

# Daniel Sherman

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## Research Profile

Philosopher working on psychedelic experience, epistemology, and addiction. My research examines how psychedelic states generate psychological insight, alter interoceptive processing, and whether such insights can constitute genuine epistemic gain, particularly in the context of addiction treatment.

## Research Interests

- Philosophy of Psychedelics
- Addiction and Agency
- Philosophy of Mind
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of Psychiatry
- Cognitive Science of Altered States

## Education

**PhD in Philosophy (in progress), The University of Western Australia — 2025–present**

Supervisors: Chris Letheby, Nin Kirkham

Thesis: Psychedelic Experience and Transformation of the Addict

**Mandarin Training Center, National Taiwan Normal University — 2024**

Six-month intensive course reading, writing, and speaking Mandarin Chinese.

**MA in the Humanities (Philosophy), University of Chicago — 2023**

Advisor: Robert Richards

Dissertation: Psychedelic Experience and the Nature of Scientific Insight

**BA in English, Georgetown University — 1996**

Junior Year Abroad: Florence, Italy

## Fellowships & Funding

Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship, The University of Western Australia (2025–present). Includes full tuition offset and living stipend.

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship offered by the Republic of China. Includes full tuition support and stipend for six months of intensive language study.

## Teaching Experience

### **Workshop Instructor (Casual Teaching), Department of Philosophy, University of Western Australia — 2026–present**

Ethics in the Digital Age: leading workshops guiding undergraduate students through analysis and evaluation of philosophical arguments.

### **Substitute Teacher, New Trier Township High School District — Chicago Area (2024–2025)**

### **ESL Instructor, Columbia English Program — Taipei, Taiwan (2024)**

### **ESL Instructor, Chung Moon Institute — Seoul, Korea (1997)**

## Academic Visits

Visiting Scholar, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), Taiwan — December 2025

## Professional Experience

### **Founder and Director, The Trades & Wares Company — 1999-2022**

Built and operated an international trading company coordinating sales, manufacturing, logistics, and distribution across Europe, Asia, and North America. Led supplier relationships, negotiated international contracts, and provided technical training and cross-cultural communication across global markets.

## Languages

Italian — Fluent

Mandarin — Basic

## References

Matt Boyle — Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago

Robert Richards — Morris Fishbein Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago

Harriet de Wit — Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience, University of Chicago

John Pfordresher — Professor Emeritus of English, Georgetown University

Chris Letheby — Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Western Australia