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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, 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

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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”
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

WHEATON COLLEGE

- Spring 2025 Reason, Bias and Social Networks
Capitalism and Economic Justice
- Fall 2024 Capitalism and Social Pathology (19th 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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