

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

2024– **Assistant Professor of Philosophy** (TT), NYU Shanghai
2021–2023 **Instructor**, University of Manitoba

Education

2014–2021 **PhD Philosophy**, University of Toronto
Thesis: *The Real Grounds of Transcendental Idealism*
Committee: Nicholas F. Stang (supervisor), Marleen Rozemond, Karolina Hübner, Arthur Ripstein (external), Tobias Rosefeldt (external)
Winner of the *David Savan Dissertation Prize*
2012–2014 **M.A. Philosophy**, University of Manitoba
2008–2012 **B.A. Honours Philosophy**, University of Winnipeg (gold medal)

Research Areas

AOS Kant, Metaphysics
AOC Early Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic

Articles and Book Chapters

forthcoming Kant on the Dual Grounding of Possibility. *Kantian Review*
2024 Representation and Reality in Kant's Antinomy of Pure Reason. *Kantian Review* 28 (4): 615–634
Silencing and world-making: commentary on Lu-Adler's "Kant on Public Reason and the Linguistic Other." *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 3:88
2023 Kant's Argument for Transcendental Idealism in the Transcendental Aesthetic Revisited. *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 105(1): 141–162
Kant, Propositions, and Non-Fundamental Metaphysics. *Routledge Handbook on Propositions*, eds. Tillman C. and Murray A.
2022 Truthmaker Noumenalism. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 1:40–55
2018 Against Existential Grounding. *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 7:3–11

Book Reviews

2023 Anna Tomaszewska, *Kant's Rational Religion and the Radical Enlightenment*. Bloomsbury. 2022. *The Kantian Review* 28(3): 490–493
2021 Corey W. Dyck (ed. and trans.) *Early Modern German Philosophy (1695–1750)*. Oxford University Press. 2019. *The Leibniz Review*. Vol 31: 157–169
2020 Courtney D. Fugate (ed.), *Kant's Lectures on Metaphysics: A Critical Guide*, Cambridge University Press. 2019. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. Vol 28 (2): 413–415

Presentations

Oct. 2025	“Kant’s Transcendental Deduction as a Theory of Truth,” Tsinghua University
Feb. 2024	“Expressivism in Kant’s Paralogisms,” Wuhan University
Apr. 2024	“Expressivism in Kant’s Paralogisms,” NYU Shanghai
Dec. 2023	“Obligation and Reality” (with Róbert Mátyási), University of Manitoba
May 2019	“Moore on the Unreality of Agent-Relative Value” (with Róbert Mátyási), Canadian Philosophical Association, <i>Student Essay Prize Winner</i>
Apr. 2019	“The Real Grounds of Transcendental Idealism,” American Philosophical Association (Symposium), Pacific Meeting
Jan. 2019	“Truthmaker Noumenalism,” American Philosophical Association (Symposium), Eastern Meeting
Nov. 2018	“The Real Grounds of Transcendental Idealism,” German Philosophy Research Group, University of San Diego (invited)
Jun. 2018	“Truthmaker Noumenalism,” Canadian Philosophical Association
Mar. 2018	“Truthmaker Noumenalism,” University of Manitoba Colloquium (invited)
Jan. 2017	“Immediate Justification and the Premise Principle,” American Philosophical Association (Colloquium), Eastern Division
Oct. 2016	“Immediate Justification and the Premise Principle,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association
Aug. 2016	“Against Existential Grounding,” Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University
Jun. 2016	“Against Existential Grounding,” Fifth Annual Italian Conference in Analytic Ontology
May 2015	“Rejecting Russellian Radicalism,” Canadian Philosophical Association “Rejecting Russellian Radicalism,” Society for Exact Philosophy

Invited Comments

May 2024	Huaping Lu-Adler, “Kant on Public Reason and the Linguistic Other,” <i>The Shanghai Lecture in Philosophy</i> , NYU Shanghai
Oct. 2022	Eric Watkins, “The Supreme Principle of Pure Reason and the Paralogisms,” Kant’s Dialectic, Simon Fraser University
Jun. 2022	Joseph Stratmann and Eric Watkins, “Kant on the Principle of Sufficient Reason,” The Principle of Sufficient Reason, Yale
Jan. 2020	Yoon Choi, “Transcendental Idealism and the Phenomenal Self,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern
Nov. 2019	Emily Carson, “The role of figures in geometrical demonstration in the 17th–18th century,” Ontario-Quebec Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy
May 2018	Houston Smit, “Essence, Nature, and the Possibility of Metaphysics,” North American Kant Society
Apr. 2018	Kris McDaniel, “Kantian Ontological Pluralism,” Kant and Analytic Metaphysics, University of Toronto
Jun. 2017	Thomas Land, “Conceptualism and the Objection from Animals,” Canadian Philosophical Association
May 2017	Katie Howe, “Rescuing the Notion of a Body,” University of Toronto Graduate Conference
Oct. 2016	Noa Latham, “Chalmers on Conceptual and Metaphysical Grounds,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association
Jun. 2014	Jacques-Henri Vollet, “Knowledge Attributions and the Rule of Relation,” Canadian Philosophical Association
Oct. 2013	Adam Murray, “Relative Essentialism,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association

Teaching Experience

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Spring 2026	Great Works in Philosophy (scheduled)
Fall 2025	Logic
Fall 2025	Metaphysics
Spring 2025	Kant
Spring 2025	Individual Study: Moral Responsibility
Fall 2024	Metaphysics
Fall 2024	Great Works in Philosophy
Spring 2024	Logic

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Summer 2023	Logic
Winter 2023	Critical Thinking (x2)
Winter 2023	Kant
Fall 2022	Critical Thinking (x2)
Fall 2022	Theory of Knowledge
Summer 2022	Individual Study: Propositions
Summer 2022	Philosophy of Language
Fall 2021	Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2021	Critical Thinking (x2)
Fall 2020	Kant
Fall 2020	Metaphysics
Summer 2020	Business Ethics
Fall 2019	Intermediate Logic
Fall 2019	Philosophy of Language
Summer 2019	Business Ethics
Winter 2019	Kant
Summer 2018	Business Ethics

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Summer 2021	Introduction to Philosophy (historical)
Summer 2017	Topics in Philosophy of Mind: Perception

Undergraduate Supervision

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2025	Supervisor: Rhan Xin, "From First-Person Standpoint to Universal Standpoint: The Difficulties for Kantian Moral Judgment"
2025	Second Reader: Jinyuan Hu, "The Pessimistic Arguments and Variants of Deployment Realism"
2024	Second Reader: Avery Jia, "Living in a non-Narratable World"

Awards

2021	David Savan Dissertation Prize, University of Toronto. CAD 1,000
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2020	Dissertation Completion Award, University of Toronto. CAD 12,850.90
2019	Canadian Philosophical Association Student Essay Prize (with Róbert Mátyási), “Moore on the Unreality of Agent-Relative Value” CAD 625
2014–2018	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Scholarship, University of Toronto. CAD 80,000 over 4 years
2014–2019	UTF Fellowship, University of Toronto. CAD 90,000 over 5 years
2016–2019	APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend. USD 500 x3
2016; 2018	Balzan Travel Fellowship, University of Toronto. CAD 4,000; CAD 1,000
2014	Mary H. Beatty Fellowship, University of Toronto. CAD 5,000
2013	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Master’s Scholarship, University of Manitoba. CAD 17,500
2011	William Burns Wittgenstein Prize, University of Winnipeg. CAD 200
2008–2011	Academic Proficiency Scholarships, University of Winnipeg. CAD 500 x3
2008	Special Entrance Scholarship, University of Winnipeg. CAD 1,500

Other Academic Involvement

2016–	Referee, <i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i> , <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i> , <i>Kantian Review</i> , <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Review of Metaphysics</i> , <i>Sophia</i> , <i>Theoria</i>
2023	Summer Workshop on Kant’s Transcendental Ideal, Mainz
2018	Visiting PhD Student at the University of California, San Diego
2016	Organizer of <i>University of Toronto Graduate Conference</i>