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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Singapore Management University (School of Social Sciences)
Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure), 2025-Present
Lee Kong Chian Fellow, 2023-2024
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2018-2024

EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy): Australian National University, 2017
Advisors: Daniel Nolan, Philip Pettit, Nicholas Southwood
MPhil (Philosophy): University of Sydney, 2010
BA (Philosophy) Honours: University of New South Wales, 2007

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Value Theory
Normative Ethics
Metaethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics
Social & Political Philosophy
Logic

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming What is Wrong with Workism? *Journal of Applied Philosophy*.
- 2024 ‘What is the Fallacy of Approximation?’ *Erkenntnis*, 89: 2591-2610, (coauthored with Sovan Patra).
- 2023 ‘Merit Transference and the Paradox of Merit Inflation’, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 1-18.
- 2023 ‘Well-Being and Meaning in Life’, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 52: 573-587.
Featured in the *New Work in Philosophy* newsletter:
<https://newworkinphilosophy.substack.com/p/matthew-hammerton-singapore-management>
- 2022 ‘The Fundamental Divisions in Ethics’, *Inquiry*, 1-24.
- 2022 ‘A Puzzle about Meaning and Luck’, *Ratio*, 35: 123-132.
- 2021 ‘Setiya on Consequentialism and Constraints’, *Utilitas*, 33: 474-479, (coauthored with Ryan Cox).
- 2020 ‘Deontic Constraints are Maximizing Rules’, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 54: 571-588.
- 2020 ‘Agent-Relative Consequentialism and Collective Self-Defeat’, *Utilitas*, 32: 472-478.
- 2019 ‘Distinguishing Agent-Relativity from Agent-Neutrality’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97: 239-250.
- 2017 ‘Is Agent-Neutral Deontology Possible?’ *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 12: 319-324.
- 2016 ‘Patient Relativity in Morality’, *Ethics* 127: 6-26.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming 'Agent-Neutral Deontology', in *The Oxford Handbook of Deontology*, edited by Piers Rawling, Oxford University Press.
- 2023 'Is the Godfather Wise?' in *The Godfather and Philosophy*, edited by J. Heter & R. Greene, Carus Books.
- 2020 'Relativized Rankings', in *The Oxford Handbook of Consequentialism*, edited by Douglas Portmore, 46-66, New York: Oxford University Press.

REPORTS

- 2020 'Country Report: The Teaching of Philosophy in Singapore Schools', *Journal of Didactics of Philosophy* 4: 190-193, (coauthored with Steven Burik and Sovan Patra).

REVIEWS

- 2024 Nick Bostrom, *Deep Utopia: Life and Meaning in a Solved World*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, November 4, 2024.

MEDIA & PUBLIC TALKS

- September 2024 '[Should I have children? Perhaps the only wrong answer is an unconsidered one](#)' *Australian Broadcasting Corporation* (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
- February 2024 Guest speaker and panelist, 'Pain and the Humanities Panel', 8th Annual SMU-SOKA International Peace Symposium.
- October 2023 '[Thinking twice about having kids even if money is not an issue?](#)' *The Straits Times* (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
- August 2023 '[What does it mean to live a good life?](#)' *SMU City Perspectives*.
- June 2020 '[SMU Professor leads students to the 2020 International Philosophy Olympiad and scores a win](#)' *SMU Newsroom*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

'What is Wrong with Workism?'

- Dec 2024 Philosophy & Religion Society of Thailand Annual Meeting, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.
- Sept 2024 School of Social Sciences Seminar Series, Singapore Management University.
- July 2024 Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting, University of Western Australia, Perth.
- June 2024 Sixth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, University of Liverpool, UK.
- April 2024 Philosophy Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University

'Fact-Checking, Democracy, and Education'

- August 2024 World Congress of Philosophy, Sapienza University, Rome.
- Nov 2023 Philosophical Association of the Visayas and Mindanao Annual Meeting, Cagayan de Oro. (Plenary Speaker)

'Self-Sacrifice, Betrayal, and Intelligibility'

- July 2023 Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting, Dianioia Institute of Philosophy, Melbourne.
- June 2023 Fifth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, Tohoku University, Sendai.
- April 2023 School of Social Sciences Research Camp, Singapore Management University.

'Against Consequentialism about Meaning in Life'

- July 2021 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Online.
- October 2019 Second International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, Waseda University, Tokyo.

'The Fundamental Divisions in Ethics'

- July 2019 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Wollongong.
- July 2018 Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney
- April 2018 Philosophy Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University
- Nov 2017 PhilSoc Seminar, Australian National University

'Well-Being and Meaning in Life'

- August 2018 First International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, Sapporo University
- July 2018 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Victoria University, Wellington

'A Trilemma for Deontologists'

- July 2017 Neutrality Conference, Nanyang Technological University.
- May 2017 Philosophy Seminar Series, Lingnan University
- June 2016 Philosophy Seminar Series, National University of Singapore
- May 2016 Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney
- March 2016 Philsoc Seminar, Australian National University

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR

Singapore Management University:

Critical Thinking (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Big Questions: Happiness & Suffering (2018, 2020, 2023)

Analytical Skills (2018)

TUTOR

University of Sydney:

The Philosophy of Happiness (2017)

Practical Ethics (2012)

Critical Thinking (2010)

Moral Psychology (2010, 2011)

Introductory Logic (2009, 2010)

Society, Self, Knowledge (2008)

Australian National University:

Theories of Ethics (2014)

Metaethics (2013)

SERVICE**Service to the profession:**

Journal Referee:

Act Analytica; *American Philosophical Quarterly* (x2); *Analysis* (x2); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x5); *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*; *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* (x2); *Ethics* (x2); *European Journal of Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Philosophy* (x3); *Journal of Value Inquiry* (x2); *Philosopher's Imprint*; *Philosophia*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies* (x4); *Social Theory & Practice* (x5); *The Ethics Forum*; *Utilitas*.

Book Manuscript Reviewer: *Routledge*; *Palgrave Macmillan*

PhilPapers.org Category Editor for 'Contrasting Ethical Theories', 2018-present

Philosophy in the Community Committee member (Singapore representative),
Australasian Association of Philosophy, 2019-2024

External Reviewer for promotion to 'Senior Lecturer', *Chinese University of Hong Kong*, 2021

Service at Singapore Management University:

'Modes of Thinking' Curriculum Basket Coordinator, 2023-2025.

'Critical Thinking' Course Coordinator, 2023-2025.

Core Curriculum Review Committee, 2024.

School of Social Sciences START Scheme Committee member, 2023-2024

School of Social Sciences Research Committee member, 2022-2024.

School of Social Sciences Philosophy Job Search Committee, 2023

Brownbag Seminar Coordinator, School of Social Sciences, 2018-2020.

Public sector/community service:

Organizer and Delegation Leader for the Singapore International Philosophy Olympiad Team, 2020-2023.

Project reviewer for Humanities and Social Science Research Programme, *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2023.

Presenter and Facilitator, 'Argument Mapping Workshop', *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2022

Presenter and Facilitator, 'Critical Thinking Workshop', *Singapore Ministry of Education*, 2021

Judge, *Australasian Association of Philosophy Philosothon*, 2020, 2021.

Judge and Panelist for *Hwa Chong Philosophy Olympiad*, 2018, 2020.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2024 *Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award*,
Singapore Management University

2023-2024 *Lee Kong Chian Fellowship*,
Singapore Management University

2021 *Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award*,
Singapore Management University

2012-2015 *Australian Postgraduate Award*
Australian National University

2009 *Lucy Firth Prize for Meritorious Enrollee*
Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney

REFERENCES

Names and addresses of referees can be provided upon request.