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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2023 **Western University, Canada**, PhD in Philosophy.
Dissertation: Causal variable choice, intervention, and pragmatism (Supervisor: Wayne Myrvold)
- 2019 **Simon Fraser University, Canada**, MA in Philosophy.
Professional Paper: "Wright versus Pearson: Causal inference in the early 20th century" (Supervisor: Holly Andersen)
- 2017 **Zhejiang University, China**, MA in Philosophy.
Master Thesis: "Levels, Constitution, Causation in Mechanisms." (Supervisor: Xiangdong Xu)
- 2015 **Zhejiang University, China**, BA in Philosophy.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Accepted **Wright's Path Analysis: Causal Inference in the Early Twentieth Century**, *THEORIA*.
- Forthcoming **The Ontology of Causation: A Carnapian-Pragmatist Approach**, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, <http://philsci-archive.pitt.edu/id/eprint/22689> [Preprint].
- 2023 **Well-Defined Interventions and Causal Variable Choice**, *Philosophy of Science*, 90(2), 395-412. <https://doi.org/10.1017/psa.2022.88>.
- 2017 **Causal Relevance of Mental Properties: A Refutation of Kim's Exclusion Argument**, *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, 12(4), 633-647.

Work Experience

- 2024.1-Present **Scientific Writer (Voluntary Position)**, *Pet Cancer Foundation*.
- 2020.9–2022.4 **Assistant Editor**, *PhilPapers*, Western University, Editorships incl. categories such as Causation, General Philosophy of Science, and History of Science.
- 2020.5–2020.9 **Research Assistant**, *Copy editor*, for Wayne Myrvold's book *Beyond Chance and Credence*, Western University.

Teaching Experience

- 2022.9–2023.4 **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Tutorial Leader & Marker, Western University.
- 2019.9–2020.4 **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Logic (PHIL 2250)*, Marker, Western University.
- 2019 Spring **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Logic and Reasoning (PHIL 110)*, Tutorial Leader & Marker, Simon Fraser University.

- 2018 Fall **Teaching Assistant**, *Critical Thinking (PHIL 105)*, Simon Fraser University.
- 2018 Summer **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Logic and Reasoning (PHIL 110)*, Teaching Assistant (Tutorial Leader & Marker), Simon Fraser University.
- 2018 Spring **Teaching Assistant**, *Epistemology (PHIL 201)*, Marker, Simon Fraser University.

Conference Presentations

- May. 15-16, 2021 **Rotman Graduate Student Conference (RGSC2021)**, *Western University*, London, ON.
Presentation: Well-defined causal variables and varieties of interventions
- Apr. 11, 2020 **The 2020 APA Pacific Division Meeting**, *San Francisco*, Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Jun. 1-3, 2019 **Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science 2019 Conference**, *University of British Columbia*, Vancouver.
Presentation: Wright versus Pearson: Causal inference in the early 20th century
- Aug. 22-25, 2018 **The 11th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference (Social Ontology 2018)**, *Tufts University, Boston*.
Presentation: The Reality of Social Kinds: A Causal Account.

Awards

- 2018 Fall **Philosophy Graduate Research Award**, CAD\$1600, Simon Fraser University, For my essay: "Interlevel Causal Relevance in Mechanisms".
See: <https://www.sfu.ca/philosophy/events/news/2018/gradessay18.html>

Professional Services

- May 17-18, 2023 **Conference Organizer (Fundraiser & Reviewer)**, *22nd annual Philosophy of Logic, Math and Physics (LMP) graduate student conference*, Western University, <https://philevents.org/event/show/107422>.

Languages

- Chinese**, *Native*.
- English**, *Full Professional Proficiency*.