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Personal details

Citizenship: U.S.A.

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

Employment history

- 2009- Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, NUS
- 2023-24 Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, UNC–Chapel Hill
- 2016-17 Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University
- 2009-10 Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics & Philosophy, MIT
- 2001-08 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, NUS
- 2000-01 Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona

Areas of specialization

philosophy of mind, metaphysics, philosophy of language

Areas of competence

modern philosophy, early analytic philosophy, philosophy of science

Education

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

Publications

BOOKS

- 2023 *Phenomenalism: A Metaphysics of Chance and Experience* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- 2015 *Sensorama: A Phenomenalist Analysis of Spacetime and Its Contents* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

ARTICLES

- Précis of *Phenomenalism: A Metaphysics of Chance and Experience*, and replies to critics, for a *Philosophia* book symposium with contributions from Louis deRosset, Richard Fumerton, Hedda Hassel-Mørch, and Robert Smithson (forthcoming).
- Précis of *Phenomenalism: A Metaphysics of Chance and Experience*, and replies to critics, for an *Asian Journal of Philosophy* book symposium with contributions from Brian Cutter, Thomas Hofweber, Frank Jackson, and Howard Robinson (forthcoming).
- 2022 “The case for panpsychism: a critical assessment,” *Synthese* 200(4), 1-22.
- 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.

- 2010 “Must an appearance of succession involve a succession of appearances?” *Philosophy & 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 (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 (with Joe Rainsbury).

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

Recent Invited Talks

Three roads to idealism (keynote): Idealism Summit, UNC–Chapel Hill, April 2024.

Requiem for Hal:

VPI Philosophy Colloquium, Blacksburg, VA, March 2024.

VCU Speaker Series, Richmond, VA, February 2024.

18th Annual Fall Ethics Symposium: Ethics and Artificial Intelligence, Center for Practical and Professional Ethics, CSUS, Sacramento, CA, October 2023.

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

2024- Deputy Head, NUS Department of Philosophy

2017-21 Executive Director (Singapore), Australasian Association of Philosophy

2015- Member, Editorial Board of *Australasian Philosophical Review*

- 2015- Member, AAP Committee for Higher Education
- 2013-20 Head, NUS Department of Philosophy
- 2010-13 Freshman Coordinator, NUS Department of Philosophy
- 2013-15 Chair, NUS Philosophy Department Research Benchmarking Committee
- 2010-14 Member, NUS Graduate Student Conference Committee
- 2012 Chair, Curriculum Review Committee (Analytic Philosophy), NUS Department of Philosophy
- 2002-08 Honors Coordinator, NUS Department of Philosophy
- 1999- Referee for various journals and academic presses, including *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.