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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: <i>Intuition and Semantic Explanation</i> 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, Semantics & Pragmatics
AOC	Philosophy of AI, Logic, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Animal Ethics

Publications

‘Pragmatic halos meet optimality theory: a simple solution to the strengthening problem.’ *Linguistics and Philosophy* (Forthcoming)

‘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.

Teaching Experience (as sole instructor)

AT SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY (2020-2025): (*ASE = average student evaluation score)

- Philosophy of Language: AI and Speech Acts (ASE: 95/100) [Syllabus](#)
- Philosophy of Language: Proper Names and Adjectives (ASE: 98/100)
- Truth, Lies, and Fiction (4 times: ASE: 98/100) [Syllabus](#)
- Introduction to Analytic Philosophy (4 times: ASE: 98/100) [Syllabus](#)
- Writing Philosophy Papers (2 times: ASE: 96/100) [Syllabus](#)
- 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) [Syllabus](#)

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

- Introduction to Logic (3 times: ASE: 4.57/5) [Syllabus](#)

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 5 undergraduate graduation theses
- Mentored one MA student (admitted to a MA program in Canada)

Graduate Coursework

LOGIC AND LANGUAGE:

Topics in Philosophy of Language, Richard Kimberly Heck
 Formal Semantics, Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)
 Introduction to Syntax, Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)
 Semantics and the Lexicon (audited), Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)
 Language Processing, Laura Kertz (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)
 Incompleteness, Richard Kimberly Heck

Exploring the Frontiers of Incompleteness, Peter Koellner (Harvard)
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
Decision Theory, Jamie Dreier (audited)
Ethics Proseminar, Nomy Arpaly

Presentations (Selected)

Dec. 2024	‘The endpoint view without pretense’, 2024 International Conference on Pragmatics and Argumentation and Symposium on Generalized Argumentation Theory, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
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
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 (conversational)

References

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