

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, HK SAR 2015-2018  
Ph.D. in Philosophy (ONGOING)  
Dissertation: *Nature and Value in Early Chinese Philosophy*  
Supervisor: Chris Fraser  
Committee: Jamin Asay, Eric Hutton, Siufu Tang

The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, HK SAR 2013-2015  
MPhil in Philosophy  
Thesis: *Moral Standards, Spontaneity, and Beauty in Early Chinese Philosophy*  
Supervisor: Dan Robins  
Committee: Chris Fraser, Franklin Perkins

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ 2009-2013  
BA, Philosophy (With honors)

### Language Competencies:

English (Mother tongue)  
Classical Chinese (Reading and teaching comprehension)  
Mandarin (Competent but not fluent)

### Publications:

#### Articles:

"Xunzi and the primitivists on natural spontaneity (xìng 性) and coercion", *Asian Philosophy*, 27.3 (2017), pp. 210-226. (DOI: 10.1080/09552367.2017.1348930)

"Semantics without Truth in Later Mohist Philosophy of Language," *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 13.2 (2014), pp. 215-229.

#### Reviews:

"McLeod, Alexis. *Theories of Truth in Chinese Philosophy*" in *Philosophy East and West* (2018) 68:1.

## **Presentations:**

May 2018, "Ethics in the *Zhuangzi*: Sagehood amid Diversity," HKU Philosophy Department Seminar, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR.

April 2018, "Ethics in the *Zhuangzi*: Sagehood amid Diversity," Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought/Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, The University of Connecticut, USA.

April 2018, "Diversity and Sagehood in Zhuangist Ethics," The Hong Kong-Singapore-Macau Symposium on Chinese Philosophy 2018, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

January 2018, "Diversity and Sagehood in Zhuangist Ethics," City University of Hong Kong CEACOP Seminar Series, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

July 2016, "A Puzzle for Xunzi on What Makes Us Human" workshop for CEU SUN course "What Makes Us Human?" Central European University, Hungary.

March 2015 "Xunzi's Conception of *Mei* 美," International Conference on De 德 (virtue) and Mei 美 (Beauty) in Chinese Philosophy, Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Italy.

March 2015, "Xunzi vs. The Primitivists on Nature and Culture" Singapore-Hong Kong Symposium on Chinese Philosophy, Nanyang Technological Institute, Singapore.

January 2015, "Xunzi vs. The Primitivists on Nature and Culture" HKU Philosophy Department Seminar, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR.

## **Grants Received**

RGC Travel Grant for Graduate Students to attend SACP Conference in Poland (May, 2018: ONGOING PROJECT).

RGC Travel Grant for Graduate Students to attend CEU Summer University course "What Makes Us Human?" (July, 2016).

RGC Travel Grant for Graduate Students to attend the Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference (March, 2014).

## **Courses Taught/Tutored**

PHIL2002 (Tutor) "Early Modern Philosophy," Prof. Jamin Asay.

PHIL2470 (Tutor) "Moral Psychology in the Chinese Tradition," Prof. Chris Fraser.

CCCH9024 (Tutor) "Following the Dao," Prof. Dan Robins.

## **Other Professional Service**

February 2018, Lecture on the *Daodejing* for ESF IBDP philosophy conference, West Island School, HK.

## **Professional Organizations**

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy