

## Chuyu Tian

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### Areas of Specialization

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Ancient Philosophy, Chinese Philosophy

### Areas of Competence

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Ethics, Buddhist Philosophy

### Education

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#### Columbia University

PhD in Philosophy	2017-Expected June 2025
MPhil in Philosophy	Oct 2021
MA in Philosophy	May 2019

#### Northwestern University

BA (Cum Laude), Philosophy major (Honors), Economics major, German minor	June 2016
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#### Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

April-July 2015

### Dissertation

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How does Aristotle's ethics differ from a rule-based one? I propose a *phronimos*-centric account of virtuous action. The virtuous person not only has unique epistemic access to what is good, but is a standard in defining what is good for a human being. The virtuous person is also the standard of excellence in the political sense: humans cannot fully flourish without a constitutional framework. I will conclude that the "why" of Aristotle's ethics lies in the political arrangement: while it may seem that ethics precedes his politics, his ethics is the result of the common interest of an exclusive citizenry.

### Grants, Honors, and Awards

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Dissertation Fellowship, GSAS	2022-2023
Arts and Sciences Graduate Council Travel Grant	2020
Dean's Fellowship, GSAS	2017-2018, 2019-2020
Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship, GSAS	2018-2019

### Published Works

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Tian, Chuyu. Review of *Ziran: The Philosophy of Spontaneous Self-Causation*, by Brian Bruya. *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 82 no.4 (2023) 672-674.

Xiaoqing, Gan, et al. *Laozi: An Axiomatic Interpretation*. Translated by Longyang Sang, Danke Gu, Junchao Wang, Chuyu Tian, Lachun Chen, Jun Mei, and Min Wan. Beijing: Foreign

Language Teaching and Research Press, 2024.

### Conference Talks

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**“The Measure of All Things: Virtue and Rules in Aristotle”**

Ancient Philosophy and Mutual Learning of Civilizations, Frontier and Innovation: International Conference for PhD Candidates, Renmin University of China (August 2023)

**“Natural Resources and Flourishing in Ancient Greece”**

University of Southern Florida ICHS's conference (April 2022)

**“What Does the Prime Mover Think?”**

Fifteenth Annual Marquette Summer Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy: “Causes and Causation in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition” (June 2021)

**“How is Akrasia Possible? Reason, Character, and Decision in Aristotle”**

UNC Charlotte Ethics And Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference” (April 2021)

The 42nd Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference at UIUC (April 2021)

South Carolina Society for Philosophy (turned down)

**“Nelson Goodman’s and Huayan Buddhism’s Multiple Worlds Theories”**

APA-Central Division Meeting, ISCWP group session: Chinese Philosophy and Recent and Contemporary American Thought (February 2020)

### Guest Lectures

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**“From Teleology to Messianism: Kant and Benjamin’s Philosophy of History”** at Beijing Normal University (December 2021)

**“What does the Prime Mover Think?”** at Louisiana State University (Zoom, November 2021)

**“Hempel’s ‘Explanation in Science and in History’”** at Columbia University (March 2021)

**“Nāgārjuna’s ‘The Dispeller of Disputes’”** at Columbia University (November 2018)

### Teaching Assistantship and Volunteer Teaching

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Methods and Problems (Taylor Pincin)	Spring 2025
Ethics - Moral Philosophy (Michele Moody-Adams)	Fall 2024
Physics and Philosophy (David Albert)	Spring 2024
Topics in Ethics: Responsibility: Conditions, Scope and Limits (Carol Rovane)	Fall 2023
Philosophy and History (Lydia Goehr)	Spring 2021
Introduction to Logic (John Morrison, Karen Lewis)	Spring 2020, Fall 2020
20 <sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy (Taylor Carman)	Spring 2019
Introduction to Philosophy (Taylor Carman)	Fall 2019
History of Philosophy I: Pre-Socratics through Augustine (Dhananjay Jagannathan)	Fall 2018

**Corrupt the Youth Teaching Program** (December 2022-April 2025)

**Rethink Teaching Program** (November 2019-July 2022)

### Languages

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**Ancient:** Classical Chinese (advanced), Ancient Greek (advanced)

**Modern:** Chinese (native), English (near native), German (intermediate), Arabic (beginning)

## Services

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**Office of Religious Life**, Columbia University

Multi-Faith Fellow, September 2023-May 2024

**Non-Western Philosophy Reading Group**, Columbia University

Co-organizer, September 2018-May 2024

**Society for Women in Philosophy-NYC Colloquium**

Co-organizer, June 2022-August 2022

**Philosophy Department**, Columbia University

Graduate Representatives, September 2020-May 2021

**Arts and Sciences Graduate Council**, Columbia University

Philosophy Department representative, ASGC external representative to ISSO, September 2020- May 2021

**Columbia Neo-Confucianism Seminar**, Columbia University

Rapporteur, September 2019-May 2020

**Minorities in Philosophy**, Columbia University

Co-organizer, January 2019-May 2020

**APA-Central Division Meeting, ISCP group session: Metaphysical Resonances in Chinese and Western Philosophy**

Chair, February 2020

**“Finding the Way to Truth” Conference**, Columbia University

Discussant for Wolfgang Mann’s “Spiritual Exercises? ‘Care for the Soul’ and ‘Contemplation’” and Sara Magrin’s “Who knows you when you know yourself? Plotinus on the Delphic command ‘Know Thyself’”, February 2019

**APA-Eastern Division Meeting, ISCWP group session: Exemplars and Human Flourishing**

Chair, January 2019

**Finding the Way to Truth Conference**, Columbia University

Co-organizer, September 2018-February 2019

**Columbia-NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference**, Columbia University

Co-organizer, September 2017-March 2018

**Workshop in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy**, Columbia University

Commentator for Chris Bubonic’s “On Thinking about the Good in the *Philebus*”, November 2017

## References

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*Michele M. Moody-Adams*

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