SE YONG BAE

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AREAS OF RESEARCH

AOS: Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Cognitive Science; Philosophy of Emotion; Moral Psychology

AOC: Epistemology; Philosophy of Science; Applied Ethics; Ancient Philosophy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Incoming Postdoctoral Researcher, Hebrew University of Jerusalem Expected 2027
Department of Philosophy; ISF project: The Normativity of Emotions

Volunteer Researcher, University of Missouri Fall 2026–
Department of Philosophy

Instructor of Record, University of the Incarnate Word Fall 2026
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Missouri May 2026
- Dissertation: Emotions, Emotion Concepts, and the Predictive Mind
- Advisors: Gualtiero Piccinini (co-chair), Philip Robbins (co-chair)

M.A. in Bioethics, New York University 2020
- Thesis: Moral Enhancement as a Justifiable Way to Pursue Morality; Advisor: Daniel Fogal

M.A. in Philosophy, Sogang University 2017
- Thesis: The Ontological Elucidation of the Notion of Motion (Kinesis); Advisor: Hunsang Chun

B.A. in Philosophy & Interdisciplinary Studies (PPE), Sogang University 2015

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

Bae, Se Yong. (2026). "Reconstructing Shame: An Identity-Level Predictive Processing Account." Review of Philosophy and Psychology. https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-026-00838-8

Bae, Se Yong. (2026). "What and How Emotions Represent: A Constructionist Predictive Processing Account." Erkenntnis. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-026-01070-7

Bae, Se Yong. (2025). "A Constructionist Predictive Processing Account of Anxiety." Synthese. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-05330-x

REVISE & RESUBMIT

"Animal Emotions and the Conceptual Mind: A Constructionist Account via Predictive Processing." Revise & Resubmit at Synthese.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

"Beyond Content and Attitude: A Predictive Processing Reframing of Emotional Representation"

"Embodied Cognition and the Emergence of Reason-Giving Practices"

"Evaluative Uptake and Epistemic Agency: A New Dimension of Epistemic Assessment"

"The Architecture of Agent-Centered Epistemic Assessment"

"The Explanatory Case for Epistemic Blaming Emotions"

"The Integration Problem for Affective Moral Epistemology"

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Against Content Without Correlation: A Critical Examination of Independent Structural Correspondence"
"Affective Agency and the Normativity of Emotional Processes"
"Social Cognition and Affective Experience"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of the Incarnate Word 2026

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2026)

Instructor of Record, University of Missouri 2022–2026

- Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- Introductory Bioethics (Summer 2024, Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- Ethical Issues in Business (Spring 2023)
- The Meaning of Life (Fall 2022)

Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri 2020–2024

- Rights and Wrongs (Spring 2024)
- Environmental Ethics (Spring 2022)
- How to Think (Spring 2021)
- Medical Ethics (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)

Teaching Assistant, Sogang University 2016

- The History of Pre-Qin and Han Philosophy (Fall 2016)
- Special Lecture on Chinese Philosophy (Fall 2016)
- Bioethics (Spring 2016)
- History of Korean Philosophy (Spring 2016)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"A Constructionist Predictive Processing Account of Anxiety"
APA Pacific Division Meeting | Apr 2026
"Animal Emotions and the Conceptual Mind: A Constructionist Account via Predictive Processing"
Iowa Philosophical Society Annual Meeting | Nov 2025
"What Emotions Represent: A Constructionist Predictive Processing Account"
MindMU | Nov 2024
"Too Far for Animals: Kant's Kingdom of Ends"
31st Annual APPE Conference | Feb 2022
"Moral Enhancement as a Justifiable Way to Pursue Morality"
Roman Ingarden and Our Times – International Philosophical Congress | Apr 2021
"Moral Enhancement as a Justifiable Way to Pursue Morality"
Enhancement: Cognitive, Moral and Mood (Wellcome/CSB) | Mar 2021

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Kline Fellowship, University of Missouri 2022–2023
CGPH Bioethics Scholarship, New York University 2018–2019
BrainKorea21Plus Scholarship, Sogang University 2016
Academic and Honors Scholarships, Sogang University 2013–2016

RESEARCH & SERVICE

Referee for Academic Journals 2026–

- Philosophical Psychology; Synthese

Research Assistant, Institute of Philosophy, Sogang University 2015–2016

- Assisted in publishing Philosophical Papers, Vols. 41–44 (in Korean); organized conferences

Participant, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), University of Missouri 2024–2026

- Participated in workshops on inclusive teaching and accessibility

READING GROUPS

Philosophy & Theology Reading Group (Kenneth Boyce), University of Missouri 2025
AI & Philosophy Reading Group, University of Missouri 2024–2025
French Phenomenology Reading Group, Sogang University 2016
Zeno's Paradoxes Reading Group, Sogang University 2015

REFERENCES

Gualtiero Piccinini, Professor, University of Missouri | piccininig@missouri.edu
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Kenneth Boyce, Associate Professor, University of Missouri | boyceka@missouri.edu
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