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EMPLOYMENT

Wheaton College, Massachusetts

2022 – Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Wellesley College

2020-22 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy

2019-20 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

EDUCATION

Columbia University

2019 Ph.D. in Philosophy

Dissertation: “Philosophy in a World of Injustice”

Committee: Michele Moody-Adams, Joseph Raz, Samuel Scheffler (NYU)

University of Hong Kong

2011 M.Phil. in Philosophy

Thesis: “Genealogy and Pluralism”

Committee: Timothy O’Leary, Jiwei Ci, Hans Sluga (Berkeley)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Moral and Political Epistemology,
Philosophy of Law, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Chinese Philosophy, 19th-20th Century Continental Philosophy, Epistemology, Metaphysics

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020-21 Law & Philosophy Fellowship, University of Chicago Law School (declined)

2017-18 GSAS Teaching Scholar, Columbia University

2015-16 George John Bowdery Memorial Fund in Philosophy, Columbia University

2014-15 Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship, Columbia University

2012-17 Dean’s Fellowship, Columbia University

2008-10 Swire Scholarship, University of Hong Kong

2008-10 Postgraduate Studentship, University of Hong Kong

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WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Ideal and Systematic Theory”
- “Racial Integration, Neighborhood Renewal and Corrective Necessities”
- “Pragmatism as Nonideal Methodology and Moral Epistemology”
- “Fair Shares and Burdens: The (In)significance of Strict Compliance and Wrongdoing”
- “Realistic Utopia, Practical Ends and Social Change”

PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Integration, Corrective Necessities and Unjust Constraints”
Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics Annual Conference, Western University¹
- 2018 “Ideal and Systematic Theory”
Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University
- 2018 “Pragmatism as Nonideal Methodology and Moral Epistemology”
New York City Minorities and Philosophy Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2018 “Ideal and Systematic Theory”
Ideal and Nonideal Theories of Justice Workshop, University of Coimbra
- 2018 “Ideal and Systematic Theory”
Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory, University of Warwick
- 2013 “Institutional Legitimacy and the Politics of Resentment”
MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester
- 2013 “The Values of Egalitarianism”
Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Oxford University
- 2011 “Confucian and Social Contract Conceptions of Reason and Legitimacy”
East Asian Perspectives on Political Legitimacy, University of Hong Kong

TEACHING

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

- Spring 2022 Classical Chinese Ethics
- Fall 2021 Capitalism, Modernity and Alienation: Marx, Weber, Lukács and the Frankfurt School of Critical Theory (upper-level seminar)
- Spring 2021 Philosophy of Race
Moral Knowledge and Social Difference (upper-level seminar)
- Spring 2020 Chinese Political Philosophy
Capitalism and Social Critique: Adam Smith, Hegel and Marx (upper-level seminar)
- Fall 2019 Justice
Race and Political Philosophy (upper-level seminar)
Philosophy of Law

¹ Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.

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Director of Senior Honor's Thesis

2020-21 Racist Hate Speech and Subordination

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Fall 2017 Political Realism and Social Injustice

Summer 2016 Political Philosophy: Justice, Feminism, Race, and Immigration

TEACHING ASSISTANT, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Spring 2018 Epistemology (Jessica Collins)

Spring 2016 Metaphysics (Achille Varzi)

Fall 2015 Aesthetics: Historical Survey (Lydia Goehr)

Spring 2015 Methods and Problems (Jessica Collins)

Fall 2014 Metaphysics (Achille Varzi)

Spring 2014 Nietzsche (Taylor Carman)

Fall 2013 Philosophy of Law (Michele Moody-Adams)

TEACHING ASSISTANT (FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT), UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Spring 2012 Global Ethics (Uwe Steinhoff)

Democracy and Its Critics (Han Rui)

Contemporary Moral Controversies (Joseph Chan)

Fall 2011 Social Contract Theories (Siegfried VanDuffel)

Capitalism and Social Justice (Yvonne Chiu)

Spring 2011 Social Contract Theories (Siegfried VanDuffel)

Democracy and Its Critics (Siegfried VanDuffel)

Fall 2010 Human Rights and Cultural Differences (Siegfried VanDuffel)

Global Ethics (Uwe Steinhoff)

Capitalism and Social Justice (Yvonne Chiu)

SERVICE

2016-17 Volunteer Philosophy Teacher, 'Big Questions' Philosophy Outreach

2015-18 Mentor, Minorities and Philosophy, Columbia University Chapter

2012-18 Reviewer, NYU/Columbia Graduate Student Conference

RESEARCH LANGUAGE

Classical Chinese

REFERENCES

Michele Moody-Adams
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