

# Ning Fan

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## Employment

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| <b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b>           | Sep 2025–Present |
| National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan, ROC) |                  |

## Education

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| <b>PhD in Philosophy</b>                 | May 2025 |
| University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA) |          |

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| <b>MA in Philosophy</b>                     | Jun 2019 |
| National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan, ROC) |          |

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| <b>BA in Philosophy</b>                     | Jun 2016 |
| National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan, ROC) |          |
| Second Specialty: Chinese Literature        |          |

## Areas of Specialization and Competence

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**AOS:** Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind  
**AOC:** Metaphysics, Applied Ethics (esp. AI Ethics)

## Publications

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1. **Solving the Puzzle of Forever Fitting Emotions: Justifying and Requiring Reasons** *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).
  2. **Fittingness and the Nature of Trustworthiness** *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (forthcoming).
  3. **An Abductive Argument for the Badness of Death** *Philosophia* (forthcoming).
  4. **Why AI Is Not an Epistemic Authority Regarding Our Own Minds** *Erkenntnis* (forthcoming).
  5. **Two Kinds of Arguments Against the Fittingness of Fearing Death** *Journal of Value Inquiry* 60(2): 327–341, (2026).
  6. **Explainability Is Necessary for AI's Trustworthiness** *Philosophy & Technology* 38(1): 1–5, (2025).
  7. **Achievements, Free Will, and Meaning in Life** (with David Palmer) *Synthese* 204(5): 1–19, (2024).
  8. **Why Avowals Must be Assertions** *Philosophical Investigations* 46(2): 221–239, (2023).

9. **Transparent Self-Knowledge of Attitudes and Emotions: A Davidsonian Attempt**  
*International Philosophical Quarterly* 61(3): 275–284, (2021).

#### **Awards**

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**Chen-hung Lin Postgraduate Outstanding Publication Award** Jun 2025  
Taiwan Association for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology  
& Yin Hai-Kuang Academic Foundation (Taiwan)

**Excellence in Graduate Research** Apr 2025  
Graduate Student Senate, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

**Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (TOP Grants)** Aug 2023–Jul 2024  
National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan)

**Richard Aquila Graduate Student Essay Prize** Mar 2021  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

**Da-Chin Memorial Scholarship—Master’s Thesis Prize** Jan 2021  
Graduate Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)

**The Second Prize of Master’s Thesis Award** Dec 2020  
Taiwan Philosophical Association (Taiwan)

**Herman E. Spivey Humanities Graduate Fellowship** Apr 2020  
The Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

**Graduate Excellence Fellowship** Apr 2020  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (USA)

#### **Talks**

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**Epicureanism and the Morality of Killing**  
Department of Philosophy, Soochow University, Taiwan. May 13, 2026.

**An Abductive Argument against Epicureanism about Death**  
Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan. March 11, 2026.

**The Normative Account of Ignorance Revisited**  
Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan. November 5, 2025.

**The Puzzle of Forever Fitting Emotions**  
Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University, Taiwan. October 13, 2025.