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Areas of Specialization: Asian and comparative philosophies, normative/applied ethics, philosophy of education and culture

Areas of Competence: Sociopolitical philosophy, phil. of biology, phil. of cognitive sci.

Employment:

Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2017-Present
Teaching Professor, 2025-Present
Associate Teaching Professor, 2022-2025
Assistant Teaching Professor, 2017-2022
Director, Asian Studies Minor, 2020-Present

Philosophy, Victoria University of Wellington, 2018
Visiting Assistant Professor

Philosophy, Colorado College, 2017
Visiting Assistant Professor

Citizenship: USA

Education:

Ph.D. University of Utah (2012-2017)
Diss.: *Ritual and Moral Education: A Confucian Contribution*, dir. E. Hutton

M. Phil Hong Kong University (2010-2012)

B.A. Duke University (2005-2009, *with highest distinction*)

Publications:

(2025) "Peace, Pop Culture, and the Confucian Way," *Dialogues with Classical Chinese Philosophy*, edited by Aleksandar Stamatov. Routledge.

(2024) *Contemporary Politics and Classical Chinese Thought: Toward Globalizing Political Philosophy*, with Jennifer Kling. Oxford University Press.

(2023) "Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State," with Jennifer Kling. *Journal of Military Ethics* 22 (1): 1-18.

Publications (continued):

(2023) "Michael the Hege-don," *The Godfather and Philosophy*, edited by Joshua Heter and Richard Greene. Carus Books.

(2022) "Social and Political 'Statutes of Limitations': Mo' Approaches, Mo' Problems," with Jennifer Kling, *Forgiveness Confronts Race, Relationships, and the Social*, edited by Court D. Lewis, 91-111. Vernon Press.

(2022) "Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: A Confucian-Inspired Account," with Jennifer Kling, *The Crisis of American Democracy: A Collection of Philosophical Perspectives*, ed. Leland Harper, 167-192. Vernon Press.

(2021) "Xunzi's Ritual Model and Modern Moral Education," *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 13 (2): 17-43.

(2020) "Moral Anger in Classical Confucianism," *The Ethics of Anger*, edited by Court Lewis and Gregory Bock, 131-154. Lexington Books.

(2020) *Confucian Ritual and Moral Education*, Lexington Books.

(2020) "Xunzi's Ritual Program as a Response to Han Feizi's Criticism of Confucianism," *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 34 (August): 129-153.

(2019) "Vygotsky and Moral Education: A Response to and Expansion of Tappan," *Educational Philosophy and Theory* 51.1: 41-50.

(2018) "Yu in the Xunzi: Toward a Precise Understanding," *Asian Philosophy* 28.2: 157-169.

(2018) "Ritual Education and Moral Development: A Comparison of Xunzi and Vygotsky," *Dao* 17.1: 81-98.

Presentations:

Discourse, Discord, and Dyads: Classical Chinese Views of Harmony and Contemporary Politics
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 32nd Annual Conference (Oct 2025)

Book Symposium: *Contemporary Politics and Classical Chinese Thought: Toward Globalizing Political Philosophy*
Pacific APA, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Session (April 2025)

Discourse, Discord, and Dyads: Classical Chinese Views of Harmony and Contemporary Politics
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference (Apr 2025)

Corporations, Rivers, and Now Robots: Legal Standing in a World of Advancing Technology
PPE Society Meeting (Nov 2024)

(Pop) Culture and Perpetuating Peace: A Confucian Argument
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 30th Annual Conference (Oct 2023)

Presentations (continued):

Michael the Hege-don
Central APA, Concerned Philosopher for Peace Group Session (Feb 2023)

Narratives for Peace: A Mohist Contribution to Contemporary Political Dialogue
Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Jul 2022)

Harmony and the Land: The Confucian Well-Field System in Modernity
Conference of the Concerned Philosophers for Peace (Oct 2021)

Social and Political Statutes of Limitations: Mo' Approaches, Mo' Problems
Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Jul 2021)

Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: a Confucian-Inspired Account
Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Jul 2021)

Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State
Midwest Philosophy Conference (Apr 2021)

Harmony and the Land: The Confucian Well-Field System in Modernity
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference (Apr 2021)

Xunzi's Ritual Model and Modern Moral Education
Sungkyunkwan Conference for Confucianism, Rituals, and Modern Life (Nov 2019)

Narratives, Borders, and Human Aid: A Mohist Contribution
Conference of the Concerned Philosophers for Peace (Oct 2019)

Xunzi's Ritual Program: A Practice Model of Virtue
Pacific APA, ISCWP Group Session (Apr 2019)

Human Nature is Ugly: A Response to Schwitzgebel
Central APA, ISCWP Group Session (Feb 2019)

Yu in the Xunzi: Toward a Precise Understanding
Pacific APA, ISCWP Group Session (Apr 2017)

Ritual Education and Moral Development: A Comparison of Xunzi and Vygotsky
Eastern APA, ISCWP Group Session (Jan 2017)

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships:

Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness Grant (2021, UCCS, \$200)
Faculty Minority Affairs Committee Diversity Grant (2019, UCCS, \$2000)
University Teaching Assistant Fellowship (2016, University of Utah)
Steffensen Cannon Fellowship (2016, University of Utah)

Teaching Experience:

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (2017-Present)
Intro. to Philosophy
Intro. to Philosophies of Asia
Philosophies of China
Buddhist Philosophy
Philosophy, New Media, and Pop Culture

Teaching Experience (continued):

Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand (2018)
Political Philosophy East & West

Colorado College (2017)
History of Modern European Philosophy

University of Utah (2012-2017)
Intro. to Philosophy Ethical Dilemmas
Philosophy and Human Nature
Philosophy and Moral Education (designed course as part of UTA Award)
World Religions

Administrative Experience:

Director, Asian Studies Minor, UCCS, 2020-Present

Service to the Profession at Large:

Member, Concerned Philosophers for Peace
Member, American Philosophical Association
Referee
Publishers: Lexington, Routledge
Journals: *Culture and Dialogue*, *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture*,
Biology and Philosophy, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Dao*, *Journal of Global Ethics*, *Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Philosophy East and West*

Service to the University:

Member, Campus Curriculum Committee, UCCS, 2023-2024
Creator and Director, Asian Studies Minor, UCCS, 2020-present
Coach, Collegiate Bioethics Bowl Team, UCCS, 2019-2020
Coach, Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team, UCCS, 2019-2023

Service to the Department:

Member, Dept. Pedagogy and Curriculum Committee, UCCS, 2024-Present
Coordinator and Developer, Philosophy in the City event series, UCCS, 2018-2022
Dept. Rep., Heller Center for the Arts and Humanities, UCCS, 2017-present

Service to the Community:

Mentor, Dreamzilla ([link](#)), 2025-Present

References (listed alphabetically):

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