

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2023 – Associate Professor of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago
2018 – 2023. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago
2015 – 2018. Postdoctoral Fellow, Saint Louis University
2012 – 2015. Postdoctoral Fellow, City University of Hong Kong

EDUCATION:

PhD. University of Notre Dame: Philosophy, 2012
MA. University of Notre Dame: Philosophy, 2008
BA. University of California, Los Angeles: Philosophy, 2004 (*magna cum laude*)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

East Asian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Ethics

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

[2020. *Confucianism and the Philosophy of Well-Being* \(Routledge\)](#)

Articles and Book Chapters:

2025. “Mencius on the Continuity of Moral Development” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 42(2): 171-191.
2025. “Well-Being in Early Chinese Philosophy” in *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*, (ed.) Justin Tiwald, Oxford University Press.

2024. "Xunzi on Agency, Environment, and Moral Development" in *Moral Agency in Eastern and Western Thought*, (eds.) Jonathan Jacobs and Heinz-Dieter Meyer, Routledge.
2024. "How Confucian Values Shape the Moral Boundaries of Family Caregiving" (with Helen Chan, et al.) in *Nursing Ethics: Normative Foundations, Advanced Concepts, and Emerging Issues*, (eds.) Michael Deem and Jennifer Hagerty Lingler, Oxford University Press.
2021. "Well-being and Health" (with Daniel Haybron). Special Issue on well-being and the philosophy of medicine in *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 46(6): 645-655.
2021. "Skill, Practice, and Virtue: Some Questions and Objections for Stalnaker" *Philosophy East and West* 71: 520-524.
2021. "Neo-Aristotelian Naturalism, Natural Law, and Objectivity" *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95(2): 291-297.
2020. "Well-Being, Eudaimonia, and Nature-Fulfillment" in *Historical-Analytical Studies on Nature, Mind and Action.*, Vol. 8: Aristotelian Naturalism, (ed.) Martin Hähnel, Springer.
2020. "Natural Law in Mencius and Aquinas" in *Confucianism and Catholicism*, (eds.) Michael Slater, Erin Cline, and Philip Ivanhoe, University of Notre Dame Press.
2019. "Daoism, Flourishing, and Gene Editing" in *Human Flourishing in an Age of Gene Editing*, (eds.) Erik Parens and Josephine Johnston, Oxford University Press.
2018. "Human Nature and Moral Sprouts: Mencius on the Pollyanna Problem" *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99(1): 140-162.
2018. "Confucius and the Meaning of Life" (with Joshua Seachris) in *The Meaning of Life and the Great Philosophers*, (eds.) Stephen Leach and James Tartaglia, Routledge.
2018. "Confucian Virtue Ethics and Business" (with Javier Cuervo, Richard Roque, and Reuben Mondejar) in *Business Ethics: A Virtue Ethics and Common Good Approach*, (eds.) Alejo Jose G. Sison, Ignacio Ferrero, and Gregorio Guitian, Routledge.
2016. "Well-Being and Confucianism" in *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Well-Being*, (ed.) Guy Fletcher, Routledge.
2016. "Early Confucianism and Contemporary Moral Psychology" *Philosophy Compass* 11(9): 473-85.
2016. "Confucianism and Non-human Animal Sacrifice" *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 8(1): 27-49.
2016. "Filial Piety and Business Ethics: A Confucian Reflection" (with Reuben Mondejar and Chris Chu) in *Springer Handbook on Virtue Ethics in Business and Management*, (eds.) Alejo Jose G. Sison, Gregory R. Beabout, Ignacio Ferrero, Springer.
2015. "The Role of Human Nature in Moral Inquiry: MacIntyre, Mencius, and Xunzi" *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 32(4): 313-333.
2015. "Human Nature and Animal Nature: The Horak Debate and Its Philosophical Significance" *International Philosophical Quarterly* 55(4): 437-456.
[Revised and reprinted in *Traditional Korean Philosophy: Problems and Debates* (eds.) Youngsun Back and Philip J. Ivanhoe, Rowman and Littlefield International.]

Book Reviews:

2019. Linda Zagzebski, *Exemplarist Moral Theory*. Faith and Philosophy 36(1): 150-154.

2018. Anna Alexandrova, *A Philosophy for the Science of Well-Being*. *Utilitas* 30(4): 498-500.
2018. Neera Badhwar's *Well-Being: Happiness in a Worthwhile Life*. *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 15(5): 599-602.
2017. Hongkyung Kim, *The Analects of Dasan, Volume I: A Korean Syncretic Reading*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*: <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/the-analects-of-dasan-volume-1-a-korean-syncretic-reading/>.
2011. Terence Irwin, *The Development of Ethics: A Historical and Critical Study*, Part 19 on Aquinas: The Ultimate End, pp. 283-284. *The Philosophical Forum*, Vol. 52, No. 3.

Public Philosophy:

- 2024 — *This Is The Way: Podcast on Chinese Philosophy* (co-hosted with Justin Tiwald). [This Is The Way is a podcast focusing on Chinese philosophy directed toward a wide audience. As of 2025 September, there has been 25 episodes published with over 20,000 downloads. We are now also sponsored by the Hong Kong Ethics Lab.]

Works in Progress:

Ritual and Human Flourishing in Confucianism (Under contract with Cambridge University Press for the *Elements series in Global Philosophy of Religion*, this book develops a Confucian account of ritual as central to human flourishing, showing how ritual practices cultivate virtue, sustain community, and give coherence to human life.)

“Nature and Normativity in the Horak Debate” (commissioned for the *Oxford Handbook of Korean Philosophy*)

“Suffering and Well-Being” (in progress)

PRESENTATIONS:

2025. “Nature, Flourishing, and Disability in Aristotle and Mencius,” Asian Studies and the Ethics Across the Curriculum Initiative Lecture, University of Scranton.
2025. “Roles, Rituals, and Virtues: Reflections on Confucian Bioethics” Center for Bioethics & Health Law, Healthcare and Religion Lecture Series, University of Pittsburgh
2025. “Mencius on the Continuity Problem in Moral Development,” Keynote for Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, University of Wisconsin—La Crosse
2025. “The Contemporary Significance of Confucianism: A Guide to Wellbeing and Good Life,” The Confucian Studies International Speaker Series, University of Prince Edward Island
2024. “Suffering and the Good Life,” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago

2024. "Suffering and the Good Life," Colloquium Talk, University of Illinois, Chicago

2023. "Habituation, Nature, and Sprouts: Aristotle and Mencius on Moral Development," Colloquium Talk, Carleton College

2022. "Habituation, Nature, and Sprouts: Aristotle and Mencius on Moral Development," Colloquium Talk, Northern Illinois University

2022. "Agency and Ritual: Xunzi's Account of Moral Development." Conference on Crafting Character: The Skill to Shape Second Nature, The Role of Law, Institutions, and Moral Agency in Eastern and Western Ethical Thought," John Jay College, New York City

2021. "Roots of Humanity: Lessons from Confucianism." Killeen Chair Lecture, St. Norbert College

2021. "Habituation, Nature, and Sprouts: Aristotle and Mencius on Moral Development" Confucian Philosophy Lecture Series (유가철학 초청강연), Seoul National University

2021. "Habituation, Nature, and Sprouts: Aristotle and Mencius on Moral Development" Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago

2020. "Confucianism and Natural Law in Mencius and Aquinas," Invited Lecture for the Angelicum, Rome

2020. "Today and Tomorrow: Prioritizing the Present in the Time of COVID" (Panel Participant)

2020. "The Role of Negative Emotions in the Good Life: Lessons from Zhuangzi" Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago

2019. "The Role of Negative Emotions in the Good Life: Lessons from Zhuangzi" Columbia Society of Comparative Philosophy, Columbia University, New York City

2018. "Confucianism: Joy Along the Way" Theology of Joy and the Good Life, Yale University, New Haven

2017. "Is the Dao Good For You?" Workshop on Confucianism: Joy Along the Way, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

2017. "Is the Dao Good For You?" A Conference Honoring the Memory of Jiyuan Yu, University of Buffalo, NY

2017. "Human Nature and Moral Development" University of San Francisco, CA 2016. "Friendship and Well-Being" Clark University, Worcester

2016. "Daoism, Well-Being, and Gene Editing" Hastings Center, Garrison, NY

2016. "Early Confucianism and Contemporary Moral Psychology" Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Washington D.C.

2016. "Friendship and Well-Being" Saint Louis University, St. Louis

2016. "Friendship and Well-Being" Valparaiso University, Valparaiso

2015. "Well-Being and Confucianism: Mencius, Alienation, and the Shape of a Life" Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic

2015. "Well-Being and Confucianism: Mencius, Alienation, and the Shape of a Life" Lawrence University, Appleton

2014. "The Role of Human Nature in Ethical Inquiry: MacIntyre, Mencius, and Xunzi" Virtue, Medicine, and Modern Moral Philosophy: A Conference in Honor of David Solomon, University of Notre Dame, South Bend

2014. "A Mengzian Response to the Pollyanna Problem" Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego

2014. “Well-Being and Confucianism” Aquinas College, Grand Rapids
2014. “Well-Being and Confucianism” Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago
2013. “Grounding Filial Duty” Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
2013. “Grounding Filial Duty” Lingnan University, Hong Kong
2013. “What Is This Thing Called Well-Being?” University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2012. “Is Non-Human Animal Sacrifice Necessary for the Confucian Tradition?”
City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2012. “What Is This Thing Called Well-Being?” University of Notre Dame, South Bend
2011. “Is Meaning or Significance Possible in a Non-Theistic Framework?”
Ethics and Culture Center Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend

LANGUAGES:

Classical Chinese (scholarly reading knowledge)
Modern Korean (native fluency in speaking, advanced reading and writing)
English (native fluency in reading, writing, and speaking)

Reviewer for the Following Journals: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Dao*, *Constellations*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *International Journal of Well-Being*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Neuroethics*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy East and West*, *Utilitas*