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AOS: The Nature and Norms of Belief
AOC: Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Aesthetics

EMPLOYMENT

2025-Present	Postdoctoral Researcher	Hokkaido University, JP
2019-2024	Visiting Assistant Lecturer/PT Lecturer (intermittent contracts)	University of Hong Kong
2017-2024	Visiting Assistant Lecturer/PT Lecturer	Lingnan University, H.K.

EDUCATION

2014-2018	Ph.D. in Philosophy <i>On Belief: Aims, Norms, and Functions</i> Supervisors: Darrell Rowbottom & Jennifer Nado Examiners: Eric Schwitzgebel & Andrea Sauchelli Award: Outstanding (no corrections)	Lingnan University, H.K.
2013-2014	M.A. in Philosophy & History of Science Award: Distinction	University of Bristol, U.K.
2010-2013	B.A. in Philosophy Award: First-Class Honours	University of Hull, U.K.

PAPERS**Peer-Reviewed** (* invited)

2026	Sosa, Dream Ontology, and Dream Scepticism (w/ Kengo Miyazono) Asian Journal of Philosophy
2026	Three Kinds of Suspended Belief (w/ Kengo Miyazono) Philosophical Quarterly
2026*	The Explanatory Burden of a Heterogeneous Account of Delusions (w/ Kengo Miyazono) Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology (commentary)
2025	The Aesthetic Value of Diverse Beliefs Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism
2022*	Beliefs, Delusions, and Dry-Functionalism Asian Journal of Philosophy (commentary)
2021	The Aim of Belief and Suspended Belief Philosophical Psychology
2019	Weighing Aims in Doxastic Deliberation Synthese

Popular Media

2025	An Ontological Disproof of the Devil? Daily Philosophy
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2019 What's it like to be a philosopher in Hong Kong? **The Philosophers' Cocoon**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hokkaido University (2025-Present)

Graduate Courses

Inquiry & Suspended Belief (w/ Kengo Miyazono)

University of Hong Kong (2019-2024)

Undergraduate Courses

Hellenistic Philosophy; Moral Problems; Philosophy & Literature; Mind & Language

As Supervisor

Multiple M.A. Dissertations (Capstone Projects)

As Teaching Assistant

Master of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (MAPPE); Master of Arts in AI, Ethics, and Society (MAAIES)

Lingnan University (2017-2024)

Graduate Courses

Philosophy & Literature; Understanding Religion; Aesthetics & Philosophy of Art; Media Ethics; Mind, Creativity, & Imagination

Undergraduate Courses

Philosophy of Mind; Understanding Morality; Logic & Critical Thinking; Introduction to Philosophy; Ancient Greek Philosophy; Puzzles & Paradoxes; Cinema & Philosophy; Applied Ethics

As Supervisor

Multiple M.A. Dissertations (Capstone Projects); B.A. Dissertation (Responding to Gettier)

As Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Science (w/ Darrel Rowbottom); Philosophy of Religion (w/ Andrea Sauchelli)

Teaching Qualification (2015-2016)

Learning and Teaching Development Program, Lingnan University

TALKS

2026

Acceptance, Understanding, and Voluntarism – Philosophy Workshop, Hokkaido University (Oct.)

A Social Concept of Belief – AI, Epistemic Methods, Language, and Logic, Yonsei University (July)

2025

Three Species of Suspended Belief – Philosophy Workshop, Hokkaido University (April)

2018

Weighing Aims in Doxastic Deliberation – Frontiers of Epistemology Conference, Yonsei University (Nov.)

The Aim of Belief and Withheld Belief – The 6th Seoul Philosophy Graduate Conference, Seoul National University (April)

An Imaginative Look at the Ontology of Dreams – Imagination Workshop, Lingnan University (March)

2017

Theories of Belief and Suspension – Lingnan University Seminar (May)

The Aim of Belief and Withheld Belief – The 19th Annual Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder (April)

2016

Are Beliefs Regulated for Truth? – Philosophy and the World Conference, National University Taiwan (May)

2015

Are Beliefs Regulated for Truth? – Sun Yat-sen University & Lingnan University Workshop, Lingnan University (Nov.)

The Aim of Belief: A Natural Perspective – Lingnan University Seminar (May)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2014-2017	Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme Research Grants Council of Hong Kong	HKD 750,000
2013	Undergraduate Philosophy Dissertation Award University of Hull	GBP 100
2013	Undergraduate Philosophy Award	GBP 100

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for:

Philosophia; *Philosophical Explorations*; *Asian Journal of Philosophy*; *Synthese*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*; *DailyPhilosophy.com*; *Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*

Research Assistant

2016, *Personal Identity, Survival, and Human Enhancements* – Project leader: Andrea Sauchelli

2015, *The Instrument of Science* – Project leader: Darrell Rowbottom

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