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EDUCATION

- 2028 (expected) Ph.D. in Philosophy, Duke University
Dissertation: *A Confucian Relational Account of Human Dignity*
Supervisor: David B. Wong
- 2022 M.A. in Chinese Philosophy and Culture, Fudan University
Thesis: *Confucian Liberalism: Individuals, Freedom & Benevolent Government*
Advisor: Tongdong Bai
- 2017 P.B.D., Arts (Philosophy), Simon Fraser University
- 2009 B.Com., International Business, University of Northern British Columbia

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

Areas of Specialization: Social and Political Philosophy; Chinese and Comparative Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Ethics; Philosophy of Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

- 2024 Review of Benoît Vermander, *The Encounter of Chinese and Western Philosophies: A Critique*.
Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy 23 (3): 519–527.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Confucian philosophy, dignity, and well-being

Early Chinese political philosophy, institutional design, and strategic behavior

The Laozi's literary form and political cultivation

Embodiment and disability in early Chinese philosophy

Music and the practice of philosophy in ancient Greek and Chinese traditions

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2024 "Incomplete Bodies in Early Confucianism and Zhuangzi." Invited talk, Fudan University, Shanghai, May 28.

Conference Presentations

- 2027 (forthcoming) Presentation on the Hanfeizi (title withheld for anonymous review). International Society for Chinese Philosophy panel, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, March 24 – 27.
- 2027 (forthcoming) Critic, Book Symposium: Doil Kim, *The Art of Seeing Beyond Oneself: A Confucian Perspective on Humility*. Organizer: Jing Iris Hu. APA Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, March.
- 2026 “Paradox in the *Laozi*: Cultivating Dao-like Rulership.” World Congress on Logic and Religion (WoCoLoR), University of Canada West, Vancouver, Canada, September 24.
- 2026 “A Confucian Relational Account of Human Dignity.” “Relational Humanity” panel, Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal, June 29.
- 2025 “A Confucian Relational Account of Human Dignity.” Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought, Duke University, Durham, November 15.
- 2024 “Was Confucius Irrational to Pursue a Hopeless Goal? Evidence, Prospects and Haoxue 好學.” Association of Chinese Philosophers of America panel, APA Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, March 20–23.
- 2024 “Haoxue 好學, Imperfect Exemplars and Society.” International Society for Chinese Philosophy panel, APA Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, February 22.
- 2023 “Misrule and Min in the Mencius: A Right of Rebellion or Merely Reactive Resistance?” MANCEPT Workshop, University of Manchester (online), September 11–13.
- 2023 “Min (民) in the Mencius: Not Quite Power to the People.” International Society for Chinese Philosophy panel, APA Central Division Meeting, Denver, February 24.
- 2022 “Music as Experiential Moral Knowledge in Early Confucianism.” International Society for Chinese Philosophy panel, APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 24.
- 2022 “A Confucian Human-Centered Account of Animal Care.” Association of Chinese Philosophers of America panel, APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, April 14.

Departmental and Campus Talks

- 2025 Guest lecture on the *Laozi* (*Daodejing*), advanced Chinese course taught by Kunshan Carolyn Lee, Duke University, Durham.
- 2024 “Filial Piety as the Cardinal Virtue of Lived Confucianism.” Graduate Work-in-Progress, Duke University, Durham.
- 2015 “Do Animals Have Rights?” Philosophy Undergraduate Student Colloquium, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2025 Summer Research Fellowship for Third-Year Ph.D. Students and Beyond, Duke University.
- 2022 Dean’s Award for Outstanding Master’s Thesis, School of Philosophy, Fudan University.
- 2022 Valedictorian, School of Philosophy, Fudan University.
- 2020-21 Tuition Scholarship, School of Philosophy, Fudan University.
- 2013 Hy Aisenstat Scholarship, Simon Fraser University.

2008 Dean of Mathematics Letter of Recognition for Excellence in Calculus for Non-Majors, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

2027 (assigned) Introduction to Logic (PHIL 150), Duke University, Spring.
2026 Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 103S), Duke University, Spring.

Teaching Assistantships

2025 What Rules Do We Need? (PHIL 160), Alex Rosenberg, Duke University.
2025 Marx, Nietzsche, Freud (PHIL 380), Henry Pickford, Duke University.
2024 Philosophy and Methodology of Economics (PHIL 345), Jennifer Jhun, Duke University.
2024 Political Philosophy of Globalization (PHIL 237A), Alex Rosenberg, Duke University.
2024 International Business (MMS 325A), Martha Reeves, Duke University.
2024 Problems in Ethical Theory (PHIL 201), David B. Wong, Duke University.
2023 Philosophy of Economics (PHIL 345), Alex Rosenberg, Duke University.

Additional Teaching and Tutoring

2014 Tutoring Coordinator, Natural Deductive Logic (PHIL 150), Raymond Jennings, Simon Fraser University.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

2027 Co-organizer, Workshop on History of the Philosophy of Science, “Knowledge Making in Early Chinese Traditions,” collaboration between Minorities and Philosophy and Duke Center for Comparative Philosophy, planned for April.
2025 Organizer, Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought, Duke University, Durham.
2025 Co-Organizer, MAP Colloquium and Teaching Workshop, “Diversifying the Syllabus in Undergraduate Philosophy,” Duke University, Durham.

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Professional Service

2024 Session Chair, International Society for Chinese Philosophy panel, APA Pacific Division Meeting, Portland.
2023 Fellow, Collaborative Learning (*Sihaiweixue* 四海為學) Works-in-Progress Series.
2023 Volunteer, Conference of the North Carolina Philosophy Association, Duke University.

Departmental and University Service

2024-26 Co-Chair, Minorities and Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Duke University.
2024 Organizer, Graduate Works-in-Progress, Department of Philosophy, Duke University.

- 2023–25 Faculty Meeting Representative, Department of Philosophy, Duke University.
- 2023 Delegate, Duke–UNC China Leadership Summit, Durham, NC, March 24–26.
- 2022 Social Activity Organizer, Department of Philosophy, Duke University.
- 2016 Undergraduate Tutoring Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University.
- 2015 Vice-President, Undergraduate Philosophy Student Union, Simon Fraser University.

Outreach

- 2025 Organizer and Teacher, Children’s English Summer Camp at Qotana, Chengdu, China.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

Certificates and credentials

- 2027 Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University (in progress).
- 2023 Early Modern Political Philosophy in Comparative Perspectives, International Philosophy Summer School, Fudan University, August 5–16 (certificate).
- 2021 Confucian Studies Online Summer Institute, Beijing Foreign Studies University (certificate).
- 2016 Passport to Leadership Certificate, Level I, Simon Fraser University.

Participation

- 2025 Classical Chinese Reading Group, Duke University.
- 2021-22 Individual Tutoring in Classical Chinese, Fudan University.

LANGUAGES

Native: English

Modern languages (low-intermediate reading proficiency): Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, German, French, Spanish.

Research languages: Classical Chinese

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.