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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Political Philosophy

AREA OF COMPETENCE

Decision theory

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh (2023–)

Ph.D. in Philosophy

University of California, Berkeley (2021–2022)

Visiting Student in Philosophy

Fudan University (2019–2023)

B.A. in Philosophy (with *Dean's Prize for overall best performance*)

Thesis: "The Structure of Political Normativity: A Proposal"

Advisor: Tongdong Bai

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

"An Intrapersonal Nonidentity Paradox." (Draft available)

"Risky Prospects, Incommensurable Value, and Betterness-for-Reasons" (Draft available)

"Superiority and Tail Discounting in Population Axiology." (In progress)

PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

"Risky Prospects, Incommensurable Lives, and Betterness-for-Reasons."

Formal Ethics 2024 at the University of Greifswald (July 2024)

"An Intrapersonal Nonidentity Paradox."

17th Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference at Brown University (Feb 2024)

Comment on Calvin Baker, "Non-Archimedean Population Axiologies."

16th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Jul 2023)

"The Nexus of Political Normativity, and How to Argue For It."

1st Beijing International Graduate Conference in Analytic Philosophy (Jan 2023)

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

Arts and Sciences Fellowship (University of Pittsburgh, 2023–)
Dean's Prize (Fudan University, 2023)
awarded annually to one student in philosophy in a graduating class
Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) Fellowship (Penn State, 2022)
Shanghai Government Scholarship (Fudan University, 2019)
Hui-Chun Chin and Tsung-Dao Lee Chinese Undergraduate Research Endowment (Fudan, 2023)
awarded to support a year-long research project in political philosophy

COURSEWORK (* = audit)

History

*Hegel (John McDowell, Pittsburgh)
Aristotle (Jed Lewinsohn & Jacob Rosen, Pittsburgh)
Thought, Character, and Action in Aristotle (Timothy Clarke, Berkeley)

Theoretical

*Formal Methods in Philosophy (Krzysztof Mierzewski, Carnegie Mellon)
Metaphysics-Epistemology Core (Kate Stanton, Pittsburgh)
Philosophy of Science Core (Robert Batterman, Pittsburgh)
Decision Theory (Sven Neth, Pittsburgh)
Independent Study: Social Choice Theory (Sven Neth, Pittsburgh)
Advanced Logic (Douglas Blue, Pittsburgh)

Practical

Ethics Core (Japa Pallikkathayil, Pittsburgh)
Making up Selves (Jennifer Whiting, Pittsburgh)
*Workshop in Law, Philosophy & Political Theory: (Joshua Cohen & Veronique Munoz-Darde,
"A Theory of Justice Fifty Years On" Berkeley)
Social Philosophy (Jed Lewinsohn, Pittsburgh)

SERVICE

Graduate student mentor for Open Doors Philosophy Academy (2024)
Prospective Student Visit Organizer (2024)
Reviewer for Pittsburgh-CMU Graduate Conference (2023)

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Essays

“Time Travel, Personal Identity, and What Matters in Survival” (to appear)
in *Back to the Future and Philosophy*, ed. Joshua Heter and Richard Greene (McFarland and Co.)

Translations

Debra Satz (2010). *Why Something Should Not Be for Sale: The Moral Limits of Market*.
Chinese translation at Zhejiang Renmin Press (2023).

Graham Oppy & Nick Trakakis, ed. (2016) *The History of Western Philosophy of Religion*, Volume III.
Chinese translation at Shanghai Sanlian Bookstore (forthcoming).

Miranda Fricker. (2008) *Epistemic Injustice*.
in progress

SKILLS

Languages: English (fluent), Chinese (native), Python (basic), French (beginner), Latin (beginner)

Last Updated: April 2024