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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Value Theory, Epistemology, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political Philosophy, Metaphysics, Logic, Chinese Philosophy

APPOINTMENTS (Post-PhD)

1. Singapore Management University, Assistant Professor of Humanities (Education), January 2022-.
2. Nazarbayev University, Associate Professor, August 2020-December 2021.
3. Nazarbayev University, Assistant Professor, August 2016-2020.
4. Soochow University (Taipei), Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2014-2016.

Visiting Positions

1. Academia Sinica (Taipei), Visiting Professor, Spring Semester 2020.
2. Technical University of Berlin, Visiting Researcher, Spring Semester 2020.
3. Trinity College Dublin, Visiting Researcher, Autumn Semester 2018.
4. Kazan Federal University, Visiting Professor, Autumn Semester 2013.

EDUCATION

- 2009-2013: PhD, Philosophy, University of Edinburgh
Thesis: "The Nature and Value of Knowledge: Epistemic Environmentalism" (Pass without corrections)
Supervisors: Professors Duncan Pritchard and Jesper Kallestrup
Examiners: Professor John Greco and Dr. Nick Treanor
- 2005-2006: MA, Philosophy (1st), University College Dublin
Thesis: "How Self-Deception is Possible"
Supervisor: Professor Maria Baghramian
- 2001-2004: BA, Philosophy (1st) and Politics (2.1), University College Dublin

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

1. "A Virtue Theoretic Ethics of Intellectual Agency", *Logos and Episteme*.
2. "Wisdom and The Good Life", co-authored with Sharon Ryan, in *The Oxford Handbook of Social Epistemology*, edited by Jennifer Lackey and Aidan McGlynn, Oxford University Press.

2022

3. "State Epistemic Environmentalism", in *Knowers and Knowledge in East-West Philosophy*, edited by Karyn Lai, pp. 275-292. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

2021

4. “[Who is a Wise Person?: Zhuangzi and Epistemological Discussions of Wisdom](#)”, co-authored with Karyn Lai, *Philosophy East and West*, 71(3), 665-682.
5. “Fake News, Epistemic Coverage and Trust”, in *The Political Quarterly*, 92, 606-612.
6. “Famine, Action, and the Normative”, co-authored with Fei Song, *Journal of Value Inquiry*. (Published on journal site, not yet available in print.)
7. “Wisdom, Not Veritism”, *Epistemology and Philosophy of Science* (invited symposium on Duncan Pritchard’s Veritism) 58(4), 60-67.
8. “Autonomy, Reflection, and Education”, in *Epistemic Autonomy*, edited by Kirk Loughheed and Jonathan Matheson Routledge, 41-54. New York: Routledge.
9. “Law and Epistemology: An Account of Judgement”, co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, in *Facts and Evidence*, edited by Zhang B., Tong S., Cao J., Fan C.. Singapore: Springer, 2017/2021.

2020

10. “[Skilful Reflection as a Master Virtue](#)”, co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, *Synthese*. 197, 2295–2308.
11. “Testimony, Credit, and Blame”, co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, and Masaharu Mizumoto, in *Ethno-Epistemology: New Directions for Global Epistemology*, edited by Mizumoto, Masaharu, Jonardon Ganeri, and Cliff Goddard. New York: Routledge, 94-113.

2019

12. “[Virtuous Testimonial Belief in Young Children](#)”, *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 38(3), 263-272.

2018

13. “[Libertarian Paternalism is Hard Paternalism](#)”, *Analysis* 78(1), 65-73.
14. “Epistemic Environmentalism”, *Journal of Philosophical Research* 43, 97-112.
15. “Trust: A Recipe”, *Think* 17(50), 113-125.
16. “Virtue Epistemology and Confucian Philosophy”, co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, in *The Routledge Handbook of Virtue Epistemology*, edited by Heather Battaly, 462-469. New York: Routledge.
17. “Reflective Knowledge: Knowledge Extended”, co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, in *Extended Epistemology*, edited by J. Adam Carter, Andy Clark, Jesper Kallestrup, Duncan Pritchard, and S. Orestis Palermos, 162-176. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
18. “The Contribution of Confucius to Virtue Epistemology”, co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, in *Epistemology for the Rest of the World*, edited by Masaharu Mizumoto, Stephen Stich and Eric McCready, 65-76. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2017

19. “[Why Knowledge is Special](#)”, *Philosophy*, 92(2), 249-269.

20. Review of Barry Allen's *Vanishing Into Things*, co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, *Philosophy East and West* 67(4), 1299-1305.

2016

21. "[Wisdom: Understanding and the Good Life](#)", *Acta Analytica* 31(3), 235-251.
22. "**Paternalism: An Analysis**", *Utilitas* 28(2), 123-135.
23. "Real-Time Democracy", *The International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 30(2), 301-312.
24. "Skilful Reflection as an Epistemic Virtue", co-authored with Chienkuo Mi, in *Moral and Intellectual Virtues in Western and Chinese Philosophy* edited by Chienkuo Mi, Michael Slote, and Ernest Sosa, 34-48. New York: Routledge.

2014

25. "[Standard Gettier Cases: A Problem for Greco?](#)", *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, 90(1), 201-212.
26. "A Humean Account of Testimonial Justification", *Logos and Episteme*, vol. 5(2), 209-219.
27. "The Value of Knowledge", *Dialogue and Universalism*, vol. 24(3), 84-88.
28. "Zagzebski on Rationality", co-authored with Duncan Pritchard, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (invited symposium on Zagzebski's *Epistemic Authority*), 6(4), 39-46.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

1. "Epistemic Paternalism and Fake News", Asian Epistemology Network (online), 2021. (Invited).
2. "Epistemic Paternalism and Fake News", Kansai University (online), 2021. (Invited).
3. "Wisdom East and West", *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference*, San Francisco, 2020. (Conference cancelled.)
4. "Wisdom", *Explaining Wisdom*, University of Technology, Dresden, 2019. (Invited).
5. "Epistemic Interventionism", *Social Epistemology Network Conference*, Yonsei University, 2019.
6. "Wise Environments", *East-West Philosophy Forum Conference*, University of New South Wales, 2019. (Invited).
7. "Wise Environments", *Wisdom Workshop*, Trinity College Dublin, 2019. (Invited).
8. "Reflection and Autonomy", *Intellectual Autonomy, Epistemic Paternalism, and Epistemic Authority*, Autonomous University of Madrid, 2019.
9. "Nudging Better", *Mancept 18: The Politics of Nudging*, University of Manchester, 2018. (Via Skype).
10. "Virtue Politics", *Conference on Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia*, National Chengchi University, 2018.
11. "Wisdom: East Meets West", *Philosophy and Wisdom: A New Perspective*, University of Zurich, 2018. (Invited).
12. "Epistemic Intervention", *JOINT Session*, University of Oxford, 2018.

13. “Fake News, Epistemic Environmentalism, State Intervention”, *European Epistemology Network*, Vrije University Amsterdam, 2018.
14. “Fake News, Epistemic Environmentalism, State Intervention”, *East-West Philosophy Forum Conference*, Vrije University Amsterdam, 2018. (Invited).
15. “Public Trust”, *Irish Philosophical Society*, University College Dublin, 2018.
16. “Smart Environments” (co-authored with Orestis Palermos), *Budapest Workshop on Philosophy of Technology*, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, 2017.
17. “Trust, Expert Opinion and Policy”, *Trust, Expert Opinion and Policy Conference*, University College Dublin, 2017.
18. “Epistemic Environmentalism and Expertise”, *Expertise and Expert Knowledge Workshop*, University College Dublin, 2017.
19. “Epistemic Environmentalism”, *East-West Philosophy Forum Conference*, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2017. (Invited).
20. “Group Knowledge” (co-authored with Chienkuo Mi), *East-West Philosophy Forum Conference*, University of Edinburgh, 2016. (Invited).
21. “Group Knowledge”, *Ethno-Epistemology Conference*, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, 2016.
22. “Self-Deception”, *Rationality and its Rivals*, University of Macau, 2015.
23. “Why Be Moral?”, *Reasons and Virtues Conference*, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, 2015.
24. “Epistemic Virtue and Value in Education”, *Philosophy of Education*, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, 2015.
25. “Epistemic Grace”, *Virtue Epistemology Workshop*, Tokyo University, 2014. (Invited).
26. “Wisdom: An Analysis”, invited speaker, *International Conference on Epistemology and Cognitive Science*, Xiamen University, 2014.
27. “Skilful Reflection as an Epistemic Virtue” *The Virtue Turn*, Soochow University, 2014. (Invited).
28. “Testimonial Justification: A Humean Approach”, *David Hume and Modern Philosophy*, IP of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2011.
29. “Testimonial Knowledge: Protecting the Epistemic Environment”, *Episteme Conference: Cognitive Ecology*, University of Edinburgh, 2010.
30. “Developing Democratic Governance”, *Philosophy and Social Sciences*, Institute of Philosophy at the Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic, 2008.

TALKS (SELECTION)

1. Topic: Wisdom, Trinity College Dublin, 2018; Tongji University, 2017; East China Normal University, 2017; Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2016; National University of Singapore, 2015; Tokyo University, 2014.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

1. In 2020 I participated in [Philosophy by Postcard](#), which involved responding to philosophical questions to celebrate the life of Iris Murdoch.
2. In 2018 *The Irish Times*, a leading national quality newspaper, published an [article](#) based my work on epistemic environmentalism.
3. In 2018 I cooperated with US-based op-ed contributor Steve

Neumann for a piece concerning virtue epistemology and democracy.
Steve has published in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (SELECTION)

1. Senator at the Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate.
2. Peer Reviewer: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dao*, *Dialectica*, *Episteme*, *Journal of American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Res Philosophica*, *Social Epistemology*.
3. Member of the School Teaching and Learning Committee.
4. Temporary Chair of School Sciences and Humanities Institutional Research Ethics Committee (2020). Current secretary of the committee.
5. Chair of NU Philosophy Hiring Committees (2018-2019, 2017-2018). Member of School Hiring Committees (2018-2019, 2017-2018).
6. Organiser of (a) The Philosophy and Culture Workshop and (b) The Ethics Workshop at Nazarbayev University, 2019.
7. Co-organiser of the Philosophy Speaker Series at NU. Speakers included Daniel Dennett, Frank Jackson, Peter Singer and Onora O'Neill.
8. Co-founder of the *East-West Philosophy Forum*. The forum brings together scholars working in analytic philosophy from across Asia.

AWARDS

1. In March 2017 I was awarded a Social Policy Grant from Nazarbayev University. The grant supported my research into epistemic environmentalism and was worth \$10,000.
2. In September 2015 I was awarded funding lasting 11 months to undertake research on wisdom by the Taiwanese Ministry of Science and Technology.
3. Funding was awarded by Soochow University in Taipei in February 2014 for postdoctoral research.
4. In September 2013 I was awarded funding worth several thousand pounds from Kazan Federal University to guest lecture for a three month period.
5. In March 2013 I secured funding of £2000 from the "Speaking My Language" program to present my research at universities in China.
6. In September 2010 I was awarded the Department of Philosophy's *Career Development Scholarship* at the University of Edinburgh.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES SEMESTER TAUGHT AT NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY

1. "The Good Life in Practice", 2016-17; 2017-18; 2019-20
Topics Include: Virtue Ethics, Why Be Moral, Well-being, Perfectionism.
2. "Truth, Knowledge, and Belief", 2016-17; 2017-18; 2018-19; 2019-20 2020-21
Topics Include: Analysing Knowledge, Virtue Reliabilism, Wisdom.
3. "Bioethics", 2016-17; 2017-18; 2018-19; 2019-20; 2020-21
Topics Include: Abortion, Animal Ethics, Transhumanism, Disability.
4. "Truth, Lies, Media, and Propaganda", 2016-17; 2017-18; 2019-20
Topics Include: Truth, Dishonesty, Trust, Propaganda, Privacy, Trust.
5. "Ethics", 2017-18
Topics Include: Moral Particularism, Metaethics, Feminism.
6. "Introduction to Philosophy", 2017-2018; 2020-21
Topics Include: Personal Identity, Free Will, The Existence of God.

7. “Introduction to Ethics” (co-taught), 2020-21; 2021-2022
Topics Include: Deontology, Consequentialism, Virtue Ethics.

TOPICS TAUGHT AT SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY

- “Introduction to Epistemology” (Undergraduate), 2014-2015, 2015-2016
Topics Include: The Gettier Case and Proposed Solutions, Scepticism.

SEMINAR TOPICS TAUGHT AT PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY

- “Virtue Epistemology” (Undergraduate and MA Seminar), 2013-2014
Topics Include: Virtue Reliabilism, Virtue Responsibilism.

SEMINAR COURSE TAUGHT DURING VISITING POSITION

- “Themes in Ethics and Epistemology” (MA Seminar), 2013-2014
Topics Include: The Good Life, Virtue Ethics, Virtue Epistemology.

TOPICS TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

1. “Knowledge and Reality” (Undergraduate), 2011-2012:
The Value of Knowledge and Free Will.
2. “Themes in Epistemology” (Honours and MSc Seminar), 2010-2011:
The Primary Epistemic Goal(s).

COURSES TUTORED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

1. “Morality, Rationality and Value”, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013
Topics Include: Meta-ethics, Virtue Ethics, Contractualism.
2. “Knowledge and Reality”, 2010-2011, 2011-2012
Topics Include: The Epistemology of Religious Belief, Modality, Properties.
3. “Logic 1”, 2009-2010
Topics Include: Propositional Logic, Predicate Logic, Formalisation, Identity.

TOPICS TUTORED AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN (New ERA Program)

29. Chinese Philosophy: Confucianism and Daoism, 2006-2007
30. Political Philosophy: Hobbes and Rousseau, 2006-2007

LANGUAGES

Native: English; Advanced: German; Pre-intermediate: Russian and Mandarin

REFEREES

Professor Duncan Pritchard FRSE,
University of California, Irvine
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Professor John Greco,
Georgetown University
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Professor Maria Baghramian,
University College Dublin
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Professor Leo Cheung,
Chinese University of Hong Kong
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