

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, HK SAR 2015-2019

Ph.D. in Philosophy

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)

Work Experience

Postdoctoral Fellow - Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai, PR China (Current)

Assistant Lecturer - The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, SAR China - 2019-2020

Lecturer (Part-time) - Lingnan University, Hong Kong, SAR China - 2019

Demonstrator - The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, SAR China 2018-2019

Language Competencies:

English (Native speaker)

Classical Chinese (Reading and teaching comprehension)

Mandarin (Competent but not fluent)

Publications:

Articles:

“Primitivism in the *Zhuangzi*: An Introduction”, *Philosophy Compass*, August 2020, DOI:
<https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12700>.

“Ethics in the *Zhuangzi*: Diversity and Sagacity”, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 60.2 (June 2020), pp. 221-235 (DOI: 10.5840/ipq2020602152)

“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:

“Van Brakel, Jaap and Ma, Lin. *Beyond the Troubled Waters of Shifei: From Disputation to Walking Two Roads in the Zhuangzi*” in *Philosophy East and West*, 70:3.

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

Presentations:

May 2019, “Primitivism in the *Zhuangzi*” Hong Kong-Macau-Singapore Symposium on Chinese Philosophy, NUS, Singapore.

August 2018, “Was Zhuangzi a Primitivist?” Beyond Comparisons: Chinese Philosophy Today, East China Normal University, Shanghai.

June 2018, “Ethics in the *Zhuangzi*: Sagehood amid Diversity,” 50th Annual SACP Conference, Krakow, Poland.

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).

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).

Teaching Experience

GDHC1183 “Conceptions of Nature from Aristotle to the 20th Century” (United International College, ONGOING)

PHIL2445 “Mohism” (The University of Hong Kong, 2019)

PHIL2420 “Chinese Philosophy: Metaphysics” (The University of Hong Kong, 2019)

CCC8011 “Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation” (Lingnan University, 2019)

PHIL1034 (Tutor) “Ethics and Politics, East and West” Prof. Chris Fraser (HKU, 2019).

PHIL1012 (Tutor) “Mind and Knowledge: An Introduction to Philosophy” Prof. Max Deutsch (HKU, 2018).

PHIL2002 (Tutor) “Early Modern Philosophy,” Prof. Jamin Asay (HKU, 2017).

PHIL2470 (Tutor) “Moral Psychology in the Chinese Tradition,” Prof. Chris Fraser (HKU, 2015).

CCCH9024 (Tutor) “Following the Dao,” Prof. Dan Robins (HKU, 2014).

Other Professional Service

March-July 2020, Worked as a Research Tutor for the Oxford Comparative Classics Summer Program, Independent Schools Foundation, Cyberport, HK.

March-June 2019, Worked as a Research Tutor for the Oxford Comparative Classics Summer Program, Independent Schools Foundation, Cyberport, HK.

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

Professional Organizations

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy