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Area of Specialization Metaphysics
Areas of Competence Logic, Classical Chinese Philosophy

Employment

Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University	2022-present
Assistant Professor (TT), Simon Fraser University	2017-2022
Lecturer, Stanford University	2014-2017
Assistant Professor (TT), University of Georgia	2013-2014

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Rutgers University	May 2013
B.A. with Highest Honors, University of Virginia	May 2006
Majors: Philosophy, Mathematics	

Grants

SSHRC Insight Development Grant (Principal Investigator)	2021-2025
Project Title: Social Ontology in Early Confucian Philosophy	
Amount: \$49,450	
Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University	2012-2013
Mellon Award, Rutgers University	2011, 2012

Journal Articles

The Metaphysics of Personhood in Confucian Role Ethics	Forthcoming
<i>Asian Journal of Philosophy</i>	
Modal Normativism and <i>De Re</i> Modality (with Tom Donaldson)	2022
<i>Argumenta</i> , 7 (2): 293–307	
Building and Modal Recombination	2020
<i>Inquiry</i> , 63 (7): 745–757	
Symposium on K. Bennett's <i>Making Things Up</i>	
Potentiality, Modality, and Time	2020
<i>Philosophical Inquiries</i> , 8 (1): 184–198	
Symposium on B. Vetter's <i>Potentiality</i>	
The Essences of Fundamental Properties	2019
<i>Metaphysics</i> , 2 (1): 40–54	
The Epistemological Objection to Modal Primitivism	2018/2021
<i>Synthese</i> , 198: 1887–1898	
Fundamentality and Modal Freedom	2016
<i>Philosophical Perspectives</i> , 30 (1): 397–418	

Representation and Explanation	2016
<i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> , 93 (2): 462–468	
Symposium on T. Merricks's <i>Propositions</i>	
The Nature of Properties: Causal Essentialism and Quidditism	2016
<i>Philosophy Compass</i> , 11 (3): 168–176	
Actualist Counterpart Theory	2015
<i>Journal of Philosophy</i> , 112 (8): 417–441	
The Modal Limits of Dispositionalism	2015
<i>Noûs</i> , 49 (3): 454–469	
From Combinatorialism to Primitivism	2013
<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , 91 (3): 535–554	

Book Chapters

Cause	2020
<i>Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding</i> : 300–311	

Book Reviews

Review of Ulrich Meyer's <i>The Nature of Time</i>	2014
<i>Notre Dame Philosophical Review</i>	

Presentations

Possibility and Particularity (under different titles)	
Pacific APA, Symposium Session, San Francisco	Apr 2023
Naming and Necessity at 50, CUNY	Dec 2022
The Metaphysics of Confucian Role Ethics (under different titles)	
DEX VII, University of California-Davis	Apr 2023
SoCal Metaphysics Network Conference, University of California-Irvine	Mar 2023
INPC Metaphysics on the Mountain, Sun Valley	Mar 2023
Talk (for undergraduates), Western Washington University	Jan 2023
Pacific APA, Symposium Session, Vancouver	Apr 2022
Social Ontology in Early Confucian Philosophy	
Social Ontology 2021, online	Aug 2021
On Phillip Bricker's <i>Modal Matters</i>	
Central APA, Author-Meets-Critics Session, online	Feb 2021
Fundamental Counterparts (under different titles)	
Open Sessions, 4 th Joint Session of the Mind Association	Jul 2020
and the Aristotelian Society (moved online)	
Mt. Holyoke Summer Philosophy Conference (cancelled)	Jun 2020
Workshop on Modality, Laws and Causation, SFU (moved online)	Jun 2020
Colloquium, University of British Columbia	Oct 2018
Fundamentality in Physics and Metaphysics, University of Geneva	May 2018
Colloquium, Syracuse University	Feb 2017
Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University	Feb 2017
Colloquium, Virginia Commonwealth University	Feb 2017
Colloquium, Simon Fraser University	Feb 2017
Colloquium, University of Colorado-Boulder	Jan 2017
Fundamental Essences	

Colloquium, University of Manitoba	Nov 2018
Language and Essence, Conference of the Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative, Victoria	Oct 2018
Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin	Oct 2017
13 th SPAWN Conference, Syracuse University	Jun 2017
Metaphysics and Its History, University of Colorado-Boulder	Mar 2016
PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, University of Barcelona	Nov 2015
Ground and Cause	
Metaphysical Grounding, University of Hamburg	May 2018
Pacific APA, Society for Realist-Antirealist Discussion, San Diego	Mar 2018
2018 Hong Kong Conference on Metaphysics, Language, and Logic	Mar 2018
The Epistemology of Modal Primitivism	
Pacific APA, Symposium Session, San Diego	Mar 2018
Colloquium, University of Victoria	Nov 2017
A Primitivist Theory of Modality	
5 th CSLI Workshop on Logic, Rationality, and Intelligent Interaction, Stanford University	May 2016
Fundamentality and Modal Freedom	
Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson	Jan 2016
Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, University of Edinburgh	Jun 2015
Pacific APA, Colloquium Session, Vancouver	Apr 2015
New Directions in the Metaphysics of Modality, Humboldt-University	Jan 2015
On Ori Simchen's <i>Necessary Intentionality</i>	
Eastern APA, Author-Meets-Critics Session, Baltimore	Dec 2013
Dispositional, Categorical, Modal	
Western Michigan Metaphysics Workshop, Western Michigan University	Nov 2013
<i>eidos</i> Workshop on Metaphysics and Mathematics, University of Geneva	Jun 2013
Linguistic Counterpart Theory	
Colloquium, University of Georgia	Feb 2013
Colloquium, University of Kansas	Feb 2013
Colloquium, University of Oklahoma	Feb 2013
Colloquium, Virginia Commonwealth University	Feb 2013
Colloquium, Duke University	Jan 2013
CRNAP Modality Conference, Princeton University	Nov 2012
(Under title: The Commitments of Combinatorialism)	
Varieties of Possibility, Graduate Conference, University of Toronto	Mar 2012
Structuralism About Possible Worlds (under different titles)	
Reading Party, Arché Philosophical Research Centre, Ardtornish	May 2011
PhilSoc Seminar Series, Australian National University	Dec 2010
Model-Theoretic Semantics and Possible Worlds	
Kioloa Metaphysics Workshop, Kioloa campus, Australian National University	Nov 2010
Conference on the Foundations of Logical Consequence, Arché Philosophical Research Centre, University of St. Andrews	Jun 2010
The Dice Problem	
Central APA, Colloquium Session, Chicago	Feb 2010

Comments

J. Wilson: Primitivist Fundamentality Eastern APA, Symposium Session, New York City	<i>Jan 2019</i>
H. Bhogal: Coincidences and Explanatory Goodness Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC	<i>Aug 2018</i>
J. Rasmussen: There is a Necessary Being Central APA, Colloquium Session, Chicago	<i>Feb 2018</i>
R. Mason: Social Kinds, Essence and Dependence Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC	<i>Aug 2017</i>
M. Glazier: Being Someone Else Themes in Transformative Experience, Seattle	<i>Apr 2017</i>
N. Irmak: Artifactual Theory of Words Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, UBC	<i>Aug 2016</i>
G. Russell: Linguistic Necessity Henle Conference, St. Louis University	<i>Apr 2016</i>
M. Leonard: Enduring Through Gunk Pacific APA, Colloquium Session, San Francisco	<i>Apr 2016</i>
T. Hildebrand: An Explanatory Shortcoming of Dispositionalism Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Texas Christian University	<i>Mar 2016</i>
D. Giberman: Property Monopoly, Temporal Mereology, and Persistence Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Grand Valley State	<i>Apr 2015</i>
P. Bricker: Ontological Commitment: Entailment vs. Truthmaker Accounts Back at the Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson	<i>Feb 2014</i>
D. McElhooes: Counterpart Theory and Modal Discourse Eastern APA, Colloquium Session, Atlanta	<i>Dec 2012</i>
P. Santorio: Descriptions as Variables Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, WWU	<i>Jul 2012</i>

Teaching

Simon Fraser University

PHIL 880 Pro-Seminar (F2020)
PHIL 455W/803 Philosophical Issues in Modal Logic (F2021)
PHIL 455W/803 The Metaphysics of Social Reality (Sp2021)
PHIL 455W/803 Causation and Modality (F2019/co-taught with Holly Andersen)
PHIL 455W/803 The Metaphysics of Properties (F2017)
PHIL 342 Human Nature in Classical Chinese Philosophy (Sp2022)
PHIL 322 Classical Chinese Ethics (Sp2020)
PHIL 315/COGS315 Formal Methods in Philosophy (Sp2022, Sp2021, Sp2020)
PHIL 302 Possibility (F2018)
PHIL 203 Metaphysics (Sp2023, F2021, F2020, F2019, Sp2018)
PHIL 105 Critical Thinking (Sp2018)
FASS 101 Classical Chinese Ethics (F2018)

Stanford University

Seminar: Introduction to Chinese Philosophy (Sp2017)
Seminar: Time and Modality (Sp2016)
Seminar: The Metaphysics of Properties (Sp2015)
Formal Methods in Philosophy (W2017, F2016, F2015)
Introductory Logic (F2014)

University of Georgia

Metaphysics (F2013)
Classics of Modern Western Philosophy (Sp2014)
Logic and Critical Thinking (Sp2014, F2013)

Rutgers University

Applied Symbolic Logic: Extensions and Deviations (Sp2012, F2011)
Introduction to Modern Philosophy (Su2010)
Introduction to Metaphysics (Sp2010)
Introduction to Logic (F2009, Su2009)
Eating Right: The Ethics of Food Choices and Food Policy (as TA: Sp2011)
Introduction to Ethics (as TA: Sp2009)
Introduction to Philosophy (Su2008, as TA: F2008)
Descartes, Locke and the 17th Century (as Grader: F2007)

Student Supervision and Related Activities

Simon Fraser University (Committee Member, PhD Student)

Lyle Crawford (expected 2023)

Simon Fraser University (Supervisor, MA Student)

Sherif Salem (Sp2022-present)
Yangyang Wang (Sp2022-present)
Xinyu Xu (Sp2021-Su2022; degree awarded Su2022)
Ian Kahn (Su2020-Su2021; degree awarded Su2021)

Simon Fraser University (Interim Supervisor, MA Student)

Reetika Kalita (F2021-Sp2022)
Yan Chen (F2019-Sp2020)
Kesavan Thanagopal (F2019-Su2020)
Schuyler Pringle (F2018)
Ian Kahn (F2018)
Seyedali Taghaviniasab (Su2017-F2018)
Kelsey Vicars (F2017-Sp2018)

Simon Fraser University (Second Reader, MA Student)

David Rattray (Aug 2020)
Paul Xu (Apr 2020)
Bahar Raiszadeh (Aug 2019)
Weixin Cai (Aug 2019)

Simon Fraser University (Research Assistant Supervisor, Undergraduate Student)

Han Wei (Helen) Luo (Su2020)

University of Sydney (External Examiner, MPhil Student)

David Chua (defended: Sp2017)

University of Georgia (Prospectus Committee Member, PhD Student)

Anthony Shiver (defended: Sp2014)

Service and Outreach (at SFU)

Committees

Graduate Committee (2017-2018, 2019-2022)
FIC Supervisor (F2019-Su2021)
Tenure and Promotion Committee, Linguistics (2020-2021)
Non-European Philosophy Search Committee (2019-2020)
Tenure and Promotion Committee, Philosophy (2017-2018)
Ethics Search Committee (2017-2018)

Organizational Activities

Co-organizer, SFU Workshop on Modality, Laws and Causation (Apr 2020)

Outreach

Judge, SLC Writing Contest (Mar 2022)
Contributor, entry on Mozi, World Philosophy Day Comms Diversity Initiative (Nov 2021)
Judge, Canadian National Ethics Bowl (Apr 2021)
Moderator, BC Ethics Bowl session, Developing Minds: Connect Creative with Critical Thinking in the Classroom (Feb 2021)
Moderator, Greater Vancouver Regional High School Ethics Bowl (Feb 2021)
Judge and Moderator, Greater Vancouver Regional High School Ethics Bowl (Apr 2019, Feb 2020)
Classroom Presenter, SFU Festival of Learning (May 2018)
Speaker, Developing Minds: Critical Thinking in Curriculum Transfer (Feb 2018)

Service and Outreach (other)

Editorial Activities

Area Editor, *Ergo* (2020-present)
Editorial Board, *Metaphysics* (2017-present)
Editorial Panel, *Thought* (2015-present)
Editorial Board, *Wireless Philosophy* (2018-2020)

Referee Work

Journals: American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, dialectica, Dialogue, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Journal of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Mind, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy Compass, Review of Metaphysics, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Theoria, Thought
Reviewer, 2022 Initiation into Research FONDECYT Competition (Jun 2021)

Organizational Activities

Symposium Organizer, Modality and Metaphysical Explanation, CPA (Jun 2021)
2021 CPA Program Committee, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion (2021)
Faculty Speaker, Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy (Aug 2017)
Mentor, Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy (2014-2015)
Faculty Speaker, Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy (Jul 2013)
Grad Panelist, Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy (2008-2012)
Organizer, Rutgers Philosophy Department Colloquium Series (2011-2012)
Librarian, Rutgers Philosophy Department Library (2007-2012)
Organizer, Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Conference (Mar 2009)

Outreach

Coach, Ethics Bowl, Hillsdale High School Team (2016-2017)

Contributor, "Ship of Theseus", Wireless Philosophy (2013)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYAoiLhOuao>)