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EDUCATION

PhD Student in Philosophy

Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Republic of Korea 2025–Present
Advisor: Seong Soo Park

M.A. in Philosophy

Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Republic of Korea 2021–2024
Master's Thesis: *A Critique of Benatar's Pessimism on the Meaning of Life*
Committee: Byeong Deok Lee (**Advisor**), Jeonggyu Lee (**Chair**), Min Seol

B.A. in History and Philosophy (Dual Major)

Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, Republic of Korea 2016–2021
Undergraduate Thesis: *Normal science of Kuhn and Feyerabend*
Advisor: Namjoong Kim

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of AI, Ethics

AREAS OF INTEREST

Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Epistemology

RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

- **Doctoral Student Research Fellowship**, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)
Project: A New Consideration of Consciousness Theories 2025–2027
Role: Principal Investigator (Funding: KRW 40,000,000)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- *Introduction to Philosophy* (Instructor: Song Ee Baek) Spring 2026
- *Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1* (Instructor: Sang Tae Park) Spring 2026
- *Philosophy of Culture* (Instructor: Arum Lee) Fall 2025
- *Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1* (Instructor: Sang Tae Park) Fall 2025
- *Critical Thinking* (Instructor: Jiho Hong) Spring 2025
- *Analytic Philosophy* (Instructor: Seong Soo Park) Spring 2025

- *Data Analysis and Situational Judgement* (Instructor: Jung Ha Park) 2021–2023
- *Topics in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (Instructor: Kee-Baek Rhee) Fall 2022
- *Ethics* (Instructor: Jeongok Cho) Spring 2022
- *Topics in Modern Philosophy* (Instructor: Phil-bae Park) Fall 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Third Prize**, *SKKU Research Matters*, Sungkyunkwan University 2022
Submission: “The Trolley Problem and the Value of Moral Philosophy”
- **Best Undergraduate Thesis Scholarship**, Dept. of Philosophy, Gyeongsang National University 2021
Submission: “Normal science of Kuhn and Feyerabend”
- **Second Prize**, *The 14th Book Review Competition*, Gyeongsang National University Library 2020
Book Reviewed: *Eichmann in Jerusalem* by Hannah Arendt
- **First Prize**, *Undergraduate Academic Essay Competition*, College of Humanities, GNU 2019
- **Second Prize**, *Undergraduate Student Paper Presentation Competition*, The 39th Int'l Conference on Chinese Studies, The Korea Society for Chinese Studies 2019
Submission: “The Process of Neo-Confucianism's Overcoming the Power Asymmetry in Sung Dynasty”
- **First Prize**, *Department of Philosophy Presentation Competition*, GNU 2019
Submission: “Aristotle's Concept of Happiness and its Controversy”

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **New Graduate School Excellence Scholarship (Type 1)**, Sungkyunkwan University 2025–Present
- **SimSan Scholarship**, Sungkyunkwan University 2022
- **Pioneer Scholarship for Academic Excellence**, Gyeongsang National University 2016–2021

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *Consciousness: A Very Short Introduction* (Susan Blackmore 2nd ed.), English to Korean Translation (In progress)
- “*The Paradox of Cultivating Political Emotions: Capability, Autonomy, and the Non-Bypass Condition*” (In preparation)
- “*A Variabilist Account of Real Names in Fiction*” (In preparation)

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The Tension between the Theory of Emotion and Liberalism in Nussbaum's Capabilities Approach” *Sungkyunkwan Suseon Philosophy Society Graduate Conference* June 2026
- “A Variabilist Account of Real Names in Fiction” *Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy (KSAP) Grad Student Division* February 2026
- “Philosophy of Psychiatry and Consciousness,” *Korean Association for Consciousness Sciences (KACS)* February 2024

GRADUATE COURSEWORK † indicates course audited

Philosophy of Mind, AI & Cognitive Science

- Philosophy of AI and Philosophy of Language of AI, Spring 2026
- Sellars's View of Perceptual Experience, Spring 2026
- †Mental Causation and Consciousness, Fall 2025
- Cognitive Science, Spring 2025
- Cognitive Psychology, Spring 2025
- †Belief, Imagination, and Action, Spring 2024

Philosophy of Language

- Philosophy of Fiction, Fall 2025
- Speech Acts, Speakers' Intentions, and Hearers' Uptakes, Spring 2025
- †Referential, Predicative, and Bound Uses of Names, Fall 2024
- The Syncretistic View of Fictional Entities, Fall 2023
- Propositional Attitude Reports and Referentialism, Spring 2022
- Truth in Fiction, Fall 2021
- Philosophy of Language, Fall 2021

Ethics & Value Theory

- Kantian Ethics, Fall 2025
- Virtue Ethics, Fall 2025
- Pessimism about the Meaning of Life, Spring 2022
- Trolley Problem, Fall 2021

Metaphysics

- Special Composition Question, Spring 2025
- †Metaphysics, Spring 2025
- Abstract and Concrete Artifacts, Spring 2023
- Ontology of Ordinary Objects, Fall 2022

Epistemology

- The Fittingness View of Good Reasoning, Spring 2023
- Normativity of Instrumental Rationality, Fall 2022

Philosophy of Science

- Explanation and Understanding, Spring 2026

Logic

- †Modal Logic, Fall 2022

History of Philosophy & Others

- Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1, Spring 2025
- Plato's Republic, Spring 2023
- Graduate Life and Research, Fall 2022
- Academic Writing and Research Ethics 1, Fall 2021