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### Education

- 2019 - 2024      **PhD in Philosophy, University of New South Wales**  
Thesis title: "Epistemology Enlarged: Knowledge as Practice in Chinese and Western Philosophy"  
Supervisors: Prof. Karyn L. Lai, Prof. Stephen Hetherington, Prof. Huang Yong  
Funding: Scientia PhD Scholarship
- 2016 - 2018      **MPhil in Chinese Philosophy, Fudan University, PR China**  
Thesis title: "Zhu Xi's Ontology of Concrete Particulars"  
Funding: Chinese Government Scholarship
- 2014 - 2017      **MA in Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany**  
Thesis title: "The Affirmative Ideal"
- 2011 - 2014      **BA in History (minor in Philosophy), Free University Berlin, Germany**  
Thesis title: "The Failure of Spartan Foreign Policy"

### Publications

#### Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 2023      "Virtuous Actions in the Mengzi."  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 31 (1): 2-22  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2022.2101431>
- "Extending Kindness: A Confucian Account."  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 104 (3): 511-528  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/papq.12429>
- "Target-Centred Virtue Ethics: Aristotelian or Confucian?"  
*Inquiry* (co-authored with Prof. Philippe Brunozzi; advance online publication)  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2220125>
- 2022      "The Difference Between Ren and Yi: Mengzi's Anti-Guodianism at 6A4-5."  
*Sophia* (advance online publication)  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11841-022-00926-z>

## **Book chapters (peer-reviewed)**

- forth. "Knowing-to in Wang Yangming." In *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*, edited by Justin Tiwald. Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
(Accepted and in-print)
- 2023 "Epistemology in the *Mencius*." In *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Mencius*, edited by Yang Xiao and Kim-chong Chong, pp. 491-514. Cham: Springer.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-27620-0\\_25](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-27620-0_25)
- 2022 "The Epistemology of Mengzian Extension." In *Knowers and Knowledge in East-West Philosophy*, edited by Karyn L. Lai, 43-62. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-79349-4\\_3](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-79349-4_3)

## **Book reviews**

- 2023 "Doing What You Really Want: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mengzi." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 31 (1): 137-140.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2022.2121263>

## **Scholarships and Awards**

- 2023 UNSW HDR Research Output Award 2023
- 2022 UNSW HDR Research Output Award 2022
- 2021 UNSW HDR Research Output Award 2021
- 2019 UNSW Scientia PhD Scholarship  
Full doctoral funding (2019-2023) with additional Career Development Funds
- Travel Grant of the Free University of Berlin  
Awarded for conference travel
- 2016 Chinese Government Scholarship  
Full MA program funding (2016-2018), covering living costs and fees

## **Conference Presentations**

- 2023 Annual Conference of the British Society for the History of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, UK  
"Mengzian Knowledge Practicalism"

Dialogues on the States of the Field: Ethics in the Zhuangzi, Chinese University of Hong Kong, China  
"Zhuangzi is not a Moralist"

2022 22. International Conference of the ISCP, East China Normal University, China  
"The Practicality of Mengzian Intellectual Virtue"

Annual Conference of the British Society for the History of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, UK  
"Translating Epistemic Terms in Zhu Xi"

2022 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, USA  
"Benevolent Agency in the *Mengzi* and the Problem of 2A5"

2021 International Society of East Asian Philosophy Conference, Meiji University, Japan.  
"Virtuous Actions in the Mengzi"

2020 HAL Postgraduate Conference, UNSW, Australia  
"Dealing with Ancient Texts: Historical vs Rational Reconstruction"

2019 International Conference on Justice and Progress, Fudan University, China  
"Is Confucianism Globally Viable? Mengzi and Gaozi on Impartiality and Differentiated Care"

2018 12. International Conference on Daoist Studies, Beijing Normal University, China  
"Zhuangzi is not a Skeptic"

2017 3. International Symposium of the Yearbook for Eastern and Western Philosophy, Southwest Minzu University, Chengdu, China  
"Mengzi and Innate Moral Dispositions",

2016 3. Forum Junger Nietzscheforschung, Kolleg Friedrich Nietzsche, Weimar, Germany  
"Lebensbejahung als Gegenideal"

2015 21. International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, University of Hull, UK  
"Eternal Recurrence as a Nietzschean Ideal"

Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference 2015, Zagreb, Croatia  
"Global Ethics: In Search of Alternatives"

52. Ethics Conference of the Societas Ethica, University of Linköping, Sweden  
"Virtue Ethics as a Global Ethics"

KCL Graduate Philosophy Workshop, King's College London, UK  
"The Eternal Recurrence and Life Affirmation"

## Peer-review

- 2023 Referee for: *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy*  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- 2022 Referee for: *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*  
*Philosopher's imprint*
- 2020 Referee for: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy,*  
*Sophia*

## Misc. Academic Employment

- 2021 Research Officer (Casual Academic) to Prof. David Bronstein, UNSW  
Task: Work through medieval Aristotle commentaries written in Latin
- Grading of Research Essays  
For Prof. Karyn L. Lai's class on Chinese Philosophy (ARTS2363)
- 2020 Research Assistant (Casual Academic) to Prof. David Bronstein, UNSW  
Task: Work through secondary literature in German on Aristotle's Posterior Analytics
- 2019 Grading of Research Essays  
For Prof. Karyn L. Lai's class on Chinese Philosophy (ARTS2363)

## Languages

**Modern:** **German** and **Polish** (native), **English** (8.5 IELTS), **Mandarin** (intermediate)

**Ancient:** **Ancient Greek** (Awarded "Graecum" for passing the German state exams in 2016)  
**Latin** (Awarded "Latinum" for passing the German state exams in 2013)  
**Classical Chinese**