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Employment

2020–2025	Department of Philosophy (Zhuhai), Sun Yat-sen University Assistant Professor
2019–2020	College of Professional and Continuing Education, Hong Kong Polytechnic University Lecturer

Education

2009–2018	**Ph.D. in Philosophy, Brown University** Dissertation: *Intuition and Semantic Explanation* Committee: Richard Kimberly Heck (chair), Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive Linguistic and Psychological Sciences), Bernhard Nickel (Harvard)
2006–2008	**M.A. in Philosophy, Texas A&M University**
2002–2006	**B.A. in Philosophy, University of Hong Kong**

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS	Philosophy of Language and Semantics
AOC	Critical Thinking, Logic, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Ethics

Publications

ARTICLES:

'Interval-based dynamics of loose talk.' *Synthese* 202, 10 (2023)
'Absolute adjectives in belief contexts.' *Linguistics and Philosophy* 44.4 (2021): 875-910.
'Tipper is ready but he is not strong enough: minimal proposition, question under discussion, and what is said.' *Philosophical Studies* 177.9 (2020): 2577-2584.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

'Points, Intervals and the Truth Values of Numerical Sentences.' *Studies in Logic* 17.5 (2024): 39-52 (CSSCI)
'Not exactly: A Challenge for the QUD-based Approach to Imprecision.' *Proceedings of Japan English Linguistic Society (JELS)* 39 (2022): 164-170

Papers under revision or under review

The endpoint view without pretense (R&R at *Linguistics and Philosophy*)
Useful fiction, subtraction, and communication (under review)

Teaching Experience (as sole instructor)

AT SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY (2020-): (*ASE = average student evaluation score)

- Truth, Lies, and Fiction (4 times: ASE: 98/100)

- Introduction to Analytic Philosophy (4 times: ASE: 98/100)

- Philosophy of Language (2 times: ASE: 95/100)

- Writing Philosophy Papers (2 times: ASE: 96/100)

- Perspectives in Philosophy (general education course; ASE = 98/100)

- Seminar in Analytic Philosophy (for master students)

- Semantics and Pragmatics (for master students)

- Topics in Philosophy of Language (for master students)

AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (2019–2020): (*ASE = average student evaluation score)

- Critical and Creative Thinking (7 times: ASE = 3.45/5)

AT HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY (2018): (*SE = student evaluation score)

- Critical Thinking for Public Affairs (SE = 4.53/5)

AT BROWN UNIVERSITY (2013): (*1 = very effective; 5 = very ineffective)

- Introduction to Philosophy (SE = 1.64)

AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (2008–2009): (*ASE: average student evaluation score)

- Introduction to Logic (3 times: ASE: 4.57/5)

Teaching Experience (as teaching assistant)

AT BROWN UNIVERSITY:

- Psychology and Philosophy of Happiness (Instructor: Bernard Reginster)

- Skepticism and Knowledge (Instructor: Felicia Nimue Ackerman)

- The Place of Persons (Instructor: David Christensen)

- Logic (2 times; Instructors: Joshua Schechter & Douglas Kutash)

AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY:

- Introduction to Logic (3 times; Instructors: Robin Smith & Christopher Menzel)

- Engineering Ethics (Instructor: Ed Harris)

Supervision and mentoring

AT SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY:

- Supervised 28 undergraduate theses

- Mentored one MA student

Graduate Coursework

LOGIC AND LANGUAGE:

Incompleteness, Richard Kimberly Heck

Topics in Philosophy of Language, Richard Kimberly Heck

Exploring the Frontiers of Incompleteness, Peter Koellner (Harvard)

Formal Semantics, Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)

Introduction to Syntax, Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)

Language Processing, Laura Kertz (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)

Semantics and the Lexicon (audited), Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)

Advanced Deductive Logic, Joshua Schechter

Philosophical Logic, Joshua Schechter

Modal Logic, Max Cresswell (Texas A&M University)

METAPHYSICS, EPISTEMOLOGY, AND ETHICS:

Ontology and Its Discontents, Stephen Yablo (MIT)

Philosophy of Mathematics, Joshua Schechter

Concepts, Christopher Hill

Naturalism, Materialism, Physicalism, Jaegwon Kim

Level-connections in Epistemology, David Christensen

Perception, Knowledge, and Evidence, Scott Sturgeon

Epistemology of Inference, Joshua Schechter

Ethics Proseminar, Nomy Arpaly

Presentations

July. 2025	'Realisms as useful fictions', Jilin University
June. 2025	'Believed-true lies and lying about', Tsingtao University
December. 2024	'The endpoint view without pretense', 2024 International Conference on Pragmatics and Argumentation and Symposium on Generalized Argumentation Theory, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
August. 2024	'The endpoint view without pretense', Lanzhou University
July. 2024	'Useful fiction, subtraction, and communication', Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou campus)
August. 2023	'Justification, gradability, and loose talk', Xinjiang University of Finance and Economics
July. 2023	'Primitive granularities and the context-dependence of partial/ total adjectives', 2nd Workshop on Gaps and Imprecision in Natural Language Semantics: Homogeneity effects and beyond, University of Vienna
May. 2022	'Knowledge and Dynamics of Loose Talk', 13th National Conference of Analytic Philosophy, Southwest University for Nationalities
Jan. 2022	'Degrees, Intervals, and Numerical Imprecision', Online Philosophy Workshop Series, Peking University
July. 2021	'Against the coarsening approach to imprecision', Israeli Philosophical Association (NIPA) conference, The Open University of Israel
May. 2021	'Against the coarsening approach to imprecision', PhiLang 2021: Seventh International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, University of Lodz
May. 2021	'Not-exactly: A challenge for the QUD-based approach to imprecision', 14th English Linguistic Society of Japan (ELSJ) International Spring Forum, Osaka University
Nov. 2019	'Numerical Imprecision: Quality or Faithfulness?', The International Symposium on Interfaces In Generative Linguistics, South China Normal University

Academic service

Peer review for *Linguistics and Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Studies in Logic, Chinese Philosophical Review*

Languages

English (professional)
Cantonese Chinese (native)
Mandarin Chinese (working proficiency)

References

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