

# Curriculum Vitae

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## 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*)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

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

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Ethics, East Asian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Bioethics

## PUBLICATIONS:

### Books:

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

### Articles and Book Chapters:

[\* denotes anonymous peer review.]

\*2022. (forthcoming) “Well-Being in Early Chinese Philosophy” in *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*, (ed.) Justin Tiwald, 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.

### **Academic Blog Contributions:**

2019. “Kim on Mencius and the Pollyanna Problem,” PEA Soup Blog, a critical discussion of my paper, “Human Nature and Moral Sprouts: Mencius on the Pollyanna Problem.” (2018, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*) <http://peasoup.us/2019/09/kim-on-mencius-and-the-pollyanna-problem/>.

### **Book Project in Progress:**

*Becoming Good: A Philosophical Account of Moral Development*

### **ABSTRACT:**

Human beings are deeply shaped by influences outside of their control such as their genes and environment. This has been well supported by geneticists and contemporary psychologists. But what has been underdiscussed by psychologists and philosophers working on moral development is the fact that human beings are also *agents*, who make choices, exert their will, and can aspire to become good. This book aims to show that a satisfying account of moral development needs to include not only the impact of external conditions but also facts about human beings as self-governing agents that can act purposively and intentionally, and direct and redirect their desires according to their vision of the good. Toward this end the book builds on the account of habituation and moral development in Aristotle, develops ideas about moral self-cultivation from the early Confucian tradition, and incorporates ideas from contemporary developmental psychology.

I aim to show that an adequate account of moral development needs to appreciate the social-environmental influences that profoundly shape human behavior as well as the way that human agency, mindset, and aspiration play a substantial role in the process of moral self-cultivation.

**Papers in progress:**

“How Confucian Values Shape the Moral Boundaries of Family Caregiving”  
(Commissioned for a volume, *Nursing Ethics: Normative Foundations, Advanced Concepts, and Emerging Issues*, eds. Michael J. Deem and Jennifer Hagerty Lingler, under contract with Oxford University Press)

“Human Nature in Classical Chinese Philosophy (Commissioned for *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*)

“The Continuity Problem in Aristotle and Mencius’s Solution” (under review)

“The Role of Negative Emotions in the Good Life: A Confucian Reflection” (in progress)

“Xunzi on Agency, Environment, and Moral Development” (in progress)

**PRESENTATIONS:**

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

2011. “Well-Being, Choiceworthiness, and Self-Sacrifice” Graduate Research Seminar,  
University of Notre Dame, South Bend

#### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY:**

2022. Colloquium, Bioethics, Central APA (Commentator)

2022. The Concept of Shame and Emptiness in Korean Philosophy, North American  
Korean Philosophy Association, Central APA (Chair)

2018. Colloquium, “Epistemic Virtues” by Michael Bukoski, Central Division of the  
American Philosophical Association (Chair)

2014. Korean Neo-Confucianism, North American Korean Philosophy Association,  
Eastern APA (Commentator)

2013. Korean and Comparative Philosophy and History of Philosophy, Korea University  
(Session Chair)

2013. Hong Kong Metaethics Conference, Lingnan University (Session Chair)

2012. Korean and Comparative Political Philosophy Workshop, Seoul National  
University (Session Chair)

2011. Aquinas and Contemporary Ethical Theory, Lumen Christi Institute, University of  
Chicago (Invited Participant)

2010. Thomistic Seminar on Aesthetics and Morality: Thomistic and Contemporary  
Philosophical Approaches, Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University (Invited  
Participant)

#### **AWARDS AND GRANTS:**

Loyola Summer Research Stipend for Book Project: Habituation: An Essay on Moral Development, 2022

Kaneb Teaching Award for Outstanding Graduate Student TA, 2009 Notre Dame Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2009

Notre Dame Philosophy Department Fellowship, 2006-2007

## **LANGUAGES:**

Classical Chinese (scholarly reading knowledge)

Modern Korean (native fluency in speaking, advanced reading and writing)

English (native fluency in reading, writing, and speaking)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### Loyola University Chicago

Asian Philosophy, Spring, 2021

Classical Chinese Philosophy, Spring, 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2011

Philosophy and Persons, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Fall 2018

Philosophy of Well-Being, Fall 2020 (Graduate Level)

Conceptions of Virtue, Fall 2018 (Graduate Level)

### Saint Louis University

Happiness: East and West, Spring 2017, Primary Instructor

### City University of Hong Kong

Ethics in Government, Fall 2014, Tutor Ethics and Public Policy, Spring 2014, Tutor

### University of Notre Dame

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2011, Instructor

Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2010, Instructor

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2010, Instructor

Morality and Modernity, Spring 2009, Teaching-Assistant (for W. David Solomon) Medical

Ethics, Fall 2009, Teaching-Assistant (for W. David Solomon)

Morality and Modernity, Spring 2008, Teaching Assistant (for W. David Solomon) Medical

Ethics, Fall 2008, Teaching-Assistant (for W. David Solomon) Introduction to Philosophy, Fall

2007, Teaching-Assistant (for Marian David)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

Undergraduate Philosophy Club Advisor, 2019-Present

Undergraduate Advisor for Samantha Chipman, Ricci Scholar, 2020

Member of the Program Committee for the 2021 Central American Philosophical Association

MA Paper Defense Committee for Myles Kelley (April 2022)

MA Paper Defense Committee for Michael Pederson (May 2022)

MA Paper Director for An Vu (May 2021)

MA Paper Director for Mark Blancke (May 2021)

MA Paper Defense Committee for Erin James Kast, “Metaphysics for a Meaningful Universe: A Challenge to Absurdity and the Case for Meaning in the Cosmos”, May 2020

MA Paper Defense Committee for Conan Rainwater, “Tune Your Guitar Strings and Dance to the Music: How a Jesuit Way of Proceeding Invites us to Dwell in the Tensions of Polarities”, April 2020

Member of the Mission Advisory Council, 2020

Dissertation Proposal Committee Member for Gina Lebkuecher, 2021

Dissertation Proposal Committee Member for Jay Carlson, 2019

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*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy East and West*, *Utilitas*