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### **Employment:**

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Asian and Asian American Studies Institute  
2016-

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy  
2014-2016

University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, USA  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy  
2009-2014

### **Education:**

University of Connecticut, PhD, Philosophy  
May 2009 (Advisor: Joel Kupperman)  
Dissertation: Moral Personhood in Confucius and Aristotle

University of Oklahoma, MA, Philosophy  
May 2005  
MA Thesis: Self-Knowledge and Buddhist Eliminative Reductionism

University of Maryland, BA, Philosophy with honors, Phi Beta Kappa  
December 2002

### **Areas of specialization:**

Chinese Philosophy (esp. Pre-Qin through Eastern Han)  
Comparative Philosophy

### **Areas of competence:**

Mesoamerican Philosophy (esp. Maya)  
Indian Philosophy (esp. Advaita Vedanta, Buddhist ethics and metaphysics)  
Metaphysics

## Publications:

[Books]:

*The Philosophy of the Ancient Maya: Lords of Time*, Lexington Books (forthcoming, 2016)

*Theories of Truth in Chinese Philosophy: A Comparative Approach*, Rowman and Littlefield International (December 2015)

*Astronomy in the Ancient World: Early and Modern Views on Celestial Events*, Springer (2016)

*Understanding Asian Philosophy: Ethics in the Analects, Zhuangzi, Dhammapada, and Bhagavad Gita*, Bloomsbury (November 2014)

*The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Early Chinese Ethics and Political Philosophy*; Bloomsbury (forthcoming, 2017)

[Articles]:

“Xunzi and Mimamsa on the Source and Ground of Ritual: An Analogical Argument”, *Philosophy East and West* (forthcoming, 2018)

“The Role of Anxiety in the *Zhuangzi*, Indian, and Hellenistic Philosophy”, in McLeod, ed. *Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Chinese Ethics and Political Philosophy*, Bloomsbury (forthcoming)

“The Convergence Model of Philosophical Method in the Early Han”, *International Communication of Chinese Culture* (2016)

“Methodology in Comparative Chinese-Indian Philosophy”, in Tan, ed. *Methodology in Chinese Philosophy*, Bloomsbury (April 2016)

“May You Live in Interesting Times: Reflections on the State of the Field” in *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophy* (2016)

“Responsibilities of the Father- A Problem in Early Confucianism?” in *Frontiers of Philosophy in China* (forthcoming)

“Philosophical Method in Late Han Dynasty Thought”, in Seligman and Liu eds. *Handbook of the History of Logical Thought in China* (forthcoming)

“Philosophy in Eastern Han Dynasty China (25-220 CE)”, *Philosophy Compass* (May 2015)

“Replies to Brons and Mou on Wang Chong and Pluralism”; *Comparative Philosophy* 6;1

(January 2015)

“Moral Personhood in the *Analects* and the *Bhagavad Gita*”, in Theodor and Yao, eds. *Brahman and Dao: Comparative Studies of Indian and Chinese Philosophy and Religion*, Lexington Books (November 2013) [also in Chinese translation, forthcoming]

“Wang Chong” in *Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography, Vol. I* (2013)

“In the World of Persons: The Personhood Debate in the *Analects* and *Zhuangzi*”, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 11;4 (December 2012)

“Ren as a Communal Property in the *Analects*”; *Philosophy East and West* 62; 4 (October 2012)

“Wang Chong” Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy (March 2012)

“Pluralism About Truth in Early Chinese Philosophy: A Reflection on Wang Chong’s Approach”; *Comparative Philosophy* 2;1 (January 2011)

早期中国哲学的真理多元主义: 对王充进路的一种反思 (Chinese Translation of “Pluralism About Truth in Early Chinese Philosophy”); in 中外人文精神研究 *Zhongwai renwenjingshen yanjiu* (Chinese and Foreign Research in Humanistic Spirit), Beijing Academy of Social Sciences (December 2012)

“A Reappraisal of Wang Chong's Critical Method Through the *Wenkong* Chapter of the *Lunheng*”; *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 34; 4 (December 2007)

[Edited Series]:

Series Editor, *Critical Inquiries in Comparative Philosophy*, Rowman and Littlefield International

[Book Reviews]:

Book Review of Chenyang Li and Peimin Ni, *Moral Cultivation and Confucian Character: Engaging Joel Kupperman*, in *Philosophy East and West* (forthcoming)

Book Review of Huang, *Confucius: A Guide for the Perplexed* and Rosemont, *A Reader's Companion to the Confucian Analects*, in *Philosophy East and West* (January 2015)

Book Review of Fung Shu Fun, *Yinyang wuxing de jiewei zhixu: Dong Zhongshu de ruxue sixiang 陰陽五行的階位秩序—董仲舒的儒學思想* (The Position and Order of Yin-yang and the Five Elements: The Confucian Thought of Dong Zhongshu), in *Dao: A Journal of Chinese Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Book Review of Zhou Guidian, *Qinhan Zhexue* 秦漢哲學 (Qin and Han Philosophy), in *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* (Winter 2011)

Book Review of Bryan W. Van Norden, *Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy*, in *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* (December 2011)

Book Review of David Wong, *Natural Moralities*, in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 38:3 (September 2011)

Book Review of Bryan W. Van Norden, *Virtue Ethics and Consequentialism in Early Chinese Philosophy*, in *Philosophy East and West* 60:4 (October 2010)

[Book-length and edited work(s) under review or in preparation]:

*Questioning and Challenging: The Philosophical Thought of Wang Chong*; under review

*The Human Dao: Moral Agency and Responsibility in Early Chinese and Greek Philosophy*, in preparation

*The Confucius School Discourses: A Complete Translation of the Kongzi Jiayu, with introduction and commentary*; under review

*Transcendence and Substance in Early Chinese Thought*, with Joshua Brown (University of Dayton)

[Articles under review or in preparation]:

“Objectification, Social Identity, and the Problematic Sage in *Zhuangzi*”

“Embedded Identity and Personhood in Maya Philosophy”, in preparation

“Time in Maya Thought and the Inadequacy of the Linear-Cyclical Distinction”, in preparation

#### **Presentations:**

“A Substantive Pluralist Theory of Truth in Early Chinese Philosophy: Wang Chong on 實 (*Shi*)”, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2016

"*Zhen* as a Truth Concept: The *Chuzhen* Chapter of *Huainanzi*", 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, Chicago, IL, March 2016

"Truth Chauvinism, Deflationism, and Chinese Philosophy", American Philosophical Association 2015 Central Conference, St. Louis, MO, February 2015  
(also presenting at 2015 APA Pacific, Vancouver, BC, April 2015)

"The Role of Anxiety in the *Zhuangzi* and the *Upanishads*", American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013

"On the Concept of Truth in Ancient Chinese Philosophy" and discussion, Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, New Brunswick, NJ, July 2013

"On Two Methods of Philosophical Thought in the Han Dynasty", International Conference on the History of Logical Thought in China, Tianjin, China, April 2013

"The Problem of Identity in *Zhuangzi*," American Philosophical Association 2012 Eastern Conference, Atlanta, GA, December 2012

"Ritual Duty in *Xunzi* and the *Purva Mimamsa Sutra*," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2012

"Two Problems Concerning Materialism in Wang Chong's *Lunheng*," 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, Bloomington, IN, April 2012

"The *Analects* and the *Bhagavad Gita* on Moral Personhood," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2011

"Community and Moral Agency", invited lecture at Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Nanjing, China, May 2011

"Jia Yi and Lu Jia on Shame, Self-Cultivation, and Social Order"; American Philosophical Association 2011 Central Conference, International Society for Chinese Philosophy panel, Minneapolis, MN, March 2011

"Ambivalence Toward Children and the Ethics of Fatherhood in the *Analects*"; American Philosophical Association 2010 Pacific Conference, International Society for Chinese Philosophy panel, San Francisco, CA, March 2010

"A Reconstruction of Wang Chong's Argument Against Han Feizi's Legalism in His Essay *Fei Han*"; American Philosophical Association 2010 Pacific Conference, Association of Chinese Philosophers in North America panel; San Francisco, CA, March 2010

(later version presented at University of Dayton brown bag series, February 2011)

“The Human Nature Debate of *Analects* 18.5-7 and the *Renjianshi* Chapter of the *Zhuangzi*”  
American Philosophical Association 2009 Eastern Conference, Society for Asian and  
Comparative Philosophy panel; New York, NY, December 2009

“Wang Chong on *Shi* and Han Dynasty Philosophical Method”; Midwest Conference for  
Asian Affairs 2009; Miami University, Oxford, OH, October 2009

“The Concept of *Ren* and Differing Views of the ‘Chinese Character’”; Midwest Conference  
for Asian Affairs 2009; Miami University, Oxford, OH, October 2009

"Rejection of Community and Non-Persons in *Analects* Book 18"; American Philosophical  
Association 2009 Pacific Conference, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy panel;  
Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 2009.

“The Psychologization of the Confucian *Ren*”; American Philosophical Association 2007  
Eastern Conference, International Society for Chinese and Western Philosophy panel;  
Baltimore, MD, December 2007.

(also presented at University of Connecticut, Philosophy Brown Bag Series,  
October 2007)

“Beyond *Qingtan*: A Reappraisal of the Philosophical Method of Wang Chong”; American  
Philosophical Association 2005 Pacific Conference, International Society for Chinese  
Philosophy panel; San Francisco, CA, March 2005

“The Evolution of *Anatta*: Contemporary American Conceptions of the Theravada “Not-  
Self””; Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion 2004 conference on globalization, Buffalo,  
NY, October 2004

#### **Scholarships and Awards:**

Multicultural Scholars Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2005-2009

#### **Courses taught:**

[future courses]:

Classical Chinese Philosophy (Connecticut)

Graduate Seminar – Language and Metaphysics in Wang Chong (Connecticut)

World Philosophy (Colorado State)

Graduate Seminar--Metaphysics and Epistemology in Han Dynasty Philosophy (Colorado  
State)

Seminar on *Huainanzi* (Colorado State)  
East Asian Philosophy (Colorado State)  
Moral and Social Problems (Colorado State)  
Ethical Theory (Colorado State)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Dayton)  
Introduction to Philosophy in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Dayton)  
Philosophy and Literature (Dayton)  
Asian Philosophy (Dayton)  
Seminar on Confucianism (Dayton)  
Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy (Connecticut)  
Introduction to Chinese Philosophy (Connecticut)  
Directed Readings in Classical Chinese (Dayton)

**Professional Memberships:**

American Philosophical Association (Central Division Member)  
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy  
International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy  
American Academy of Religion

**University Service:**

Faculty Global Intercultural Study Travel Program Participant-University of Dayton, 2011  
Common Academic Program Pilot Service-University of Dayton, 2010-2011  
Philosophy Department Advisory Committee-University of Dayton, 2010-2012, Colorado State University, 2015-2016  
Faculty Council Representative, Philosophy Dept. Colorado State University, 2015-2016  
Coordinator for “Called to Question: Faith and Reason in Community” Living Learning Community, University of Dayton 2012-2013

**Professional Service:**

Creator of *Unpolished Jade: A Chinese Philosophy Blog* (<http://unpolishedjade.wordpress.com>), and contributor to *Warp Weft and Way: A Group Blog of Chinese and Comparative Philosophy* (<http://warpweftandway.wordpress.com>)

Manuscript Referee--Columbia University Press, Wiley-Blackwell

Journal Referee--*Philosophy East and West*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, *University Press of North Georgia*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Confluence: Online Journal of World Philosophies*, *Argument: Biannual Philosophical Journal*

Host and organizer of 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, Dayton, OH, May 2013; also MCCT committee member

**Languages:**

Classical Chinese (reading)

Mandarin Chinese (spoken and reading)

Sanskrit (reading)

German (spoken and reading)

Classic Mayan (glyphs; reading)

Spanish (reading)

Arabic ([Modern Standard] basic)

Korean (basic)