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Research Interests

AOS: social and political philosophy (esp. PPE and political epistemology), ethics
AOC: epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind

Employment

Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University

Assistant Professor

2022-present

Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre

Research Fellow

2022-present

Education

Rutgers University

PhD in Philosophy

2016-2022

- Dissertation: *Incentives, Institutions, and the Language of Politics*
- Committee: Alex Guerrero (chair), Elisabeth Camp, Andy Egan, Philip Pettit (external)

University College Dublin

MA in Philosophy

2014-2015

BA in Philosophy

2010-2014

Publications

2023

Political Ignorance is Both Rational and Radical

Synthese

2023

Bad Language Makes Good Politics

Inquiry

2023	Bullshit in Politics Pays <i>Episteme</i>
2022	On Epistocracy's Epistemic Problem: Reply to Méndez <i>Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective</i>
2022	Is Epistocracy Irrational? <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i>
2022	Rational Conceptual Conflict and the Implementation Problem <i>Inquiry</i>
2021	Political Disagreement and Minimal Epistocracy <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i>

Papers Under Review (with titles removed for blind review)

- A paper on existential risk and political experimentalism (under review) [w/ Joseph Porter]
- A paper on conceptual engineering (under review)

Public Philosophy

'Bad Language Makes Good Politics', *New Work in Philosophy*

Presentations (Selected)

'Epistocracy and the Problem of Political Capture'

- Centre for the Study of Governance and Society, King's College London, February 2024 (invited)

'Bad Language Makes Good Politics'

- ConceptLab Hong Kong, Hong Kong University, November 2022 (invited)

'Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty'

- 5th Annual PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, February 2022
- After Justice: John Rawls' Legacy in the 21st Century, University of Bucharest, November 2021
- Rust Belt PPE Workshop, BGSU, October 2021
- International Symposium on Rawls, University of Girona, October 2021

'Political Ignorance: Rational and Radical'

- Chapman University PPE Workshop, July 2021

'Bullshit in Politics Pays'

- Public Vices, University of Genoa, October 2021
- The Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories, UCD, July 2021

'Is Epistocracy Irrational?'

- Arts Faculty Research Seminar Series, Lingnan University, November 2022 (invited)
- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference: The Crisis of American Democracy, Siena Heights University, April 2021
- Forethought Foundation Speaker Series, August 2020

'Political Disagreement and Minimal Epistocracy'

- Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference, Arizona State University, February 2021
- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference: The Crisis of American Democracy, Siena Heights University, April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

'Epistocracy, Leadership, and Capture'

- Effective Altruism Speaker Series, Brown University, April 2020 (invited)
- 4th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, GPI, March 2020 (invited; cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Belfast, June 2019 (invited)
- Dialoguing Democracy, NUIG, June 2019

'The Conceptual Ethics of Hate Speech'

- The Moral and Political Challenges of Speech, University of Tennessee, April 2019
- Dublin Graduate Conference, UCD and TCD, May 2017

Teaching

Lingnan University

- Critical Thinking
- Western Political Philosophy

Rutgers University, New Brunswick

- Current Moral and Social Issues
- The Ethics of War and Conflict
- Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

Grants and Awards

Excellence Fellowship, <i>Rutgers University</i>	2021-2022
Don Lavoie Fellowship, <i>Mercatus Center, George Mason University</i>	2021
Global Priorities Fellowship, <i>Forethought Foundation</i>	2020-2022
Adam Smith Fellowship, <i>Mercatus Center, George Mason University</i>	2019-2022
Excellence Fellowship, <i>Rutgers University</i>	2016-2018

Professional Service

Advising

PhD Advising

- Daniele Garancini (metaphilosophy, 2023) [internal examiner]

Undergraduate Thesis Advising

- Hui, Tsz Fung Henry (political philosophy, 2023-2024)
- Wang, Xiaoneng (political philosophy, 2023-2024)

Committees

- BBA Board of Examiners, Lingnan University, 2023-present
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Lingnan University, 2022-present
- Program Promotion Committee, Lingnan University, 2022-2023

Conferences and Events

- Organizer of research seminars and public lecture series for the Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre, 2022-2023
- Co-organizer of Rutgers Lecture Series in Philosophy, 2018-2021
- Member of Rutgers Colloquium Committee, 2016-2018; 2021-2022

Referee

- *Acta Analytica*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Episteme*; *Ergo*; *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (x2); *Philosophical Psychology*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Political Studies*; *Polity*; *Res Publica*; *Routledge* (x2); *Social Epistemology* (x2); *Social Theory and Practice*

Misc.

- Project Mentor for Stanford Existential Risk Initiative, 2021
- Rutgers Honors College Graduate Mentor, 2020-2022
- Judge at the Irish Young Philosopher Awards, 2019
- Rutgers Philosophy Faculty Rep, 2017-2018

References

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