 2024, Daryl Ooi 2023, Yongming Han (Brown) 2022, Elena Ziliotti 2018, Angelica Kaufman 2015 (Milan), Cansu Canca 2012.

Ph.D examination: Anuratha Selvaraj (York) 2021, Jane Loo (Sydney) 2021, William Jefferson (Oxford) 2019.

Masters: Devesh Narayanan 2023, Jeremias Koh 2019, Po-Wei Lin (Tsing Hua, external examiner) 2018, Abhishek Mishra 2017, Melvin Ng 2016, John Paul Foenander 2012.

Undergraduate thesis: Emma Sebastian 2024, Jolly Cheong 2024, Cheng Jue Fei 2022, Michael Tan Wei Kei 2021, Ang Shaoqing 2020, Raymond Sanamurthi (Political Science) 2020, Quah Say Jye (Political Science) 2019, Rachel Quek 2019, Jia Ren Koh 2019, Reuben YWW 2019, Jeremias Koh 2016, San Weng Kin 2015, Yongming Han 2013, Georgina Ng 2013, Marilyn Lim 2011, Jacob Mok 2010.

Honors and awards

National University of Singapore FASS Award for Promising Researcher, 2012.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-2007.

Professional service

Book refereeing: Bloomsbury, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge.

Journal refereeing: American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Croatian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethics, History and Political Thought, Inquiry, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Journal of Nietzsche Studies, Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Political Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Value Inquiry, Kemanusiaan, Kriterion, Manuscrito, Mind, Mind and Language, Minds and Machines, Nietzsche-Studien, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy Politics & Economics, Ratio, Res Philosophica, Res Publica, Social Philosophy & Policy, Social Theory & Practice, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Southwest Philosophy Review, Synthese, Theoria, Thought, Utilitas.

Editorial board membership: Asian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Value Inquiry.

Professional service: Australasian Association of Philosophy Singapore Representative, 2015-2017.

External university service: University of Wollongong School of Liberal Arts Advisory Board, 2019-present; Lingnan University External Academic Advisor, 2023-present.

Major departmental and university service:

Search committee member 2024-present.

Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2020-2023. Deputy Head, 2022-2023.

Standing search committee chair, 2023: searches ongoing.

Search committee chair, 2022-2023: hired Zach Goodsell on President's Young Professorship.
Search committee member 2020-2021: hired Moonyoung Song, hired Isaac Wilhelm on President's Young Professorship.
PYP committee member, 2020: promoted Abelard Podgorski to President's Young Professorship.
Search committee chair 2019-2020: hired Lavinia Picollo, hired Daniel Waxman.
Search committee chair 2018-2019: hired Fatema Amijee, hired Ethan Jerzak on President's Young Professorship.
Search committee chair 2017-2018: hired Zach Barnett.
Search committee member 2017-2018: senior offer declined.
Search committee chair 2015-2016: hired Bob Beddor on President's Assistant Professorship.
Search committee member 2014-2015: senior offer declined.

Presentations (356)

Pleasure fundamentalism (31): Philosophical Bioethics Workshop, 2025. Southern Methodist University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Arizona State University, University of Puget Sound, University of New Hampshire, University of Illinois Law and Philosophy, Marymount University, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, University of Western Ontario, Australian National University, UCSD WAVE, University of Eindhoven, University of St. Andrews, University of Glasgow PNP, University of Helsinki, Inland Norway University, CAS Oslo, Arctic University of Norway, University of Surrey, IIT Kanpur (online), University of Basel, University of Barcelona, University of Texas at Austin, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Cal State San Bernardino, University of California at Riverside, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Arizona, University of California at Davis, 2024.
Einstein and Nietzsche: Humeans refuting Kant (2): Oxford University, Portland State University, 2025.
Nietzsche and the eternal recurrence (1): University of Toronto, 2025.
Free will and God in Asia and the West: (5) University of Washington, Oslo University Chateau Neuf, College of New Jersey, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, University of Hawaii, 2024.
Nietzsche in Southeast Asia (1): Nietzsche's Futures.
True contradictions (1): Australasian Association of Philosophy, 2024.
A consequentialist defense of democracy (5): Houston Community College, New Mexico State University, Seton Hall University, International House, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2024.
On Nietzsche (1): Texas State University, 2024.
Heidegger's argument for fascism (5): University of Tartu, University of Trondheim, University College Cork, 2024. SPCW Conference, 2023.
Pleasure is goodness; morality is universal (1): University of Tartu, University of Groningen, Bled Metaethics Conference, 2022.
Metaethics for hedonists (1): Zagreb Institute of Philosophy, 2021.
Commentary on *Neurofunctional Prudence and Morality* (1): American Philosophical Association, 2021.
Commentary on "The philosophy and history of the moral 'ought'", Terence Irwin (1): Australian Catholic University, 2019.
The reliable route from is to ought (18): City University of New York (video), 2021. Oxford University, 2019. Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia, 2018. University of Chicago, University of Zagreb, Open University, University of Glasgow, University of Texas at Austin, University of Miami, Arizona State University, Cal State San Bernardino, 2017. University of Manitoba, Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Duke University, Wayne State University, University of Utah, Charles Sturt University, 2016.
Empathic representation (2): Macau Conference on Natural Cognition, National Tsing Hua University, 2018.
Credence in psychological explanation (9): Tokyo Workshop on Agency and Cognition, 2019. Notre Dame, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Texas A&M University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Stetson University, Florida International University, 2017. Australasian Association of Philosophy, National Yang-Ming University, 2016.

Commentary on 'The knowledge condition on intentional action', Laura Tomlinson, (1): Eastern APA, 2019.
 Commentary on *Nietzsche's Constructivism*, Justin Remhof (1): Underwood International College, 2018.
 Commentary on *Regard For Reason*, Josh May (1): Canadian Philosophical Association, 2018.
 Emotional perception and blameworthy psychopaths (1): Macquarie Mental Health and Agency Workshop, 2018.
 What is naturalism in metaethics? (1): New Zealand Association of Philosophy, 2017.
 Pleasure in action (1): Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium on Donald Davidson, 2017.
 In search of irreducibly objectual attitudes (1): Conference on Loving, Wondering, and Knowing, 2017.
 Epistemic akrasia for the rational pragmatist (4): University of Zurich, University of Warwick, University of Aberdeen, Cardiff University, 2017.
 In defense of partisanship (1): University of Nottingham, 2017.
 Commentary on 'Metanormative constructivism', Hille Paakkunainen (1): NOISE Conference, 2017.
 From Moral Twin Earth to pleasure in Eden (28): University of Groningen, University of St. Andrews, University of Stirling, Franklin and Marshall, Southern Methodist University, University of Arizona, 2017. Bowling Green State University, University of Mississippi, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Washington University St. Louis, Ohio State University, University of Montreal, University of Michigan EDG, Nanyang Technological University, University of Sydney, Monash University, University of Adelaide, University of Melbourne, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Otago, University of Washington, Lingnan University, 2016. Australian National University, Portland State University, University of Texas at Austin, Tulane University, 2015. University of California at Davis, Oxford Hedonism Conference, 2014.
 Nietzsche's Humean (all-too-Humean) theory of motivation (9): Drexel University, University of New Mexico, 2017. University of Toledo, Kent State University, Macalester College, Metro State & UC Denver, La Trobe University, Deakin University, Kyoto University, 2016.
 Experientialism about moral concepts (19): National Tsing Hua University, Academia Sinica, University of Trento, University of Milan, University of Hamburg, University of Tübingen, University of Leeds, University of Geneva, Rice University, University of Alabama, Florida State University, University of Southern California, 2017. University of Houston, University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Missouri St. Louis, Brandeis University, Brown University, Macquarie University, 2016. New Zealand AAP, 2015.
 Scalar consequentialism the right way (10): University of Oslo, University of Surrey, Northern Arizona University, 2017. IUPUI, UNC-Asheville, Cleveland State University, University of Akron, Colorado State University, Massey University Palmerston, University of Waikato, 2016.
 Emotional perception of morality (23): University of Pennsylvania, UC Riverside, 2017. DePauw University, Duke University MAD Lab, CSBSJU, UIC Yonsei, Hong Kong University, University of Macau, 2016. University of Oregon, 2015. Georgia State University, 2014. Murdoch University, Queensland Club, University of Stirling, Dartmouth College, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, University of Central Arkansas, University of Utah, 2013. Kansas State University, Tufts University, Northern Illinois University, Naturalisms in Ethics Conference, Global Themes in Ethical Naturalism Conference, 2011.
 The epistemic argument for hedonism (24): University of Cincinnati, University of Minnesota, University of Colorado, Boise State University, Massey University Albany, University of Auckland, 2016. INSEAD Asia, 2014. Coastal Carolina University, 2013. Oxford Uehiro Centre, 2012. Bowling Green State University, University of Central Arkansas, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, University of Alabama, Yale Moral Philosophy Group, Washington University St. Louis, University of Michigan EDG, University of Melbourne, University of Canterbury, 2011. Australian National University, St. Andrews Seminar on Methodology, 2010. King's College London, Illinois State University, University of Tennessee, University of Arizona, 2009.
 Humean nature (45): University of Texas at Austin, 2024. Duke Center for Advanced Hindsight, University of Milan (symposium), Hungarian Academy of Sciences (symposium), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, University of Bristol, Trinity College Dublin, Rutgers University, Louisiana State University, 2017.

University of Illinois, Boston University, University of Vermont, Portland State University, Stanford University, Metropolitan University of Tokyo, UIC Yonsei, 2016. University of Antwerp, University of Pennsylvania, Bowling Green State University, 2014. University of Adelaide, Australian National University, Charles Sturt University, AAP, University of Auckland, University of New South Wales, Portland State University, University of California Santa Cruz, University of Nottingham, University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, University of Aberdeen, University of Stirling, University of Sheffield, Oxford University, Cardiff University, University College Dublin, University of Pennsylvania, Franklin & Marshall College, Swarthmore College, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Northern Illinois University, Kansas State University, Bridgewater State University, Brandeis University, Yale Moral Philosophy Group, College of William and Mary, 2013.

The value of philosophy in the age of Google (2): Weber State University, Boise State University, 2016.

Relativism (1): Concordia University

Desire, action, pleasure (2): University of Canterbury, 2016. University of Oklahoma, 2011.

Nietzschean pragmatism (2): National Chung Cheng University, 2016. Pacific APA, 2015.

The backward clock, truth tracking, and safety (1): Australasian Association of Philosophy, 2015.

Ethical reductionism (17): Zagreb Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, 2017. Creighton Club, 2014. University of Western Australia, University of California at San Diego, 2013. University of Erfurt, Naturalism and Normativity in the Social Sciences Conference, Nanyang Technological University, 2012. University of Texas at Austin, Southern Methodist University, University of Houston, University of Florida, UNC Metaethics Working Group, University of Cincinnati, University of Puget Sound, University of Tennessee, AAP, 2011.

Virtue, desire, and silencing reasons (5): University of Auckland, UNC Character Workshop, George Mason University, University of Virginia, Arizona State University, 2013.

Distinguishing belief and imagination (1): Salem State University, 2011.

Divine fine-tuning vs. electrons in love (10): Australian Catholic University, 2016. Kansas State University, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Old Dominion University, Biola University, Weber State University, University of Alabama-Birmingham, Syracuse University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Australasian Philosophy of Religion Association, 2011.

Why my pants are not subject to requirements of rationality (1): AAP-New Zealand, 2010.

Zarathustra's metaethics (18): Louisiana State University, 2015. Society for Exact Philosophy, Sacramento State University, San Francisco State University, 2014. University of New Mexico, Utah State University, 2013. University of Kansas, University of Miami, University of South Florida, DePauw University, University of Portland, Boise State University, University of Queensland, La Trobe University, University of Tasmania, 2011. University of Western Australia, Nietzsche's Postmoralism Conference, Northern Illinois University, 2010.

The desire/belief account of intention explains everything (15): University of Texas, Brandeis University, Northern Illinois University, 2013. Florida State University, University of Delaware, University of Maryland, Princeton Normative Workshop, University of Missouri St. Louis, Wayne State University, Georgetown University, 2011. Illinois State University, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, Tufts University, King's College London, 2010.

Unequal vividness and double effect (8): ANU Moral Psychology Group, 2013. Persons and their Brains, 2012. University of Illinois at Chicago, Michigan State University, 2011. University of Waikato, Macquarie University, University of New South Wales, University of Western Australia, 2009.

The gap between thought and ought (4): Illinois State University, Boise State University, 2011. University of Sydney, Australian National University, 2009.

Advantages of propositionalism (1): AAP-New Zealand, 2009.

The Humean theory of practical irrationality (6): University of Michigan, Oriel College Oxford, University of Illinois, University of Miami, University of Southern California, 2009. AAP, 2008.

The Humean theory of motivation reformulated & defended (3): Louisiana State University, National University of Singapore, 2008, Bowling Green State University, 2007.

Commentary on 'Eternal recurrence and nihilism', Nadeem Hussain (1): Nietzsche and Ethics, 2007.

Possible Girls (1): Possible worlds, 2005

Commentary on 'Nietzsche: perfectionist', Thomas Hurka (1): Moral Theory after Nietzsche, 2003.