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Areas of Specialization: Chinese philosophy; ethics; moral psychology

Areas of Competence: philosophy of religion; cognitive science of religion; political psychology

EMPLOYMENT

- 2021- Professor, Department of Philosophy, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2021- Professor, Department of Philosophy, Baruch College, CUNY
- 2019-2025 Chair, Department of Philosophy, Baruch College, CUNY
- 2016-2021 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2015-2021 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Baruch College, CUNY
- 2008-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Baruch College, CUNY

EDUCATION

- 2003-2008 *Duke University*. Ph.D. (Philosophy)
Dissertation: *After Confucius: Psychology and Moral Power*. Owen Flanagan and David Wong, supervisors.
- 2001-2003 *University of Toronto*. Ph.D. student (East Asian Studies)
- 1999-2001 *University of Toronto*. Master of Arts (East Asian Studies)
Thesis: *Laozi: Re-visiting Two Early Commentaries in the Hanfeizi*. Richard Lynn and Vincent Shen, advisors.
- 1997-1999 *National Taiwan Normal University* (Mandarin Training Center)
- 1992-1997 *University of Toronto*. Bachelor of Arts *with Distinction* (Philosophy; East Asian Studies)

EDITED BOOKS

- 2018 Ivanhoe, PJ, Flanagan, O., Harrison, V., Sarkissian, H., and Schwitzgebel, E. *The Oneness Hypothesis: Beyond the Boundary of Self*. Columbia University Press.
- 2013 Sarkissian, H., and Wright, J.C. *Advances in Experimental Moral Psychology*. Bloomsbury Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES *(peer reviewed)*

- forthcoming* Sarkissian, H. "The barista 'must be friendly': dispositional entailments as role content." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. Commentary on "The Institutional Stance" by Jara-Ettinger and Dunham.
- 2026 Sarkissian, H. "Emotion's Ambiguity and Wisdom's Clarity in Seongho Yi Ik's *Sachil Simpyeon* 四七新篇" *Philosophy East & West* 76.1: 111-125
- 2025 Sarkissian, H. "From *Character Trouble* to role solutions: a way forward in contemporary moral psychology. *Analysis* 85.3: 780-792
- 2025 Sarkissian, H. "Did Mengzi reject moral perfection as a regulative ideal?" *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 24: 717-729

- 2023 Sarkissian, H. "How remonstrance fails: filial piety and reprehensible parents." *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 40:109-131
- 2023 Sarkissian, H. "Humaneness and Justice in the *Analects*: On Tao Jiang's *Origins of Moral-Political Philosophy in Early China*." *Philosophy East & West* 73.2: 429-439
- 2023 Sarkissian, H. and Buchtel, EE. "What, exactly, is wrong with Confucian filial morality?" *Res Philosophica* 100.1:23-41
- 2022 Sarkissian, H. "Meta-theories, interpretability, and human nature--A reply to Velleman." *Philosophy East & West* 72.1:252-257
- 2022 Sarkissian, H. "Well-functioning *daos* and moral relativism." *Philosophy East & West* 72.1:230-247
- 2021 Baimel, A., White, C., Sarkissian, H., & Norenzayan, A. How is analytical thinking related to religious belief? A test of three theoretical models. *Religion, Brain & Behavior* 11.3:239-260
- 2020 Sarkissian, H. "Do filial values corrupt? How can we know? Clarifying and assessing the recent Confucian debate." *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 19:193-207
- 2019 Sarkissian, H and Phelan, M. "Moral objectivism and a punishing God" *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 80:1-7
- 2018 Global Neuroethics Summit Delegates (Amadio, J, Bi, G., Boshears, PF, Carter, A., Devor, A., Doya, K., Garden, H., Illes, J., Johnson, LSM, Jorgenson, L., Jun, B-O, Lee, I., Michie, P., Miyakawa, T., Nakazawa, E., Sakura, O., Sarkissian, H., Specker-Sullivan, L., Uh, S., Winickoff, D., Wolpe, PR., Wu, KC., Yasamura, A., Zheng, JC), Rommelfanger KS, Jeong SJ, Ema A, Fukushi T, Kasai K, Ramos KM, Salles A, and Singh I. "Neuroethics questions to guide ethical research in the International Brain Initiatives." *Neuron* 100.1:19-36
- 2018 Sarkissian, H. "Neo-Confucianism, experimental philosophy, and the trouble with intuitive methods." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 26.5:812-828
- 2018 De Freitas, J., Sarkissian, H., Newman, G.E., Grossmann, I., De Brigard, F., Luco, A., and Knobe, J. "Consistent belief in a good true self in misanthropes and three interdependent cultures" *Cognitive Science* (S1):134-160
- 2017 Sarkissian, H. "Folk platitudes as the explananda of philosophical metaethics: Are they accurate? And do they help or hinder inquiry?" *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* 34:565-575
- 2017 Sarkissian, H. "Situationism, manipulation, and objective self-awareness." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 20:489-503
- 2016 Huebner, B., and Sarkissian, H. "Cultural evolution and prosociality: widening the hypothesis space." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 39:e15.
- 2015 Sarkissian, H. "Supernatural, social, and self-monitoring in the scaling up of Chinese civilization." *Religion, Brain, and Behavior* 5.4:323-327.
- 2012 Sarkissian, H. 因小得大: 情境论于道德哲学的困难与可能. (A revised translation of "Minor tweaks, major payoffs: The problems and promise of situationism in moral philosophy", below) *中国哲学与文化 (The Journal of Chinese Philosophy and Culture)* vol.9
- 2012 Knobe, J., Buckwalter, W., Robbins, P., Sarkissian, H., Sommers, T., and Nichols, S. "Experimental Philosophy" *Annual Review of Psychology* 63.1:81-99
- 2011 Sarkissian, H., Park, J., Tien, D., Wright, J., and Knobe, J. "Folk moral relativism." *Mind & Language* 26.4:482-505
- 2010 Sarkissian, H. "Recent approaches to Confucian filial morality" *Philosophy Compass* 5.9:725-734

- 2010 Sarkissian, H. "Minor tweaks, major payoffs: The problems and promise of situationism in moral philosophy" *Philosophers' Imprint* 10.9:1-15
- 2010 Sarkissian, H. "The Darker Side of Daoist Primitivism" *The Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 37.2:312-329
- 2010 Sarkissian, H. "Confucius and the Effortless Life of Virtue" *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 27.1:1-16
- 2010 Sarkissian, H., Chatterjee, A., De Brigard, F., Jelly, C., Knobe, J., Nichols, S. and Sirker, S. "Is Belief in Free Will a Cultural Universal?" *Mind & Language* 25.3:346-358
- 2010 Huebner, B., Bruno, M., and Sarkissian, H. "What does the nation of China think of phenomenal states?" *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 1.3-4
- 2009 Phelan, M., and Sarkissian, H. "Is the 'trade-off hypothesis' worth trading for?" *Mind & Language* 24.2:164-80
- 2008 Phelan, M., Sarkissian, H. "The folk strike back: Or, why you didn't do it intentionally, though it was bad and you knew it." *Philosophical Studies* 138.2: 291-298

BOOK CHAPTERS (*=peer reviewed)

- *2025 Sarkissian, H. "Virtuous contempt in the *Analects*." *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*. Edited by Justin Tiwald (New York: Oxford).
- 2023 Sarkissian, H. "Me-knowledge and effective agency." *Oxford Studies in Epistemology Volume 7* (pp. 261-277). Edited by Tamar Szabó Gendler, John Hawthorne, and Julianne Chung.
- 2023 Sarkissian, H. "Confucianism and ritual." *Oxford Handbook of Confucianism*. Edited by Jennifer L. Oldstone-Moore
- *2020 Sarkissian, H. "Skill and expertise in classical Chinese thought." In *Routledge Handbook of Skill and Expertise*. Edited by Ellen Fridland and Carlotta Pavese.
- 2018 Colebrook, R. and Sarkissian, H. "Objectivity." *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*. Edited by Todd K. Shackelford and Viviana A. Weekes-Shackelford (Springer). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_534-1
- 2018 Sarkissian, H. "Confucius and the superorganism." In *The Oneness Hypothesis: Beyond the Boundary of Self*. Edited by Philip Ivanhoe, Owen Flanagan, Victoria Harrison, Eric Schwitzgebel, and Hagop Sarkissian (New York: Columbia)
- *2016 Sarkissian, H. "Aspects of folk morality: Objectivism and relativism." *Blackwell Companion to Experimental Philosophy*. Edited by Wesley Buckwalter and Justin Sytsma (London: Blackwell)
- 2016 Flanagan, O., Sarkissian, H., and Wong, D. "Naturalizing ethics." In the *Blackwell Companion to Naturalism* (pp.16-33). Edited by Kelly James Clark. (London: Blackwell) [slightly modified reprint of Flanagan et al, 2007, below]
- 2016 Sarkissian, H., and Nichols, R. "Chinese philosophy as experimental philosophy." *Research Handbook on Methodology in Chinese Philosophy*. Edited by Sor-hoon Tan (Bloomsbury).
- 2015 Sarkissian, H. "When you think it's bad, it's worse than you think." In *The Philosophical Challenge from China*. Edited by Brian Bruya (Cambridge: MIT Press).
- *2014 Sarkissian, H. "Is self-regulation a burden or a virtue?" In *The Philosophy and Psychology of Virtue: An Empirical Approach to Character and Happiness*. Edited by Nancy E. Snow and Franco V. Trivigno (Routledge)

- 2014 Sarkissian, H., Park, J., Tien, D., Wright, J., & Knobe, J. (2014). Folk moral relativism. In Joshua Knobe and Shaun Nichols (Ed.), *Experimental Philosophy Vol. II* (pp. 169-192). [reprint of Sarkissian et al 2011, above]
- 2013 Sarkissian, H., and Wright, J. "Introduction to Experimental Moral Philosophy" In *Advances in Experimental Moral Psychology*. Edited by Hagop Sarkissian and Jennifer Cole Wright. Continuum Press.
- 2013 Sarkissian, H. "Ritual and rightness in the *Analects*." In the *Dao Companion to the Analects*. Edited by Amy L. Olberding (Springer Press).
- *2012 Buckwalter, W., Knobe, J., Nichols, S., Pinillos, N.A., Robbins, P., Sarkissian, H., Weigel, C and Weinberg, J.M. "Experimental Philosophy." *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*. Edited by Duncan Pritchard. New York: Oxford University Press, Entry Launch Date 25 October 2012. URL: <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195396577/obo-9780195396577-0162.xml?rskey=w68nNO&result=27&q>
- 2012 Sarkissian, H. 고전 유교에서의 감정: 내면과 외면 (Emotions in Classical Confucianism: Inside and Out, translated by Yonghwan Chung), in 유교 도교 불교의 감성이론 (*Theories of Emotion in Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism*), edited by Yonghwan Chung (Seoul: Kyung-in Publishing Co.)
- 2012 Sarkissian, H., and Wright, J. "Folk meta-ethical commitments" In *Philosophy: Traditional and Experimental Approaches*. Edited by Fritz Allhoff, Ron Mallon, and Shaun Nichols. (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- 2007 Flanagan, O., Sarkissian, H., and Wong, D. "Naturalizing ethics." In *Moral Psychology, Vol. 1: The Evolution of Morality*. Edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong. Cambridge: MIT Press
- 2007 Flanagan, O., Sarkissian, H., and Wong, D. "What is the nature of morality? A response to Casebeer, Railton, and Ruse." In *Moral Psychology, Vol. 1: The Evolution of Morality*. Edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong. Cambridge: MIT Press

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 Sarkissian, H. Review. *Foundations for Moral Relativism* by David Velleman. *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* 14.1:116-119
- 2014 Sarkissian, H. Review. *Confucianism and Virtue Ethics* by Stephen Angle and Michael Slote (eds.) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- 2012 Sarkissian, H. Review. *Individualism in Early China: Human Agency and the Self in Thought and Politics* by Erica Fox Brindley. *Philosophy East & West* 62.3: 408-410.

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Oct 2025 Sarkissian, H. "The Breakdown of Equal Regard at the Gravesite." *Death and (Im)mortality in Asian Philosophy*. Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC, Canada)
- Aug 2025 "What, Exactly, Are We Extending?" *End of Summer Ancient Philosophy Workshop*, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University (New York, NY)
- Jul 2025 "The Harder Path: What We (May) Get Wrong about Mengzi's Philosophy." *Roles and Associated Virtues and Duties in Ancient China and Greece*, School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China (Beijing, PRC)
- May 2025 "The Role Before the Self: Insights from the Dawn of Social Organization." *Role Ethics in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy*, Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic)

- Apr 2025 “Lessons from the Contemporary Debate over Filial Piety.” Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (Colorado Springs, CO)
- Mar 2025 “Why Did Mengzi Claim Human Nature is Good? An Interpretation.” Department of Philosophy, Yale University (New Haven, CT)
- Jan 2025 “A Resonating Presence How Personal Vibes Shape Social-Emotional Unity and Division.” Keynote Address for *Political & Social Emotions How They Divide or Unite: Uehiro CrossCurrents Philosophy Conference* (Hawaii)
- Oct 2024 “Knowing Yourself, Knowing Your Vibe” *Duke Centennial Philosophy Conference, Duke University* (Durham)
- Jun 2024 “De in the *Analects*: Suasive Vibes” 德 Dé: *Obligation, Charm and Power in Early Chinese Texts: A Symposium* (Ligerz, Switzerland)
- Apr 2024 “Knowing Yourself, Knowing Your Vibe” *Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University* (Evanston)
- Apr 2024 “Zhu Xi on the Fourth Sprout” *Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought* (Bloomington)
- Mar 2024 “Resonant Creatures: The Significance of Rituals in Confucian Ethics.” *Global Philosophy Research Interest Group, University of Toronto* (Toronto)
- Mar 2024 “Normative Adequacy for a Pluralistic Ethics: Comments on John Doris’s *Character Trouble*.” *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (Portland)
- Jan 2024 “Yi Ik’s Presentation of Wisdom in the New Compilation of the Four-Seven Debate.” *Yi Ik’s New Compilation of the Four-Seven Debate, Sungkyunkwan University* (Seoul)
- Oct 2023 “What Should Be the Focal Points of Philosophical Theorizing? A Test Case from Classical Chinese Thought” *How Legitimate is the Philosophical Cannon? Concrete Applications from Greek and Chinese Philosophies. Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece*
- Oct 2023 “The Fourth Sprout and the Storehouse of Wisdom” *Neo-Confucian Studies Seminar, Columbia University* (New York)
- July 2023 “The Dangers of Moral Convictions” *The Seeds of Virtue in Ancient Greece and China* (Delphi, Greece)
- Jan 2023 “Mozi and Zhuangzi on the perils of Moral Cognition.” *Sungkyunkwan University* (Seoul)
- Sep 2022 “Lessons from the contemporary debate over filial piety” *Contemporary Moral Psychology and Cross-cultural Moral Psychology. Georgetown University* (Washington DC)
- Feb 2022 Comments on Tao Jiang’s *Origins of Moral-Political Philosophy in Early China: Contestation of Humaneness, Justice, and Personal Freedom*” *City University of Hong Kong* (Zoom)
- Nov 2021 “Knowing Yourself; Knowing your Vibe”” *City University of New York Graduate Center* (New York)
- Nov 2021 “Evaluating a Moral Tradition: Inside and Out” *Res Philosophica Conference, Saint Louis University* (Zoom)
- March 2021 “Me-knowledge and Effective Agency.” *Department of Philosophy, California State University at Fullerton* (Zoom)
- Mar 2020 “Self-Knowledge and Effective Moral Agency.” *Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo* (Buffalo)
- Oct 2019 “Who is the Me that I Know? Personal Vibes and Interpersonal Ethics” *Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont* (Burlington)
- Oct 2019 “Why did Mengzi Affirm the Human Nature is Good?” *Workshop on Classical Chinese Philosophical Texts, University of Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia)
- July 2019 “Metaethical Relativism and Natural *Daos*.” *Sogang University* (Seoul)
- July 2019 “Confucian Social Ontology: Nodes, Networks, and Vibrations.” *Sogang University* (Seoul)

- May 2019 “Punishment's Role in Shaping Attitudes toward Morality” *Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University* (New Haven)
- Apr 2019 “Commentary: The Moral Metaphysics of Heaven and Fate in Confucianism” *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (Vancouver)
- Nov 2018 “Punishment's Role in Shaping Attitudes toward Morality” *Columbia Social and Moral Cognition Lab, Columbia University* (New York)
- Oct 2018 “You Want it Darker! Paternalism and Hard Measures by The Daoist Who Wants To Do Some Things (Some Very Dark Things...)” *Zhuangzi: Beyond the Inner Chapters: Second International Workshop, University of Chicago* (Chicago)
- Jun 2018 “Folk Morality and the Limits of Philosophical Metaethics.” *Department of Philosophy, Yonsei University* (Seoul, South Korea)
- May 2018 “A Noble Burden: Power and the Resonant Self in Early Confucian Ethics.” *Sungkyunkwan University* (Seoul, South Korea)
- May 2018 “The Ethics of Torture.” *Sungkyunkwan University* (Seoul, South Korea)
- May 2018 “Vibes and Ethics.” *Underwood College, Yonsei University* (Seoul, South Korea)
- Apr 2018 “A Noble Burden: Power and the Resonant Self in Early Confucian Ethics.” *Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy, City University of Hong Kong* (Hong Kong)
- Apr 2018 “Morality and Manipulation.” *Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy, City University of Hong Kong* (Hong Kong)
- Apr 2018 “Folk Morality and Philosophical Metaethics.” *Department of Philosophy, Hong Kong University* (Hong Kong)
- Apr 2018 “Morality and Manipulation.” *Department of Philosophy, Wuban University* (Wuhan, PRC)
- Apr 2018 “Folk Morality and Philosophical Metaethics.” *Department of Philosophy, Seoul National University* (Seoul, South Korea)
- Mar 2018 “Making a Plague of Yourself: *Zhuangzi's* Critique of Confucian Self-Attention.” *NYU Shanghai* (Shanghai, PRC)
- Mar 2018 “Functionalism about Morality: East and West.” *Chinese Philosophy and Culture Program, Department of Philosophy, Fudan University* (Shanghai, PRC)
- Mar 2018 “Folk Morality and Philosophical Metaethics.” *Si-Mian Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities, East China Normal University* (Shanghai, PRC)
- Mar 2018 “Should Confucianism Abandon Filial Piety to Fight Corruption?” *Sogang University* (Seoul)
- Feb 2018 “Vibes, Ethics, and Confucian *de* (德).” *Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii* (Honolulu)
- Feb 2018 “Two Sources of Normativity in Classical Confucianism: Or, How Mengzi Broke Confucianism (But It's Not His Fault).” *Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii* (Honolulu)
- Nov 2017 “Who was Yang Zhu? A New Interpretation of Existing Sources, and A Plea for his Philosophical Importance.” *Sungkyunkwan University* (Seoul, South Korea)
- Nov 2017 “Evolution, Moral Nativism, and Mencius's Four Sprouts.” *Sungkyunkwan University* (Seoul, South Korea)
- Oct 2017 “Questions about the Ethics of Organoid Research” *Global Neuroethics Summit* (Daegu, South Korea)
- May 2016 “Confucius and the Superorganism” *International Conference on Oneness in Philosophy and Psychology, The City University of Hong Kong* (Hong Kong)
- May 2016 “Moral functionalism and natural *dao*” *Department of Philosophy, Nanyang Technological University* (Singapore)

- May 2016 "The Resonant Self" *Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore* (Singapore)
- Mar 2016 "Gut Feelings vs Experimentalism: A Case Study from the History of Chinese Philosophy" *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (San Francisco)
- Feb 2016 "Moral objectivism and a punishing God" *Moral Attitudes and Decision Making Lab (MADLAB), Duke University* (Durham)
- Feb 2016 "Nudges: Public and Private" *Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University* (Durham)
- Feb 2016 "Intuition and Experimentation in Confucian Moral Thought" *Experimental Philosophy Through History, New York University* (New York)
- Oct 2015 "What is Confucian Self-Awareness?" *New Directions in Chinese Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia)
- Sep 2015 "Resonance Ethics," *Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University* (Binghamton)
- Apr 2015 "Commentary on Edward Slingerland's *Trying Not to Try*." *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (Vancouver)
- Mar 2015 "The Resonant Self: Moral Agency in a Comparative Perspective", *Philosophy Meets Cultural Diversity, University of Pittsburgh* (Pittsburgh)
- Feb 2015 "Moral Objectivism and a Punishing God", *Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University*, (New Haven, CT)
- Nov 2014 "Sonance and Resonance: Living in a World of Moral Echoes", *State University of New York, New Paltz* (New Paltz)
- Nov 2014 "On Wielding Moral Sway: Influence and Manipulation in Social Networks", *Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy* (New York)
- Sep 2013 "Resonance Ethics" *Department of Philosophy, University of Houston* (Houston)
- Oct 2013 "Folk Morality and Philosophical Ethics". *The Moral Psychology Research Group, Rutgers University* (New Brunswick)
- Mar 2013 "Folk Moral Relativism" *Experimental Philosophy in 3D, New York University* (New York)
- Mar 2013 "Conceptions of God and Ordinary Folk Morality" *Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University* (New Haven)
- Dec 2012 "Culture, Cognition, and Philosophical Ethics" *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meeting* (Atlanta)
- Oct 2012 "Conceptions of God and Ordinary Folk Morality" *Culture & Cognition Lab, University of British Columbia* (Vancouver)
- Jun 2012 "An Introduction to the Moral Philosophy of Mencius" *Annual Peripatetic Symposium on Chinese Philosophy* (Poughkeepsie, New York)
- May 2012 "Teaching the Confucian Notion of Rectifying Names" *Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy* (New York).
- May 2012 "Resonance Ethics" *The College of Staten Island* (Staten Island)
- Apr 2012 "Filial Devotion (*xiao* 孝) in Confucian Ethics: Asset or Liability?" *Beyond New Confucianism* (SUNY Buffalo). Comments by On-cho Ng.
- Feb 2012 "Moral Psychology and the Benefit of a Doubt: Empirical and Normative Considerations" *City University of New York Graduate Center* (New York)

- Dec 2011 "On Wielding Moral Power" *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting* (Washington DC). Comments by Michael Slote.
- Jun 2011 "Confucian Ethics and the Virtue of Self-Regulation" *International Workshop on Global Themes in Ethical Naturalism* (National University of Singapore)
- Apr 2011 "What is 'Ordinary' in Ordinary Moral Discourse?" *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (San Francisco)
- Mar 2011 "Virtue and Imposition" *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting* (Minneapolis)
- Aug 2010 "Emotions in Classical Confucianism: Inside and Out" *The 1st International Conference of Humanities Research on Emotion. Reflection on Philosophical Roots of Korean Emotion: Emotion in Confucianism, Buddhism, and Daoism* Chonnam National University (Gwangju, South Korea)
- May 2010 "Are the Folk Objectivists About Morality?" *Metaethics and Experimental Philosophy Workshop*, New York University (New York). Comments by Gilbert Harman
- Oct 2011 "Is Self-Regulation a Burden or a Virtue?" *Vassar College* (Poughkeepsie, New York)
- Mar 2010 "The Virtue of Hatred in the *Analects*?" *Columbia Society for Neo-Confucian Studies* (New York)
- Nov 2009 "Exploring the Metaethical Commitments of the Folk" *Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University* (New Haven)
- Oct 2009 "When You Think It's Bad It's Worse than You Think: Confucian Ethics and the Benefit of a Doubt" *Wesleyan University* (Middletown)
- Apr 2009 Commentary on Sin Yee Chan's "Xunzi, Mozi, and Laozi on Emotions and Desires". *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (Vancouver)
- Apr 2009 "Confucius and the Effortless Life". *Rhodes College* (Memphis)
- Dec 2008 "Confucius and Contemporary Moral Psychology". *Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy* (New York).
- Apr 2007 "Cultural differences in attributions of mental states to groups" (w/ Michael Bruno and Bryce Huebner). *Center for Human Science* (Chapel Hill)
- Sep 2006 "關於道德自然主義哲學的方法" (On the methods of moral naturalism.) 香港中文大學中國哲學與文化研究中心來訪研究生小型交流會, (香港 / CUHK, Hong Kong)
- Apr 2006 "Morality and etiquette". *University of North Carolina Undergraduate Philosophy Club*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*submitted and accepted*)

- Oct 2025 Sarkissian, H. "Mengzi 2A6: Those Who Deny, Those Who Affirm." *Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought* (NECCT) 2025, Duke University (Durham, NC)
- Apr 2025 "Dangerous Certainties." *Seventh Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy: Moral Conflict in Early Chinese Philosophy*, Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ)
- Apr 2025 "Why Did Mengzi Claim Human Nature is Good? An Interpretation." *19th Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought*, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (La Crosse, WI)
- Mar 2023 "Mozi and Zhuangzi on the Dangers of Moral Convictions." *Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought*, York University (Toronto)
- Nov 2022 "Mozi and Zhuangzi on Moral Convictions" *Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought*, Yale University (New Haven)
- Apr 2018 "Do Filial Values Corrupt? How Can We Know?" *Singapore-Hong Kong-Macau Symposium on Chinese Philosophy* (Hong Kong)

- Nov 2017 “Functionalism about Morality: East and West.” *Korean Society for Analytic Philosophy* (Seoul, South Korea)
- Nov 2017 “The Ethics of Personal Vibes: A Case Study from the Past and a Plea for Future Research.” *Creating a Philosophy for the Future*, University of Macau (Macau)
- Mar 2017 “Moral Relativism and Natural Daos.” *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting* (Kansas City)
- Jun 2016 “Finding resonance: Moral epistemology across cultures” *International Conference on Ethno-Epistemology - Culture, Language, and Methodology* (Kanazawa, Japan)
- Apr 2016 “Harmony, relativism, and natural daos: Comments on Velleman’s moral relativism” *Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy*, Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
- Mar 2016 “Can Contempt be a Virtue? A Cast Study from the *Analects*”. *Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought*, University of Chicago (Chicago)
- Nov 2015 “Chinese Philosophy and Experimental Philosophy: Exploring Some Connections” *Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought*, Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven)
- May 2015 "Natural Daos, Diversity, and Moral Relativism", *Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought*, University of Indiana (Bloomington)
- Nov 2014 “A Noble Borden: Leadership and Moral Sway in the *Analects*”. *Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought*, Central Connecticut State University (New Britain)
- Jun 2014 “Moral Objectivism and a Punishing God” (w/ Mark Phelan). *Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting* (Vancouver)
- Apr 2013 “Manipulating Human Nature in Early Chinese Thought” *The Inaugural Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy (RWCP): An International Conference on Nature and Value in Chinese and Western Philosophies*, Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
- Apr 2010 “Are the Folk Objectivists About Morality?” *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (San Francisco)
- Jul 2009 “Folk Metaethics: Objectivism vs. Relativism” (w/ Jennifer Cole Wright). *National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Experimental Philosophy* (Salt Lake City)
- Jul 2009 “Sins of the Brother” (w/ Tamler Sommers). *National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Experimental Philosophy* (Salt Lake City)
- Mar 2009 "Cognitive Science and Early Chinese Moral Psychology". *Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting* (Chicago)
- Mar 2008 “A social psychological defense of propriety”. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice: Conference on the Occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Journal* (Amsterdam)
- Dec 2007 “Rituals, intuitions, and social magic: Emotions and automaticity in the *Analects*”. *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting* (Baltimore). Comments by Justin Tiwald.
- Jun 2007 “Cultural differences in attributions of phenomenal states to groups” (w/ Michael Bruno and Bryce Huebner). *Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting* (Toronto). Comments by Rob Rupert.
- Apr 2007 “The folk strike back; Or, why you didn’t do it intentionally, though it was bad and you knew it” (w/ Mark Phelan). *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting* (Chicago)
- Mar 2007 “Rituals, intuitions and social magic: Emotions and automaticity in the *Analects*”. *University of Hawaii, Uehiro CrossCurrents Philosophy Conference* (Hawaii)
- Mar 2006 Panel Discussion on “The Confucian Virtue of “Yi” in Comparative Perspectives”. *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting* (Portland)

- Apr 2002 “From fear to loathing: Utopia and violence in the Primitivist chapters of the *Zhuangzi*.” *Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting* (Washington, D.C.)
- Nov 2000 “Han Fei, Xun Qing, *Laozi*, and the problems of Warring States texts.” *University of Toronto Department of East Asian Studies Graduate Students’ Conference* (Toronto)

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2018-2020 ‘Filial values and “unhealthy practices:” When is corruption increased by Confucian virtues? The roles of moral conflict and societal transparency.’ Funded by the Hong Kong Research Grant Council General Research Fund (RGC / GRF), Project #18613017. Principal Investigator: Emma E. Buchtel. Co-Investigators: Yanjun Guan, Xiao-xiao Liu, Hagop Sarkissian. Total Award Value: HK\$664,052
- 2016 Briloff Prize in Ethics, Baruch College. Total Award Value: \$1500
- 2014 Eugene Lang Fellowship, Baruch College. Total Award Value: \$6776
- 2013 Oneness in Philosophy and Psychology (Templeton). Core Project Member. Total Award Value: \$10000
- 2013 PSC-CUNY Research Award: “Cognitive Styles and Folk Morality.” Principal Investigator. Total Award Value: \$3000
- 2012 PSC-CUNY Research Award: “Distributive Justice and Folk Explanations of Economic Poverty and Success”. Principal Investigator. Total Award Value: \$3500
- 2012-2013 CUNY Committee for Interdisciplinary Science Studies Mid-Career Faculty Fellowship (*declined in favor of Whiting Foundation Fellowship, below*)
- 2012-2013 Whiting Foundation Fellowship for Teaching Excellence. Award: One year leave paid research leave.
- 2011 PSC-CUNY Research Award: “Folk Morality and Philosophical Ethics.” Principal Investigator. Total Award Value: \$3500
- 2009 PSC-CUNY Research Award: “Confucius and Contemporary Moral Psychology”. Principal Investigator. Total Award Value: \$2500
- 2007-2008 Kenan Colloquium Fellowship in Ethics (Duke University). Total Award Value: \$1000
- 2007-2008 Duke Doctoral Fellowship. Total Award Value: \$18000
- 2006 Visiting Fellowship, Research Centre for Chinese Philosophy and Culture (CUHK)
- 2005 Duke University Vertical Integration Grant. “Virtue Ethics and Situationist Psychology.” Principal Investigator. Total Award Value: \$4000
- 2004-2007 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship. Total Award Value: \$60000
- 2003-2004 Duke Doctoral Fellowship. Total Award Value: \$18000
- 2002-2003 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 1999-2001 University of Toronto Open Fellowship

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

- 2017-2019 Sarah Gokhale, Department of Philosophy, The City University of New York Graduate Center, “Who Needs Blame?”. Prospectus Defended September 2017; PhD defended March 2019.

- 2015-2018 Ross Colebrook, Department of Philosophy, The City University of New York Graduate Center, "Toward a Science of Morality". Prospectus Defended December 2015; PhD Defended April 2018.
- 2012-2015 Geoff Holtzman, Department of Philosophy, The City University of New York Graduate Center, "Failed taxonomies, faulty heuristics, and false premises: An individual differences approach to conceptual analysis". Prospectus defended August 2013; PhD defended August 2014.
- 2011-2014 Lily Frank, Department of Philosophy, The City University of New York Graduate Center, "Moral Motivation and the Authority of Morality: A Defense of Naturalist Moral Realism." Prospectus defended October 2011; PhD defended January 2014.
- 2012 Paul J. Cummins, Department of Philosophy, The City University of New York Graduate Center, "The Metaphysics of Simon Blackburn's Metaethics: A Critique." Prospectus defended November 2012.
- 2011 Patrick Linden, Department of Philosophy, The City University of New York Graduate Center, "A Critique of Contemporary Nonnaturalist Moral Realism." Dissertation defended April 2011.

TEACHING

- Graduate Chinese Philosophy; Comparative Ethics and Agency
- Upper Level Capstone Seminar: Selfhood and Self Knowledge
 Capstone Seminar: Experimental Philosophy and Moral Psychology
 Capstone Seminar: Culture and Cognition
 Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics
 Philosophical Issues in Medical Ethics
 Experimental Philosophy
 Classical Chinese Philosophy
- Lower Level Ethical Theories; Global Ethics

REFEREE / REVIEWER

- Journals **Philosophy:** *Philosophical Review; Mind & Language; Synthese; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Philosophy Compass; British Journal for the History of Philosophy; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Metaphilosophy; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; The Monist; European Journal for Philosophy of Science; Philosophical Explorations; Philosophy East & West; European Journal for Philosophy of Religion; Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy; Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophy Now; Comparative Philosophy*
Cognitive Science: *Science; Cognition; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Journal of Experimental Child Psychology; Religion, Brain, and Behavior; Consciousness and Cognition; Review of Philosophy and Psychology*
- Meetings *American Philosophical Association; Society for Philosophy and Psychology; Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology; Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought*
- Presses *Oxford University Press; Hackett Publishing; Routledge Press; Continuum Press*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2011- *Editor.* Classical Confucianism. PhilPapers.org
- 2011- *Co-Director.* Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy
- 2019-2021 *Program Committee.* American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division)
- 2017-2018 *Researcher.* Institute for the Humanities, Yonsei University (Seoul)
- Feb 2016 *Conference Organizer.* "Experimental Philosophy through History" – New York University, Department of Philosophy.

- 2013-2018 *Core Project Member.* Eastern and Western Conceptions of Oneness, Virtue, and Human Happiness: Oneness in Philosophy and Psychology
- 2009-2016 *Faculty Advisor.* Metro Experimental Research Group
- 2011-2014 *Secretary-Treasurer.* The International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy. www.iscwp.org
- Fall 2012 *Visiting Assistant Professor.* Department of Asian Studies and Center for Human Evolution, Cognition, and Culture, University of British Columbia (Vancouver)
- 2006-2008 *Associate Director.* Center for Comparative Philosophy, Duke University
- Fall 2006 *Visiting Scholar.* Research Centre for Chinese Philosophy and Culture, Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
- Nov 2002 *Conference Organizer.* “International Conference on Wisdom in China and the West: In Memory of Julia Ching” – University of Toronto, Departments of East Asian Studies / Philosophy / Religion
- Oct 2001 *Conference Organizer.* “Asia Interacts” – Graduate Student Conference, University of Toronto, Department of East Asian Studies
- Nov 2000 *Conference Organizer.* “Innovations in Asian Identity” – Graduate Student Conference, University of Toronto, Department of East Asian Studies
- 2000-2001 *President.* University of Toronto East Asian Studies Graduate Students’ Union

LANGUAGES

English; Mandarin Chinese; classical Chinese; Armenian