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CURRICULUM VITAE

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, Metaethics, Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Logic

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, 2022-

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Hong Kong, 2018-2022

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Hong Kong, 2014-2018

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University, 2012-2014

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2011-2012

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2011

M.A., Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007

M.A., Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, 2005

B.A., Philosophy, Whitman College, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Truthmaking, Cambridge Elements in Metaphysics, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

A Theory of Truthmaking: Metaphysics, Ontology, and Reality, Cambridge University Press, 2020. *doi.org/10.1017/9781108759465*

The Primitivist Theory of Truth, Cambridge Studies in Philosophy, Cambridge University Press, 2013. *doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139856003*

Articles

Arne Næss's Experiments in Truth, *Erkenntnis*, forthcoming. *doi.org/10.1007/s10670-022-00544-8*

Deflationism, Truth, and Desire, *Ratio*, forthcoming. *doi.org/10.1111/rati.12335*

Something is True, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming. *doi.org/10.1111/phpr.12836*

Replies to Critics, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, 1(1:17), 1-15, June 2022. *doi.org/10.1007/s44204-022-00019-1*

Ecumenical Truthmaking: A Précis of *A Theory of Truthmaking*, *Asian Journal of Philosohy*, 1(1:3), 1-5, June 2022. *doi.org/10.1007/s44204-021-00004-0*

The Best Thing about the Deflationary Theory of Truth, *Philosophical Studies*, 179(1), 109-131, January 2022. *doi.org/10.1007/s11098-021-01653-w*

TRUTH: A Concept Unlike Any Other, *Synthese* 198(Supplement issue 2), S605-S630, February 2021. *doi.org/10.1007/s11229-017-1661-z*

Truthmakers against Correspondence, *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 97(2), 271-293, June 2020. *doi.org/10.1163/18756735-000092*

Truth(making) by Convention, *American Philosophical Quarterly* 57(2), 117-127, April 2020. *jstor.org/stable/48570842*

Deflating Deflationary Truthmaking, with Sam Baron, *Philosophical Quarterly* 70(278), 1-21, January 2020. *doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqz036*

Going Local: A Defense of Methodological Localism about Scientific Realism, *Synthese* 196(2), 587-609, February 2019. *doi.org/10.1007/s11229-016-1072-6*

The Role of Truth in Psychological Science, *Theory and Psychology* 28(3), 382-397, June 2018. *doi.org/10.1177/0959354317752875*

We Don't Need No Explanation, *Philosophical Studies* 175(4), 903-921, April 2018. *doi.org/10.1007/s11098-017-0898-1*

Putting Pluralism in its Place, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 96(1), 175-191, January 2018. *doi.org/10.1111/phpr.12303*

Run Aground: Kit Fine's Critique of Truthmaker Theory, *Philosophical Quarterly* 67(268), 443-463, July 2017. *doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqw072*

The Facts About Truthmaking: An Argument for Truthmaker Necessitarianism, *Ergo* 3(18), 493-500, 2016. *doi.org/10.3998/ergo.12405314.0003.018*

Logic and/of Truthmaking, in *Structural Analysis of Non-Classical Logics: The Proceedings of the Second Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium*, edited by Syraya Chin-Mu Yang, Duen-Min Deng, and Hanti Lin, 37-55, Heidelberg, Springer, 2016. *doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-48357-2*

Epistemicism and the Liar, *Synthese* 192(3), 679-699, March 2015. *doi.org/10.1007/s11229-014-0596-x*

A Modest Defense of Manifestationalism, with S. Seth Bordner, *Synthese* 192(1), 147-161, January 2015. *doi.org/10.1007/s11229-014-0556-5*

The Hard Road to Presentism, with Sam Baron, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 95(3), 314-355, September 2014. *doi.org/10.1111/papq.12029*

Against Truth, *Erkenntnis* 79(1), 147-164, February 2014. *doi.org/10.1007/s10670-013-9483-y*

Primitive Truth, *dialectica* 67(4), 503-519, December 2013. *doi.org/10.1111/1746-8361.12041*

Truthmaking for Modal Skeptics, *Thought* 2(4), 303-312, December 2013. *doi.org/10.1002/tht3.95*

Tarski and Primitivism About Truth, *Philosophers' Imprint* 13(17), 1-18, August 2013. *hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.3521354.0013.017*

Three Paradigms of Scientific Realism: A Truthmaking Account, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* 27(1), 1-21, March 2013. *doi.org/10.1080/02698595.2013.783971*

Truthmaking, Metaethics, and Creeping Minimalism, *Philosophical Studies* 163(1), 213-232, March 2013. *doi.org/10.1007/s11098-011-9808-0*

A Truthmaking Account of Realism and Anti-Realism, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 93(3), 373-394, September 2012. *doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0114.2012.01431.x*

Unstable Truthmaking, with Sam Baron, *Thought* 1(3), 230-238, September 2012. *doi.org/10.1002/tht3.39*

How to Express Ontological Commitment in the Vernacular, *Philosophia Mathematica* 18(3), 293-310, October 2010. *doi.org/10.1093/philmat/nkq005*

Constructive Empiricism and Deflationary Truth, *Philosophy of Science* 76(4), 423-443, October 2009. *doi.org/10.1086/648064*

Encyclopedia and Handbook Entries

Primitivism about Truth, in *The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives*, Second edition, edited by Michael P. Lynch, Jeremy Wyatt, Junyeol Kim, and Nathan Kellen, 525-538, Cambridge, MIT Press, 2021.

Realism and Theories of Truth, in *The Routledge Handbook of Scientific Realism*, edited by Juha Saatsi, 383-393, London, Routledge, 2018.

Truthmaking, in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (www.rep.routledge.com/articles/thematic/truthmaking), edited by Tim Crane, Routledge, 2018.

Truthmaker Theory, in *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (www.iep.utm.edu/truth-ma), edited by James Fieser and Bradley Dowden, 2014.

Book Review

Review of Truth, Reference and Realism, edited by Zsolt Novák and András Simonyi, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* 26(3), 345-348, September 2012. *doi.org/10.1080/02698595.2012.731735*

Editor

Truth in Asian Philosophy, topical collection in *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, co-edited with Frank Saunders, Jr., Songyao Ren, and Alexus McLeod, in preparation.

Scientific Realism, special issue of *Synthese* 196(2), co-edited with Darrell P. Rowbottom, February 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

"Alethic Anxiety," Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, March 2022.

"Truth in Ancient Chinese Philosophy: A Minimalist Account," with Frank Saunders, Jr., Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, December 2021.

"Concepts of Truth?," Truth without Borders workshop, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, December 2021.

"A Theory of Truthmaking," Author Meets Critics session, Truth 2021 Conference, Virtual International Consortium for Truth Research, July 2021.

"Eliminativism and Inconsistent Concepts," with Max Deutsch, Conceptual Engineering: Feasibility & Normativity, Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany, March 2021.

"The Inescapable Desire for Truth," World Conference of Catholic University Institutions of Philosophy, COMIUCAP Conference 2019: Truth, Lies, Fake News and Moral Education, University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney, Australia, May 2019.

"Is Truth Dead? Toward a Philosophical Analysis of 'Post-Truth'," International Conference on Truth, Logic, and Philosophy, Peking University, Beijing, China, September 2017.

"The Best Thing About the Deflationary Theory of Truth," Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Melbourne, Australia, July 2016.

"We Don't Need No Explanation," Explananza 2015, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, December 2015.

"Run Aground: Kit Fine's Critique of Truthmaker Theory," Yale-NUS College, Singapore, September 2015.

"Run Aground: Kit Fine's Critique of Truthmaker Theory," Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, August 2015.

"TRUTH: A Concept Unlike Any Other," Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 2015.

"TRUTH: A Concept Unlike Any Other," New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York, NY, April 2015.

"Logic and/of Truthmaking," Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy and Pluralisms Global Research Network Workshop, Seoul, South Korea, November 2014.

"Logic and/of Truthmaking," Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, October 2014.

"Putting Pluralism in its Place," 1st Veritas Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, June 2014.

"Reconfiguring Realism(s)," "Science: The Real Thing?" Conference, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, May 2014.

"What Truthmaking Can and Can't Teach Us About Truth," Department of Philosophy, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, February 2014.

"Manifestationalism Defamed," with S. Seth Bordner, Department of Philosophy, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, November 2013.

"Going Primitive with Truth," Department of Philosophy, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, October 2013.

"Going Primitive with Truth," Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, October 2013.

"Going Primitive with Truth," Department of Philosophy, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, June 2013.

"Truthmaking for Modal Skeptics," Early Career Conference, Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, June 2013.

"The Essence of Truthmaking (and a Quandary for Quasi-Realism)," Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 2013.

"Open Questions: Moore on the Good and the True," Department of Philosophy, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, November 2012.

"Epistemicism and the Liar," Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, Seattle, WA, April 2012.

"The Truth About Truth in Ethics," Department of Philosophy, Worcester State University, Worcester, MA, March 2012.

"Primitivism About Truth," Department of Philosophy, University of Reading, Reading, England, February 2012.

"Primitivism About Truth," North Carolina Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Elon, NC, February 2012.

"The Primitivist Conception of Truth," Department of Philosophy, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, February 2012.

"Putting Truthmakers to Work," Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN, June 2011.

"Truthmaking, Truth, and Realism," Somerville College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, April 2011.

"Wherefore Observability?," with S. Seth Bordner, Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, March 2011.

"Correspondence and Deflationism: A Tale of Two Truths," Department of Philosophy, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR, February 2011.

"Wherefore Observability?," with S. Seth Bordner, North Carolina Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Boone, NC, February 2011.

"Putting Truthmakers to Work," Department of Philosophy, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, January 2011.

"Creeping Minimalism Resolved," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2010.

"Troubles for Truthmaking," Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Ada, OH, April 2010.

"Troubles for Truthmaking," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, March 2010.

"Troubles for Truthmaking," North Carolina Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC, February 2010.

"How to Express Ontological Commitment in the Vernacular," Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, New York, NY, December 2009.

"Truth, Truthmaking, and Realism," Rethinking Mind and Cosmos Conference, Sydney, Australia, November 2009.

"Three Paradigms of Scientific Realism," Work in Progress Series, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, October 2009.

"Truthmaker Gaps," Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Melbourne, Australia, July 2009.

"How to Express Ontological Commitment in the Vernacular," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, April 2009.

COMMENTARIES

On Robert William Fischer's "The Theory Theory: A Neglected Modal Epistemology," Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, Washington, DC, December 2011.

On Micah Smith's "Redundancy, Prosententialism, Actuality, Non-Redundancy," Illinois Philosophical Association, DeKalb, IL, November 2011.

On Pekka Vayrynen's "Thick Concepts and Presupposition," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2010.

On David Alexander's "Weak Inferential Internalism," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, March 2010.

On Cameron Buckner's "Identifying Psychology's Kinds: A Case Study in Why Neural Mechanisms Matter," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, April 2009.

On Geoff Pynn's "Assertion and Sensitivity," Central States Philosophical Association, St. Paul, MN, September 2008.

GRANTS

Research Grants Council of Hong Kong

General Research Fund Grant, "Truth and Psychology" (project number HKU 17618420), 2021-2022, HK$200,000

Early Career Scheme Grant, "Truth in the Making" (project number HKU 23400014), 2015-2017, HK$247,500

University of Hong Kong

Teaching Development Grant, "Truth and Propaganda" (project number 18/688), 2018-2019, HK$64,860

Common Core Teaching Development Grant, "Borderlines - Questioning Boundaries in a Vague World" (project number 15/584), 2015-2016, HK$70,000

Lingnan University

General Research Fund Resubmission Grant, 2013-2014, HK$10,000

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of Hong Kong

University of Hong Kong Outstanding Young Researcher Award, HK$300,000, 2019-2020

Faculty of Arts Teaching Excellence Award (Professoriate Staff Category), HK$25,000, 2018

Faculty of Arts Research Award for Junior Tenure-Track Professoriate Staff—Outstanding item for research output, HK$10,000, 2017

Lingnan University

Research Performance Award, HK$32,340, 2013

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Mary Taylor Williams Dissertation Fellowship, 2011

Henry Horace Williams Dissertation Fellowship, 2009

Bertha Colton Williams Fellowship, 2005-2006

Northern Illinois University

C. Mason and Madeline Myers Graduate Philosophy Award, 2005

Northern Illinois University Graduate School Fellowship, 2004-2005

Whitman College

Phi Beta Kappa, 2002

Whitman College Scholarship Improvement Awards, 1999-2001

Whitman College Undergraduate Academic Honors, 1999, 2001

Scholar Athlete Award, 1998

Other

Hong Kierkegaard Library Summer Fellowship, St. Olaf College, 2004

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2015-2022

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Time, Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney, 2009

Visiting Fellow, Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Purdue University

20th Century Analytical Philosophy II (Spring 2023)

Philosophy of Language (Spring 2023)

University of Hong Kong

Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2014)

Foundations of Human Knowledge (Spring 2020)

Senior Seminar (Capstone Experience) (Spring 2020)

Graduate Seminar in Research Methods (Fall 2019)

Truth and Propaganda (Spring 2019)

Borderlines: Questioning Boundaries in a Vague World (Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015)

Skepticism and Relativism (Fall 2018, Spring 2016)

Metaphysics (Spring 2018, Spring 2015)

Theories of Morality (Fall 2015)

Critical Thinking in Contemporary Society (Spring 2015)

Lingnan University

Early Modern Philosophy (Master of Arts in Practical Philosophy) (Fall 2014)

Metaphysics (Spring 2014, Spring 2013)

Scientific Realism (Spring 2014)

Logic and Critical Thinking (Fall 2013)

Critical Thinking (Spring 2013, Fall 2012)

The Nature of Truth (Fall 2012)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bioethics (Summer 2012 (online), Summer 2011, Summer 2010)

Modern Philosophy (Spring 2012)

Philosophy of Western Religion (Fall 2011)

Introduction to Mathematical Logic (Fall 2010, Spring 2009, Summer 2007)

Metaphysics (Spring 2010)

Introduction to Philosophy: Main Problems (Summer 2009, Fall 2008)

Experience and Reality (Summer 2008)

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

University of Hong Kong

  Ph.D. Supervision

    Wu Yuexuan, 2019-2022

    Sanja Särman, 2018-2019

    Vera Matarese, 2016-2017

  M.Phil. Supervision

    Chan Wen Shan, 2017-2020

    Jack Yip, 2014-2017

Lingnan University

  M.Phil. Supervision

    Sze Yee Hang, 2013-2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

General Service

  External thesis examiner for Lingnan University, 2019

  External Reviewer for Hong Kong RGC GRF/ECS Scheme, 2017-2022

  External thesis reviewer for the University of Melbourne, 2016

  Program Committee, Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium, 2014, 2019

  Editor of "Primitivism about Truth" at PhilPapers (http://philpapers.org), 2012-

  Editor of "Truthmakers" at PhilPapers (http://philpapers.org), 2009-

Editorial Board Membership

  Asian Journal of Philosophy

Journal Referee

  Acta Analytica | American Philosophical Quarterly | Analysis | Analytic Philosophy | Australasian Journal of Philosophy | British Journal for the Philosophy of Science | Canadian Journal of Philosophy | Croatian Journal of Philosophy | dialectica | Dialogue | Diametros | Ergo | Erkenntnis | Ethics | European Journal for Philosophy of Science | European Journal of Philosophy | Inquiry | International Journal of Philosophical Studies | International Studies in the Philosophy of Science | Journal for General Philosophy of Science | Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy | Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy | Journal of the American

Philosophical Association | Journal of Value Inquiry | Kriterion | Mind | Noûs | Philosophers' Imprint | Philosophia | Philosophical Papers | Philosophical Psychology | Philosophical Quarterly | Philosophical Studies | Philosophy and Phenomenological Research | Philosophy of Science | Res Philosophica | Scientific Reports | South African Journal of Philosophy | Southern Journal of Philosophy | Synthese | Theoria | Thought

Book Referee

McGraw-Hill | Oxford University Press | Palgrave Macmillan | Routledge | Springer

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Purdue University

Search Committee, 2022-2023

University of Hong Kong

Philosophy Department Chairperson, 2021-2022

Board of Studies for Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, 2019-2022

Philosophy Department Undergraduate Coordinator (General), 2019-2020

Faculty of Arts Committee on Gender Equality and Diversity, 2018-2022

Conference Organizer, "2018 Hong Kong Conference on Metaphysics, Language, and Logic", March 2018

Philosophy Department Undergraduate Coordinator (Syllabus, Timetabling, and Public Events), 2016-2019

Philosophy Hiring Committees, 2016-2018

Presenter, Center for Enhancement of Teaching and Learning Advanced Programme Workshop, 2016

Faculty Sponsor, Effective Altruism Hong Kong student group, 2015-2022

Interviewer, Mainland Admissions Scheme, 2015-2022

Seminar Convener, Department of Philosophy, 2015-2017

Coordinator of Philosophy Department Information Day, 2014-2018

Faculty Board Member, Faculty of Arts, 2014-2022

Undergraduate Student Advisor, 2014-2022

Lingnan University

Conference Organizer, "Science: The Real Thing?", May 2014

Colloquium Series Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, 2013-2014

Interviewer, Office of Mainland and International Programmes, 2013-2014

Staff-Student Consultation Committee for Core Curriculum and General Education, 2012-2014

Staff-Student Consultation Committee for B.A. Philosophy, 2012-2014

Secretary, 2012-2013

Department Board for the Department of Philosophy, 2012-2014

Secretary, 2012-2013

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Research Assistant for Keith Simmons, 2011

Student-Faculty Liaison, 2010-2011

Parr Center for Ethics Graduate Student Fellow, 2007-2011

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2007-2008

Research Assistant, Parr Center for Ethics, 2007

Volunteer, Philosophy Outreach Program, 2007

Undergraduate Ethics Bowl Team Coach, 2006-2008

Graduate Committee, 2006-2007

Northern Illinois University

Organizer, First Annual Graduate Student Conference, 2005

Graduate Student Advisory Committee, 2004