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Education

(2026)	**Stanford University** Ph.D. in Philosophy 　Dissertation: "Genetic Epistemology in Kant's Psychological Philosophy" 　Committee: Allen Wood (co-advisor), Lanier Anderson (co-advisor), 　　David Hills, Thomas Icard Ph.D. minor in Psychology 　Certificate in Data Science
2017	**University of Oxford** B.Phil., *Distinction*
2015	**Tufts University** M.A., Philosophy
2012	**University of Hong Kong** P.C.LL., *Practising certificate in laws*
2010	**University of Cambridge** LL.M.
2009	**City University of Hong Kong** LL.B., *First class honours*

Research

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:　Kant, History and Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science and AI

AREA OF COMPETENCE:　Early Modern Philosophy, Post-Kantian European Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Philosophy of Law

Work under Review/in Preparation

Revise & Resubmit　Paper on the criminalization of omissions
(R&R, *Criminal Law and Philosophy*)

In preparation　"Sense and Sensibility: Kant on Berkeley on Spatial Representation"
(Markus Herz Prize nominee)

Work in Progress

Drafted　"Kant's Acquisition Theory of the Categories"

Drafted　"Laboring Time: Kant on Locke on Inner Sense"

Drafted	"Recognizing Opportunities for Learning: Limitations of Predictive Processing from a Kantian Perspective"
In progress	"Kant on Epistemic Luck"
In progress	"The Discovery of the Child: Locke on Education"
In progress	"Sophie de Grouchy on the Education of Affect"
In progress	"The Myth of the Given in AI: Inductive Bias and the Limits of Rational Analysis"
In progress	"Quasi-agency and Situational Liability in Large Language Models"

Awards and Fellowships

2025	Best Graduate Paper Award, Midwest North American Kant Society
2025	Society for Philosophy and Psychology Travel Award
2023	Patrick Suppes Dissertation Fellowships
2019	Full Funding for Summer School on Neo-Kantian Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong
2018	Thomas Mardenbro Benson Scholarships
2018	Language Study Grant ($10,000 for German language study in Berlin)
2017	Stanford University PhD Fellowships
2013	Tufts University MA Scholarships
2006	Chung Hwa Travel Service Scholarships
2006	School of Law Legal Practice Manuals Prizes
2005-06	Chan Tai Ho Scholarships (for best academic performance in cohort)
2005	HSBC Scholarships for Academic Excellence (for best academic performance across the university)

Presentations

Refereed

Upcoming	"Sense and Sensibility: Kant on Berkeley on Spatial Representation" North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group, University of Notre Dame
2025	"Recognizing Opportunities for Learning: Limitations of Predictive Processing from a Kantian Perspective" Talk presented at the Society for Philosophy & Psychology, Cornell University
2023	"Grounding Kant's Categories" Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Workshop, Stanford University
2022	"Kant's *I think*" Conference on Self and Embodiment, Trinity College Dublin
2019	"Cassirer and Kant on Perception" 13th International Kant Congress, Oslo
2018	"Omissions, the Act Requirement, and Criminal Liability" Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference

2016	"Voluntariness, Duress, and Culpability"
	Workshop on Knowledge, Reasons and Action, Erlangen University
2016	"Space and Apperception in the B-Deduction"
	2nd Kant in Asia International Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University

Departmental

2025	"Sense and Sensibility: Kant on Berkeley on Spatial Representation"
	Graduate Workshop on Kant's Philosophy, UC Berkeley
2024	"Kant's Acquisition Theory of the Categories"
	Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University
2024	"Kant's Acquisition Theory of the Categories"
	Kant Studies Workshop, Stanford University
2022	"Leibniz and Kant on the Human Mind"
	Kant Retreat, Stanford University
2022	"Kant's *I think*"
	Kant Studies Workshop, Stanford University
2021	"Kant's *I think*"
	Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University
2016	"Space and Apperception in the B-Deduction"
	Ockham Society, University of Oxford

Comments

| 2025 | On *Autism, Schizophrenia and Predictive Processing: Some Lessons for Perceptual Epistemology* by Timothy Butzer |
| | American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division |

Teaching

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Guest Lecturer

| 2025 | Kant's First Critique |

Sole Instructor

| 2023 | Theories of Consciousness in Early Modern Philosophy |

Teaching Assistant

2026	Philosophy of Mind
2025	Plato and Punishment
2024-25	Introduction to Moral Philosophy × 3
2025	Introduction to Philosophy
2019, 2021, 2023-24	Modern Philosophy × 4
2019, 2022	Minds and Machines × 2
2020	Mind, Matter, and Meaning
2018	Mathematical Logic

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Teaching Assistant

2014   Logic

Pedagogical Training

2022   Preparing for Faculty Careers Seminar, Office of Vice Provost for
                Graduate Education, Stanford University
2018-19   Teaching Methods Seminar, Philosophy Department, Stanford
                University

Professional Service

2025   Founder, *Making History Alive* (public philosophy initiative, in
                development)
2022   Mentor, Philosophy Directed Reading Program, Stanford University
2021-22   Organizer, Kant Studies Workshop, Stanford University
2021-22   Organizer, Kant Reading Group, Stanford University
2019-20   Coordinator, Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University

Languages

Natural languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, English, German

Programming/IT: MATLAB, Python

Professional Affiliation

American Philosophical Association
North American Kant Society
Society for Philosophy and Psychology

References

Allen Wood   David Hills
Professor (Emeritus)   Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy   Department of Philosophy
Stanford University   Stanford University

Lanier Anderson   Greg Wong-Taylor (teaching)
Professor   Lecturer
Department of Philosophy   Department of Philosophy
Stanford University   Stanford University

Dissertation Description

Title: "Genetic Epistemology in Kant's Psychological Philosophy"

Abstract:

My doctoral dissertation investigates the origins of *a priori* cognition in Kant's critical philosophy. Against the widespread view that Kant understood *a priori* cognition as an innate endowment of the human mind, I argue that even our most fundamental representations—space, time, and the categories—are not simply given but are acquired through the autonomous exercise of reason. Drawing on Kant's engagements with Berkeley, Locke, and Leibniz, as well as insights from developmental psychology, I develop a *genetic* model of the *a priori* that explains how the mind comes to construct its own forms of intuition and concept under self-imposed constraints. On this view, Kant emerges as an anti-nativist of a distinctive kind, rejecting both divine and natural preformation in favor of a conception of cognition grounded in epistemic agency and justification. What ultimately distinguishes human cognition, then, is not a set of preformed dispositions, but the capacity to develop and exercise cognitive faculties through an ongoing, rational process of self-determination.