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Personal details

Citizenship: U.S.A.

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

Employment history

- 2009- Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore
- 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

Areas of competence

modern philosophy, early analytic philosophy

Education

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

Publications

BOOKS

- 2022 *Phenomenalism: A Metaphysics of Chance and Experience* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- 2015a *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and Its Contents* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

ARTICLES

- 2022 “The case for panpsychism: a critical assessment,” *Synthese* 200(312), doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03775-y.
- 2021 “Modal arguments against materialism,” *Noûs* 55(2), 426-444.
- 2020 “Idealism: putting qualia to work” in *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Consciousness*, U. Kriegel, ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 328-347.
- 2018 “Defending phenomenalism,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 69(276), 574-597.
- 2017 “What is time?” in *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Temporal Experience*, I. 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* 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*, N. Oaklander, ed. (London: Bloomsbury), 131-148.
- 2010b “Must an appearance of succession involve a succession of appearances?” *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 81(1), 49-63.
- 2010a “Presentism, eternalism, and phenomenal change,” *Synthese* 176(2), 275-290.
- 2009b “Content internalism about indexical thought,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 46(2), 95-104.
- 2009a “The knowledge argument, the open question argument, and the moral problem,” *Synthese* 171(1), 25-45.

- 2008b “On an argument for functional invariance,” *Minds & Machines* 18(3), 373-377.
- 2008a “Descartes’ dualism and contemporary dualism,” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 46(1), 145-160 (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.
- 2004b “Focal complexity in Aristotle and Wittgenstein,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 21(2), 131-150.
- 2004a “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 (with Joe Rainsbury).

NOTES AND REVIEWS

- 2015b 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 & Phenomenological Research* 72(2), 480-483.
- 1996 Kripke’s treatment of *Philosophical Investigations* §50, *Philosophical Investigations* 19(2), 159-163.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Black box behaviorism” – a paper that develops a “fading qualia” argument for non-reductive behaviorism

Black Boxes: A Study in Behaviorism – a comprehensive defense of a non-reductive form of behaviorism

“The color of time” – a paper arguing that debates about the passage of time are like debates about color

Teaching

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)
Metaphysics (undergraduate)
Appearance and Reality (undergraduate)
Philosophy of Mind (undergraduate)
Consciousness (undergraduate)
Philosophy of Language (undergraduate)
Theory of Knowledge (undergraduate)
Quine (undergraduate)
Topics in Analytic Philosophy (graduate seminar)

Service Highlights

2021- Undergraduate Coordinator, NUS Department of Philosophy.
2017-21 Executive Director (Singapore), Australasian Association of Philosophy.
2015- Member, Editorial Board of *Australasian Philosophical Review*.
2015-21 Member, AAP Committee for Higher Education.
2015- Fellow, NUS University Scholars Program.
2013-20 Head, NUS Department of Philosophy.
2013-15 Chair, NUS Philosophy Department Research Benchmarking Committee.
1999- Referee for various journals and academic presses, including *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, *Synthese*, Oxford University Press, and Routledge.