

# Charlie Ho Kin Siu

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## Employment

2020–present	Department of Philosophy (Zhuhai), Sun Yat-sen University Assistant Professor
2019–2020	College of Professional and Continuing Education, Hong Kong Polytechnic University Lecturer

## Education

2009–2018	<b>Ph.D. in Philosophy, Brown University</b> Dissertation: <i>Intuition and Semantic Explanation</i> Committee: Richard Kimberly Heck (chair), Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive Linguistic and Psychological Sciences), Bernhard Nickel (Harvard)
2006–2008	<b>M.A. in Philosophy, Texas A&amp;M University</b>
2002–2006	<b>B.A. in Philosophy, University of Hong Kong</b>

## Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS	Philosophy of Language, Semantics
AOC	Critical Thinking, Logic, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Ethics

## Publications

‘Interval-based dynamics of loose talk.’ *Synthese* 202, 10 (2023)

‘Absolute adjectives in belief contexts.’ *Linguistics and Philosophy* 44.4 (2021): 875-910.

‘Tipper is ready but he is not strong enough: minimal proposition, question under discussion, and what is said.’ *Philosophical Studies* 177.9 (2020): 2577-2584.

## Papers under revision or under review

The endpoint view without pretense (R&R at *Linguistics and Philosophy*)

Useful fiction, subtraction, and communication (under review)

## Teaching Experience (as sole instructor)

AT SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY (2020-): (\*ASE = average student evaluation score)

- Truth, Lies, and Fiction (4 times: ASE: 98/100)
- Introduction to Analytic Philosophy (4 times: ASE: 98/100)

- Philosophy of Language (2 times: ASE: 95/100)
- Writing Philosophy Papers (2 times: ASE: 96/100)
- Perspectives in Philosophy (general education course; ASE = 98/100)
- Seminar in Analytic Philosophy (for master students)
- Semantics and Pragmatics (for master students)
- Topics in Philosophy of Language (for master students)

AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (2019–2020): (\*ASE = average student evaluation score)

- Critical and Creative Thinking (7 times: ASE = 3.45/5)

AT HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY (2018): (\*SE = student evaluation score)

- Critical Thinking for Public Affairs (SE = 4.53/5)

AT BROWN UNIVERSITY (2013): (\*1 = very effective; 5 = very ineffective)

- Introduction to Philosophy (SE = 1.64)

AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (2008–2009): (\*ASE: average student evaluation score)

- Introduction to Logic (3 times: ASE: 4.57/5)

## Teaching Experience (as teaching assistant)

AT BROWN UNIVERSITY:

- Psychology and Philosophy of Happiness (Instructor: Bernard Reginster)
- Skepticism and Knowledge (Instructor: Felicia Nimue Ackerman)
- The Place of Persons (Instructor: David Christensen)
- Logic (2 times; Instructors: Joshua Schechter & Douglas Kutash)

AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY:

- Introduction to Logic (3 times; Instructors: Robin Smith & Christopher Menzel)
- Engineering Ethics (Instructor: Ed Harris)

## Supervision and mentoring

- Supervised 28 undergraduate theses at Sun Yat-sen University
- Mentor of Yunbing Li (admitted to MA programs at University of Calgary, Texas Tech University, and Simon Fraser University)

# Graduate Coursework

## LOGIC AND LANGUAGE:

Incompleteness, Richard Kimberly Heck  
 Topics in Philosophy of Language, Richard Kimberly Heck  
 Exploring the Frontiers of Incompleteness, Peter Koellner (Harvard)  
 Formal Semantics, Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)  
 Introduction to Syntax, Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)  
 Language Processing, Laura Kertz (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)  
 Semantics and the Lexicon (audited), Pauline Jacobson (Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences)  
 Advanced Deductive Logic, Joshua Schechter  
 Philosophical Logic, Joshua Schechter  
 Modal Logic, Max Cresswell (Texas A&M University)

## METAPHYSICS, EPISTEMOLOGY, AND ETHICS:

Ontology and Its Discontents, Stephen Yablo (MIT)  
 Philosophy of Mathematics, Joshua Schechter  
 Concepts, Christopher Hill  
 Naturalism, Materialism, Physicalism, Jaegwon Kim  
 Level-connections in Epistemology, David Christensen  
 Perception, Knowledge, and Evidence, Scott Sturgeon  
 Epistemology of Inference, Joshua Schechter  
 Ethics Proseminar, Nomy Arpaly

# Presentations

December. 2024	‘The endpoint view without pretense’, 2024 International Conference on Pragmatics and Argumentation and Symposium on Generalized Argumentation Theory, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
August. 2024	‘The endpoint view without pretense’, Lanzhou University
July. 2024	‘Useful fiction, subtraction, and communication’, Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou campus)
August. 2023	‘Justification, gradability, and loose talk’, Xinjiang University of Finance and Economics
July. 2023	‘Primitive granularities and the context-dependence of partial/ total adjectives’, 2nd Workshop on Gaps and Imprecision in Natural Language Semantics: Homogeneity effects and beyond, University of Vienna
May. 2022	‘Knowledge and Dynamics of Loose Talk’, 13th National Conference of Analytic Philosophy, Southwest University for Nationalities
Jan. 2022	‘Degrees, Intervals, and Numerical Imprecision’, Online Philosophy Workshop Series, Peking University
July. 2021	‘Against the coarsening approach to imprecision’, Israeli Philosophical Association (NIPA) conference, The Open University of Israel
May. 2021	‘Against the coarsening approach to imprecision’, PhiLang 2021: Seventh International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, University of Lodz
May. 2021	‘Not-exactly: A challenge for the QUD-based approach to imprecision’, 14th English Linguistic Society of Japan (ELSJ) International Spring Forum, Osaka University
Nov. 2019	‘Numerical Imprecision: Quality or Faithfulness?’, The International Symposium on Interfaces In Generative Linguistics, South China Normal University

## Academic service

Peer review for *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Studies in Logic*

## Languages

English (professional)

Cantonese Chinese (native)

## References

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