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## Areas of Specialization

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Kant (esp. theoretical), Buddhist Philosophy, Hegel (esp. political)

## Areas of Competence

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Epistemology, Early Modern Philosophy, Chinese Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Aesthetics

## Education

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2019 - 2025 (Expected)	<b>Ph.D. in Philosophy</b> <b><i>Boston University</i></b> Dissertation: Towards A Hybrid Reading of Kant's Transcendental Idealism Advisor: Sally Sedgwick
Sept 2024 - Feb 2025	<b>Visiting Student</b> <b><i>Goethe-Universität Frankfurt</i></b> Host: Marcus Willaschek
2023 - 2024	<b>Visiting Fellow &amp; Visiting Student Research Collaborator</b> <b><i>Princeton Project in Philosophy &amp; Religion, Princeton University</i></b> Host: Andrew Chignell
2017 - 2019	<b>B.Phil in Philosophy</b> <b><i>University of Oxford</i></b> Thesis: Kant on Object and Objectivity Advisor: Ralf Bader
2013 - 2017	<b>B.A. in Philosophy and Economics</b> <b><i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i></b> <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

## Publications

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### Journal Articles

forthcoming	"The Early Development of Kant's Practical Notion of Belief", <i>Inquiry</i>
2025	"On the Epistemic Instrumentalist Solution to the Combinatorial Problem", <i>Synthese</i> 205 (218): 1-15.
2023	"Kant on Propositional Content and Knowledge", <i>Kant Yearbook</i> 15 (1):175-196.

### Book Chapters

forthcoming	"On the Secondary Quality Analogy", in <i>Proceedings of XIV International Kant Congress</i> . Berlin: De Gruyter
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2025	“Hegel’s Justification of Private Property”, in Sebastian Rand and Andy Davis (eds.), <i>New Perspectives on Hegel’s Philosophy of Right</i> , London: Bloomsbury
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## Book Review

forthcoming	Review of <i>Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason and the Method of Metaphysics</i> by Gabriele Gava, <i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i>
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## Works in Progress

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Under review	A paper on arguments against mind-independent existence in <i>Cheng Weishi Lun</i>
Under review	A paper on Susan Sontag and our duties towards photographs of violence and suffering
Under review	A paper on the role of the Doctrine of Method in the Critique of Pure Reason
In progress	“Kant on the Inescapability of the Human Standpoint and the Limit of Metaphysics”
In progress	“Kant’s Theory of Reasons for Belief” (with Marcus Willaschek)
In progress	“Kant on Sense and Reference”
In progress	“Can We Know the Existence of Things in Themselves, Prof. Kant?”
In progress	“Hegel’s Implicit Solution to the Problem of Poverty”
In progress	“Hegelian Sufficiencyarianism and Limitarianism as an Anti-Colonial Theory of Justice” (with Joshua Folkerts)

## Translation

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In progress	<b>Xuanzang’s <i>Cheng Weishi Lun</i></b> , Book I, translated from Chinese original
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## Teaching Experience

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### Primary Instructor, Boston University

Summer 2024	Introduction to Philosophy: Life and Death
Summer 2022	History of Modern Philosophy

### Teaching Fellow/Assistant, Boston University

Summer 2023	Politics and Philosophy
Spring 2023	Existentialism
Fall 2022	Medical Ethics
Summer 2022	Business Ethics
Spring 2022	Great Philosophers
Fall 2021	Politics and Philosophy
Spring 2021	Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2020	Introduction to Ethics

### Pedagogy Training

Summer 2023	Center for Canon Expansion and Change (CCEC) Summer Program, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Summer 2021	American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Summer Seminar

## Presentations

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(\* = refereed; ^ = invited)

“Xuanzang’s Master Argument Against Mind-Independent Existence in Cheng Weishi Lun”

Jul 2025 | Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Conference, Leiden University\*

“Kant on Sense and Reference”

Feb 2025 | Kant on Language and Cognition Workshop, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

“Hegel and the Problem of Poverty”

Mar 2025 | Graduate Students Work in Progress Workshop, Boston University

Apr 2022 | British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference\*

Apr 2022 | APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver\*

Nov 2021 | Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, Online\*

“Can We Know the Existence of Things in Themselves, Prof. Kant?”

Jan 2025 | Frankfurter Kant-Arbeitskreis, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

Sept 2022 | UK Kant Society Conference, London\*

“Kant’s Theory of Reasons for Belief”

Jan 2025 | Belief in Kant Workshop, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt^

Dec 2024 | Orientation and Disorientation: Kantian Themes in Analytic Philosophy, Reggio-Emilia\*

Apr 2024 | Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion Working Group, Princeton University

“On the Secondary Quality Analogy”

Sep 2024 | 14th International Kant Congress, Bonn\*

Feb 2024 | American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, New Orleans\*

“Hegelian Sufficiency as an Anti-Colonial Theory of Justice” (with Joshua Folkerts)

Aug 2024 | Emancipation in Hegel’s Metaphysics and Social Theory Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London\*

“The Role and Significance of the Doctrine of Method”

May 2024 | North American Kant Society South Study Group Meeting, Columbia, SC\*

Dec 2022 | Kant Graduate Student Forum, Harvard University^

“Against the Epistemic Instrumentalist Solution to the Combinatorial Problem”

Jan 2024 | APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York\*

“Susan Sontag and the Moral Impact of Photographs of Violence and Suffering”

Nov 2023 | American Society of Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.\*

Aug 2023 | Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO\*

Jun 2021 | European Society of Aesthetics Conference, Online\*

“Hegel’s Developmental Justification of Private Property”

Oct 2022	Biennial Conference of the Hegel Society of America, Nashville*
Jun 2021	33rd International Hegel Congress, Online*
“On the Incoherence of Luck Egalitarianism”	
Jan 2021	APA Eastern Division Meeting, Online*
Sept 2020	Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, Online*
Apr 2020	UIUC Philosophy Graduate Conference* (cancelled due to Covid)
“On the Location of Kant’s Refutation of Idealism”	
Jan 2020	APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia*
Nov 2018	Kant Colloquium, University of Oxford
“Interpretive Method Pluralism”	
Apr 2019	American Society of Aesthetics Eastern Meeting, Philadelphia*
Apr 2019	CUNY Graduate Conference, New York*
“No Duties of Global Distributive Justice: A Kantian Theory”	
Jun 2018	Brave New World Graduate Conference, University of Manchester*
Jun 2018	Kant’s Legal Theory and Global Justice Conference, University of Bayreuth*
Mar 2018	Graduate Conference at University of Tennessee Knoxville*

## Awards, Grants, & Fellowships

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Spring 2025	Bloom Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University
Fall 2025	Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University Center for the Humanities
2024 – 2025	Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, Boston University
2024	The Helen G. Allen Humanities Award, Boston University Center for the Humanities
2024	The Angela J. and James J. Rallis Memorial Award, Boston University Center for the Humanities
2023	Student Presenter Travel Grant, American Society of Aesthetics
2023	Professional Development Grant (for CCEC summer program at University of Minnesota), Boston University
2021	Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, Boston University
2021	Summer Research Fellowship, Boston University
2021	Stipendium für Hochschulsommerkurse in Deutschland (Grant for Summer Language Course in Germany), DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)
2019 – 2020	Dean’s Fellowship, Boston University
2019	Irene H. Chayes Travel Grant, American Society of Aesthetics
2017	Brian Keelan Award in Humanities, China Oxford Scholarship Fund
2017	Honorable Mention for Best Undergraduate Student Research, Illinois Program of Research in Humanities Prizes, UIUC
2016	Lois Shepard Green Award, Department of Philosophy, UIUC
2015	Howard F. Crombie Award, Department of Philosophy, UIUC

## Academic Service

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2025	Reviewer for <i>Nous</i>
Feb 2025	Co-Organizer (with Davide Dalla Rosa), Kant on Language and Cognition Workshop, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
Jan 2025	Commentator to Bangrui Chen's paper "Kant, Apperception, and the Unity of Cognition", APA Eastern Division Meeting
Dec 2024	Commentator to Stefanie Grüne's Paper "Kant on the Relation between Cognition and Knowledge", the Annual Jean-Jacques Rousseau Conference, ECPR Standing Group on Kantian Political Thought
2023 - 2024	Alumni & Placement Officer, BU Philosophy Graduate Student Association
May 2023	Commentator to Samantha Matherne's Paper "Beauty and the Life of the Mind in Kant and Hegel" at "Organism and Life: Herder, Kant, Hegel" Workshop, Boston University
May 2023	Co-Organizer (with Giulia Battistoni), "Organism and Life: Herder, Kant, Hegel" Workshop, Boston University
April 2023	Co-Organizer (with Matilde Carrera, Casey Grippo, and Jack Harris), Boston University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference
Nov 2022	Co-Organizer (with Joshua Folkerts), Boston Young Hegelian Workshop
2021 - 2025	Paper Referee, Boston University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference
2021 - 2022	International Student Representative, BU Philosophy Graduate Student Association
2018 - 2019	Founding Member and Executive Officer, Philiminality Oxford
2018 - 2019	Committee Member, the Jowett Society, University of Oxford
2018 - 2019	Committee Member, the Ockham Society, University of Oxford
2018	Co-Organizer and Paper Referee, the 22nd Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference

## Graduate Coursework

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(\* = audited)

### History of Philosophy: German Idealism

- Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Desmond Hogan, Princeton)\*
- Kant: Ethics, Religion, Politics (Andrew Chignell & Jason Yonover, Princeton)\*
- Hegel's *Philosophy of Right* (Sally Sedgwick, BU)
- Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Sally Sedgwick, BU)
- Hegel (Mark Wrathall, Oxford)
- Kant's *Critique of the Power of Judgment* (Alexandra Newton, UIUC)

### History of Philosophy: Non-Western

- Buddhist Karma and Causality (Jonathan Gold, Princeton)\*
- Classical Indian Thought (Jonathan Gold, Princeton)\*
- Buddhist Philosophers and Their Critics (Parimal Patil, Harvard) \*
- Buddhist Philosophy (Parimal Patil, Harvard) \*
- Buddhist Philosophy (David Eckel, BU)

## **History of Philosophy: Early Modern European**

- Spinoza and Modern German Philosophy (Daniel Garber & Jason Yonover, Princeton)\*
- British Empiricism (Jefferey McDonough, Harvard) \*

## **History of Philosophy: 19th & 20th Century European**

- Phenomenology (Walter Hopp, BU)
- Heidegger (Daniel Dahlstrom, BU)
- Nietzsche (Paul Katsafanas, BU)
- Phenomenology (Joseph Schear, Oxford)

## **History of Philosophy: Ancient**

- Plato's Meno (Marc Gasser-Wingate, BU) \*
- Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics (Marc Gasser-Wingate, BU)

## **Theoretical Philosophy**

- Recent Epistemology (Thomas Kelly, Princeton)\*
- Wittgenstein (Juliet Floyd, BU) \*
- Quine (Peter Hylton, BU) \*
- Symbolic Logic (Peter Hylton, BU)
- Self-Consciousness, Agency, and Time (Anil Gomes & Jennifer Hornsby, Oxford)
- Experimental Philosophy (Jonathan Livengood, UIUC) \*

## **Ethics, Aesthetics, and Political Philosophy**

- Reasons, Value, Rationality, and Metanormativity (Daniel Star, BU)
- Contemporary Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Photography (Daniel Star, BU)
- Philosophy of Love (Daniel Star, BU)
- Luck and Credit (Daniel Star, BU)
- Philosophy and Literature (Stephen Mulhall & Alice Crary, Oxford)
- Aesthetics (Alison Hills, Oxford)
- Population Ethics (Ralf Bader, Oxford)
- Metaethics (Ralf Bader, Oxford)
- Political Philosophy (Cecile Fabre & Thomas Sinclair, Oxford)

## **Language**

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Chinese (native, incl. Classical Chinese), English (fluent), German (B2), Sanskrit (intermediate)