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Employment

2022- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bard College
2021-2022 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Leslie Center for the Humanities and Department of Philosophy, Dartmouth College

Education

2016-2021 **Ph.D. in Philosophy, Columbia University**
2011-2013 **L.L.M. (Research), First Class Honours, University of Sydney**
2005-2010 **L.L.B., First Class Honours, University of Sydney**
2004-2008 **B.A., First Class Honours in Philosophy, University of Sydney**

Areas of Specialisation

Social and political philosophy, philosophy of race, moral psychology, pragmatism.

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of law, ethics, feminist philosophy, colonialism, Asian philosophy (particularly Buddhism), history of early modern philosophy, philosophy of the social sciences.

Publications

Peer Blind Reviewed Journal Articles

forthcoming “Oppression, Domination, and the Structure of Graded Inequality,” *Philosophers’ Imprint* <https://doi.org/10.3998/phimp.3192>
2022 (with A. Minh Nguyen) “Cosmopolitanism, Creolization, and Non-Exceptionalist Buddhist Modernisms: On Evan Thompson’s *Why I Am Not a Buddhist*,” *Comparative Philosophy* 13(1): 139-59.
2021 “Dewey and the Tragedy of the Human Condition,” *The Pluralist* 16(1): 26-40 (published as the recipient of the Joseph L. Blau Prize from the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2020).
2016 “Re-reading the Declaration of Independence as perlocutionary performative,” *Res Publica* 22(4): 423-444.
2014 “The constitutive rhetoric of the Preamble to the Australian Constitution as a ‘performative utterance’,” *Australian Journal of Legal Philosophy* 39: 42-65.
2014 “The educative potential of industrial action: lessons from the picket line,” *Australian Universities Review* 56(1): 61-66.

Invited Papers

- forthcoming “Asian American Anxieties and the Radical Possibilities of Forced Cosmopolitanism,” *APA Studies in Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Vol 24(1), Fall 2024.
- forthcoming “Law as a Social Practice and the Concept of Agency,” in Maciej Dybowski, Weronika Dzięgielewska, Wojciech Rzepiński (eds), *Practices in Legal and Social Theories* (Routledge, 2024)
- 2023 “The Limits of Constituent Power? Vice and Illiberalism,” *Journal of Legal Philosophy* 48(1): 54-60.
- 2022 “In Defense of Political Equality: On Bai Tongdong’s *Against Political Equality*,” *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 37: 59-90.

Edited Books and Special Journal Issues

- forthcoming (co-edited with A. Minh Nguyen), *Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives on Japanese Aesthetics* (Lexington Books).
- forthcoming (co-edited with Dalia Nassar and Millicent Churcher), Issue on Danielle Celermajer, “Responsibility to the more-than-human world,” *Australasian Philosophical Review*.

Public Philosophy

- Oct 2023 Zoom Panel on “The Philosophy of Hope” (with Helen De Cruz and Alexander Douglas), *The Philosopher*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLYxG0Kieao>.
- 2023 “The Hope of Public Philosophy,” in *The Philosopher*, “Where Is Public Philosophy Going?”, 111(2) 43-47: <https://www.thephilosopher1923.org/post/the-hope-of-public-philosophy>.
- Dec 2022 Podcast with *HotPot*: “Does Society Need an Exploitative Class to Function?”: <https://hotpot.buzzsprout.com/1836579/11865277-yarran-d-hominh-does-society-need-an-exploitive-class-to-function>
- Dec 2022 Podcast with *HotPot*: “Philosophy, Religion, and Poetry”: <https://hotpot.buzzsprout.com/1836579/11865158-yarran-d-hominh-philosophy-religion-and-poetry-why-are-these-always-together>.
- Oct 2022 Podcast with *HotPot*: “What is Philosophy, and How is it Used?”: <https://hotpot.buzzsprout.com/1836579/11419234-yarran-d-hominh-what-is-philosophy-and-how-is-it-used>.
- 2022 “Unfreedom,” in *The Philosopher*, “The New Basics: Society”, 110(2): 55-60: <https://www.thephilosopher1923.org/post/the-new-basics-unfreedom>, translated into Mandarin by 迷糊 (Wu Wanwei): <https://www.rujiagz.com/article/24759>.
- Jun 2022 Podcast with *Dialexicon: Philosophy for Youth*: “W. E. B. Du Bois and the Philosophy of Critical Theory,” at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_riAVLgD'Tw&list=PLYRLLxfLL8HJ8jmESZ3gNYk4up73jmcc&index=12.

Other

- 2024 (with A. Minh Nguyen and Dien Ho) “Narratives of Transmission and the Imagination of Global Futures: The Emergence of Analytic Philosophy in East Asia,” *APA Studies on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Issue on The Emergence of Analytic Philosophy in East Asia. Vol 23(2), Spring 2024.
- 2023 (with A. Minh Nguyen and Arnab Roy) “Interview with Viet Thanh Nguyen,” *APA Studies on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Issue on Identity and Solidarity. Vol 23(1), Fall 2023. Reprinted for 3 Quarks Daily: <https://3quarksdaily.com/3quarksdaily/2023/11/memory-identity-representation-a-conversation-with-viet-thanh-nguyen-pulitzer-prize-winning-author-of-the-sympathizer.html>

- 2023 (with A. Minh Nguyen) “Contemporary Perspectives on Identity and Solidarity,” *APA Studies on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Issue on Identity and Solidarity. Vol 23(1), Fall 2023.
- Sep 2023 “Syllabus Showcase: Introduction to Global Philosophy,” *Blog of the APA*.
- 2023 (with A. Minh Nguyen) “Contemporary Perspectives on Korean Philosophy,” *APA Studies on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Issue on Korean Philosophy. Vol. 22(2), Spring 2023.
- 2022 (with Douglas Allen and A. Minh Nguyen) “The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi with New Interpretations for Philosophy Today and the Contemporary World,” *APA Studies on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Special Issue on the Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Vol. 22(1), Fall 2022.
- 2022 (with A. Minh Nguyen) “The Multitudinous Dimensions of Japanese Aesthetics,” *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Special Double Issue on Japanese Aesthetics. Vol. 21(1-2), Fall 2021-Spring 2022.
- 2021 (with A. Minh Nguyen) “Buddhist Modernism and its Discontents,” *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Author-meets-Critics Issue on Evan Thompson, *Why I Am Not A Buddhist*. Vol. 20(2), Spring 2021.
- 2020 (with A. Minh Nguyen) “Editors’ Introduction: What is it Like to be a Philosopher of Asian Descent?,” *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*. Special Issue on “What is it Like to be a Philosopher of Asian Descent?” Vol. 20(1), Fall 2020.

Publication Pipeline

Book manuscript: *The Problem of Unfreedom*

Under Review

Paper on blame and structural injustice (under review)

Paper on philosophy of action, expression, and social practices (under review)

Paper on liberalism and distrust (under review)

Working Drafts

“Du Bois and the Self-Interestedness of Racial Capitalism”

“Dewey’s Critique of Political Democracy in a Market Society”

“William James’s Theory of Truth”

In Development

“The Stability of Bad Things”

“We Are the Only Hope We Have; or, Interpersonal Hope in Hopeless Times”

“Hermeneutical Self-Knowledge and Social Criticism”

“What is an Orientation?”

“Cultural Appropriation and Capitalist Accumulation”

Awards, Grants, and Scholarships

2024 APA Small Grant (\$1700) for the 2024 Social Philosophy Workshop.

Jun-Jul 2023 Visitor at University of Sydney Law School.

2023 Bard Research Fund (\$2000).

2021 Teaching Development Program (Foundational Track), Center for Teaching & Learning, Columbia University.

2020-2021	Senior Lead Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching & Learning and the Department of Philosophy, Columbia University.
2020	Joseph L. Blau Prize, awarded annually to the paper that makes the most significant contribution to the history of American Philosophy, for “Dewey and the Tragedy of the Human Condition”, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.
2020	Alliance Joint Project Grant (\$11,889) for “Blame and Regulation: Psychological and Social Transformation”, with Carol Rovane (Columbia), Vanessa de Luca (Sorbonne), and Laurent Jaffro (Sorbonne).
2019-20	Lead Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching & Learning and the Department of Philosophy, Columbia University.
2019	Alliance Joint Project Grant (\$15,000) for “The Philosophy of Blame – Reflections on the Ethics and Politics of Blame”, with Carol Rovane (Columbia), Vanessa de Luca (Sorbonne), and Laurent Jaffro (Sorbonne).
2018	Jonathan Lieberman Memorial Prize, awarded for “Political Institutions and the Problem of Distrust”, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University.
2015	Unit of Study Commendation for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.
2013	Teaching Development Program Certificate, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.
2012	Excellence in Teaching (Practice) Award, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.

Conference Presentations

May 2022	“The Stability of Bad Things,” Philosophy & Activism Workshop, University of Missouri, St Louis.
Apr 2022	Panel (with Adebayo Oluwayomi, Esther Rosario, Terry Guo, and Ana Noriega Olazabal): “What Can Philosophy Do For Social Justice?”, Race, Gender, Justice Workshop, Dartmouth College.
Feb 2022	“Hermeneutic Self-Knowledge and Social Criticism,” Symposium, Central APA, Chicago.
Feb 2022	“Dewey’s Critique of Political Democracy in a Market Society”, <i>PPE Society Annual Meeting 2021</i> (delayed), New Orleans.
Oct 2021	“Dewey and the Problem of Unfreedom”, <i>John Dewey Memorial Conference 2021</i> , University of Vermont.
Feb 2021	“In Defense of Political Equality: Ambedkar on Democracy”, Author-Meets-Critics session on Bai Tongdong, <i>Against Political Equality: The Confucian Case</i> . Central APA.
Mar 2020	“Hermeneutic Self-Knowledge and Social Criticism”, <i>2020 Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference: Self and Other</i> , (accepted but not delivered due to COVID-19).
Mar 2020	“Transformative Experience and Hermeneutic Self-Knowledge”, <i>21st Annual Pittsburgh-Carnegie Mellon Graduate Student Philosophy Conference</i> , University of Pittsburgh, (accepted but not delivered due to COVID-19).
Mar 2020	“Blaming the System”, <i>Global Structural Injustice and Minority Rights</i> , Northeastern University, (accepted but not delivered due to COVID-19).
Mar 2020	“Dewey and the tragedy of the human condition”, <i>Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy</i> , San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.
Feb 2020	“Constraints on freedom and Dewey’s critique of political democracy”, Colloquium, Central APA, Chicago.
Jul 2019	“Habitual Mental Action”, <i>Actions: the Mental and the Bodily</i> , University of Warwick.
Jun 2019	“Blaming the System”, <i>Reflections on the Ethics and Politics of Blame</i> , Sorbonne University.
Mar 2019	“The Role of Inclusive Communities in Dewey’s Quest for Freedom”, <i>Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy</i> .

- Jan 2019 (with Mariana Beatriz-Noe, Olivia Branscum, and Qian Cao) “Mutual Skill-Building through Undergraduate Writing Workshops”, *MAP Panel on Skill-Building and Improving the Profession*, Eastern APA.
- Oct 2018 “Oppressive Social Practices and Explanation of Individual Action”, *Georgetown MAP Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Georgetown University.
- Jun 2017 “Agency and the liberal conception of empathy”, *Cultural Politics of Empathy Workshop*, Empathies Conference, European Society for Literature, Science and the Arts, Basel.
- Jul 2016 “The Concept of Law and its Relation to Agency”, *Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Conference*, University of Melbourne.
- Jul 2015 “Moral Virtues and the Epistemic Argument for Democracy”, *Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference*, Macquarie University.
- Jun 2015 “Two Pictures of Law: Norms and Relations”, *Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Conference*, University of Sydney.
- Apr 2014 (with Linus Huang and Elena Walsh) “MAP for the GAP: Increasing participation of women and minorities in Australasian philosophy departments”, *Australian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*.
- Sep 2013 “Derrida’s remainder: the Declaration of Independence as perlocutionary performative”, *Julius Stone Institute for Jurisprudence Seminar*, University of Sydney.
- Aug 2013 “The constitutive rhetoric of the Preamble to the Australian Constitution as a ‘performative utterance’”, *Australian Society of Legal Philosophy Annual Conference*, University of Sydney.

Invited Presentations

- Apr 2024 “Affective Misdirection and the Stability of Unfreedom,” 2024 Social Philosophy Workshop, Bard College.
- Jan 2024 “The Radical Possibilities of Forced Cosmopolitanism,” Eastern APA, Panel on “Cosmopolitanism East and West”.
- Jul 2023 (with Meir Yarom, Alma Diamond, and Kevin Walton) Panel on “Description and Evaluation in Legal Theory”, Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence, University of Sydney Law School.
- Jul 2023 “Affective Misdirection and the Stability of Unfreedom,” Macquarie University.
- Jul 2023 “The Stability of Bad Things,” Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence, University of Sydney Law School.
- Apr 2023 Comment on Annette Martín, “Which Comes First? Oppression or Identity? Rethinking the Group-Based Nature of Oppression,” 2023 Social Philosophy Workshop: Identity, Alienation, Emancipation, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University.
- Feb 2023 “The Stability of Bad Things,” Marist College.
- Oct 2022 “The Problem of Unfreedom,” Philosopher’s Holiday Series, Vassar College.
- Jul 2022 Author-Meets-Critics Session on Joel Colon-Rios, *Constituent Power and the Law*, Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy, University of Sydney.
- Mar 2022 Guest lecture on John Dewey, Aaron Spink, *Pragmatism*, Dartmouth College.
- Mar 2022 Guest lecture on W. E. B. Du Bois, Esther Rosario, *Du Bois*, Dartmouth College.
- Feb 2022 “Oppression, Domination, and the Structure of Graded Hierarchy,” 2022 Social Philosophy Workshop: Social Ontologies of Oppression, Solidarity, and Care, University of Illinois Chicago.
- Nov 2021 “The Problem of Unfreedom,” Bard College.
- Jan 2021 Comment on Justin Simpson, “Episodic Memory, Material Culture, and Retrospective Epistemic Violence”, Eastern APA.

- Aug 2020 Comment on Attila Mraz, “Giving Effect to Someone Else’s Electoral Judgments: The Ethics of Supported Decision-Making for Voters with Cognitive and Communicative Disabilities”, *RoME XIII*.
- Apr 2019 Comment on Maria Doulatova, “A Critique of Coherentist Autonomy: The Self-Defeating Cycle of Identification”, *19th Annual Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference*.
- Feb 2019 Comment on panel “The Afterlife of Meditations: From Romanticism to Resistance and Critical Theory”, with Clemence Boulouque, Aminah Hasan-Birdwell, Sabina Bremner, *Finding the Way to Truth: Sources, History, and Impact of the Meditative Tradition*.
- Jan 2019 Comment on Jonathan Kwan, “An Eco-Political Conception of the People: An Account for Indigenous Communities”, Eastern APA.
- Feb 2018 Comment on Wendy Salkin, “Democracy Within, Justice Without: The Duties of Informal Political Representatives”, *Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy*, Princeton.
- Mar 2015 (with Omid Tofighian, Linus Huang and Kari Greenswag) MAP seminar on minority representation, University of Sydney.
- Mar 2015 Comment on Anik Waldow, “Descartes’ Dreaming Bodies and the Awakening of the Human Animal Machine”, *Early Modern Persons and Consciousness Workshop*, University of Sydney.

Conference, Symposium, and Workshop Organizing

- Apr 2024 Organizer, Social Philosophy Workshop, Bard College.
- Apr 2023 Organizer, Social Philosophy Workshop: Identity, Alienation, Emancipation, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University.
- Jun 2022 Organizer, Blame and Regulation: Psychological and Social Transformation, Columbia University.
- Apr 2022 Organizer, Race, Gender, Justice Workshop, Dartmouth College.
- Feb 2022 Organizer, Social Philosophy Workshop: Social Ontologies of Oppression, Solidarity, and Care, UIC, Chicago.
- Feb 2020 Organizer, American Association of Philosophy Teachers workshop, Columbia University.
- Oct 2019 Organizer, New Narratives in Philosophy Symposium: Sor Juana de la Cruz, David Walker, and Martin Delany.
- Jun 2019 Organizer, The Philosophy of Blame: Reflections on the Ethics and Politics of Blame, Sorbonne University.
- Spring 2019 Organizer, 2019 NYC MAPWorks Speaker Series.
- Feb 2019 Organizer, New Narratives in Philosophy Symposium: Finding the Way to Truth: Sources, History, and Impact of the Meditative Tradition.
- Oct 2018 Organizer, NYC MAPWorks Conference: Oppression and Resistance.
- Sep 2018 Organizer, New Narratives in Philosophy Symposium: Marie de Gournay, Émilie du Châtelet, and Mary Shepherd.
- Spring 2018 Organizer, 2018 NYC MAPWorks Speaker Series.
- Apr 2017 Organizer, 17th Annual Columbia-NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference.

Academic Teaching Experience (Instructor of Record)

Bard College

- Introduction to Philosophy: From Global Perspectives (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
- Colonialism & Philosophy (Spring 2023)
- W. E. B. Du Bois (Fall 2023)
- First Year Seminar (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
- Senior Project Colloquium (Spring 2024)

Columbia University

Ethics (Summer 2020)

What is Success?, short course at Brooklyn Metropolitan Detention Center (May 2018)

University of Sydney

Contemporary Political Philosophy (Sem 1 2016)

Philosophy of Law (Sem 1 2012-16)

Academic Writing (at The Scots College) (Sem 2 2014)

Student Advising

Bard

Senior Projects JP Barbegeleta (Spring 2024)
 Miles Wazni (Spring 2024)
 Milena Feher (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)
 Sydney Oshuna-Williams (Spring 2023-Fall 2023)
 Claire Zerbe (Spring 2023-Spring 2024)

Moderation Noah Barbosa (Fall 2024)
 Damian Dobrowolski (Fall 2024)
 Roo Tarantino (Fall 2024)
 Claire Zerbe (Spring 2023)
 Neil Bhatia (Spring 2023)
 Ada Cook (Spring 2023)
 Maeby Ingram (Spring 2023)
 Marylena Hono (Spring 2023)
 Miles Wazni (Fall 2022)

External

Nada DeCat Ph.D. examiner, Deakin University (2023-)

Trương Vi Nguyễn M.A. advisor, Freie Universität (2023-24).

Community and Institution Building

2023 Member, Program Committee for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
 2023-2024 Mentor, International Social Ontology Society Mentoring Program
 2023- Organizer, Bard-Vassar Philosophy Collaboration.
 2022- Organizer, Philosophy Salon, Bard College.
 2022 Judge, Global Undergraduate Awards
 May 2022 Organizer, Applying to Graduate School Workshop, Department of Philosophy, Dartmouth College.
 2020-2025 Associate Editor, APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies.
 2019-2022 Member-at-Large, APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies.
 2018-21 Campus organizer, Graduate Workers of Columbia.
 2017-18 Graduate Student Representative, Columbia University Philosophy Department.
 Feb 2018 Undergraduate student mentor, MAP Compass Workshop, Princeton University.
 2017-21 Judge, NYC High School Ethics Bowl.
 2017-21 Facilitator, *Rethink*: A Philosophy Community Outreach Program.

2016-21 Organizer, Columbia University MAP Chapter.
2014-16 Organizer, University of Sydney MAP Chapter.
2013-16 Organizer, University of Sydney Women in Philosophy.

Reviewer for: *Constellations, Res Publica, Ergo, Nous, Social Epistemology, International Journal of Constitutional Law, Topoi.*

Research Languages

German (intermediate), Mandarin (elementary)

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association (member for the Committee for Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies 2019-2022)
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
John Dewey Society
Philosophy, Politics, Economics Society
Australasian Association of Philosophy
Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy

Referees

Akeel Bilgrami, Sidney Morgenbesser Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University
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Michele M. Moody-Adams, Joseph Straus Professor of Political Philosophy and Legal Theory, Columbia University
E: moody-adams@columbia.edu

Robert Gooding-Williams, M. Moran Weston/Black Alumni Council Professor of African-American Studies, Professor of Philosophy and of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Columbia University
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Philip Kitcher, John Dewey Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Columbia University
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José Medina, Walter Dill Scott Professor of Philosophy, Northwestern University
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Rick Benitez, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Classics, and Ancient History, The University of Sydney
E: rick.benitez@sydney.edu.au

Carol Rovane (teaching reference), Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University
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