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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”

Examination Committee: Michele Moody-Adams, Joseph Raz, Samuel Scheffler (NYU), Robert Gooding-Williams, Daniel Viehoff (NYU)

University of Hong Kong

2011 M.Phil. in Philosophy

Thesis: “Genealogy and Pluralism”

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

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social, Political, and Legal Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Epistemology, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

“Ideal and Systematic Theory”
“Racial Integration, Neighborhood Renewal and Corrective Necessities”
“Pragmatism as Nonideal Methodology and Moral Epistemology”
“Strict Compliance and Fair Shares and Burdens”
“Realistic Utopia, Practical Ends and Social Change”

PRESENTATIONS

2022	“Integration, Neighborhood Renewal and Corrective Necessities” Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Butler University
2020	“Integration, Corrective Necessities and Unjust Constraints” <i>Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics Annual Conference</i> , Western University ¹
2018	“Ideal and Systematic Theory” <i>Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory</i> , Princeton University
2018	“Pragmatism as Nonideal Methodology and Moral Epistemology” <i>New York City Minorities and Philosophy Workshop</i> , CUNY Graduate Center
2018	“Ideal and Systematic Theory” <i>Ideal and Nonideal Theories of Justice Workshop</i> , University of Coimbra
2018	“Ideal and Systematic Theory” <i>Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory</i> , University of Warwick
2013	“Institutional Legitimacy and the Politics of Resentment” <i>MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory</i> , University of Manchester
2013	“The Values of Egalitarianism” <i>Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory</i> , Oxford University
2011	“Confucian and Social Contract Conceptions of Reason and Legitimacy” <i>East Asian Perspectives on Political Legitimacy</i> , University of Hong Kong

TEACHING

WHEATON COLLEGE

Spring 2025	Reason, Bias and Social Networks Capitalism and Economic Justice
Fall 2024	Capitalism and Social Pathology (19 th Century Continental Philosophy) Philosophy of Law Faces of Injustice
Previous	Nonideal Political Epistemology (upper-level seminar) Resisting Structural Injustice (upper-level seminar) Philosophy of Race and Racism Human Nature, Justice and Authenticity (Classical Chinese Philosophy)

¹ Conference canceled due to COVID-19.

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WELLESLEY COLLEGE, 2019-22

Moral Knowledge and Social Difference (upper-level seminar)
Race and Political Philosophy (upper-level seminar)
Philosophy of Race
Capitalism, Modernity and Alienation (20th Century Continental) (upper-level seminar)
Capitalism and Social Critique (19th Century Continental) (upper-level seminar)
Classical Chinese Ethics
Chinese Political Philosophy: Contemporary Perspectives
Justice
Philosophy of Law

Director of Senior Honor's Thesis

Racist Hate Speech and Subordination, 2020-21

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, 2016-17

Political Realism and Social Injustice
Political Philosophy: Justice, Feminism, Race, and Immigration

SERVICE

2022 –	Pre-Law Advisor, Wheaton College
2022 –	Legal Studies Minor Coordinator, Wheaton College
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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