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ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Second Class Upper Division (1988), Oxford University, UK
Master of Arts (1991), National University of Singapore
PhD. in Philosophy (2000), University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA

CAREER HISTORY:

1987-1989 Research Officer, Singapore Ministry of Home Affairs
1990-1993 Administrative Officer, Singapore Ministry of Law;
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1993-1995 Corporate Development Manager, Amcol Holdings Ltd.
1995-1999 Senior Tutor, National University of Singapore
2000-2004 Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore
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ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP:

2005-2006 Assistant Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
2007-2013 Head, Philosophy Department
2011-2012 Deputy Director, Asia Research Institute

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Singapore Bioethics Advisory Committee, member, 2016 – 2019
Australasian Association of Philosophy, Council member, 2010-2012
Australasian Association of Philosophy, Diversity Committee member, 2016 – present
International Society for Comparative Study of Chinese and Western Philosophy, Vice President, 2008 -2011; President 2011-2014
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Board Member, 2007 – 2013
International Pragmatism Society, Board Member, 2006 – present
World Consortium for Research in Confucian Cultures, Executive Committee member, 2015 - present

EDITORIAL BOARDS MEMBERSHIP:

Series Editor, Bloomsbury (formerly Continuum) Research Handbooks to Asian Philosophy Series, 2013 – present

Editorial Board member, *Contestations and Reconfigurations: Studies in Comparative Political Theory & Intellectual History Series*, Edinburgh University Press, 2016 – present

Editorial Board member, *Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle*, 2008 – present

Editorial Board member, *Comparative Philosophy*, 2010 – present

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Editorial Board member, *Contemporary Chinese Thought*, 2013 – present

Associate Editor, *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 2016 – Present

Editorial Board member, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 2010 – present

Editorial Board member, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy online (Chinese Philosophy), 2013 – present

Editorial Board member, *Dewey Studies*, 2017 – present

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Book:

Confucian Democracy – A Deweyan Reconstruction of Confucianism. State University of New York Press, 2004.

Edited Book:

Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Chinese Philosophy Methodologies, Research Handbook in Asian Philosophy series, Bloomsbury, 2016.

Challenging Citizenship: Group Membership and Cultural Identity in a Global Age, Ashgate, 2005.

Co-edited Books:

1. *Feminist Encounters with Confucius*, eds. Mathew Foust and Sor-hoon Tan, Brill, 2016.
2. *Democracy as Culture: Deweyan Pragmatism in a Globalizing World*, eds. Sor-hoon Tan and John Whalen-Bridge, State University of New York Press, 2008.
3. *Filial Piety in Chinese Thought and History*, eds. Alan K.L. Chan and Sor-hoon Tan, RoutledgeCurzon, 2004.
4. *The Moral Circle and the Self: Chinese and Western Perspectives*, eds. C.L. Ten, Kim-Chong Chong and Sor-hoon Tan. Open Court, 2003.

Book Chapters:

1. "From Women's Learning (*Fuxue*) to Gender Studies: Meeting Feminist Challenges to Confucianism," in *Human Beings or Human Becomings* (tentative title), eds. Peter Hershock and Roger Ames, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, forthcoming. (Also being translated into Chinese for a volume on *Feminism: Opening of the Way of Kun*, forthcoming.)
2. "Rethinking Confucianism's Relationship to Global Capitalism: Some Philosophical Reflections for a Confucian Critique of Global Capitalism," in *Confucianisms for a Changing World Cultural Order*, eds. Roger T. Ames and Peter Hershock, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, forthcoming.
3. "Experimental Democracy for China: Dewey's Method," in *Oxford Handbook of Dewey*, ed. Steven Feismire, Oxford, 2018 (forthcoming online publication)
4. "Pragmatism in East Asia" in *Handbush Pragmatismus*, ed. Michael G. Festl, Stuttgart: Springer-Verlag GmbH, 2018
5. "Nationalistic *Guo*? Cosmopolitan *Tianxia*? Possibility of World Order based on Confucian Relational Ethics," in *Reimagining Nation and Nationalism in Multicultural East Asia*, eds. Sungmoon Kim and Lee Hsin-wen, New York: Routledge, 2017.
6. "Li (Ritual/Rite) and Tian (Heaven/Nature) in the Xunzi: Does Confucian Li Need Metaphysics," in chapter 33, "Ritual, Religion and Naturalism," *Readings in Philosophy of Religion*, third edition, ed. Kelly James Clark Broadview Press, 2017. (Revised version of article in *Sophia* 2012)
7. "Secular Ethics, East and West," *Oxford Handbook of Secularism*, eds. Phil Zuckerman and John R. Shook, New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.
8. "Introduction: Why Methodology Matters," in *Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Chinese Philosophy Methodologies*, ed. Sor-hoon Tan, New York: Bloomsbury, 2016.
9. "Confucianism and Pragmatist Methods: Keeping Faith with the Confucian Moral Mission," in *Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Chinese Philosophy Methodologies*, New York: Bloomsbury, 2016.
10. "Introduction" (co-authored) in *Feminist Encounters with Confucius*, eds. Mathew Foust and Sor-hoon Tan, Brill, 2016.
11. "Pre-Qin Confucianism and the Democratic Value of Equality 先秦儒家与平等的民主价值," in *Pre-Qin Confucianism in Comparative Perspectives 比较视野下的先秦儒家*, Singapore: NTU Confucius Institute, 2016. (Mandarin)
12. "Justice and Social Change," in *Comparative Philosophy Without Borders*, New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2015.

13. "Materialistic Desires and the Ethical Life in the *Analects* and the *Mencius*," in *Moral Cultivation and Confucian Character: Engaging Joel J. Kupperman*, eds. Peimin Ni and Chenyang Li. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2014.
14. "Balancing Conservatism and Innovation: The Pragmatic *Analects*," in *The DAO Companion to the Analects*, ed. Amy Olberding. Dordrecht: Springer, 2013.
15. "Limiting Confucian Meritocracy," in *Resolutions of Conflict in Korea, East Asia and Beyond: Humanistic Approach*, ed. Center for International Affairs. Seoul: Academy of Korean Studies Press, 2011.
16. "Alan in Singapore: Reflections on Translations of Identity," in *Life and Philosophy: Essays to Honor Alan Montefiore on his 85th Birthday*, eds. Catherine Audard-Montefiore, Nicholas Bunnin, Paul Flather, Maurice Fraser, and Steven Lukes. Oxford: FEP Publishers, 2011.
17. "Confucianism and Democracy" in *Confucianism in Context*, eds. Lea Kalmanson and Wongsuk Chang. State University of New York Press, 2010.
18. "Secular Religiosity in Chinese Politics: A Confucian Perspective," in *State and Secularism*, eds. C.L. Ten and Michael S.K Heng. Singapore: World Scientific, 2010.
19. "Confucian Response to Rorty's Postmodern Bourgeois Liberal Idea of Community," in *Rorty, Pragmatism, and Confucianism*, ed. Huang Yong, Albany: State University of New York Press, 2009.
20. "Modern Neo-Confucian Philosophy," in *History of Chinese Philosophy*, ed. Bo Mou. Abingdon: Routledge, 2009.
21. "Reconstructing 'Culture': A Deweyan Response to Anti-Democratic Culturalism," in *Democracy as Culture: Deweyan Pragmatism in a Globalizing World*, eds. Sor-hoon Tan and John Whalen-Bridge, Albany: State University of New York Press, 2008.
22. "Modernizing Confucianism and New Confucianism," in *Cambridge Companion to Modern Chinese Culture*, ed. Kam Louie, Cambridge University Press, 2008.
23. "Democracy and Science in Education: Lacuna in China's Modernization," in *Educations and Their Purposes: a Philosophical Dialogue among Cultures*, eds. Roger T. Ames and Peter Herschok, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2008.
24. "Three Corners for One: Creativity and Tradition in the *Analects*," in *Confucius Now: Contemporary Encounters with the Analects*, ed. David Jones, La Salle: Open Court, 2008.
25. "Cultural Crossings: Toward a Confucian Ethics of Communicative Virtues," in *Comparative Ethics in a Global Age*, ed. Marietta T. Stepanyants, Washington, D.C.: The Council for Research in Value and Philosophy, 2008. (First published in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, and also translated into Russian.)

26. "Pragmatic Lessons in Times of Terror," in *Comparative Philosophy and Religion in Times of Terror*, ed. Doug Allen, Lexington Books, 2006.
27. "Women's Virtues and the *Analects*," in *Conceptions of Virtues East and West*, eds. Kim-Chong Chong and Yu-li Liu, Singapore: Marshall Cavendish, 2006.
28. "Democracy as Communities of Friends," in *Metaphilosophy and Chinese Thought: Interpreting David Hall*, eds. Henry Rosemont, Jr. and Ewing Chinn, New York: Global Scholarly Publications, 2005.
29. "Exemplary World Citizens as Civilized Local Communicators: Politics and Culture in the Global Aspirations of Confucianism," in *Challenging Citizenship: Group Membership and Cultural Identity in a Global Age*, ed. Sor-hoon Tan, Ashgate, 2005.
30. "China's Pragmatist Experiment: Hu Shih's Pragmatism and Dewey's Influence in China," in *The Range of Pragmatism and the Limits of Philosophy*, ed. Richard Shusterman, Blackwells, 2004. (First published as journal article.)
31. "Filial Daughters-in-law: Questioning Confucian Filiality," in *Filial Piety in Chinese Thought and History*, eds. Alan K.L. Chan and Sor-hoon Tan, RoutledgeCurzon, 2004.
32. "Can there be a Confucian Civil Society?" in *The Moral Circle and the Self: Chinese and Western Perspectives*, eds. C.L. Ten, Kim-Chong Chong and Sor-hoon Tan. Open Court, 2003.
33. "Between Family and State: Relational Tensions in Confucian Ethics," in *Mencius: Contexts and Interpretations*, ed. Alan Chan. Honolulu: Hawaii University Press, 2002.

Journal Articles:

1. "Whose Tradition? Which Practices?" Invited comments on James Tully's "Deparochailizing Political Theory and Beyond: A Dialogue Approach to Comparative Political Thought," *Journal of World Philosophies* 2.1 (2017).
2. "Why Equality? Which Inequalities?" *Philosophy East and West* 50.2 (Apr 2016).
3. "Does Xunzi's Ethics of Ritual Need a Metaphysics?" *Journal of Religious Philosophy* 宗教哲學 75 (March 2016): 109-119.
4. "Cosmopolitan Confucian Cultures: Suggestions for Future Research and Practice," *Journal of International Communication of Chinese Culture* 2.3 (Aug 2015): 159-180.
5. "Xunzi and Naturalistic Ethics," *Journal of Value Inquiry* 49.1 (Jan 2015): 247-265.
6. "Tang Junyi's Comparative Philosophy and the Spiritual Value of Chinese Culture," *New Asia Academic Bulletin* 21 (2014): 191-216.

7. "The Concept of Yi (義) in the *Mencius* and the Problems of Distributive Justice," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 92.3 (Sep 2014): 489-505.
8. "Early Confucian Concept of Yi (義) and Deliberative Democracy," *Political Theory* 42.1 (Feb 2014): 82-105.
9. "The Pragmatic Confucian Approach to Tradition in Modernizing China," *History and Theory*, 51.4 (2012): 23-44.
10. "Democracy in Confucianism," *Philosophy Compass* 7.5 (2012): 293–303; with Teaching and Learning Guide in *Philosophy Compass* 7.9 (2012): 665–668.
11. "Li (Ritual/Rite) and Tian (Heaven/Nature) in the Xunzi: Does Confucian *li* need metaphysics?" *Sophia* 51.2 (2012): 155-175. [Revised version in Kelly Clark (ed.), *Readings in the Philosophy of Religion* (Broadview Press, 2017), 3rd edition, chapter 33.]
12. "How Can a Chinese Democracy be Pragmatic?" *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 47.2 (2011): 196-225.
13. "Why Study the Chinese Classics and how to go about it?" *Journal of Curriculum Studies* 43.5 (2011): 623-630, invited contribution to Symposium.
14. "The Dao of Politics: Rites and Laws as Pragmatic Tools of Government," *Philosophy East and West* 61.3 (Jul 2011): 468-491.
15. "Our Country Right or Wrong: A Pragmatic Response to Anti-democratic Cultural Nationalism in China," *Contemporary Pragmatism* 7.2 (Dec 2010): 45-69.
16. "Authoritative Master Kong in an Authoritarian Age," *DAO: A Journal in Comparative Philosophy* 9.2 (Jun 2010): 137-49. (Translated into Italian)
17. "Beyond Elitism: Community Ideal for a Modern East Asia," *Philosophy East and West* 59.4 (Oct 2009): 537-53. (Translated into Chinese)
18. "Confucian Democracy as Pragmatic Experiment: Uniting Love of Learning and Love of Antiquity," *Asian Philosophy* 17.2 (Jul 2007): 141-166. (Translated into Chinese)
19. "Cultural Crossings against Ethnocentric Currents: Toward a Confucian Ethics of Communicative Virtues," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 45.4 (Dec 2005): 433-45. (Also published as a book chapter and translated into Russian.)
20. "Imagining Confucius: Paradigmatic Character and Virtue Ethics," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 32.3 (Sep 2005): 409-26.
21. "China's Pragmatist Experiment: Hu Shih's Pragmatism and Dewey's Influence in China," in special issue on "The Range of Pragmatism and the Limits of Philosophy," ed. Richard Shusterman, *Metaphilosophy* 35.1-2 (Jan 2004): 44-64. (Also published as book chapter.)

22. "From Cannibalism to Empowerment: An *Analects*-inspired Attempt to balance Community and Liberty," *Philosophy East and West* 54.1 (Jan 2004): 52-70. (Translated into Chinese)
23. "Political Implications of Confucian Familism," *Asian Philosophy* 13.2/3 (Dec 2003): 45-60. (Co-authored with Antonio Rappa.)
24. "Is Public Space Suited to Cooperative Inquiry?" *Innovation: European Journal of Social Science Research* 15.1 (2002): 23-31.
25. "Mentors or Friends: Aristotle and Confucius on Equality and Ethical Development in Friendship," *International Studies in Philosophy* 33.4 (2001): 99-121.
26. "Experience as Art," *Asian Philosophy* 9.2 (Jul 1999): 107-122.
27. "Paternalism: A Deweyan Perspective," *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 13.1 (1999): 56-70.

Encyclopedia entries:

1. "May Fourth Movement," (600 words invited entry) in *Encyclopedia of Political Theory*. Sage, 2010.
2. "Confucianism and Government" (2000 words), "Confucian Politics" (2000 words) and "Venerating only Confucian Arts (*Duzun Rushu*)" (250 words), invited entries in *The Encyclopedia of Confucianism*, ed. Yao Xinzong, London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003.

Book Reviews:

1. Book review of *Public Reason Confucianism*, by Sunmoon Kim, *Review of Politics* 79.3 (2017): 524-527.
2. Book Review of *The Sage and the People: The Confucian Revival in China*, by Sébastien Billioud and Joël Thoraval, *Journal of Religion* 97.3 (2017): 418-420.
3. Book Review of *The Confucian Philosophy of Harmony*, by Chenyang Li, *Philosophy East and West* 65.2 (2015): 620-22.
4. Book Review of *Confucius, Rawls, and the Sense of Justice*, by Erin Cline, *Ethics* 124.2 (Jan 2014): 388-392.
5. Book Review of *Moral Exemplars in the Analects*, by Amy Olberding, *DAO: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 12.2 (2013): 261-65.
6. Book Review of *Democracy and the Intersection of Religion and Tradition*, by Rosa Bruno-Jofré, James Scott Johnston, Gonzalo Jover, and Daniel Tröhler, *Education and Culture* 29.2 (2013): 187-190.

7. Book review of *Ancient Chinese Thought, Modern Chinese Power*, by Tan Xuetong, eds. Daniel A. Bell and Sun Zhe, trans. Edmund Ryden, *Philosophy East and West* 63.1 (2013): 105-108.
8. Book review of *Ritual and Deference*, by Robert C. Neville, *Philosophy East and West* 62.1 (2012): 131-134.
9. Review of *Polishing the Chinese Mirror*, eds. Marthe Chandler and Ronnie Littlejohn, *Philosophy East and West* 61.1 (2011): 237-40.
10. Review of *Beyond Liberal Democracy*, by Daniel A. Bell, *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 38.1 (2011): 181-85.
11. Review of *New Explorations of Public and Private Spheres: Comparison of East Asian and Western View Points* (*Gongsi Linyu Xintan: Dongya yu Xifang Guandian zhi Bijiao*), eds. Huang Junjie and Jiang Yihua, *DAO* 8.2 (Summer 2009): 221-24.
12. Review of *Confucian Political Ethics*, ed. Daniel A. Bell, *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 36.1 (2009): 177-80.
13. Review of *A Cloud Across the Pacific*, by Thomas Metzger, *Philosophy East and West* 58.3 (Jul 2008): 420-24.
14. Review of *Lost Soul*, by John Makeham, *China Review International* 15.4 (2008): 576-82.
15. Review of *Culture of Authority*, eds. Peter Hershock and Roger Ames, *China Review International* 14.2 (Fall 2007): 465-69.
16. Review of *Relativism and Beyond*, eds. Yoav Ariel, Shlomo Biderman, and Ornan Rotem, *Philosophy East and West* 57.4 (Dec 2007): 603-607.
17. Review of *Learning from Chinese Philosophies*, by Karyn Lai, *Sophia* 46.1 (May 2007): 99-102.
18. Review of *A Chinese Ethics for the New Century*, by Donald Munro, *China Review International* 13.1 (Spring 2006): 240-45.
19. Review of *Unity of Knowledge and Action: toward a nonrepresentational theory of knowledge*, by Warren Frisina, *Journal of American Academy of Religion* 73.4 (Winter 2005): 1206-1208.
20. Review of *New Confucianism: a critical examination*, ed. John Makeham, *Sophia* 44.2 (Oct 2005): 81-84.
21. "Of Diversities and Comparisons," Feature Review of *Encyclopedia of Chinese Philosophy*, ed. A. S. Cua, *Philosophy East and West* 55.1 (Jan 2005): 111-23.
22. Review of *May Fourth World of Thought* (*Wusi de sixiang shijie*), by Gao Like, *DAO: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 4.1 (Winter 2004): 171-73.

23. Review of *Teachings and Sayings of Chuang Tzu*, trans. G.A. Giles, introduced by Lionel Giles (re-issued), *Transcendental Philosophy* 3.1 (March 2002): 108-12.
24. Comparative Review of Tu Wei-ming's *Humanity and Self-Cultivation* (re-issued) and Robert C. Neville's *Boston Confucianism*, *China Review International* 8.2 (Fall 2001): 524-32.
25. Review of Robert Weatherley's *The Human Rights Discourse in China*, *China Review International* 7.2 (Fall 2000): 559-64.
26. Review of Wm. Theodore de Bary's *Asian Values and Human Rights*, *China Review International* 6.2 (Fall 1999): 421-26.
27. Review of Kwong-loi Shun's *Mencius and Early Chinese Thought*, *China Review International* 5.2 (Fall 1998): 545-49.
28. Feature review of Julia Ching's *Mysticism and Kingship in China*, *China Review International* 5.2 (Fall 1998): 307-11.

Other Publications:

1. Updates/revisions of chapter 3 (Chinese Philosophies) and part of chapter 14 (China, Japan and Korea in Modern Times), *World Philosophies*, by Ninian Smart. New York: Routledge, 2008.

Works in translation:

1. (Chinese) "Confucian Democracy as Pragmatic Experiment: Uniting Love of Learning and Love of Antiquity," in *People as Basis and People as Masters: Confucianism and Democracy in Cross-cultural Perspectives*, Beijing: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2017 (first published in *Asian Philosophy* 2007).
2. (Italian) "Authoritative Master Kong in an Authoritarian Age," *Ágalma* 28 (Oct 2014), <http://www.agalmaweb.org/articoli.php?rivistaID=28> (first published in *Dao* 2010).
3. (Chinese) *Confucian Democracy: A Deweyan Reconstruction*, Beijing: Renmin University Press, 2014.
4. (Chinese) "Equality and Justice in Modernizing Confucian Social Ideal" in *Confucian Thought and Social Justice* (Jinan: Shandong People's Press, 2013), translated from Conference paper presented in China-US Forum, Sep 2012, not published in English.
5. (Chinese) "Why Confucian Democracy?" in *Zhongwai renwen jingshen yanjiu (Studies in Chinese and Western Humanisms)*, vol. 4, ed. Du Liyan, Beijing Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing: Chinese Encyclopedia Press, 2011), pp.273-88. Translated from unpublished conference paper presented at Wesleyan University, Connecticut, USA.

6. (Chinese) “From Cannibalism to Empowerment: An *Analects*-inspired Attempt to balance Community and Liberty,” in *Rujia Chuantong yu daode zhixue (Confucian Tradition and Moral Philosophy)*, ed. Fang Xudong (Shanghai: East China Normal University Press, 2011). (First published in *Philosophy East and West*.)
7. (Chinese) “Beyond Elitism: Community Ideal for a Modern East Asia,” in *Zhongwai renwen jingshen yanjiu (Studies in Chinese and Western Humanisms)*, vol. 3, ed. Du Liyan, Beijing Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing: Chinese Encyclopedia Press, 2009), pp.173-185. (First published in *Philosophy East and West* 2004.)
8. (Russian) “Cultural Crossings Against Ethnocentric Currents: Towards a Confucian Ethics of Communicative Virtues,” in *Comparative Ethics in a Global Age*, ed. Marietta Stepanyants (Moscow: Vostochnaya Literatura, Russian Academy of Social Sciences), pp. 121-134. (First published in *International Philosophical Quarterly* 2005.)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

1. “Confucianism in a Multicultural World,” invited Symposium paper for the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, 13-20 Aug 2018
- 2.
3. “Pragmatist Method and Confucian Democracy,” International Conferences on *Sources of Governance: Confucian Relationality and Deweyan Pragmatism as Resources for Responding to Contemporary Global Dynamics*, Fudan University’s Dewey Center and Berggruen Institute, Shanghai, 2-4 December 2018
4. “Confucian Democracy: Pragmatic Responses,” International Conference on Voices of Democracy in Confucianism, Research Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences, *Academia Sinica*, Taipei, 15-16 Nov 2017
5. “From Women’s Learning (婦學) to Gender Studies: Feminist Challenges to Confucianism,” at “Human Beings or Human Becomings” International Conference, Shandong Confucius Institute and Berggruen Institute, Qufu PRC, 5-8 May 2017.
6. “Pre-Qin Confucianism and the Democratic Value of Equality 先秦儒家与平等的民主价值,” in International Conference on “*Pre-Qin Confucianism in Comparative Perspectives 比较视野下的先秦儒家*,” Singapore Confucius Institute, 4-5 December 2015.
7. “Nationalistic *Guo*, Cosmopolitan *Tianxia*? Possibility of World Order based on *Confucian Relational Ethics*,” International Conference on “Reimagining Nation and Nationalism in Multicultural East Asia,” City University of Hong Kong, 24-25 November 2014.
8. “Rethinking Confucianism’s Relationship to Global Capitalism: Some Philosophical Reflections for a Confucian Critique of Global Capitalism,” International Conference on “Confucian Values and a Changing World Cultural Order,” University of Hawaii, USA, 8-12 October 2014.

9. "Why Equality and Which Inequalities: Confucian Struggles with Democracy," International Workshop on Comparative Democratic Theory, Texas A&M University, USA, 11-12 October 2013.
10. "Xunzi and Naturalistic Ethics," International Workshop on "Nature and Value in Chinese and Western Philosophy," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA, 4-5 April 2013. (Significantly revised version published as journal article in *Journal of Value Inquiry*)
11. "Oxymorons, Antidotes, and Gadflies: Confucianism and Contemporary Philosophies of Democracy," Program Committee Invited Symposium on "Relevance of Confucianism to Contemporary Political Philosophy," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, Atlanta, USA, 27-30 Dec 2012.
12. "Confucian Yi: Principle of Justice or Relational Appropriateness" Plenary paper, Society for Asian and Comparative Society Meeting 2012, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, USA, 11-14 Oct 2012. (revised version in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 92.3)
13. "Equality and Justice in modernizing Confucian Social Ideal," China-US Forum on Confucianism, Shandong University, 4-7 Sep 2012. (Chinese translation published as chapter in *Confucian Thought and Social Justice*, 2013)
14. "Debate on Science and Metaphysics in 1920s China," ISCWP Tenth Anniversary Panel, American Philosophical Association 2012 Meeting, Seattle, USA, 4-7 April 2012.
15. "Does Xunzi's Ethics of Ritual Need a Metaphysics?" 1st International Symposium on Chinese Culture and Religious Concord, Taichung, 16-19 Dec 2011. (published in *Journal of Religious Philosophy* 2016)
16. "Confucian Limits to Meritocracy," Academy of Korean Studies Global Forum on Civilization and Peace, Seoul, 10-11 Oct 2011. (Proceedings published as edited volume by Academy of Korean Studies).
17. "Pragmatic Tradition as Innovation," invited paper for 1st Exchange Forum, organized by Wesleyan University's Center for East Asian Studies, the Social Sciences in China Press (a division of the Chinese National Academy of the Social Sciences), and the journal *History and Theory*, Beijing, 27-28 Oct 2011. (Revised version published in special issue of *History and Theory*)
18. "Studying Without Thought of Salary," Mini-conference commemorating Joel Kupperman's 50th Anniversary of Teaching, 10th East West Philosophers Conference, 16-24 May 2011. (Published in *Moral Cultivation and Confucian Character*, eds. Chenyang Li and Peimin Ni.)
19. "Wisdom-Knowledge in Good Government," invited Keynote address, Uehiro Graduate Conference, University of Hawaii, Manoa, Honolulu, United States, 16 - 18 Mar 2011.

20. "Confucian Resources for Experimentation in Deliberative Democracy," International Workshop on "Cultural Sources of Deliberative Politics in East Asia," Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 1 - 2 May 2010.
21. "How Can A Chinese Democracy Be Pragmatic," *American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*, New York City, United States, 27 - 31 Dec 2009.
22. "Confucian Cultures: between Distinctive 'Chineseness' and Cosmpolitan Aspirations," International Workshop on "Pathways to Cosmopolitanism" University of Manchester, United Kingdom, 24 - 26 Jun 2009.
23. "Mistaking Pragmatic Spirituality: Neo-Confucian Concept of Immanent Transcendence," *Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Meeting*, invited Plenary paper, Monterey, United States, 14 - 17 Jun 2009.
24. "Tang Junyi and the Spiritual Value of Chinese Culture," Tang Junyi memorial international Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 19 - 21 May 2009.
25. "Why Confucian Democracy," International Workshop on "Varieties of Democracy" invited paper, Wesleyan University, United States, 1 - 2 May 2009.
26. "Secular Religiosity in Chinese Politics: A Confucian Perspective," International Conference on "State and Secularism," Asia Europe Foundation, Singapore, 17 - 18 Dec 2008.
27. "Value of Equality in Confucianism: Meeting Dworkin Half Way," Philosophy Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States, 23 Sep 2008.
28. "Beyond Elitism," World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, 30 Jul - 5 Aug 2008.
29. "Towards a Pragmatic Comparative Philosophy," *World Congress of Philosophy*, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, 30 Jul – 5 Aug 2008.
30. "Global Inequalities and Confucian Democracy," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Meeting*, Monterey, United States, 8 - 11 Jun 2008.
31. "Philosophical Perspectives on Cosmopolitanism, Locales, and Cultures," Workshop on "City Scales and Cosmopolitan Cultures," NUS, Singapore, 12 - 14 May 2008.
32. "Multiculturalism, Identity and Citizenship," Institute of Policy Studies: *Singapore Perspectives*, Singapore, 1 Feb 2008.
33. "Mou Zongsan's Intuitionism and the Limits of Modern Neo-Confucianism's Rapprochement with Science," International Conference on "Chinese Philosophy and Moral Psychology," University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, 17 - 18 Dec 2007.

34. "The Future of Comparative Philosophy and SACP," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Meeting*, invited Plenary paper, Monterey, United States, 10 - 13 Jun 2007.
35. "Liang Shuming on Chinese and Western Cultures and their Philosophies: Some Methodological Questions in Comparative Philosophy," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Meeting*, Monterey, United States, 10 - 13 Jun 2007.
36. "Dewey and Chinese Democracy: Past, Present and Future," International Conference on "John Dewey: Reconstructing Democracy," invited paper, University of Calabria, Cosenza, Italy, 23 - 26 May 2007.
37. "Confucianism and the State: China and Singapore," Workshop on "Religion and State in Asia," NUS, Singapore, 8 May 2007.
38. "Are Chinese Pragmatists Iconoclasts: Pragmatic Method in the Encounter of Tradition and Modernization," *Society for Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Meeting*, , South Carolina, United States, 8 - 10 Mar 2007.
39. "Reconstructing 'Culture': A Deweyan Response to Anti-Democratic Culturalism," International Workshop on "Democracy as Art, Belief, and Culture: Dewey in Our Time," National University of Singapore, Singapore, 1 - 2 September 2006.
40. "Is Hu Shih's liberalism iconoclastic?" *American Political Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C., United States, 1 - 4 September 2005.
41. "Hu Shih's 'Complete Westernization' Solution to China's Problems," Centennial Conference on "Asian Horizons: Cities, States, and Societies," Singapore, 1 - 3 August 2005.
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2. “The Conception of *Yi* in the *Mencius*,” Global Justice Lecture series, Sun Yat-sen University (Zhuhai), 8 Sep 2017.
3. “Confucian Education Philosophy,” *Nanyang Confucian Society*, series of 4 weekly 2-hours talks in June 2017.
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