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**Areas of Specialization Areas of Competence**

Ethics Social Ontology

Social Epistemology Philosophy of Law

Classical Chinese Philosophy Political Philosophy

**Education Research Grants**

**$17,500 SSHRC CGS-M Grant** for project‘*Doxastic Control and the Harms of Mere Belief’*

**Research Experience**

**Research Assistant**

**SFU, Department of Philosophy** (2019)

* Supervisor: Professor Jennifer Wang
* Compile reading material for History of Ethics course (topic: Classical Chinese Philosophy)

**Columbia University** Entering class 2022

PhD – Philosophy

**University of British Columbia**  *2022*

M.A. – Philosophy

* CGPA – 4.33 (91.3%)

**Simon Fraser University** *2016-2020*

B.A., First Class Honours with Distinction

Major in Philosophy and Political Science

*French Cohort Program, Extended Minor in French*

* Concentration in Law and Philosophy
* Dean and President’s Honour Roll, CGPA 4.09

**Presentations**

**“Gendered Material Objects”**

* August 2023 - Social Ontology Conference in Stockholm (International Social Ontology Society)
* April 2023 Pacific APA Colloquium
* February 2023 Columbia Philosophy Graduate Workshop
* November 2021 UBC Graduate Colloquium

**“When the Sprouts Wither: On the Mengzi-Xunzi Disagreement on Human Nature”**

* January 2023 Eastern APA Colloquium as part of the ACPA

**“The Harms of Mere Belief”**

* August 2022 - Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress poster presentation
* April 2022 UBC Graduate Colloquium

**“The Problem of Forgotten Moral Truths”**

* July 2022 - USC Rightness, Ignorance, Certainty and Praise Workshop
* April 2022 – Pacific APA Colloquium
* February 2022 UBC Graduate Colloquium

**Teaching**

**Employment Volunteer Service**

**PIKSI – Boston Teaching Fellow,** MIT 2023

Teaching seminar titled “Confucius and the Virtue of Civility”

Mentoring underrepresented students in philosophy

Program organization and candidate selection

**Writing and Learning Instructor –** Simon Fraser University Library, Student Learning Commons

2019-2020

Consultations with students (undergraduate and graduate) on writing improvement and studying strategies

Attend and present weekly seminars on topics in pedagogy

**Teaching Assistant –** University of British Columbia

**Business Ethics,** Rana Ahmad*2022*

**Contemporary Moral Problems,** Rana Ahmad *2022*

**Philosophy of Law**, Thomas Bittner *2021*

**Introduction to Logic**, David Gilbert *2021*

**Introduction to Epistemology**, Christopher Stevens *2021*

**Introduction to Epistemology**, Anders Kraal *2021*

**Introduction to Epistemology**, Jonathan Ichikawa *2021*

**Biomedical Ethics**, Leslie Burkholder 2020

**Essay Clinic Instructor** – University of British Columbia

Consultations with undergraduate philosophy students on writing improvement

**Other qualifications:** Level 2 College Reading and Learning Association Certificate (International Tutor Training Program)

**Outreach and Community Involvement**

**Ethics Bowl Canada – Coach and Case Development Committee Member** *2021-2023*

* Meet with Canadian Committee to develop 2022 and 2023 high school ethics bowl debates cases
* Coach UBC undergraduate team for the Northwest Regional Ethics Bowl

**Vice-President and Coach – Simon Fraser University Debate Society** *2017 –2020*

* Coach novice debaters in formal styles (British Parliamentary, Canadian Parliamentary, and Public Forum)
* Coordinate and direct tournaments at the high school and university level
* Judge and chair at tournaments, including semi-finals and finals rounds (most recently, UBC IV 2019, Pacific Championships 2019, SFU Public Forum 2019)

**Translator and Interpreter - Lingyen Mountain Temple** *2016 - present*

* Translate material for publication from Traditional Chinese to English and French
* Perform simultaneous interpretation (Mandarin Chinese to English) during public events

**Conference Organization**

2023 Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference Committee

* Organizing keynote speaker, submission review, event logistics and promotion, chairing

**Comments**

2022 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress

* Laura Soter - “Reframing Epistemic Partiality: Acceptance and the Cognitive Work of Friendship”

**International Study and Research**

* **Central European University –** *July 2023*

Summer course “Contemporary Issues in Ontology and Social Ontology”

* **National University of Rwanda –** *June 2023*

Educational summer program “Reflections on Rwanda” for Canadian students conducting research on human rights and genocide remembrance

* **Université de Strasbourg –** *September - December 2018*

Exchange at l’Institut d’Études Politiques and the Philosophy department

* **NATO Defense College –** *June-July 2018*

International diplomacy and military studies summer program, through Simon Fraser University’s NATO Field School

**Academic Scholarships and Awards**

* Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholars – Semi-Finalist (2023)  
  *Research foundation and mentorship program for Canadian doctoral students*
* Columbia University five-year tuition and fellowship award, 98,000$ per annum
* Paul Tang Graduate Philosophy Award, UBC $1000 (2021)   
  *MA student with best performance in seminars*
* Undergraduate Open Scholarship, SFU $12,000 (2017-2020)
* Robert C. Brown Convocation Award, SFU $1000 (2020)  
  *Outstanding academic achievement and leadership for arts student at convocation*
* SFU Award for Student Service, $2000 (2020)  
  *Volunteer service and leadership in university and community*
* Brian Keenan Philosophy Prize short list (2019, 2020)   
  *Philosophy essay contest*
* Dr. Grazia Merler Scholarship in French or Italian, SFU $1000 (2019)   
  *Top senior French or Italian student*
* Somjee Undergraduate Scholarship in Political Science, SFU $2600 (2019, 2020)  *Top senior political science student*
* SFU Alumni Scholarship, SFU $1000 (Fall 2018)  
  *Academic performance*
* Diamond Family International Mobility Award, SFU $2000 (2018)
* Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship, SFU $5000 (2016)

**Languages**

English, French, Mandarin Chinese (native level fluency; trilingual)

**Literary, Debate and Other Awards Literary Publications**

SFU B.A. Convocation

First Class Honours with Distinction

President’s and Dean’s Honour roll

All eligible terms at SFU

CBC Literary Awards Fiction Finalist

$1000, 2023

BC Federation of Writers Short Prose Contest

Longlist *2022*

CBC Literary Awards Fiction Contest

Longlist *2020*

SFU IV 2019 Debate Tournament

Champion team *2019*

Carleton Model NATO Conference

Third place delegate *2019*

BC Francophone Youth Mock Parliament

Best Orator Award *2017*

BC Law Society Magna Carta Essay Contest

First place, $1000, *2016*

CBC Literary Awards Non-Fiction Contest

Longlist *2016*

Government of Canada History Essay Prize

$1000, *2014*

**Poetry**

“Newton of the Blade of Grass, the Weary Wing” “Moondrops and Sudden Splashes of Cerulean”

* *Sam-Fifty-Four,* Issue 3

“Volumes of Sentience, Part I and II”

* *Cloud Lake Literary*, Issue 3

“Plums”

* *Plenitude Magazine*, online print

“Consider the Peony”

* *PRISM International*, Issue 59.4
* Best of Canadian Poetry 2022

**Prose**

“Eel Broth for Growing Children”

* *CBC Literary Awards Finalist 2023,* online print