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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

Professor, Nanjing University, 2022.12 – present, Professor
Associate Professor, Nanjing University, 2017.12 – 2022.12
Research Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Nanjing University, 2015 - 2017

Visiting Positions

Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Department, University of Pennsylvania. 2019 - 2020

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology and Value Theory

Areas of Competence

Chinese Philosophy and Philosophy of Science

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Fordham University, 2015.
M.A. Chinese Philosophy, Peking University, 2008.
B.A. Philosophy, Anhui University, 2005.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles in English

1. 2025, "Grasping a proposition", in *Synthese*.
2. 2025, "A responsibilist account of knowledge", in *Philosophical Quarterly*.
3. 2024, "Sosa's virtue account vs. responsibilism", in *Asian Journal of Philosophy*.
4. 2023, "A defense of the veritist account of the goal of inquiry," in *Inquiry*

5. 2023, "The epistemic value of understanding-why," in *Episteme*
6. 2021, "Hempel on Scientific Understanding," in *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*
7. 2021. "In What Sense is Understanding an Intellectual Virtue?" in *Synthese*, online version available
8. 2020. "The Epistemic Account of Faultless Disagreement," in *Synthese*, online version, online version available
9. 2019. "Is Knowledge of Causes Sufficient for Understanding?" in *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 2019. 49 (3)
10. 2017. "Why Do True Beliefs Differ in Epistemic Value?" in *Ratio*, 30 (3):255-269
11. 2017. "Must a Successful Argument Convert an Ideal Audience?" in *Argumentation*, 31 (1):165-177
12. 2016. "A Critical Survey of Some Philosophical Research in China," in *Philosophia*, 44 (4):971-998
13. 2016. "A Few Puzzles about William James' Theory of Truth," in *Kriterion: Revista de Filosofia*, 57 (135):803-821.
14. 2015. "Is Epistemology a Kind of Inquiry?," in *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 40:483-488.

Reviews in English

1. 2022. "Review of Kelp's *Inquiry, Knowledge, and Understanding*", in *Philosophical Quarterly*
2. 2020. "Review of Lycan's *On Evidence in Philosophy*," in *Analysis*.
3. 2018. "Review of Penelope Maddy's *What do Philosophers Do? Skepticism and the Practice of Philosophy*", in *Philosophical Quarterly*, 68 (273):862-864.
4. 2016. "Review of Yong Huang's *Why Be Moral? Learning from the Neo-Confucian Cheng Brothers*", in *Philosophy East and West*, 66 (3):1032-1035.
5. 2016. "Review of Neera Badhwar's *Well-Being: Happiness in a Worthwhile Life*," in *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, 55(01): 214-215.
6. 2014. "Review of Steve Coutinho's *Introduction to Daoist Philosophies*", in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 53(4): 465-467

Books in Chinese

1. *Fundamental Problems of Western Philosophy*, 《西方哲学基本问题》, The Commercial Press, 2026
2. *A Responsibility Theory of Knowledge*, 《责任知识论》, Peking University Press, 2025
3. *Philosophical Arguments* 《哲学论证》, Nanjing University Press, 2024

Articles in Chinese

1. 2025. 《为什么哲学是一项认知事业？从反思平衡到理解》 (Understanding as an epistemic goal of philosophy) , 载《哲学分析》 (in *Philosophical Analysis*)
2. 2022. 《理解与解释》 (Scientific Understanding and Explanation), 载《自然辩证法通讯》 (in *Journal of Dialectics of Nature*)
3. 2021. 《Gettier问题：一个批判的综述》 (The Gettier Problem: A critical survey) , 载《哲学评鉴》 (Chinese Philosophical Review)
4. 2019. “两种理解” (Two Kinds of Understanding) , 载《自然辩证法通讯》 (in *Journal of Dialectics of Nature*)
5. 2018. “怀疑主义与认知价值” (Skepticism and epistemic value), 载《浙江大学学报》 (in *Zheda Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*)
6. 2018. “Gettier问题与认知价值” (The Gettier problem and epistemic value), 载《自然辩证法研究》 (in *Studies in Dialectics of Nature*)
7. 2016. “威廉·詹姆斯的真理观” (William James on the Nature and Value of Truth), 载《哲学评论》 (in *Wuda Philosophical Review*). (A much longer and substantively revised version of this paper has been published in English)
8. 2016. “真理为何不平等？” (Why are truths not born equal?), 载《自然辩证法通讯》 (in *Journal of Dialectics of Nature*)
9. 2015. “重思劳丹的反划界论证” (Rethinking Laudan’s argument against demarcation), 载《科学学研究》 (in *Studies of Science*)
10. 2014. “为什么相信专家？” (Why should we trust experts?), 载《哲学评论》 (in *Wuda Philosophical Review*)
11. 2014. “评郝长墀对墨子与功利主义的诠释” (On Hao’s interpretation of Mozi and utilitarianism), 载《哲学分析》 (in *Philosophical Analysis*)

Work in Progress

I am working on a graduate textbook focusing the central problems of western

philosophy. Also, I am planning to write a book on understanding.

Selected Honors and Awards

- 2025, Outstanding Textbook Award, Nanjing University
- 2024, Liu Houjun Teaching Award, Nanjing University
- 2023, National Teaching Award, 5/9, Ministry of Education of China
- 2021, First Research Prize, Jiangsu Logic and Critical Thinking Association
- 2021, Xinhua Media Award for Outstanding Young Teacher, Nanjing University
- 2021, Weizhen Award for Teaching Excellence, Phil Dept @ Nanjing University
- 2020, National Distinguished Young Scholar
- 2020, Distinguished Young Scholar of Jiangsu Province
- 2020, Du Xia Teaching Award, Nanjing University
- 2019, Young Scholars Research Award, Nanjing University
- 2019, Outstanding Mentor, Nanjing University
- 2018, Bank of China Teaching Award, Nanjing University

Journal Referee

Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialogue, Episteme, Erkenntnis, Mind, Metaphilosophy, Philosophia, Philosophical forum, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Thought

Talks

1. The 2021 summer school lecturer at Xiamen University (where I delivered a series of lectures on understanding)
2. I was invited to give talks at Fudan University, Sichuan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Wuhan University, Tsinghua University, Beijing Normal University, Peking University, Shandong University, Nanjing Normal University, Tsinghua University, Xiamen University, Zhengjiang University, etc.

Competitive Grants (since 2016)

1. 2022, National Social Sciences Grant (200,000 Chinese Yuan)
2. 2020. National Young Top-notch Talent Grant (300, 000 Chinese Yuan)
3. 2018. Huaying Fellowship (30, 000 US Dollars)
4. 2016. National Social Sciences Grant (200,000 Chinese Yuan)
5. 2016. China Post-Doctoral Research Grant (highest, 80,000 Chinese Yuan)

Courses Taught as Sole Instructor

- Graduate (since 2016)
 - Nanjing University
 - Epistemology
 - Comparative Philosophy (English course)
 - American Philosophy - Topics in Value Theory
 - Problems in Western Philosophy
- Undergraduate (since 2011)
 - Nanjing University (2015 - present)
 - Classical Chinese Philosophy (English course, x6)
 - History of Anglo-American Philosophy after Hegel (x6)
 - Introduction to Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations* (x4)
 - Classics of Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy (x2)
 - Classics of Western Philosophy (Ancient & Medieval)
 - Nanjing Medical University (2016)
 - Introduction to logic (x2)
 - Fordham University, New York (2011-2015)
 - Philosophy of Human Nature (English course, x6)
 - Philosophical Ethics (English course, x8)
 - Human Error: Philosophical and Psychological Approaches (English course)

Professional Service

1. Vice Chairman of the Chinese Society of Epistemology
2. Organizer, Nanjing University, Workshop for Young Philosophers
3. Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the Philosophy Department, Nanjing University
4. Secretary for the Division of Foreign Philosophy, Philosophy Department, Nanjing University

References

Available upon request