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Personal details

Date of birth: January 12, 1972

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Languages: English (native), French (reading only)

Employment history

- 2009- Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore
Promoted with tenure 1 January 2009
- 2001-08 Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore
- 2000-01 Visiting Lecturer
Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona

Areas of specialization

metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language

Education

- 2000 Ph.D. in Philosophy
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 1993 A.B. Hons. in Philosophy
Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts

Publications

BOOK

- 2015 *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and Its Contents*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND SYMPOSIA

- 2017 “What is time?” in *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Temporal Experience*, Ian Phillips, ed. (Abingdon & New York: Routledge), 227-238.
- 2016 “Summary of *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and Its Contents*” and “Replies to Commentators” *Analysis Reviews* 76(4), 449-453, 479-501.
- 2014 “Physical time, phenomenal time, and the symmetry of Nature,” in *Debates in the Metaphysics of Time and Related Topics*, Nathan Oaklander, ed. (London: Bloomsbury), 131-148.
- 2010 “Must an appearance of succession involve a succession of appearances?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 81(1), 49-63.
- 2010 “Presentism, eternalism, and phenomenal change,” *Synthese* 176(2), 275-290.
- 2009 “Content internalism about indexical thought,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 46(2), 95-104.
- 2009 “The knowledge argument, the open question argument, and the moral problem,” *Synthese* 171(1), 25-45.
- 2008 “On an argument for functional invariance,” *Minds & Machines* 18(3), 373-377.
- 2008 “Descartes’ dualism and contemporary dualism,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 46(1), 145-160 (co-authored with Cecilia Wee).
- 2007 “Forms and objects of thought,” *Linguistics & Philosophy* 30(1), 97-122.
- 2005 “Enlightening the fully informed,” *Philosophical Studies* 126(1), 29-56.
- 2004 “Focal complexity in Aristotle and Wittgenstein,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 21(2), 131-150.
- 2004 “The indispensability of *Farbung*,” *Synthese* 138(1), 49-77.
- 2001 “Names as tokens and names as tools,” *Synthese* 128(1-2), 133-155.
- 2000 “Wittgensteinian semantics,” *Noûs* 34(4), 483-516.
- 1998 “The indexical character of names,” *Synthese* 114(2), 293-317 (co-authored with Joe Rainsbury).

NOTES & REVIEWS

- 2015 Review of *Subjective Time: The Philosophy, Psychology, and Neuroscience of Temporality*, Valitteri Arstila and Dan Lloyd, eds. (MIT: 2014), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- 2006 Critical notice of *Words Without Meaning*, Christopher Gauker (MIT: 2003), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 72(2), 480-483.
- 1996 Kripke's treatment of *Philosophical Investigations* §50, *Philosophical Investigations* 19(2), 159-163.

Talks

- 2017 "Phenomenalism" (June, 2017) invited talk, Idealism Workshop, NYU-Shanghai, Shanghai, China.
- 2017 "Phenomenalism redux" (May, 2017) invited talk, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2017 "Consciousness and relativity" (May, 2017) invited talk, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2017 "Consciousness and relativity" (April, 2017) invited talk, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2016 "Consciousness and relativity" (October, 2016) invited talk, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York.
- 2015 "A paradox about phenomenal duration" (July, 2015) Australasian Association of Philosophy, Macquarrie University, Sydney, Australia.
- 2015 "Précis of *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and Its Contents*" (April, 2015) 107th Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2011 "Relativity and experience" (April, 2011) Third International Philosophy Colloquium, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 2008 "Must an appearance of succession involve a succession of appearances?" (May, 2008) 36th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 2007 "The knowledge argument, the open question argument, and the moral problem" (May, 2007) 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2006 "A tale of two arguments" (July, 2006) Australasian Association of Philosophy,

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

2005 “What is sufficient for consciousness?” (December, 2005) Australasian Association of Philosophy, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Virginia (Spring, 1999)

Game Theory and Philosophy (undergraduate)

University of Arizona (2000-2001)

Mind, Matter, and God (undergraduate)

Existential Problems (undergraduate)

Analytic Philosophy (undergraduate)

Philosophy of Religion (undergraduate)

National University of Singapore (2001-present)

Introduction to Philosophy (undergraduate)

Consciousness (undergraduate)

Appearance and Reality (undergraduate)

Philosophy of Mind (undergraduate)

Philosophy of Language (undergraduate)

Theory of Knowledge (undergraduate)

Recent Philosophy (undergraduate)

Epistemology and Metaphysics (undergraduate honors seminar)

A Major Philosopher: Quine (undergraduate honors seminar)

Philosophy of Mind and Action (undergraduate honors seminar)

Topics in Analytic Philosophy (graduate seminar)

GRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISION

2015 Jane Loo, M.A., on phenomenology and the self.

2015 Kenneth Chong, M.A., on material constitution.

- 2011 Jacklyn Cleofas, Ph.D., on Wittgenstein and moral realism.
- 2011 Stephanie Lee, M.A., on the unity of consciousness.
- 2009 Clement Huang, M.A., on mental causation and overdetermination.
- 2009 Phee Beng Chang, M.A., on causation and induction.
- 2008 Ayodele-Oja Rafiu, Ph.D., on the private language argument.
- 2008 Tan Pei-En, M.A., on reasons as causes.
- 2006 Leon Lai, M.A., on introspective knowledge.
- 2004 Ho Jong-Wee, M.A., on deflationary theories of truth.

TEACHING AWARDS

NUS Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Teaching Excellence Award: 2006, 2007, and 2011.

Service

- 2017- Member, Executive Committee of the Australasian Association of Philosophy.
- 2016-17 Member, Program Committee for the Ninth European Congress for Analytic Philosophy (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, 21–26 August 2017).
- 2015- Member, Editorial Board of *Australasian Philosophical Review*.
- 2015- Member, AAP Committee for Higher Education.
- 2015- Fellow, NUS University Scholars Program.
- 2013- Head, NUS Department of Philosophy (with 1-year sabbatical hiatus, 2016-17).
- 2010- Freshman Coordinator, NUS Department of Philosophy.
- 2010- Participant in philosophy outreach programs for Singapore high school students.
- 2008- Member of various department-level search, promotion, and tenure committees.
- 2013-15 Chair, NUS Philosophy Department Research Benchmarking Committee.
- 2010-15 Member, NUS Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Graduate Student Conference Committee.
- 2012 Chair, Curriculum Review Committee (Analytic Philosophy), NUS Department of Philosophy.
- 2002-08 Honors Coordinator, NUS Department of Philosophy.