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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Ethics, Kant, Moral Psychology, Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Medical and Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Global Religion,
Ancient Philosophy, 20th Century Analytic Philosophy, Continental Philosophy

EDUCATION:

University of Oxford

DPhil, Philosophy, 2018 (date awarded)
Title: Kant and Moral Character (no corrections)
Supervisors: Ralph Walker and Alison Hills
Examiners: Angela Breitenbach and Thomas Sinclair

University of Ottawa

MA, Philosophy, 2012
Title: Kant and Moral Responsibility
Supervisor: Andrew Brook

Trinity Western University

BA great distinction, Philosophy, 2009

EMPLOYMENT:

University of Hong Kong

Assistant Professor, Medical Ethics and Humanities Unit, School of Clinical
Medicine, LKS Faculty of Medicine, 2024-

Research Fellow, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, 2022-

Senior Tutor, Wei Lun Hall, 2021-24

Research Assistant Professor, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and
Social Sciences, 2020-24

University of the Fraser Valley

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, 2019-20

University of Oxford

Tutor in Philosophy and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, 2018

Tutor, Worcester College, 2018

Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, Philosophical Fellowship Fund, 2017-18

Junior Dean, University College, 2015-18

Tutor, Brasenose College, 2018

Key Concepts in Moral Psychology, lecture course, Faculty of Philosophy, 2018

Seminar Leader, Blavatnik School of Government, 2017

Tutor, Lincoln College, 2015

University of British Columbia

Honorary Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, 2012-13

Trinity Western University

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, 2011-13

University of Ottawa

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, 2009-11

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS:

Compassionate and Cognitively Diverse: Why Kantian Virtue is More Generous Than You Think, *Think*, forthcoming

Feeling, Cognition, and the Eighteenth-Century Context of Kantian Sympathy, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 31:5 (2023): 974-1004

Kant's Character-Based Account of Moral Weakness and Strength, *Philosophia* 51 (2023): 717-741

Kant's Account of Intellectual Habit and Moral Education, in *Habit and the History of Philosophy*, edited by Jeremy Dunham and Komarine Romdenh-Romluc (Abingdon: Routledge, 2022): 105-118

Educating for British Values: Kant's Philosophical Roadmap for Cosmopolitan Character Education, *Policy Futures in Education* 15:1 (2017): 20-37

OTHER WRITING:

Putting Trust at the Heart of Higher Education, co-authored with Samson Tse, *Times Higher Education*, 2023, <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/campus/putting-trust-heart-higher-education>

Compassion and the Moral Law, Dalai Lama Centre for Compassion, Oxford prize essay, published online at www.dlccoxford.org, 2016

PRESENTATIONS:

Forgiveness in Formation: Kantian Reflections on Anger, Empathy, and the Psychological Conditions for Virtuous Forgiveness, Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics annual conference, McGill University, Jun 2024

How Philosophical Models of Friendship Help Us to Advance Social Connection and Address the Problem of Loneliness (by invitation), The Intersection of Loneliness, Bioethics, and Religion workshop, Medical Ethics and Humanities Unit, University of Hong Kong, Mar 2024

Commentator on Heidi Maibom's *The Space Between: How Empathy Really Works* Author-Meets-Critics Session, Society for Philosophy of Emotion group session, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, Feb 2024

Reflections on AI, Education, and Responsible Citizenship (by invitation), GenAI and Higher Education: Multidisciplinary Explorations symposium, CBS Teaching Excellence Series, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Nov 2023

(i) The Evolution of Desire and Dignity in Virtuous Friendship; (ii) Contrasting Views of Shame, Transcendence, and Self-Identity in the Western Philosophical Tradition (series of two visiting lectures, by invitation), College of Foreign Languages, Nankai University, June 2023

Anger Both Apt and Intelligent: Affective Injustice and the Education of Virtuous Anger, co-authored presentation with Liz Jackson, Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics annual conference, York University, May 2023

Virtuous Medicine: Practical Compassion and Forgiveness in Medical Error (by invitation), Medical Ethics and Humanities Unit seminar, University of Hong Kong, scheduled for May 2023

The Rationality of Divine Grace in Character Formation: A Qualified Defense of Kant's Liberal Project, Centre for Philosophy of Religion colloquium, University of Notre Dame, April 2023

Adam Smith, Immanuel Kant, and the Prehistory of Cognitive Empathy, International Society for Research on Emotion, University of Southern California, 2022

Does Kant Have a Deduction of Sympathy?, scheduled for the American Philosophical Association as session of the Hong Kong Kant Society, cancelled due to travel restrictions and presented in Hong Kong, 2022

Cosmopolitan Sympathies: Smith, Kant, and the Prehistory of Cognitive Empathy, Sympatheia / Einfühlung / Empathy: Understanding and Feeling Otherness Conference, University of Lisbon, 2021

‘Reason’s Sympathy’: Kant’s Novel Account of Sympathy and Its 18th Century Precedents (by invitation), Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong, Research Seminar, 2021

Weaknesses of Will: Philosophical Reflections on St Paul’s Body of Death (by invitation), Philosophy of Religion Study Group, Tyndale Fellowship Conference, Tyndale House, Cambridge, 2019

Kant’s Neglected Account of Habit and Moral Character, British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, Durham University, 2018

Change of Heart, Character, and Weakness of Will: Resolving a Puzzle in Kant’s Moral Psychology, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, 2017

Education as Character Formation in Kant’s Pedagogy and Anthropology, Kant and Moral Psychology conference, Boğaziçi University, 2016

Situationism and Kantian Moral Character, Leuven Kant Conference, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 2015

Kantian Ethics and Rational Faith (by invitation), Sts Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, MK, 2015

Kant on the Foundations of Moral Character (by invitation), Ivanov School of Leaders Alumni Association, Skopje, MK, 2015

Kantian Metaethics and the Problem of Value, Understanding Value Grad Conference, University of Sheffield, 2014

Kant on the Education of Emotion in the *Lectures on Pedagogy*, Critical Pedagogies and Philosophies of Education, Liverpool Hope University, 2014

Moral Worth, Emotion, and Practical Wisdom: Kant’s Aristotelian Dispositions, Conference of the Affections and Ethics Network, University of Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities, 2014

Kant on Moral Worth and Emotion, North Carolina Philosophical Society, UNC Chapel Hill, 2014

Active and Passive Euthanasia: Defining the Doctor’s Role, Philopolis Graduate Conference, McGill University, 2011

Massive Modularity and Theory of Mind, Dominican University College Graduate Conference 2010, University of Ottawa Graduate Conference, 2010

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS:

GRF Grant (General Research Fund), University Grants Committee of Hong Kong, HKD\$112,000, Principal Investigator, 24-month research grant for project on forgiveness, 2023-4

SSHRC* Doctoral Fellowship, CAD\$80,000, years 2014-18

*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of the Government of Canada

SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral), CAD\$105,000, declined for international university

1st Place, Dalai Lama Centre for Compassion Oxford Essay Competition, Compassion and the Moral Law, 2016

SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Masters), CAD\$17,000, years 2009-10

University of Ottawa Excellence Scholarship, CAD\$32,476, years 2009-11

President's Award, Trinity Western University, CAD\$30,000, years 2004-8

COURSES TAUGHT*:

University of Hong Kong

The Love We Give and The Lies We Tell: The Ethics of Relationships
A Life Worth Living (primary teacher)

University of the Fraser Valley

Moral Psychology
History of Analytic Philosophy
Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy
Knowledge and Reality
Critical Thinking

University of Oxford

Key Concepts in Moral Psychology
Values and Public Policy: Political Philosophy in Practice (tutor)
Ethics paper (tutor)
Aristotle paper (tutor)
Kant paper (tutor)

University of British Columbia

Doctor, Patient, and Society (tutor)

Trinity Western University

Kant
Contemporary Ethical Issues
Introduction to Logic
Introduction to Philosophy
Critical Thinking

University of Ottawa

Philosophical Issues in Healthcare (teaching assistant)

Bioethics (teaching assistant)
Business Ethics (teaching assistant)

*Primary teacher with complete oversight over syllabus and content except where role is specified in parentheses

COMMITTEES, OUTREACH, AND OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Reviewer, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, 2024

Members Correspondent, UK Kant Society, 2024-

Reviewer, Toronto Journal of Theology, 2024

Panel member, Educating Citizen-Leaders for a Digital Age, seminar by CEDARS and Oxford Character Project, The University of Hong Kong, 2023

Reviewer, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, 2022

Curator, Forgiveness and the Life of Leadership modular course, HKU Lead for Life, University of Hong Kong, 2022

Speaker on friendship and virtue, HKU Lead for Life taster session, University of Hong Kong, 2022

Interview guest on compassion and Kantian ethics, Voice of Islam Radio (London), 2022

Reviewer, Journal of Character Education, 2020

Associate, Oxford Character Project, 2020-

Research Associate and Consultant, Ian Ramsey Centre, University of Oxford, 2019-

Arts of Leading Research Group member, Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities and Oxford Character Project, 2016-18

Workshop Leader and Facilitator, The Character of Leadership Forum, University of Hong Kong; collaboration between University of Hong Kong Social Sciences Faculty and Oxford Character Project, 2018

Facilitator, Learning to Lead Forum, London School of Economics; collaboration between Oxford Character Project and LSE Life, 2018

Summer School Administrator, University College and City University of Hong Kong summer program in law, 2016 and 2017

Student Host (casual) to students from across China Summit Education Enterprise, 2017

Panelist and Facilitator, Character of Leadership Forum, University of Hong Kong, 2017

Content Consultant, Oxford Character Project, 2014-15

Co-Convener, Faculty of Philosophy DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford 2014-15

Committee Member, Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, 2015

Reviewer, Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, 2015 and 2014

B1 Certificate, German Language Course, Freie Universität Berlin, 2014

Ethicist, Behavioral Research Ethics Board, University of British Columbia, 2012-13

Ethicist, Research Ethics Board, Trinity Western University, 2012-13

Community member, L'Arche Ottawa, 2009-11

REFERENCES:

References available on request