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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2023- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, New York University
2022-23 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, New York University
2021-22 Junior Research Fellow, Christ Church, University of Oxford

EDUCATION

2021 Harvard University, Ph.D., Philosophy
2013 Columbia University, B.A. *summa cum laude*, Philosophy and German (minor)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, Social Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political Philosophy, Post-Kantian European Philosophy, Metaethics

PUBLICATIONS

“Really Looking and Being Seen,” *Philosophical Review*, forthcoming
“Why Immanent Critique?” *European Journal of Philosophy* 30 (2022): 676-692

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020 Special Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching, Harvard University
2018-19 Graduate Fellowship, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University
2018 Francis Bowen Prize, Harvard University
2015-19 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University (4x)
2015 GSAS Summer Predissertation Fellowship, Harvard University
2013 Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University
2013 James Gutman Prize in Philosophy, Columbia University

PRESENTATIONS

“Respect, Directed Obligation, and Recognition” (title has varied)

- 2025 NUSTEP, Northwestern University
- 2022 Workshop on Testimony and Knowledge of Other Minds, University of Warwick
- 2021 MANCEPT Workshop on the Ideal of Recognition in Contemporary Normative Theory, University of Manchester (online)

“Recognition as Actualization”

- 2025 Workshop in Humanistic Ethics, UCLA
- 2024 Conference in honor of Frederick Neuhouser, Columbia University
- 2024 Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford
- 2024 Workshop on Relations to Oneself and to Others, University of Oxford
- 2022 Interpersonal Relations Workshop, University of Birmingham
- 2022 LMU-Zürich Early Career Conference on Relational Normativity, Universität Zürich

“Really Looking and Being Seen”

- 2024 Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, New York University
- 2023 Interpersonal Relations Workshop, University of Birmingham
- 2023 Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, New York University
- 2019 Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University

“Why Immanent Critique?”

- 2017 Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Illinois Chicago
- 2016 Workshop on European Philosophy, Harvard University

COMMENTS

- 2025 on Stephen Darwall, *The Heart and its Attitudes*, Pacific APA
- 2025 on Matthew Congdon, *Moral Articulation*, Eastern APA
- 2024 on Livia Samson, “Is Immanent Critique Possible?”, Central APA
- 2023 on Daniela Dover, “The Democratic Soul in Plato and Whitman,” Beyond Polarization Conference, Columbia University
- 2023 on Robert Simpson, “Free Speech Psychodrama,” Humanistic Ethics in the UK, King’s College London

- 2019 on Julia Markovits, “The Partial Relativism of Praise and Blame,” Workshop on Rights and Supererogation, MIT
- 2019 on Sungho Kimlee, “Self-Cultivation in Early Confucianism,” Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Faculty Seminar, Harvard University
- 2018 on Sean Aas, “Before Year Zero: Political Philosophy and the Prehistory of Disability,” Workshop in Social Philosophy, Princeton University
- 2017 on Max Lewis, “The Goldilocks Dilemma for Pessimists about Moral Deference,” Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, Harvard University

TEACHING

At NYU:

Graduate: Love and Respect (Spring 2025), Recognition (Spring 2024), independent study on love and reasons internalism (Spring 2024)

Undergraduate: Ethics (Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022), Nature of Values (Fall 2023)

At Harvard (as primary instructor):

Contractualism (Spring 2020), Big Data, Ethics, and Moral Machines (Summer 2019, Pre-College Program), Moral Epistemology (Fall 2017)

ADVISING (at NYU)

Dissertation committee member: John Fan, Joe Han, Clara Lingle, Ilya Shemmer, Kimon Sourlas-Kotzamanis

Senior thesis advisor: Sophia Wang (ongoing), Zhuoqiao Yin (2024)

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2024-26 Co-organizer, Ethics Workshop Series, NYU
- 2022-26 Climate Committee, NYU
- 2022-25 Graduate Admissions Committee, NYU
- 2024 Co-organizer, Workshop on Relations to Oneself and to Others, Oxford
- 2018-19 Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Harvard
- 2014-18 Organizer, Philosophy Talk-Shop Series, Harvard

Referee for *Ergo*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

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