Curriculum Vitae of
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Employment

University of Colorado, Boulder
>Lecturer, August 2023 - *present*

Lingnan University

>Honorary Associate Professor of Philosophy, August 2022 – August 2023

>Associate Professor of Philosophy, August 2015 – July 2022.

>Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2009 – August 2015.

Education

Princeton University – Ph.D. in Philosophy, July 2009

University of California, Berkeley – B.A. in Philosophy, with honors, May 2002

Research and Teaching Interests

Areas of Specialization: Metaethics, Moral Psychology, Ethics

Areas of Competence: Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Ethics of AI and Data Science, Ethics and Epistemology of Mass Media

Fellowships and Grants

Hong Kong Research Grants Council General Research Fund Grant: 'Skepticism about Practical Reason' – January 2021 - December 2022 (*terminated in July 2022 when I left my full-time position at Lingnan University*)

Hong Kong Research Grants Council General Research Fund Grant: 'Expressivism about Modals and Reasoning' (with Jack Woods, University of Leeds) – January 2019 - December 2019

Lingnan University Knowledge Transfer Project Fund: 'Education Outreach: Lecture and Workshop Series' (with Simon Goldstein and Dan Waxman) – June 2018 - August 2019

Lingnan University Faculty Sabbatical Approved for a Semester-Long Research Project in Metaethics – September 2018 - December 2018

Hong Kong Research Grants Council Early Career Scheme Grant: 'Autonomy as Self-Interpretation' – Jan 2013 - Dec 2014

Princeton University Center for Human Values Graduate Fellowship – AY 2008 - 2009

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Handling Rejection," (coauthored with Jack Woods) *Philosophical Studies* 180 (2023): 159 – 190.

"Deflating the Many Attitudes Problem," *Philosophical Quarterly* 72 (2022): 1-18.

Articles and Chapters, *continued*

"If You're Quasi-Explaining, You're Quasi-Losing," *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 16, (ed.) R. Shafer-Landau, Oxford University Press (2022): 54-80.

"Quasirealism as Semantic Dispensability," *Philosophical Studies* 178 (2021): 2313-33.

"Skepticism about Ought *Simpliciter,*" *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 13, (ed.) R. Shafer-Landau, Oxford University Press (2018): 230-52.

"Expression and Guidance in Schroeder's Expressivist Semantics," *Erkenntnis* 83 (2018): 829-52.

"The Varieties of Normativity," in *The Routledge Handbook of Metaethics,* (eds.) T. McPherson and D. Plunkett, Routledge (2017): 567-81.

"The Verdictive Organization of Desire," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 47 (2017): 589-612.

"Deliberators Must Be Imperfect," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93 (2016): 321-47.

"Intuitions about Disagreement Do Not Support the Normativity of Meaning," *dialectica* 70 (2016): 65-84.

"On Rationally Valuing One's Life," special issue of *Asian Bioethics Review,* (ed.) B. Steinbock, 8 (2016): 1-16.

"Why Transparency Undermines Economy," *Synthese* 192 (2015): 3037-3050.

"Akrasia and the Problem of the Unity of Reason," *Ratio* 28 (2015): 65-80.

"How Expressivists Can and Should Explain Inconsistency," (coauthored with Jack Woods) *Ethics* 125 (2015): 391-424.
 * Topic of an online symposium at PEA Soup (www.peasoup.typepad.com) with critical *précis* by Mark Schroeder, January 2015.

"The Abductive Case for Humeanism over Quasi-Perceptual Theories of Desire," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 8 (2014): 1-29.

"Knowing Yourself—and Giving up on Your Own Agency in the Process," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90 (2012): 641-56.

"Ambivalent Desires and the Problem with Reduction," *Philosophical Studies* 150 (2010): 37-47.

Discussion Notes

"Comments on Victor Tadros's 'Treatment and Accountability,'" *Lanson Lectures in Bioethics (2016-2022): Assisted Suicide, Responsibility, and Pandemic Ethics*, (ed.) H.L. Li, Palgrave-MacMillan, forthcoming.

Book Reviews

Free Will and Action Explanation, by Scott Sehon, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 96 (2018): 411-13.

Motivational Internalism, eds. G. Björnsson, C. Strandberg, R. Francén Olinder, J. Eriksson, and F. Björklund, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94 (2016): 814-16.

Selected Works in Progress

"Mandatory Retirement and Arbitrary Power," under review.

"Online Shaming and Freedom of Speech," in progress.

"Why Should I—If You Can't Explain Normativity?" in progress.

Miscellaneous

Author's Discussion of "Skepticism about Ought *Simpliciter*" with Ohio State University Graduate Seminar, Normative Realism and Normative Authority, instructed by Tristram McPherson, February 2018. (Discussion conducted via Skype.)

Comments on Derek Shiller's "The Unity of the Moral Attitudes," Third Annual Minds Online Conference, at *Philosophy of Brains, http://mindsonline.philosophyofbrains.com/minds-online-2017-program/,* September 2017.

"Why Bad People Will Find It Hard to Be Patriotic," featured philosophers post at *PEA Soup, http://peasoup.us/2017/08/bad-people-will-find-hard-patriotic-featured-philosopher-derek-baker/,* August 2017.
   * One of the five most-viewed *PEA Soup* featured-philosopher, NPDR, or journal discussions for 2017 (http://peasoup.us/2017/12/top-viewed-2017-posts-teaser-upcoming-kit-wellman-forum/).

Discussion of "How Expressivists Can and Should Explain Inconsistency," *Ethics* discussions at *PEA Soup*, (with Jack Woods, and a critical *precis* by Mark Schroeder), http://peasoup.typepad.com/peasoup/2015/01/ethics-discussions-at-pea-soup-baker-and-woods-how-expressivists-can-and-should-explain-inconsistency-with-precis-by-schroede.html, January 2015.

Presentations

"The Autonomy of the Ethical and Moral Progress"
   –Frankfurt School of Finance and Management Philosophy Seminar, June 2023.

"Why Should I—If You Can't Explain Normativity?"
   –Joint Lingnan University-University of Hong Kong-National University of Singapore philosophy seminar (online seminar).

"Mandatory Retirement Policies Are Ageist"
   –The Chinese University of Hong Kong Online Conference on Age Discrimination and Mandatory Retirement, December 2020 (online seminar).

"Moral Rabbit, Hobbesian Hat"
   –University of Leeds, School of Philosophy Public Seminar, November 2020 (online seminar).

"Deliberation without Authority"
   –SNUIP Conference: Normativity in Philosophy, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, January 2020.
   –Tokyo Workshop on Agency and Rationality, University of Tokyo, Japan, December 2019.

Presentations, *continued*

"A Real Marketplace of Ideas Will Constrain Speech—and That's a Good Thing"
    –Murphy Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Seminar, Tulane University, Louisiana, USA, September 2019.

"If You're Quasi-Explaining, You're Quasi-Losing"[*]
    –14th Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September 2019.
    –Wuhan University International Conference on Explanation in Philosophy, Wuhan, China, May 2019.

"Reasoning without an Object, and the Advantages of WEIRD Morality"
    –Political Philosophy Workshop, Sun Yatsen University, Zhuhai Campus, Zhuhai China, May 2019.

"Are Desires Presentations of Value?"
    – 3rd International Conference on Natural Cognition, University of Macau, Macau, November 2018.

"Mill, the Freedom to Sanction, and Freedom from Sanction"
    – International Workshop on Mill and Punishment: Themes from the Work of C.L. Ten, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, October 2018.

"Metaethical Contextualism and the Dispositional Theory of Value"
    – The Ohio State University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 2018.
    – University of Kansas, Philosophy Department Public Lecture, October 2018.

"Dynamic Expressivism, van Roojen's Problem, and the Unity of Negation"
    – Lingnan University Public Philosophy Seminar, February 2018.
    – Wuhan University Public Philosophy Lecture, May 2017.
    – Bowling Green State University Public Philosophy Seminar, January 2017.

Comments on Spencer Case's "Is Nihilism Self-Defeating?"
    – American Philosophical Association Colloquium, Eastern Division, Savannah, January 2018.

"The Guise of the Good, Sympathetic Intelligibility, and the Limits of Charity"
    – Third Annual Taiwan Metaphysics Conference, National Taiwan University, November 2017.

"Skepticism about Ought *Simpliciter*"
    – Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, North Carolina, September 2016.

"Handling Rejection" (coauthored with Jack Woods)
    – Lingnan Expressivism Conference, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, June 2016.

"The Humean Normative Project"
    – Bowling Green State University Public Philosophy Seminar, Ohio, January 2016.
    – Rice University Public Seminar, Houston, Texas, January 2016.
    – University of Hong Kong Public Philosophy Seminar, September 2015.

"Self-Reflection and the Verdictive Organization of Desires"
    – University of Macau Conference on Rationality and Its Rivals, Macau, December 2015.
    – National University of Singapore Public Philosophy Seminar, March 2014.

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[*] *Refereed Presentation.*

Presentations, *continued*

"Explanation and Instrumentalism"
  – National Taiwan University, Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, November 2015.
  – Global Themes in Naturalism: International Workshop in Honor of Chad Hansen, National University of Singapore, June 2011.

"On Rationally Valuing One's Life"
  – The Chinese University of Hong Kong Centre for Bioethics Workshop on Dying Well: Physician Assisted Suicide, Voluntary Euthanasia, and Advance Directives, November 2015.

"Negation as an Attitude Modifier"
  – Trinity College Dublin Philosophy Seminar, July 2015.

"Legislative versus Judicial Models of Self-Knowledge"
  – University College Dublin Philosophy Seminar, May 2015.

"Verdictive Rationalism about Self-Knowledge"
  – UNESCO World Philosophy Day Conference, Bilkent University, Ankara, November 2014.
  – Australasian Association of Philosophy, Australia National University, Canberra, July 2014.
  – Yonsei Philosophy Summer Conference, Yonsei International Campus, Seoul, June 2014.

"Why Response-Dependent Accounts of Normative Properties Can and Must Idealize"
  – Yonsei University Work-in-Progress Seminar, Seoul, November 2014.
  – University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, November 2014.
  – University of Melbourne Public Seminar, October 2014.

"Intuitions about Disagreement Do Not Support the Normativity of Meaning"
  – American Philosophical Association Colloquium, Pacific Division, San Diego, April 2014.

Discussion of Draft Chapters for *An Almost Unified Theory of the Self* (book project)
  – National University of Singapore, Moral Psychology Reading Group, March 2014.

"Why Should I—If You Can't Explain Normativity?"
  – Conference on Metaethics and Grounding, Bogazici University, Istanbul, October 2013.
  – Virginia Tech Philosophy Colloquium October 2013.
  – Australia National University MSPT Seminar, September 2013.
  – University of Western Australia Public Seminar, September 2013.

"Omniscient Agents Might Be Conceptually Impossible"
  – University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, October 2012.
  – The Chinese University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, May 2012.

"Inconsistent Attitudes and Inconsistent Contents: A Defense of B-type Inconsistency" (coauthored with Jack Woods)
  – Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2012.

"How to Reconcile Devitt's Obviously Correct Position on the Psychology of Know How with the Semantics of Stanley and Williamson"
  – Conference on the Work of Michael Devitt, Lingnan University, May 2012.

"Why You Should Lack Parfit's Concept of a Reason (or a Defense of Analytic Subjectivism)"
  – University of Miami Public Colloquium, October 2011.

Presentations, *continued*

Comments on Dale Dorsey's "The Supererogatory: How to Accommodate It"
  – Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2010.
"Knowing Yourself, and Giving Up on Your Own Agency in the Process"
  – Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2010.
  – Hong Kong University, February 2010.
"The Strength of Desire, Reflection, and the Formation of the Will"
  – The Chinese University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, February 2009.
"Ambivalence and Consistency"
  – Australasian Association of Philosophy, La Trobe University, Melbourne, July 2008.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses Taught at Lingnan

Final-Year Research Seminar (Topic: Evolution and Ethics) – Required seminar for final-year students, teaching skills for conducting independent research and completing a research paper.

Ethics: East and West – Introductory class in Ethics and Comparative Philosophy (Western, Chinese, and some Buddhist moral philosophy) for intended majors.

Philosophy of Law – Elective course on basic issue in Philosophy of Law.

Information, Misinformation and Mass Media – Cluster course on social epistemology and current issues with mass media (including conspiracy theories and media polarization).

Bioethics – Elective course on problems in biomedical ethics.

Applied Ethics – Elective course on problems in applied ethics.

Theory and Practice of Autonomy – Advanced course on the nature of autonomy, practical identification, freedom, and responsibility.

Western Political Philosophy – Survey course providing students with an overview of the key debates in Western political philosophy.

Advanced Western Ethics (previously *Ethics: the Western Tradition*) – Survey course providing students with an overview of the key philosophical problems of the Western ethical tradition and their historical development.

Theories of Justice – Advanced course on Political Philosophy, covering both key figures in the history of political thought and contemporary problems in political philosophy.

Schopenhauer and Nietzsche – Advanced course in history of philosophy.

Understanding Morality – Introductory general education course in moral philosophy.

Understanding Knowledge – Introduction to epistemology for non-majors.

Value Theory – Advanced course in contemporary metaethics.

Undergraduate Research Projects

– Chris Chung Yu Hin, "Deliberative Democracy versus Representative Democracy," AY 2021 – 2022.
– Rayne Sullivan, "Limits to Justifying Punishment," AY 2021 – 2022.
– James Lam Cho Kwan, "Moral Skepticism," AY 2020 – 2021.
– Ned Wan Kwai Ho, "Expressivism and Wishful Thinking," AY 2020 – 2021.
– Kitty Tang Hau Ying, "An Empirical Account: Rejecting the Dogmatic All-or-None Picture of Responsibility for Emotions," AY 2018 – 2019.
– Chai Randan, "Defending Democracy against Epistocracy," AY 2017 – 2018.
– Ogre Lam Dao Yau, "Moral Darwinism and Altruistic Behaviour," AY 2016 – 2017.
– William Chan Wai Chuen, "The Self in Liberalism and Communitarianism," AY 2015 – 2016.
– Choy Tsz Chun, "Rawls on Public Political Culture," AY 2013 – 2014.
– Ip Ka Ho, "The Nature of Personal Integrity," AY 2011 – 2012.
– Ng Suet Yi, "Forgiveness as a Loving Attitude," AY 2011 – 2012.

Master of Arts Teaching

Media Ethics – Course on media ethics, with a focus on the ethics of arts, entertainment, and advertising.

Decision and Rational Choice – Course on decision theory and its applications to issues in philosophy.

Schopenhauer and Nietzsche – Course in history of philosophy.

Graduate Supervision

Primary Supervisor for

– Wai Sing Fook
MPhil Candidate, September 2021 – July 2022. (*Transferred to new supervisor after I gave up my full-time position at Lingnan University.*)

– Kenny Kong Chun Yin
MPhil Candidate, September 2021 – present. In progress.

– Kyle York
PhD Candidate, January 2019 – December 2020 (left program to pursue PhD at University of Colorado, Boulder).

– Zhang Jian
PhD Candidate, *Morality and Reason in Sociobiology and Ethics,* September 2018 – June 2020 (left program to pursue PhD at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore).

– Wang Zheng
MPhil Thesis, *A Defense of Subjectivism about Normative Reasons,* September 2018 – August 2020. Completed.

– Ezechiel Thibaud
PhD Candidate, *Republican Autonomy: Extending Freedom as Non-Domination*, September 2017 – December 2020. Completed.

Graduate Supervision, *continued*

      – Emile Chan Chun Nam
       MPhil Thesis, *Neo-Sentimentalism and the Bodily Attitude Theory of Emotions*, September 2014 –
       October 2016. Completed.

      – Choy Tsz Chun
       MPhil Thesis, *The Two Faces of Equality*, September 2014 – September 2016. Completed.
       Exam committee decided thesis was "outstanding."

Exam Committee Member for

      – Chan Chi Yin, Lingnan University MPhil Thesis, *The Distinction Problem of Self-Deception*,
       April 2021.
      – Chau Ho Yan, Lingnan University MPhil Thesis (History), *Cold War Strategies, Immigration
       Reform, and "Assimilationism": A Study of U.S. Policies towards Japanese War Brides*, June 2018.
      – Wang Qin, University of Hong Kong PhD Dissertation, *Taste Versus Moral Fiction*, August
       2017.
      – Lam Hung Nin, Lingnan University MPhil Thesis, *The Nature of Intuitions: What Theories of
       Intuition Ought to Be*, May 2015.

Professional Service

Associate Editor, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, March 2012 – July 2022.

Referee for Oxford University Press,[*] Analysis,[*] Ethics, Noûs,[*] Mind, Philosophy and
      Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Studies,[*] Australasian Journal of Philosophy,[*]
      Philosophical Quarterly,[*] Synthese,[*] Canadian Journal of Philosophy,[*] Journal of Ethics and
      Social Philosophy,[*] Erkenntnis,[*] Journal of Moral Philosophy, Ethical Theory and Moral
      Practice, Social Theory and Practice,[*] Journal of the American Philosophical Association,
      Philosophical Papers, Minds Online Conference, Grazer Philosophische Studien,
      Philosophical Psychology, Acta Analytica, Routledge,[*] Journal of Aesthetics and Art
      Criticism, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Philosophical Research.

Member, American Philosophical Association, Fall 2008 – present.

Co-organizer, Lingnan Expressivism Conference, June 2016.

Co-organizer, Hong Kong Metaethics Conference at Lingnan University, May 2013.

Service to University and Department

Associate Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, August 2020 – July 2022.

Faculty of Arts Representative, Academic Senate, September 2021 – July 2022.

Chair, Committee for Preparing the Five-Year Departmental Review, August 2020 – May 2021.

Mentor, to Assistant Professor Dan Waxman, January 2018 – June 2020.

Mentor, to Assistant Professor Dan Marshall, September 2016 – June 2021.

Member, Postgraduate Admissions Committee, September 2018 – September 2020.

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[*] *Multiple times refereeing.*

Service to University and Department, *continued*

Faculty Representative, University Core Curriculum and General Education Committee, September 2019 – August 2020.

Chair, Department Committee on Research Impact, September 2018 – December 2019.

Department Representative, University Grants Council, Research Funding (R-portion) Focus Group, August 2019.

Member, Subcommittee for Designing Final Year Undergraduate Research Seminar, September 2018 – November 2018.

Member, Academic Committee for Lingnan Community College and Lingnan Institute for Further Education, September 2017 – August 2018.

Member, Subcommittee for Designing "Ethics East and West" course, September 2017 – August 2018.

Seminar Coordinator, Department of Philosophy Public Seminars, September 2017 – August 2018.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, AY 2016 - 2017.

Departmental Core Curriculum Course Coordinator, October 2013 – August 2017.

Faculty of Arts Representative, University Academic Senate, September 2015 – August 2017.

Panel Member, Office of Mainland and Internationalisation Programme Interview Panel, September 2015 – August 2017.

Representative of the Dean of Arts, Undergraduate Examinations Board, September 2015 – June 2016.

Philosophy Department Representative, University Taskforce for the Four-year Curriculum, September 2015 – April 2016.

Moderator, Report on Examination Questions and Answers (Before Examination) for Associate Degree and Higher Diploma Programmes, April 2016.

Member, Departmental Committee on Revising Philosophy Journal List, September 2015 – January 2016.

Acting Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, December 2015 – January 2016.

Department Library Liaison, AY 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Department Representative, the Research and Postgraduate Studies Committee in Arts, AY 2014/15.

Panel Member, the Research Proposal Scoring Panel in the Arts, AY 2014/15.

Panel Member, Interview Committee for Post of Visiting Senior Lecturer/Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, May 2014.

Search Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee, AY 2013/14.

Course Coordinator, Understanding Morality, March 2011 – October 2013.

Seminar Coordinator, Philosophy Public Seminars, AY 2012/13.

Panel Member, Admission Panel for Postgraduate Programme, AY 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Panel Member, Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee, Spring 2010.

Faculty of Arts Representative, Task Force on Definitions for Academic Quality Assurance, AY 2009/10.

Secretary, Lingnan Philosophy Department, AY 2009/10.