

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

1996–2001: Stanford University, CA.
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *Virtue and Reason in Xunzi*
Committee: P.J. Ivanhoe (chair), Christopher Bobonich (co-chair), Julius Moravcsik, Stephen Darwall

1994–1996: Harvard University, MA.
M.A. in East Asian Languages and Civilizations
Thesis: “On the Meaning of *Yi* (義) for Xunzi” (Thesis advisor: Michael Puett)

1989–1994: Stanford University, CA.
B.A. in Asian Languages (with honors) and Classics

1991–1992: Inter-University Program in Chinese Language Studies, Taipei, Taiwan

Employment:

2021–present: Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

2019–present: Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

2009–2019: Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

2015 (Summer Term): Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada

2008–2012: Assistant Dean, Honors College, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

2001–2009: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

2003 (Fall Term): Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2001–2002: Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley

Language Competencies:

Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese, and Classical), Japanese, Classical Greek, Latin, French

Publications:

Articles:

“Xunzi and the Authority of Tradition” in *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*, ed. Justin Tiwald. New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

“Ethics and the Arts in Early China” in *Oxford Handbook of Ethics and Art*, ed. James Harold. New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

“Revisiting Xunzi’s Philosophy of Language” in *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 36 (2021): 163–84.

“On Ritual and Legislation” in *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 13:2 (2021): 45–64.

“Xunzi and the Problem of Different Strokes for Different Folks: On Tang Siufu’s *Self-Realization Through Confucian Learning*” in *Dao* 19:1 (2020): 113–120.

“柏拉图论‘仁’” (“On Confucian Benevolence in the Philosophy of Plato”), tr. 刘旻娇 Liu Minjiao, in 伦理学术 *Academia Ethica* 4, ed. 邓安庆 Deng Anqing, June 2018: 29–45.

“Extended Knowledge and Confucian Tradition” in *Extended Epistemology*, ed. J. Adam Carter, Andy Clark, Jesper Kallestrup, S. Orestis Palermos, and Duncan Pritchard. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Ethics in the *Xunzi*” in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Xunzi*, ed. Eric L. Hutton. Dordrecht: Springer, 2016.

“Xunzi on Moral Psychology” in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Xunzi*, ed. Eric L. Hutton. Dordrecht: Springer, 2016.

“Xunzi on Music” (co-authored with James Harold) in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Xunzi*, ed. Eric L. Hutton. Dordrecht: Springer, 2016.

“Confucius,” entry for *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, philosophy list. Edited by Duncan Pritchard. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. (DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780195396577-0290)

“On the ‘Virtue Turn’ and the Problem of Categorizing Chinese Thought” in *Dao*, 14:3 (2015), pp. 331–353. (Erratum to this article published in *Dao* 14:4 (2015), p. 625.)

“Xunzi and Virtue Ethics” in Besser-Jones, Lorraine and Slote, Michael, eds. *Routledge Companion to Virtue Ethics*. New York: Routledge, 2015.

“Mengzi, Xunzi, and the Legacy of Confucius” in *The Analects: A Norton Critical Edition*. Michael Nylan, ed. New York: W. W. Norton, 2014.

“A Note on the *Xunzi*’s Explanation of *Xing* 性” in *Dao* 10:4 (2011), pp. 527–530.

“Han Feizi’s Criticism of Confucianism and its Implications for Virtue Ethics” in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 5:3 (2008), pp. 423–453. Reprinted in Brooks, Thom, ed. *Ethics and Moral Philosophy*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2011.

“Un-Democratic Values in Plato and Xunzi” in Chandler, Martha and Littlejohn, Ronnie, eds. *Polishing the Chinese Mirror: Essays in Honor of Henry Rosemont, Jr.* New York: Global Scholarly Publications, 2008.

“Character, Situationism, and Early Confucian Thought” in *Philosophical Studies* 127 (1), January 2006, pp. 37–50.

“Moral Connoisseurship in Mengzi” in Liu, Xiusheng and Ivanhoe, P.J., eds. *Essays on the Moral Philosophy of Mengzi*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2002.

“Moral Reasoning in Aristotle and Xunzi” in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, September 2002, vol. 29, no. 3, pp. 355–384.

“Does Xunzi Have a Consistent Theory of Human Nature?” in Kline III, T.C. and Ivanhoe, P.J., eds. *Virtue, Nature, and Moral Agency in the Xunzi*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2000.

Edited Volumes:

Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Xunzi. Dordrecht: Springer, 2016.

Reviewed in: *Dao*

Translations:

Lan Hung-Yueh (藍弘岳), “The Xunzi in Edo Japan” (《荀子》在江戶日本) in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Xunzi*, ed. Eric L. Hutton. Dordrecht: Springer, 2016.

Xunzi: The Complete Text. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014. Revised paperback edition, 2016.

Reviewed in: *Dao*, *Journal of Chinese Studies*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, *Tijdschrift voor Philosophie*

“Xunzi” (selections) in Ivanhoe, P.J. and Van Norden, Bryan, eds. *Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy*. New York: Seven Bridges Press, 2001; reprinted, Indianapolis: Hackett, 2003; revised and expanded 2nd ed., 2006. Also partially reprinted in Joel J. Kupperman, ed. *Human Nature: A Reader*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2012.

Zhang Dainian (张岱年), “Axiology in Pre-Modern Chinese Philosophy” (中国古典哲学的价值观) in Wang, Rong Rong, ed. *Chinese Philosophy in an Era of Globalization*. Albany, New York: SUNY Press, 2004.

“Xunzi” (selections) in Wang, Robin, ed. *Images of Women in Chinese Thought: Writings from the Pre-Qin Period through the Song Dynasty*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2003.

Reviews:

“Sor-hoon Tan (ed.), *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Chinese Philosophy Methodologies*” in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (on-line journal: <https://ndpr.nd.edu>), May 2017.

“Loubna El Amine, *Classical Confucian Political Thought: A New Interpretation*” in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (on-line journal: <https://ndpr.nd.edu>), January 2016.

“Dongfang Shuo 東方朔 [Lin Hongxing], *The Quest for Rationality: Collected Research on the Thought of Xunzi* 合理性之尋求：荀子思想研究論集” in *Dao* 13:3 (2014): pp. 421–424.

“Amy Olberding, *Moral Exemplars in the Analects: The Good Person is That*” in *Ethics* 124:1 (2013), pp. 197–201.

“Hagen, Kurtis. *The Philosophy of Xunzi: A Reconstruction*” in *Dao*, vol. 6, no. 4, December 2007, pp. 417–421, and “A Further Response to Kurtis Hagen” in *Dao*, vol. 6, no. 4, December 2007, pp. 445–446.

“Liu, Xiusheng. *Mencius, Hume, and the Foundations of Ethics*” in *Hume Studies*, vol. 30, no. 1, April 2004, pp. 201–203.

“Lloyd, G.E.R. *The Ambitions of Curiosity: Understanding the World in Ancient Greece and China*” in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (on-line journal: <https://ndpr.nd.edu>), March 2003.

Other short works:

Prologue (translated into Spanish) to *Xun Kuang: Rectificar Los Nombres (Xun Zi / Zheng Ming)*, tr. Nuño A. Valenzuela Alonso. Madrid: Miraguano Ediciones, 2019.

In progress:

Explaining and Illustrating the Laozi: A Translation and Analysis of the Earliest Commentaries on the Laozi, co-edited with Eirik Lang Harris (under contract with Oxford University Press)

Xunzi's Ethics (a monograph in progress, first right-of-refusal to University of California Press)

Plato, Through Confucian Eyes (a monograph in progress)

“Han Feizi and the ‘Paradox’ of Power” (an essay, currently “revise-and-resubmit” status at *Dao*)

Presentations:

(Asterisks mark invited presentations.)

*January 2021, “荀子的語言哲學新探” (“Revisiting Xunzi’s Philosophy of Language”), Fudan University

*November 2020, “荀子的語言哲學新探” (“Revisiting Xunzi’s Philosophy of Language”), Xiamen University

*August 2019, “Awe and Intimidation in Early Chinese and Greek Political Philosophy,” Workshop on Emotions in Ancient Greece and Early China, Fondation Hardt, Geneva, Switzerland

*April 2019, “Plato, Through Confucian Eyes,” San Francisco State University

*October 2018, “Plato, Through Confucian Eyes,” University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies

*October 2018, “Confucian Filial Sons in the Philosophy of Plato,” Mount Holyoke College

*July 2018, “Trust, Politics, and Justice in Early Confucianism and Plato,” Renmin University

*June–July 2018, lecture series (5 lectures) on Xunzi, Beijing Normal University

*June 2018, lecture series (4 lectures) on Plato and early Confucianism, Fudan University

*April 2017, “Plato, Through Confucian Eyes,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

- *March 2017, “Trust, Politics, and Justice in Early Confucianism and Plato,” St. Louis University
- *March 2016, “On Confucian Benevolence in the Philosophy of Plato,” Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Lecture, City University of Hong Kong
- July 2015, “Confucian Filial Sons in the Philosophy of Plato,” 19th International Conference of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- *June 2014, “Extended Knowledge and Confucian Tradition,” Conference on Extended Knowledge, University of Edinburgh
- *April 2014, “Xunzi and the Authority of Tradition,” Rutgers Workshop in Chinese Philosophy, Rutgers University
- *December 2013, “The Virtue Turn and the Chinese Tradition,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting
- *March 2012, “Xunzi’s View of Human Nature, Revisited,” Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- *March 2012, “The Virtue of Pretending,” National Chung-Cheng University, Taiwan
- *June 2011, “Han Feizi and the ‘Paradox’ of Power,” Conference on Governance and Political Leadership in East Asia, Seoul National University, South Korea
- *March 2011, “Han Feizi and the ‘Paradox’ of Power,” Simon Fraser University, Canada
- *March 2010, “Xunzi and the Internal/External Reasons Debate,” University of Washington
- *February 2010, “Xunzi and the Internal/External Reasons Debate,” Brigham Young University
- *February 2010, “Xunzi and the Internal/External Reasons Debate,” Work-in-Progress Series, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah
- *May 2009, “美德倫理與儒學之接觸所產生的若干誤會” (“On Some Misunderstandings Generated by the Interaction of Virtue Ethics and Confucianism”), Conference on “Virtue Ethics and Confucianism,” Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- *April 2009, Commentator on Erin Cline, “Two Senses of Justice: Confucianism, Rawls, and Comparative Political Philosophy,” Association of Chinese Philosophers in America, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- *February 2009, “Virtue, Ritual, and Early Confucian Philosophy,” Utah State University
- *November 2008, “Xunzi and the Internal/External Reasons Debate,” Conference on Contemporary Research on Chinese Ethical Thought, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
- *July 2008, “Why Virtue Ethicists Should Love Rules: Xunzi on Ritual,” guest lecture for NEH Summer Seminar, “Traditions Into Dialogue: Confucianism and Contemporary Virtue Ethics,” Wesleyan University

- *March 2008, Roundtable discussant, “Motivation in Xunzi: Desire, Assent, and Commitment,” International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- *March 2008, “A Confucian Perspective on Caring Teaching and Teaching Caring,” University of Oregon, Conference on “Confucian Virtues at Work”
- *October 2007, “Ritual, Law, and Treatment of the Dead in Early Confucianism and the Philosophy of Plato,” Symposium on Ethics in Ancient China and Greco-Roman Antiquity, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany
- *April 2006, “Han Feizi’s Criticism of Confucianism and its Implications for Virtue Ethics,” University of Chicago, Workshop on “Rethinking Traditional China”
- *November 2005, “The Price of an Ideal: Han Feizi’s Criticism of Confucianism,” University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, Occasional Lecture Series in Chinese Philosophy
- *September 2005, “理想的代價：韓非子對儒學的批評” (“The Price of an Ideal: Han Feizi’s Criticism of Confucianism”), Conference on Chinese Philosophy in Analytical Perspectives, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
- *March 2005, “Character and Virtue in Early Confucianism,” Invited Symposium on Moral Psychology in Ancient China, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- *October 2004, “Moral Charisma in Plato and Early Confucianism,” Bowdoin College
- April 2004, “Moral Charisma in Early Confucianism and Plato,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting
- March 2004, “Moral Charisma in Early Confucianism and Plato,” Association for Asian Studies Main Meeting
- *November 2003, “Nature and Ethics in the Philosophy of Xunzi,” University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, Brown Bag Lecture Series
- March 2003, “Nature and Ethics in the Philosophy of Xunzi,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- March 2002, “Self-Cultivation and the Inter-entailment of the Virtues in Xunzi,” American Academy of Religion, Western Division Meeting
- *March 2002, “Nature and Ethics in the Philosophy of Xunzi,” UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies Colloquium
- *January 2001, “Mencius and Moral Connoisseurship,” University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, Brown Bag Lecture Series
- May 1998, Commentator on Maria Merritt, “Aristotle’s Conception of Virtuous Character as ‘Firm and Unchangeable,’” Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Student Philosophy Conference

Courses Taught:

University of Utah (2002–present):

Philosophy 1003: Introduction to Philosophy—Philosophy and Human Nature

Philosophy 3013: Plato's *Republic*

Philosophy 3013: Philosophy of the *Daodejing*

Philosophy 3500: Ethics

Philosophy 4110: Ancient Greek Philosophy

Philosophy 4140/6140: Classical Chinese Philosophy

Philosophy 5110/6110: Issues in the History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Philosophy 5150/6150: Topics in Classical Chinese Philosophy

Philosophy 5500/6500: Contemporary Ethical Theory

Philosophy 5700/6700: Advanced Political Philosophy (cross-listed as Political Science 5960-001/6960-085: Political Philosophy—East & West) (co-taught with Mark Button)

Philosophy 5193/6190: Philosophy of Plato (co-taught with Elijah Millgram)

Philosophy 7010: Graduate Proseminar

Philosophy 7500: Seminar on Aristotle's Ethics

Philosophy 7500: Seminar on Virtue Ethics

Honors 2101: Core Course in Intellectual Traditions—The World of Antiquity

Honors 2104: Core Course in Intellectual Traditions—Cross-Cultural Dialogues

Simon Fraser University (Summer 2015):

Philosophy 333: Selected Topics: Classical Chinese Philosophy

Philosophy 350: Ancient Philosophy

University of Michigan (Fall 2003):

Philosophy 263/Asian Studies 263: Introduction to Chinese Philosophy

Philosophy 468/Chinese 468: Classical Chinese Thought

Institutional Academic Service:

University of Utah:

Academic Senate (2010–2013)

Asian Studies, Executive Committee (2009–2010)

Asian Studies, MA Program Proposal Committee (2004)

Asian Studies, SAC Mentor (2005–2007)
Graduate School, Graduate Research Fellowship Review Committee (2016)
Graduate School, University Teaching Assistantship Fellowship Review Committee (2017)
History Department, Ad Hoc Committee for Review of Tenured Faculty (2012–2014)
Honors College, Curriculum Coordinator (2004–2012)
Honors College, Honors Core Curriculum Committee (Spring 2003)
Honors College, Rhodes/Marshall Institutional Review Committee (2012–2014)
Humanities College, Academic Appeals Committee Chair (2011, 2016)
Humanities College, Career Development Committee (2010–2012)
Humanities College, College Retention, Promotion & Tenure Committee (2013–2014)
Humanities College, Executive Committee (2012–2013)
Humanities College, Graduate Committee (2015–2018)
Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, Vice President (2008–2009), President (2009–2012)
Philosophy Department, Associate Chair (2018–2019, 2020–2021)
Philosophy Department, Chair (2021–present)
Philosophy Department, Director of Graduate Studies (2015–2018)
Philosophy Department, Executive Committee (2015–2019)
Philosophy Department, Graduate Program Committee (2012–2013, 2018–2020)
Philosophy Department, Honors Degree Advisor (2010–2017)
Philosophy Department, Majors Task Force (2018–2019)
Philosophy Department, Recruitment Committee (2005–2007, 2011–2014, chair in 2013–2014)
Philosophy Department, Retention, Promotion & Tenure Committee (2011–2015, 2017–2021)
Philosophy Department, Undergraduate Program Committee (2004–2013)
Philosophy Department, Undergraduate Life Committee (2002–2003)
Philosophy Department, Undergraduate Advising Committee (2002–2003)
Undergraduate Studies, General Education Review Committee (2012–2013)
University College, Academic Appeals Committee (2013)
Reviewer for University Research Committee Faculty Research and Creative Grant Proposal (Spring 2004)

Other Professional Service

Article Referee for: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, American Political Science Review, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy, Educational Philosophy and Theory, Early China, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethics, Frontiers of Philosophy in China, Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies, International Communication of Chinese Culture, Journal of Chinese*

Philosophy, Journal of Chinese Religions, Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Religious Ethics, The Monist, Oxford Bibliographies Online, Oxford Studies in Epistemology, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophy East and West

Manuscript Referee for: Cambridge University Press, Hackett Publishing Company, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, SUNY Press

Editor (with Justin Tiwald) for the Oxford University Press series *Oxford Chinese Thought*, 2015–present

Editorial Board Member: *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture*, 2018–present

Public lecture for Chinese Culture Week at the University of Utah: “Fish and Bear’s Paw: Chinese Food and Chinese Philosophers,” September 2019

External PhD Thesis Examiner, University of Hong Kong, 2018

Instructor for Tanner Humanities Center Gateway to Learning Educators’ Summer Workshop: “Survey of Traditional Chinese Culture,” 2018

Visiting Seminar Instructor, “Interpreting the *Xunzi*: Philosophical and Philological Problems,” University of Zurich, 2017

Conference Organizer (with Pierre-Julien Harter), “Buddhism’s Engagement with the World,” University of Utah, 2017

Nominating Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2017

Instructor for Tanner Humanities Center Gateway to Learning Educators’ Summer Workshop: “Nature and Environment in Chinese Culture,” 2016

Workshop Organizer (with P.J. Ivanhoe), “Comparing Two Masters: Xunzi and Hume,” Philosophy Department, University of Utah (supported by the American Council of Learned Societies/Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange), 2012

Instructor for Tanner Humanities Center Gateway to Learning Educators’ Summer Workshop: “China, Past and Present,” 2008–2009, 2011–2012

Program Committee Member, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2007–2009

Program Committee, Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, 2007

Instructor for Tanner Humanities Center Gateway to Learning Teacher Workshop: “Arts, Ideas, and Society in India, China and Southeast Asia,” 2007

Visited Chinese classes at Kaysville Junior High School and Farmington Junior High School to teach about Confucius, 2004

Conference Organizer (with P.J. Ivanhoe and T.C. Kline III), “New Work on an Old Master: Confucius and the *Analects*,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2003

Awards and Honors:

- 1994 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1991 Stanford: Dean's Award for Academic Excellence

Grants and Fellowships:

- 2011 American Council of Learned Societies/Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Grant for Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society
- 2010 University of Utah, University Research Committee, Faculty Fellow Award
- 2009 University of Utah, Tanner Humanities Center, Virgil C. Aldrich Research Fellowship
- 2001–2002 University of California at Berkeley, Center for Chinese Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2001–2002 Harvard University, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 1996–2001 Stanford University Graduate Student Fellowship
- 1995 FLAS Summer Grant for Japanese Language Study

Professional Organizations

- American Philosophical Association
- Association for Asian Studies
- American Academy of Religion
- International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy
- Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy