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Research Areas:

Deflationism, Philosophy of Quine, Methodology of philosophy, Historical causal ascriptions

Qualifications:

2000-2005 Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney (PhD)

1996-1998 Department of Traditional and Modern Philosophy, University of Sydney (Master of Philosophy, MPhil)

1990-1993 Department of Philosophy, National Chengchi University (MA in Philosophy)

1983-1987 Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University (BA in Philosophy)

Experience:

2024.8- Professor, Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan

2013. 8 – 2024.7 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan

2006.8 - 2013.7 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan

2003.9 - 2006.7 Part-time lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Huafan University, Taiwan

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Research Grants:

95-2411-H-194-037-

Minimalism and the Liar Paradox

96-2411-H-194-010-

Deflationary semantics: truth, reference, and meaning (III-I)

98-2410-H-194-088-

Are language-dependent minimal entities (facts or properties...) existent?

99-2410-H-194-016-

What Contextualist Account of Epistemic Possibility Is Modified to Be?

99-2420-H-194-137-MY3

當代規範性哲學研究-哲學學門人才精煉暨培育計畫（共同主持人）

101-2420-H-194-003-2R

Underdetermination Thesis and Anti-realism

103-2410-H-194 -109 -

Thought experiment and epistemic intuition

104-2410-H-194 -105 -

Sceptical thought experiments

105-2410-H-194 -065 -

The epistemology of thought experiments

106-2410-H-194 -086 -MY2

The epistemology of philosophical thought experiments and a pluralist epistemological account of thought experiments in general

106-2420-H-194 -001 -2R

A reason-based objection to truth normativity of assertion

108-2410-H-194 -012 -

The causal structure of historical inevitability and variability

109-2410-H-194-102-MY2

Historical causal relationship: a causal modelling attempt

110-2424-H-194-001-2R

Experimental philosophy and philosophical experiment

111-2410-H-194 -061 -MY3

Historical causal mechanism

Publications:

1. 2008, 'A Liar's Thorn in the Minimalist's Side', in Proceeding of 13th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Vol. II, King's College Publications.
2. 2008/08, 〈蒯因論真〉,《哲學與文化：蒯因百年在臺灣特輯》,第三十五卷第八期,111-141。
3. 2009年4月, 'Some Clarifications of the Equivalence Relation and Semantic Ascent',《邏輯與哲學》,林正弘主編,學富出版社,487-524。
4. 2011年3月,〈笛卡爾懷疑論論證的模態議題〉,《歐美研究》,第四十一卷第一期,281-307。
5. 2012/06 'All Truth Are Expressed? Two New Paradoxes Against Epistemic

- Anti-realism', 《知識與邏輯》, 蘇慶輝與彭孟堯主編, 學富出版社, 97-118。
6. 2013/03 'Relativism and Faultless Disagreement'. Linton Wang is the second author. *Philosophia*, Volume 41, Issue 1: 203-216.
 7. 2014/10 'The Unnatural Truth', 與王一奇 (第一作者) 合寫, 《醫療、科技與社會》, 第十九期, 283-298。
 8. 2015/04, 〈宣稱與信念的真理規範性〉, 收錄於《理由的轉向: 規範性之哲學研究》(本文第二部分的第二作者為王一奇), 國立臺灣大學出版中心: 357-420。
 9. 2016/09 'Scepticism towards Williamson's epistemology of thought experiment'. *Philosophical Forum*, Volume 47, Issue 3-4: 469-474。
 10. 2019/09, 〈蒯因〉, 華文哲學百科(線上)。
http://mephiology.ccu.edu.tw/entry.php?entry_name=%E8%92%AF%E5%9B%A0
 11. 2020/04 'Backtracking analysis and causal ascription of historical singulars'. *Philosophia* 48:1447-1467。
 12. 2020/06 'When the other mind scepticism meets the happy fish'. Linton Wang is the second author. *Philosophical Forum*, Volume 51, Issue 2 Summer 2020: 127-142。
 13. 2020/08, 〈哲學思想實驗語意進路的後設思考〉, 《哲學與文化》分析哲學的方法論研究專題, 第四十七卷第八期, 59-76。
 14. 2021/09, 〈縮簡主義真理理論〉, 華文哲學百科(線上)。
http://mephiology.ccu.edu.tw/entry.php?entry_name=%E7%B8%AE%E7%B0%A1%E4%B8%BB%E7%BE%A9%E7%9C%9F%E7%90%86%E7%90%86%E8%AB%96
 15. 2022/01, 〈反例式思想實驗〉, 華文哲學百科(線上)。
http://mephiology.ccu.edu.tw/entry.php?entry_name=%E5%8F%8D%E4%BE%8B%E5%BC%8F%E6%80%9D%E6%83%B3%E5%AF%A6%E9%A9%97
 16. 2023/09 〈反例式哲學實驗: 模態語意、理解規範與一個常態性理論〉, 《歐美研究》, 53 卷 3 期, 381-435。
 17. 2023/09 〈Williamson 式模態知識論的兩個難題〉, 《哲學與文化》592 期, 21-39 (趙曉傲、侯維之)。
 18. 2023/12 〈The epistemic task of thought experimentation〉, 《東吳哲學學報》47 期, 105-125。

Courses:**Undergraduate:**

95/09 Hume
95/09 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)
96/02 Theory of reference
96/02 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)
96/09 Epistemology
96 /09 Readings from early analytic philosophy
97/02 Russell
97/02 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)
97/09 Epistemology
97 /09 Quine
97 /09 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)
98/02 Selective readings for Quine
98/09 Epistemology
98/09 Descartes
98/09 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)
99/02 Locke
99/02 Philosophical writing
99/09 Epistemology
99/09 Spinoza
99/09 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)
100/02 Philosophical writing
100/09 Epistemology
100/09 Berkeley
100/09 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)
101/02Philosophical writing
101/09 Epistemology
102/09 Descartes
102/09 Epistemology
103/02 Spinoza
103/02 Philosophical writing
103/09 Epistemology
104/02 Berkeley
104/02 Philosophical writing
104/09 Metaphysics
104/09 Introduction to Philosophy (general education)

105/02 Philosophical writing
105/02 Russell
105/09 Introduction to Philosophy (I)
105/09 Quine
106/02 Introduction to Philosophy (II)
107/02 Introduction to Philosophy (II)
107/09 Introduction to Philosophy (I)
107/09 Metaphysics
108/02 Introduction to Philosophy (II)
108/02 Descartes
108/09 Introduction to Philosophy (I)
108/09 Metaphysics
109/02 Introduction to Philosophy (II)
109/02 Spinoza
109/09 Introduction to Philosophy (I)
110/02 Introduction to Philosophy (II)
110/02 Russell
110/02 The application of philosophical reflection and writing
111/02 Quine
111/09 Introduction to Philosophy (I)
111/09 Berkeley
112/02 Introduction to Philosophy (II)
112/09 Introduction to Philosophy (I)
112/09 Descartes
113/02 Introduction to Philosophy (II)
113/09 Introduction to Philosophy (I)

Graduate:

95/09 Quine's empirical theory of content
96/02 Philosophy of language (jointly opened with Linton Wang)
96/02 Tarski, the liar paradox, and minimalism (jointly opened with Wen-Feng Wang)
97/02 From Quine's empirical content to naturalised epistemology
98/02 Epistemology
99/02 Epistemic possibility
100/02 Quine: underdetermination and anti-realism
101/02 Truth normativity and epistemic conduct
101/09 Analyticity and apriority: 60 years after "Two dogmas of empiricism"

103/02 Thought experiments and epistemic intuition
104/02 Quine's semantic scepticism
105/02 Descartes: scepticism and epistemic possibility
105/09 Autonomy, paradox, and thought experiments
106/02 Truth, knowledge, and (assertion) normativity
107/02 Scientific thought experiments
108/02 Historical thought experiments
 (historical causal ascription and counterfactual reasoning)
109/02 Counterexample thought experiments and experimental philosophy
109/09 Experimental philosophy and philosophers' expertise
111/02 Historical causal connections
111/09 The sorts and rationality of experimental philosophy
112/02 Quine's semantic scepticism
112/09 Basic Issues in Philosophy (III)
113/02 Underdetermination and empirical adequacy
113/02 Basic Issues in Philosophy (IV)
113/09 Basic Issues in Philosophy (V)