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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Political Philosophy

AREA OF COMPETENCE

Decision Theory, Social Choice 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

[a paper on nonidentity] (Draft available)

[a paper on moral decision-making under uncertainty] (Draft available)

[a paper on population axiology] (In progress)

PRESENTATIONS

“Risky Prospects, Incommensurable Lives, and Betterness-for-Reasons”

Pacific APA (April 2025; scheduled)

Formal Ethics 2024 (July 2024)

“An Intrapersonal Nonidentity Paradox”

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

Central APA (Feb 2025; scheduled)

“The Nexus of Political Normativity, and How to Argue For It”

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

Comments

On Patrick McKee, “The Unhappy Conclusion”
Eastern APA (Jan 2025; scheduled)

On Tom Dougherty, “Fact-Relative and Evidence-Relative Rights against Harm”
Michael R. Bennett Memorial Philosophy Workshop (Oct 2024)

On Calvin Baker, “Non-Archimedean Population Axiologies”
16th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Jul 2023)

TEACHING

As Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2024)

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)
Independent Study: Sidgwick	(Jennifer Whiting, Pittsburgh)
Thought, Character, and Action in Aristotle	(Timothy Clarke, Berkeley)

Theoretical

*Formal Methods in Philosophy	(Krzysztof Mierzewski, Carnegie Mellon)
Decision Theory	(Sven Neth, Pittsburgh)
Advanced Logic	(Douglas Blue, Pittsburgh)

Practical

Making up Selves	(Jennifer Whiting, Pittsburgh)
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*Workshop in Law, Philosophy & Political Theory: (Joshua Cohen & Veronique Munoz-Darde,
“A Theory of Justice Fifty Years On” Berkeley)
Hume on Artificial Virtues (Jed Lewinsohn, Pittsburgh)
Independent Study: Formal Ethics & Social Choice (Sven Neth, 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

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*.
Chinese translation at Zhejiang Renmin Press (forthcoming).

SKILLS

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

Last Updated: September 2024