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Areas of Interest

Aesthetics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Metaphysics
(Specifically: Fictionality, Imagination, Counterfactual Reasoning)

Education

2005-Present **Ph.D. program, Philosophy, University of Michigan**

2002-2005 **B.A., Philosophy, Rutgers University**
Graduated with High Honors

Presentations

“Immersion in Pretense and Desire-like Imagination”

Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, November 2007

“What Are Centered Worlds?”

University of Texas-Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2007

“Another Look at Visualizing in Mathematics”

Philosophy Graduate Student Working Group, University of Michigan, October 2006

"The Necessary Existents Argument and Its Metaphysics"

3rd Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, May 2005

Graduate Coursework

(at University of Michigan, and in Philosophy, unless indicated otherwise; * indicates audited)

Metaphysics of Modality, Ted Sider – Rutgers (Fall 2004)

Proseminar, Jim Joyce and Andy Egan (Fall 2005)

Modal Logic, Rich Thomason (Fall 2005)

Metaphysics of Modality, Boris Kment (Fall 2005)

Aesthetics Course, Kendall Walton (Winter 2006)

Metaphysics of Relativism, Andy Egan (Winter 2006)

Philosophy of Mathematics, Jamie Tappendan (Winter 2006)

Evolution and Ethics, Allan Gibbard, Peter Railton and Chandra Sripada (Winter 2006)*

Kant, Ian Proops (Fall 2006)

Metaphysics of Concepts, David Braddon-Mitchell (Fall 2006)*

Aristotle, Victor Caston (Winter 2007)

17th Century Art and Visual Culture, Celeste Brusati – History of Art (Winter 2007)

Aesthetics Seminar, Kendall Walton (Fall 2007)

Decision Theory, Jim Joyce (Fall 2007)*

Honors and Awards

Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2005-2006
Jacob Cooper Award in Philosophy, Rutgers University, 2005.
Philosophy Departmental High Honors, Rutgers University, 2005
Edward J. Bloustein Scholarship, 2002-2005
Outstanding Scholars Award, Rutgers University, 2002-2005
Member, Rutgers College Honors Program, 2002-2005

Affiliations

Taiwan Philosophical Association, 2005-present
American Philosophical Association, 2005-present

Service

Administrator, Go Grue! (the unofficial blog of U-M Philosophy graduate students), 2007-present
Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Student Working Group, University of Michigan, 2007-2008
Graduate Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Michigan, 2007-2008

Citizenship: Taiwan

Permanent Residency: United States of America