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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Religion & Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2018-present.
- Research Fellow, *Center for Applied Ethics*
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong, 2012-2018.
- Core Member, *Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy (CEACOP)*
Visiting Fellow, Philosophy Programme, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, 8/2016-1/2017.
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Underwood International College, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 2010-2012.
Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, 2009-2010.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, University of Utah, 2009.
M.A., Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, 2003.
M.A., Department of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego, 2001.
B.A., PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics), Pomona College, 1999.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Chinese Philosophy
Comparative Philosophy
Political Philosophy
Moral Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Law
Philosophy of Religion
Applied Ethics

BOOKS

[*The Shenzi Fragments: A Philosophical Analysis and Translation*](#). Columbia University Press, 2016.

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (peer-reviewed)

“Harmony and Nature—Thoughts from Laozi and Shen Dao.” In Sai Hang Kwok, Dascha Düring, and Chenyang Li, eds., *Conceptions of Harmony in Chinese Thought*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
“The Dao of Han Fei.” In Justin Tiwald, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2020.
“A Han Feizian Worry with Confucian Meritocracy – and a Non-Moral Alternative.” *Culture and Dialogue*, 8.2, 2020, forthcoming.

- [“Mohist Naturalism.”](#) *The Philosophical Forum*, 51.1, Spring 2020, 17-31.
- [“Critiquing Heavily Normative Conceptions of Harmony – Thoughts from the Han Feizi.”](#) *Journal of Confucian Culture and Philosophy*, 33, February 2020, 155-179.
- [“Xunzi on the Role of the Military in a Well-Ordered State.”](#) *Journal of Military Ethics*, 18.1, June 2019, 48-64.
- [“Relating the Political to the Ethical – Thoughts on Early Confucian Political Theory.”](#) *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 18.2, June 2019, 277-283.
- [“Which Teacher Should I Choose? A Xunzian Approach to Distinguishing Moral Experts from Fanatics.”](#) *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 45.2, September 2017, 463-480.
- [“Xunzi’s Political Philosophy.”](#) In Eric L. Hutton, ed., *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Xunzi*. New York: Springer, 2016, 95-138.
- [“Aspects of Shen Dao’s Political Philosophy.”](#) *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 32.3, July 2015, 217-234.
- [“Legalism: Introducing a Concept and Analyzing Aspects of Han Fei’s Political Philosophy.”](#) *Philosophy Compass*, 9.3, March 2014, 155-164.
- [“The Role of Virtue in Xunzi’s Political Philosophy.”](#) *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 12.1, March 2013, 93-110.
- [“Constraining the Ruler: On Escaping Han Fei’s Criticism of Confucian Virtue Politics.”](#) *Asian Philosophy*, 23.1, February 2013, 43-61.
- [“Han Fei on the Problem of Morality.”](#) In Paul R. Goldin, ed., *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Han Fei*. New York: Springer, 2013, 107-131.
- [“Is the Law in the Way? On The Source of Han Fei’s Laws.”](#) *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 38.1, March 2011, 73-87.
- “The Nature of the Virtues in Light of the Early Confucian Tradition.” In Julia Tao, Philip J. Ivanhoe, and Kam-por Yu, eds., [Taking Confucian Ethics Seriously: Contemporary Theories and Applications](#), Albany: SUNY Press, 2010, 163-182.
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SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES

- “Confucianism: Comparisons and Controversies,” co-edited with Henrique Schneider, special issue for *Culture and Dialogue*, 8.2, 2020, forthcoming.
- [“The Philosophy of Mozi – Impartial Caring in the Warring States Era,”](#) co-edited with Henrique Schneider, special issue on Chinese Philosophy for *The Philosophical Forum*, 51.1, Spring 2020.
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IN PROGRESS

- Political Meritocracy in Early China*. Cambridge University Press, under contract.
- Explaining and Illustrating the Laozi: The Earliest Commentaries on the Daodejing*. With Eric L. Hutton. Oxford University Press, under contract.
- Adventures in Chinese Realism: Classic Philosophy Applied to Contemporary Issues*. Edited with Henrique Schneider. Volume under review.
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OTHER PUBLICATIONS (* indicates peer-reviewed)

- * “Introduction to “Confucianism: Comparisons and Controversies.” *Culture and Dialogue*, 8.2, 2020, forthcoming. With Henrique Schneider.

- * [“中国哲学典籍英译及传播的挑战与应对--《慎子》首版英译者郝令喆访谈录 Challenges and Strategies in Translating and Disseminating Classical Chinese Philosophy: An Interview with Eirik Lang Harris.”](#) 翻譯界 *Translation Horizons*, Issue 1, 2020, 111-121. With 鄧志輝 Deng Zhihui.
 - * [“Afterthought – Contextualizing and Moving Forward.”](#) *The Philosophical Forum*, 51.1, Spring 2020, 81-87.
 - * [“Han Feizi,”](#) in Hugh LaFollette, ed., *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*. Wiley Blackwell, 2019.
 - * [“Legalism.”](#) In Tim Wright, ed., *Oxford Bibliographies in Chinese Studies*. New York: Oxford University Press, spring 2014, revised spring 2018.
 - [Review of Owen Flanagan, *The Geography of Morals: Varieties of Moral Possibility*.](#) *Utilitas*, 30.3, September 2018, 379-382.
 - [Review of Fraser, Chris, *The Philosophy of the Mozi: The First Consequentialists*.](#) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, May 2017.
 - [Review of Cline, Erin M, *Confucius, Rawls, and the Sense of Justice*.](#) *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 14.3, September 2015, 455-458.
 - * [“Hán Fēi,”](#) in Kerry Brown, ed., *Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography*, Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing, 2014, 80-92. (5,000 word essay).
 - [Early Chinese Political Thought as Conversation: A Review of Bai, Tongdong, *China: The Political Philosophy of the Middle Kingdom*.](#) *China Review International*, 20.1-2, 2013, 1-7.
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TRANSLATIONS

- “Han Feizi” (selections including Ch. 27 & 29) and “Shen Dao” (selections) in Philip J. Ivanhoe and Bryan W. Van Norden, eds. *Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy*. 3rd Ed. Indianapolis: Hackett, forthcoming.
 - Mou Zongsan, Xu Fuguan, Zhang Junmai, & Tang Junyi’s “Manifesto on Behalf of Chinese Culture Respectfully Announced to the People of the World” (selections), in Justin Tiwald and Bryan W. Van Norden, eds. *Readings in Later Chinese Philosophy*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2014. (Due to inability to locate copyright holder, currently available only on Hackett [website](#). Planned for inclusion in print version of 2nd edition).
 - “Analects,” “Mencius,” and “The Book of Filial Piety” (selections), in Margaret Pabst Battin, ed. *The Ethics of Suicide: Historical Sources*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
 - “Zhuangzi” and “Mozi” (selections) in Robin Wang, ed. *Images of Women in Chinese Thought and Culture: Writings from the Pre-Qin Period through the Song Dynasty*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2003.
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PRESENTATIONS (* indicates invited talks)

- * “Developing Political Realism – Some Ideas from Early China,” Department of Philosophy, Colorado State University. (14 February 2020)
- * “Normativity of War and Peace – Thoughts from the *Han Feizi*,” *Conference on Western-East Asian Ethics of War and Peace*, University of Virginia. (7 December 2019)
- * “Harmony and Nature – Thoughts from Laozi and Shen Dao,” Research Center for Overseas Chinese Studies, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou. (19 October 2019)
- * “Critiquing Heavily Normative Conceptions of Harmony – Thoughts from the *Han Feizi*,” Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou. (18 October 2019)
- * “A Han Feizian Worry with Confucian Meritocracy – and a Non-Moral Alternative,” Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy, City University of HK. (27 September 2019)
- “On Some Similarities between Mozi and Han Fei,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. (18 April 2019)

- * "Harmony (和) in the Han Feizi," Workshop on *Conceptions of Harmony in Chinese Thoughts*, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. (December 2018).
- * "Interpreting Chinese Philosophical Texts," School of Foreign Studies, School of Chinese Language and Literature, and School of History, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou. (24 November 2018)
- * "Han Fei on What We Can Learn from History," Conference on *China and Globalization*, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou. (25 November 2018)
- "Han Fei on Organizing and Justifying the State and Political Authority," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. (2 September 2018)
- * "*Fajia* and *Bingjia*," SCCF Summer Program, Chinese University of HK. (28 July 2018)
- * "Shen Dao Among the Early Moderns?," Workshop on *Expanding the Canon: Transitions and Transformations in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy*, Schloss Neuhaus (Gais, Italy). (July 2018).
- "Amoral Desert? Han Fei's Theory of Punishment," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. (31 March 2018)
- * "On the Source and Grounds of Han Fei's Political Philosophy," Department of Philosophy, Hong Kong University. (25 January 2018)
- * "Political Thought in the *Shenzi Fragments*," Department of Philosophy & Religion, University of Macau. (6 December 2017)
- * "Law and Virtue in Early Chinese Philosophy," Philosophy Department, Lingnan University, Hong Kong. (13 November 2017)
- * "Unraveling the *Han Feizi's* Dissection of the *Laozi*," Department of Philosophy & Religion, University of Macau. (20 October 2017)
- "Han Fei and Ethics in the Corporate Realm," ISCP Conference, Nanyang University, Singapore. (7 July 2017)
- * "*The Shenzi Fragments: A Philosophical Analysis and Translation: Author Meets Critics*," ISCP Conference, Nanyang University, Singapore. (6 July 2017)
- "Unknotting the *Han Feizi's* Dissection of the *Laozi*," Workshop on Legalism, Sunkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea. (19 May 2017)
- * "The Political Philosophy of Shen Dao," College of Confucian Studies & Eastern Philosophy, Sunkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea. (18 May 2017)
- * "Han Feizi in Early Chinese Thought," College of Confucian Studies & Eastern Philosophy, Sunkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea. (17 May 2017)
- * "Relating the Political to the Ethical – or Not: Loubna El Amine's *Classical Confucian Political Thought: A New Interpretation*," Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. (16 April 2017)
- "Han Fei and Corporate Ethics," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. (16 April 2017)
- * "Which Teacher Should I Choose? A Xunzian Approach to Distinguishing Moral Experts from Fanatics." Department of Philosophy, UC San Diego. (27 Jan 2017)
- * "Han Fei's Political Philosophy - Finding its Source in the *Dao*," Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. (9 Nov 2016)
- * "Shen Dao and the Development of Chinese Political Philosophy," Philosophy Department, University of Otago. (5 Oct 2016)
- * "The Sources and Justifications of Han Fei's Political Philosophy," Philosophy Programme, University of Auckland. (30 Sept 2016)
- * "Xunzi, Moral Cultivation, Fanaticism, and the Student's Dilemma," Philosophy Programme, University of Waikato. (29 Sept 2016)
- "The Dao of Han Fei," Workshop on Chinese Legalism, Jagiellonian University. (15 Sept 2016)
- * "Why Do Philosophy Comparatively?" Department of the Sociology of Law, Jagiellonian University. (14 Sept 2016)
- * "The *Shenzi Fragments* and Early Chinese Political Philosophy," Philosophy Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. (18 Aug 2016)

- * "*Fajia* and *Bingjia*," SCCF Summer Program, Chinese University of HK. (12 July 2016)
- * "Virtue and the Law in Classical Chinese Philosophy," Philosophy Lecture Series, Brigham Young University Philosophy Department. (07 April 2016)
- * "Shen Dao's Political Philosophy," Asian Studies Faculty Colloquium, Brigham Young University. (06 April 2016)
- * "Choosing to Be Confucian: A Student's Worry," David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, Brigham Young University. (05 April 2016)
- "Han Fei on Organizing and Justifying the State," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. (01 April 2016)
- "Moral Cultivation and the Student's Dilemma," Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought, Southern Connecticut State University. (Nov 2015)
- "Shen Dao's Conception of the Law and the *Dao*," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. (April 2015)
- * "The Law and the Way in the *Shenzi Fragments*," Department of Philosophy, Hong Kong University. (March 2015)
- * "Shen Dao and Early Chinese Political Philosophy," Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico. (Jan 2015)
- "Virtue & Law in Xunzi," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. (Aug 2014)
- "Xunzi on the Role of Military Tactics in Ordering the State," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. (April 2014)
- "Shen Dao's Political Thought," Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. (Nov 2013)
- * "Han Fei on the Role of History," 韓非子與法家思想國際學術研討會 (International Symposium on Han Feizi and Legalism), Renmin University, Beijing, China. (June 2013)
- "Xunzi's Virtue Jurisprudence," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meeting. (Dec 2012)
- "Xunzi's Reformation Model of Moral Cultivation and the Worry of Fanaticism," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meeting. (Dec 2012)
- "Constraining the Ruler in Early Chinese Political Thought," Australasian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, Sydney, Australia. (July 2012)
- "Xunzi and Han Fei on Constraining the Ruler," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division meeting. (April 2011)
- * "Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory in Xunzi's Political Thought," Department of Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong. (March 2011)
- Developing Virtue Politics: or, how did we ever come to like oysters on the half shell?," Underwood International College Faculty Colloquium. (March 2011)
- "A Xunzian Defense of the Role of Virtue in the Political Realm," Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought. (May 2010)
- * "Xunzi on Virtue in Politics," Philosophy Department, Santa Clara University. (April 2010)
- "Han Fei on the Role of Morality in Political Philosophy," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division meeting. (April 2010)
- "Is the Law in the Way? On the Source of Han Fei's Laws," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meeting. (Dec 2008)
- * "On the Role of Virtue in the Political Realm," Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore. (Feb 2008)
- "The Hegemon and the True King in Xunzi's Political Thought," Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. (Sept 2007)
- "Is the Law in the Way? An Analysis of the 'Da ti' Chapter of the *Han Feizi*," Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference. (March 2007)
- * "What is Philosophy of Law?" University of Utah Philosophy Club. (Nov 2006)
- 弱民：商鞅之政治哲學 "On Weakening the People: Shang Yang's Political Philosophy", National Taiwan University. (in Chinese). (March 2005)

- “On the ‘Jie Lao’: Some Whys and Wherefores Underlying Han Fei’s Hacking Apart of the *Laozi*,” Midwest Conference on Asian History and Culture. (May 2003)
- “The Four Sprouts and the Seven Feelings: What Would Mengzi Say?” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting. (March 2003)
- “On the Nature of Virtue: Ideas from the Early Confucian Tradition,” Harvard East Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference. (Feb 2002)
- “Confucius and Aristotle on Learning to be Virtuous,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting. (Feb 2001)
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- Engaging with Legalism - Connections across Traditions*, Sunkyunkwan University. Co-sponsored by Sunkyunkwan University’s College of Confucian Studies & Eastern Philosophy and CityU’s Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy (18-19 May 2017). (With Youngsun Back)
- Chinese Legalism*, Jagiellonian University. Co-sponsored by Jagiellonian University’s Department of the Sociology of Law and CityU’s Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy (15-16 September 2016). (With Mateusz Stępień)
- Political Theory and Theorizing East and West*, City University of Hong Kong. Supported by the Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy (27 February-1 March 2015). (With Sungmoon Kim)
- Traditional Non-Confucian Perspectives on Social and Political Organization and Order*, City University of Hong Kong. Supported by the Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Department of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong and the CityU 30th Anniversary Fund. (15-16 March 2014)
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RECENT GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- City University of Hong Kong College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Research Grant Writing Fund “Oneness in Environmental Ethics and Political Theory” (HK\$400,000/US\$51,600), Co-Principal Investigator with PJ Ivanhoe (2015-2016)
- City University of Hong Kong Start-up Grant “Early Chinese Political Philosophy” (HK\$200,000/US\$25,800) (2015-2017)
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council General Research Fund Grant, “Han Fei’s Political Philosophy” (HK\$130,000/US\$16,800) (2014-2017)
- City University of Hong Kong 30th Anniversary Celebration Conference Grant (HK\$50,000/US\$6,500) (2014)
- City University of Hong Kong Teaching Start Up Grant (HK\$80,000/US\$10,300) (2012-2014)
- Yonsei University Research Start Up Grant (10 million KRW/US\$8,600) (2010-2011)
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COURSES TAUGHT

Hong Kong Baptist University

- Freedom in Modern Society
- From Responsible Citizenship to Service Leadership
- Chinese Moral & Political Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics

Victoria University of Wellington

- Political Philosophy East and West

City University of Hong Kong

Ethical and Political Philosophy of China (MA level course)
Philosophy & Life: A Dialogue
Thinking Philosophically: Bridging the Gap between Arts and Sciences
Health Care Policy and Ethics
Environmental Issues, Policy, and Ethics
Ethics and Practice
Philosophy Goes to the Movies

Underwood International College, Yonsei University

Critical Reasoning
Comparative Political Philosophy (seminar)
Eastern Civilizations
Law and Philosophy (seminar)

Santa Clara University

Chinese Philosophy (upper-division course)
Ethical Issues in Business
Ethical Issues in Society

University of Utah

Intro: Survey of Philosophy (Online Course)
Intro to Philosophy: God, Faith & Reason
Philosophy of Law (upper-division course)

LANGUAGES

Native English speaker
Mandarin Chinese – excellent speaking, reading, and writing
Classical Chinese – excellent reading
French – advanced reading, intermediate writing and speaking

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor (with Sungmoon Kim) for *CEACOP Series in East Asian Comparative Ethics, Politics, & Philosophy of Law*, published by Rowman & Littlefield International.

Referee For:

Asiatische Studien
American Political Science Review
British Journal for the History of Philosophy
China-EU Law Journal
Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy
Environmental Philosophy
Frontiers of Daoist Studies
History of Philosophy Quarterly
Journal of Asian and African Studies
Journal of Chinese Political Science
Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture
Journal of Religious Ethics

Journal of the American Philosophical Association
Journal of the History of Ideas
Journal of Value Inquiry
Philosophy Compass
Philosophy East and West
Review of Politics
Acumen Publishing
Bloomsbury Publishing
Columbia University Press
Fordham University Press
Gale Cengage Learning

Polity Press
Routledge

Springer
University of California Press

Service for Hong Kong Baptist University

Department of Religion & Philosophy General Education Committee, 2018-present.
Department of Religion & Philosophy Postgraduate Committee, 2019-present.

Service for City University of Hong Kong

Department of Public Policy Departmental Executive Committee, 2014-2015, 2017-2018.
Department of Public Policy Research Education Committee, 2016-2018.
International Student Exchange Programme Group, 2013-2018.
Department of Public Policy Website Coordinator, 2013-2018.
College Board of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2013-2015.
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Representative for School Visits, 2012-2014.

Service for Underwood International College, Yonsei University

Faculty Search Committee
Career Development Center Committee
Reviewer for International Student Admissions
First Year Curriculum Development Committee
Service for University of Michigan
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures Faculty Search Committee