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EDUCATION

- Indiana University Bloomington**, Ph.D. in Religious Studies 2020
Dissertation: *Sentimentalist Virtue Ethics Reconsidered: A Comparison of Mengzi and Hume* (full dissertation available on ProQuest with open access)
Advisor: Aaron Stalnaker
- The Catholic University of America**, M.A., Religion and Culture 2011
- Peking University**, B.A., in International Politics 2009
- Waseda University**, B.A., in International Liberal Studies 2009

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow

Department of Religion, Florida State University 2021.12 ~ present

Assistant Professor

School of Philosophy and Social Development, Huaqiao University. 2020.11 ~2021.7

PUBLICATIONS

- “Respect and the Mengzian Conception of *Yi* as a Rule-Related Virtue.” *Comparative Philosophy* 11, no. 2 (2020): 140–156.
- “Passionate Enlightenment: Redeeming Modernity Through David Hume.” *Dialogue and Universalism* 31, no. 3 (2021): 197–215.
- “Sensibility and Moral Values in Mengzi's Metaethics.” Forthcoming.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Undergraduate Courses: Religions of Asia, Introduction to Chinese Religions, Advanced Seminar in Ethics, The Ethical Self: East and West, Confucian Ethics

Graduate Course: Confucian Philosophical Classics

Associate Instructor: Introduction to Ethics; Introduction to Christianity; Introduction to Hinduism; Religion, Ethics, and Public Life; Conceptions of the Self: East and West; Introduction to Buddhism

Lecture by Invitation:

“Powers Invisible: Religion in Contemporary China.”
For “Religions of Asia” taught by Jacob Boss, 2018

Pedagogical Workshop (organizer and presenter):

“Teaching Religion in Public: The Case of Yuelu Academy,” Indiana University
Bloomington, 2019.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Shame Produces the Self: A Mengzian Case.” 12th East and West Philosophers Conference.
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. May 2022. (Postponed due to COVID-19)

“Mengzi's Ethical Naturalist Constructivism and Its Ambiguity.” 21st Biannual International
Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP) Conference. Bern, Switzerland. July 2019.

Respondent to Chenyang Li, “*Qing* 情 as the Foundation of Xunzi's Naturalist Ethics.”
American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 2018.

“Mengzi: A Non-Eudaimonistic Virtue Ethic.” 24th World Congress of Philosophy. Beijing,
China. August 2018.

“Aristotelian Virtue Ethics and Religious Ethics.” Graduate Religious Studies Association
Workshop at Indiana University Bloomington. Bloomington, IN. March 2018.

“Human Nature as A Normative Concept in *Mengzi*.” University of Notre Dame and University
of Chicago Fourth Annual Joint Graduate Student Conference. South Bend, IN. February
2018.

“Rules, Respect, and Shame in *Mengzi*: A Clarification of Righteousness (Yi) as A Multi-
Dimensional Virtue.” American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division
Meeting. Savannah, GA. January 2018.

“Why We Should Not Let Aristotle Take the Lead When Interpreting Confucianism.” American
Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting. Savannah, GA. January 2018.

“The Function Argument and Its Absence in *Mengzi*.” American Philosophical Association
(APA) Eastern Division Meeting. Savannah, GA. January 2018.

“Against the Last Superstition: A Sentimentalist Account of Mengzi's Standard of Virtue.” 1st
Bay Area Conference of Chinese Thought. University of California Davis. Davis, CA.
October 2017.

“Mengzian Sprouts and Humean Sympathy.” 49th Annual Conference of the Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Beijing, China. June 2017.

“Righteousness (Yi) in *Mengzi*: An Exploration of Justice as A Personal Virtue.” 13th Midwest Conference of Chinese Thought. Bloomington, IN. April 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Fellowship 2018
- Graduate Research Award, Indiana University, Dept. of Religious Studies 2017
- College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship, Indiana University 2017

SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Reviewer of *Philosophy Compass*

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