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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

University of Sydney (Department of Philosophy)

Visiting Researcher, April-May 2025

EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy): Australian National University, 2017

MPhil (Philosophy): University of Sydney, 2010

BA (Philosophy) Honours: University of New South Wales, 2007

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Value Theory

Normative Ethics

Metaethics

Social Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics

Political Philosophy

Logic

Social Epistemology

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming ‘Beyond Fact-Checking: The Importance of Logic-Checking in Public Discourse’, *Social Epistemology*, 1-29, (coauthored with Shane Ryan).
- 2025 ‘What is Wrong with Workism?’ *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 1-15.
- 2025 ‘The Fundamental Divisions in Ethics’, *Inquiry*, 68: 318-341.
- 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.
- 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, 2024.

MEDIA & PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- July 2025 Podcast Guest, ‘[Happiness and Meaning: Can you have both?](#)’, CBmE&U Podcast, National University of Singapore.
- June 2025 ‘[Workism isn’t the enemy](#)’, *The Straits Times*.
- May 2025 Guest, ‘[In defense of workism](#)’, *The Philosopher’s Zone*, ABC Radio National.
- May 2025 ‘[What’s so bad about workism?](#)’ *Justice Everywhere* Blog.
- March 2025 ‘[To have kids or not? Four ways to look at it](#)’, *The Singapore Women’s Weekly* (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).

March 2025	Podcast guest, 'Why Meaning Matters for Happiness', <i>Happiness Science Labs</i> .
September 2024	'Should I have children? Perhaps the only wrong answer is an unconsidered one ' <i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i> (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
February 2024	Guest speaker and panelist, 'Pain and the Humanities Panel', 8 th Annual SMU-SOKA International Peace Symposium.
October 2023	'Thinking twice about having kids even if money is not an issue?' <i>The Straits Times</i> (coauthored with Kalpana Vignehsa).
August 2023	'What does it mean to live a good life?' <i>SMU City Perspectives</i> .
June 2023	'Well-Being and Meaning in Life', <i>New Work in Philosophy Newsletter</i> .
June 2020	'SMU Professor leads students to the 2020 International Philosophy Olympiad and scores a win' <i>SMU Newsroom</i> .

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

	'Work, Leisure, and Meaning in Life'
May 2025	University of Sydney Philosophy Seminar Series.
May 2025	Australian National University Philosophy Seminar Series.
	'What is Wrong with Workism?'
Feb 2025	American Philosophical Association, Central Division Annual Meeting (online).
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.
	‘What is Racial Privilege?’
Sep 2022	School of Social Sciences 15th Anniversary Seminar Series, 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, 2021-2025)

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

Analytical Skills (2018)

University of Sydney:

The Philosophy of Happiness (2017)

Practical Ethics (2012)

Critical Thinking (2010)

TUTOR

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

Book Manuscript Reviewer: *Routledge*(x2); *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:

Area Coordinator for Philosophy, 2025-present

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

'Critical Thinking' Course Coordinator, 2023-present.

SOSS Research Committee member, 2022-present.

Head of SOSS Philosophy Job Search Committee, 2025.

SOSS START Scheme Committee member, 2023-2024

SOSS Philosophy Job Search Committee member, 2023.

SOSS Brownbag Seminar Coordinator, 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	<i>Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award</i> , Singapore Management University
2023-2024	<i>Lee Kong Chian Fellowship</i> , Singapore Management University
2021	<i>Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award</i> , Singapore Management University
2012-2015	<i>Australian Postgraduate Award</i> Australian National University
2009	<i>Lucy Firth Prize for Meritorious Enrollee</i> Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney

REFERENCES

Names and addresses of referees can be provided upon request.