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Work	National University of Singapore Assistant Professor (Presidential Young Professor, Tenure Track)	2019–
Education	PhD in Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley <i>Committee: John MacFarlane (co-chair), Seth Yalcin (co-chair), John Steel (external)</i>	2019
	AB in Philosophy and Allied Fields, University of Chicago <i>with Departmental and General Honors</i>	June 2010
Specialization	Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic, Value Theory	
Competence	Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Decision Theory, Political Philosophy, Kant and 19th-Century Philosophy, Philosophy of AI	
Articles	“Age-Weighted Democracy” <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i>	Forthcoming
	“Knowing What to Do” (joint work with Arc Kocurek) <i>Nous</i> 59 (1):160–190 https://doi.org/10.1111/nous.12503	2025
	“Counterlogicals as Counterconventionals” (joint work with Arc Kocurek) <i>Journal of Philosophical Logic</i> 50:673–704 https://doi.org/10.1007/s10992-020-09581-6	2021
	“Against Conventional Wisdom” (joint work with Arc Kocurek and Rachel Rudolph) <i>Philosophers’ Imprint</i> 20 (22):1–27 http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.3521354.0020.022	2020
	“Paradoxical Desires” <i>Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society</i> 119 (3):335–355 https://doi.org/10.1093/arisoc/aoz003	2019
	“Two Ways to Want?” <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> 116 (2):65–98 https://doi.org/10.5840/jphil201911624	2019
	“Non-Classical Knowledge” <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> 98 (1):190–220 https://doi.org/10.1111/phpr.12448	2019

Reviews	Review of Juhani Yli-Vakkuri's and John Hawthorne's <i>Narrow Content Philosophical Review</i> , 130 (3)	2021
AI	“Multiplication in Multimodal LLMs: Computation with Text, Image, and Audio Inputs” (joint work with Samuel G. Balter and Connor T. Jerzak) <i>Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/2604.18203	2026
	“Beyond the Imitation Game: Quantifying and extrapolating the capabilities of language models” (joint work with Aarohi Srivastava et al.) <i>Transactions on Machine Learning Research</i> https://openreview.net/forum?id=uyTL5Bvosj	2023
Grants and Awards	<i>While at the National University of Singapore:</i> FASS Writing Fellowship	2024
	Start up research grant (S\$80,000)	2019–2026
	Presidential Young Professor white space grant (S\$250,000)	2019–2026
	<i>While at the University of California, Berkeley:</i>	
	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2017/18
	Sanders Award for one of the best three graduate submissions to the Eastern APA –For “Two Ways to Want?”	2018
	APA graduate stipend	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
	DAAD graduate research grant (one year award)	2015/16
	DAAD intensive language grant (two month award)	2014, 2015
	Fink Prize for the best paper by a UC–Berkeley graduate student in philosophy –For “Non-Classical Knowledge”	2013
	–For “Liars, Propositions, and Contexts”	2012
	Philosophy department summer stipend	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
	Ralph W. Church Fellowship	2011/12
	<i>While at the University of Chicago:</i>	
	Phi Beta Kappa	2010
	Dunn Family philosophy summer research grant	2010
	Lee Prize for the best undergraduate essay in philosophy	2009, 2010
	Summer research stipend in mathematics (REU)	2007, 2008, 2009
Non-Degree Study	Visiting Doctoral Student, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Supervisor: Hannes Leitgeb	2015/16
	European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information University of Tübingen	2014
	European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf	2013

Talking († = invited)	<p>“Disjunctive Crimes” –BISFORM, Peking University, Beijing</p> <p>“Age-Weighted Democracy” –Colloquium, UT-Austin†</p> <p>“Knowing What to Do” (joint work with Arc Kocurek) –Berkeley Meaning Sciences Club† –Hong Kong Expressivism Workshop† –Philosophy of Language Association, Berlin</p> <p>“Aggregating Value” (joint work with Isaac Wilhelm) –Buenos Aires Logic Group, Argentina</p> <p>“Desire De Re” –New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York –Dubrovnik Conference on Metaphysics, Croatia –Colloquium, Scripps College, Los Angeles† –Colloquium, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore†</p> <p>“Against Conventional Wisdom” (joint work with Arc Kocurek and Rachel Rudolph) –Eastern APA, Philadelphia, PA –Stanford Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Workshop†</p> <p>“Counterlogicals” (joint work with Arc Kocurek) –Central APA, Denver, CO</p> <p>“Paradoxical Desires” –Colloquium, Brandeis University† –Colloquium, Indiana University Bloomington† –Colloquium, National University of Singapore† –Oxford University Graduate Conference, Oxford, UK –Postgraduate Session, 92nd Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society, Oxford, UK –Colloquium, LOGOS, Barcelona, Spain† –Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, London, UK –Pacific APA, San Diego, CA</p> <p>“Two Ways to Want?” –Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem† –New York Philosophy of Language Workshop† –Meaning Sciences Club, Berkeley, CA† –Eastern APA, Savannah, GA –Situations, Information, and Semantic Content Conference, LMU, Munich, Germany –Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, University College London, UK –Colloquium, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany† –Colloquium, Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris, France†</p> <p>“From Logical Pluralism to Logical Contextualism” –Normativity of Logic Conference, Bergen, Norway –Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, Berkeley, CA</p>	<p>July 2025</p> <p>December 2023</p> <p>October 2024 November 2023 July 2023</p> <p>June 2023</p> <p>September 2024 June 2023 February 2023 November 2019</p> <p>January 2020 May 2019</p> <p>February 2019</p> <p>February 2019 February 2019 January 2019 November 2018 July 2018 June 2018 May 2018 March 2018</p> <p>December 2018 September 2018 April 2018 January 2018 December 2016 May 2016 April 2016 April 2016</p> <p>June 2017 May 2017</p>
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–Eastern APA, Baltimore, MD	January 2017
–OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Conference on Pluralism and Relativism, Dubrovnik, Croatia†	June 2015
“Non-Classical Knowledge”	
–Colloquium, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU, Munich†	December 2015
–Epistemic Logic Workshop, at ESSLLI in Tübingen, Germany	August 2014
–Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA	May 2013
“Evolving Realism”	
–Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, University College London, UK	May 2014
“Liars, Propositions, and Contexts”	
–Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, University College London, UK	May 2012
Comments on Mike Deigan’s “Rational Partiality and Objective Value”	
–Pacific APA, Vancouver	April 2019
“Counterlogicals” (joint work with Arc Kocurek)	
–Richard Wollheim Society, Berkeley, CA	February 2018
“Narrative, Dreams, and Reality in <i>Lost Highway</i> ” (joint work with Alex Kerr)	
–Richard Wollheim Society, Berkeley, CA	December 2017
“Paradoxical Desires”	
–Graduate Research Colloquium, Berkeley, CA	December 2017
Comments on Ivano Ciardelli’s “Two switches in the theory of counterfactuals”	
–Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Workshop, Zürich	June 2017
“From Logical Pluralism to Logical Contextualism”	
–Richard Wollheim Society, Berkeley, CA	September 2016
–Mathematical Philosophy Seminar, MCMP, Munich	June 2016
Comments on Isidora Stojanovic’s “Expressing Disagreement”	
–Faces of Disagreement Conference, Montreal, Canada	May 2016
Comments on Cameron Domenico Kirk-Giannini’s “Assertion Reconsidered”	
–Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA	March 2016
Comments on Neil Barton’s “Modality, Mathematics, and Time: A Common Flaw in Modal Arguments”	
–Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA	May 2015
“Two Ways to Want”	
–Richard Wollheim Society, Berkeley, CA	April 2015
Comments on Peter Hawke’s “Questions, Topics, and Restricted Closure”	
–Berkeley/Stanford Logic Circle, San Francisco, CA	December 2014
“Revising Logic Rationally”	
–Richard Wollheim Society, Berkeley, CA	April 2014

Comments on Shane Steinert-Threlkeld's "Deflationism, Gaps, and Expressive Power"
–Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA May 2013

"Contingent Self-Reference"
–Richard Wollheim Society, Berkeley, CA October 2013

"Liars, Propositions, and Contexts"
–Richard Wollheim Society, Berkeley, CA November 2011

Teaching

Primary Responsibility:

While at the National University of Singapore:

PH2224 Philosophy and Film	Spring 2026
PH4206/PH5430, Seminar: Derek Parfit	Fall 2025
GET1029/GEX1015, Life, the Universe, and Everything	Spring 2024, Spring 2025
PH6770, Graduate Research Seminar	Fall 2023, Spring 2025, Fall 2025
PH4206/PH6760, Søren Kierkegaard	Fall 2023
PH4262, Friedrich Nietzsche	Spring 2023
PH4261, Immanuel Kant	Spring 2021, Spring 2022
PH4242/PH6242, Seminar: The Grounds of Meaning	Spring 2021
PH3246, Paradoxes	Fall 2020, Fall 2021
PH2242, Philosophy of Language	Spring 2020, Fall 2021
PH3245, Language and Thought	Fall 2019
PH4242/PH6540, Seminar: Attitudes, Conditionals, Conditional Attitudes	Fall 2019

Undergraduate theses advised: Jereld Pan (2020/21), Kane Chang (2021/22)

While at the University of California, Berkeley:

Phil12a, Elementary Logic Summer 2016

Teaching Assistant:

While at the University of California, Berkeley:

Phil 125, Metaphysics (Shamik Dasgupta)	Spring 2019
Phil 100, Philosophical Methods (Daniel Warren)	Fall 2018
Phil 2, Individual Morality and Social Justice (Nick French)	Summer 2018
PHIL 100, Philosophical Methods (Lara Buchak)	Spring 2017
PHIL 135, Theory of Meaning (John MacFarlane)	Spring 2015
PHIL 12a, Elementary Logic (Seth Yalcin)	Fall 2014
PHIL 186b, Later Wittgenstein (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2014
PHIL 132, Philosophy of Mind (John Searle)	Fall 2013
PHIL 4, Knowledge and Its Limits (Wes Holliday)	Spring 2013
PHIL 12a, Elementary Logic (Sherri Roush)	Fall 2012

While at the University of Chicago:

MATH 16100/16200/16300, Honors Calculus 2009/10

MATH 15100/15200/15300, Calculus	2007/8, 2008/9
MATH 51000, History of Mathematics	Summers 2008, 2009
MATH 50500, Geometry for Elementary School Teachers	Summer 2008

Service

- Curriculum Review Committee, NUS 2023–
- Member, Editorial Board, *Semantics and Pragmatics* 2022–
- Committee for the Sane, Responsible, and Non-Masochistic Scheduling of Courses, NUS 2020–
- Referee for New Crop Prize and Undergraduate Conference, UC–Berkeley 2017
- Graduate/Faculty Liaison (Berkeley) 2012, 2017
- Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Conference Reviewer 2011–2016
- Department Coffee Czar (Berkeley) Elected 2013 / Overthrown 2014

–Referee for *Analysis, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophy, Mind, Nous, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Studies, Review of Symbolic Logic, Semantics and Pragmatics, Synthese, Theoria*

Miscellany

Languages:

- English (native speaker)
- German (working fluency / C1)

Singapore Symphony Chorus, Bass Section Member	2023–
UC–Berkeley Philosophy Graduate Student Cover Band, Lead Vocals and Keyboard	2014, 2017
–Competed with Philosophy Department Faculty Band. Results inconclusive.	
München Universitätschor, Bass Section Member	2015/2016
University of California Chamber Chorus, Bass Section Member	2013–2015, 2017/18
University of Chicago Motet Choir, Bass Section Member	2006–2010
–Bass Section Leader	2009/10

Skills:

- Emacs, Lisp, Bash, Python, Piano, Baking, Braising

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References

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