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APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington (September 2023–present)

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Philosophy, University of Salzburg (September 2022–August 2023)

EDUCATION

University of California San Diego, Ph.D., Philosophy (September 2016–June 2022)

- Dissertation Title: How Blame Functions
- Committee: David O. Brink (Chair), Manuel Vargas, Dana Kay Nelkin, Monique Wonderly, Craig R. M. McKenzie (Psychology)

Lingnan University, M.Phil., Philosophy (September 2014–August 2016)

Renmin University of China, B.A., Philosophy (September 2010–June 2014)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Moral Psychology, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Chinese Philosophy, Environmental Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Wang, S. T. (forthcoming). What Is Counterproductive About Angry Blame? *Philosophers' Imprint*. <https://doi.org/10.3998/phimp.5808>.

Wang, S. T. (2024). Intellectual Humility: Beyond the Learner Paradigm. *Erkenntnis*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-024-00862-z>.

Wang, S. T. (2024). Rethinking Functionalist Accounts of Blame. *The Journal of Ethics*, 28 (4), 607–623. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10892-023-09468-z>.

Ryazanov, A. A., Wang, S. T., Nelkin, D. K., McKenzie, C. R. M., & Rickless, S. C. (2023). Beyond Killing One to Save Five: Sensitivity to Ratio and Probability in Moral Judgment. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 108, 104499, 1–13.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2023.104499>.

Wang, S. T. (2022). Response-Dependence in Moral Responsibility: A Granularity Challenge. *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 59(3), 273–285. <https://doi.org/10.5406/21521123.59.3.05>.

Wang, S. T. (2021). Shame and the Scope of Moral Accountability. *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 71(3), 544–564. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqaa059>.

Wang, S. T. (2021). The Communication Argument and the Pluralist Challenge. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 51(5), 384–399. <https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2021.30>.

Ryazanov, A. A., Wang, S. T., Rickless, S. C., McKenzie, C. R. M., & Nelkin, D. K. (2021). Sensitivity to Shifts in Probability of Harm and Benefit in Moral Dilemmas. *Cognition*, 209, 104548, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2020.104548>.

Wang, T. (2018). The Experimental Critique and Philosophical Practice. *Philosophical Psychology*, 31(1), 89–109. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2017.1396310>.

Wang, T. (2016). Is Intuition Central in Philosophy? *The Philosophical Forum*, 47(3–4), 281–296. <https://doi.org/10.1111/phil.12123>.

Book Review

Wang, S. T. (2024). Book Review of Laura Valentini, *Morality and Socially Constructed Norms*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed, Speaker

“Embarrassment and Responsibility: A Lesson to Learn.” European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions. Lisbon, Portugal (June 20th, 2024)

“Intellectual Humility: Beyond the Learner Paradigm.” Inquiry Network Work-In-Progress Talks. Online (February 20th, 2024)

“What is Counterproductive About Blame?”

- Lund Gothenburg Responsibility Project Graduate Conference. Lund, Sweden (April 14th, 2023)
- Slippery Slope Normativity Summit. Lillehammer, Norway (March 10th, 2023)

“Blame Conflict.”

- LATAM Research Workshop Series. Online (June 7th, 2021)
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. Online (April 5th, 2021)

“General Ability and Moral Responsibility.”

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division. Online (February 24th, 2021)
- Free Will and Agency Workshop. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (May 21st, 2020)

“Does Blame Have a Proleptic Function?” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Online (January 16th, 2021)

“Disentangling the Aims of Blame: A Trilemma for the Moral Communication View.” Northwest Philosophy Conference. Portland, Oregon (October 26th, 2019)

“Shame and the Scope of Moral Accountability.” Philosophy of Emotions Workshop. Graduate Center, City University of New York (May 4th, 2019)

“How to Be an Externalist About Moral Responsibility?” Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference on Agency. University of California Riverside (February 15th, 2019)

“Response-Dependence in Moral Responsibility: A Granularity Challenge.” Annual Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference. Florida State University (February 9th, 2019)

“Level Bridging, the Principle of New Rational Reflection, and a Paradox.” Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference (February 3rd, 2018)

“Intuitive Evidence and Perceptual Evidence.” International Conference on Ethno-Epistemology. Kanazawa, Japan (June 4th, 2016)

“Is the Method of Cases Central in Philosophy?” International Conference on Williamson, Logic, and Philosophy. Peking University, China (October 17th, 2015)

Invited, Speaker

“Some Questions on the Ethics of Shaming.” Philosophy Talk at Advisory Board Meeting. University of Washington (February 20th, 2025)

“Basically Deserved Guilt? A Threshold Challenge.” Workshop on the Sense of Responsibility Worth Worrying About. Salzburg, Austria (June 26–27th, 2024)

“The Privilege to Forgive.” Workshop on Forgiveness and Anger. University of Salzburg, Austria (July 6th, 2023)

“Blame: A Pluralist Function-Based Approach.”

- Salzburg Workshop on Moral Responsibility. Online (July 6th, 2022)
- Philosophy Department Colloquium. University of California Santa Cruz (February 3rd, 2022)
- Philosophy Department Colloquium. Loyola University Chicago (January 31st, 2022)

“Two Arguments for the Relationality of Intellectual Humility.” Research Workshop Series. California Polytechnic State University, Online (February 19th, 2021)

“Response-Dependence in Moral Responsibility: A Granularity Challenge.” Philosophy Department Colloquium. Lingnan University, Hong Kong (September 20th, 2018)

“Conceptual Engineering and Its Limits.” Philosophy Graduate Conference with Sally Haslanger. University of California San Diego (May 27th, 2017)

“Intuitive Evidence and Perceptual Evidence.” Sun Yat Sen-Lingnan Philosophy Workshop. Hong Kong (November 28th, 2015)

Peer Reviewed, Poster Presentation

“The Experimental Critique and Philosophical Practice.” Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference. University at Buffalo, New York (September 11th, 2015)

TEACHINGUniversity of Washington, Courses as Instructor of Record

Chinese Philosophy: From Han to the 19th Century (Winter 2024)

Honors Seminar: The Ethics of Shaming (Winter 2024)

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2024)

Moral Psychology (Autumn 2023)

Graduate Seminar in Ethics: Virtue and Its Social Dimensions (Autumn 2023)

University of Washington, Graduate Supervision

Barker, Aaron, Ph.D. Committee Member, Department of Philosophy

Zhou, Shiwei, Ph.D. Committee Member, Department of Asian Studies & Literature

University of Salzburg, Courses as Instructor of Record

Graduate Seminar: Climate Change and Collective Responsibility (Summer 2023)

University of California San Diego, Courses as Instructor of Record

Philosophy and the Environment (Summer 2022)

Introduction to Philosophy: Epistemology (Spring 2022)

Moral Psychology (Summer 2021)

Contemporary Moral Issues (Summer 2020)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

Publication Award, LATAM Free Will, Agency, and Responsibility Project (August 2020)

Chancellor's Research Excellence Scholarship, University of California San Diego: \$25,000
(September 2018–August 2019)

Summer Research Fellowship, University of California San Diego (June 2019–August 2019)

Midyear Seminar Stipend, LATAM Free Will, Agency, and Responsibility Project (June 2019–August 2019)

The Dean of Arts and Humanities Travel Fund, University of California San Diego (May 2019)

Institute for Practical Ethics Seed Grant, University of California San Diego, "Probabilistic Moral Judgments in Action: Decisions in Wartime and Driving," with Dana Kay Nelkin, Samuel C. Rickless, Nicholas Christenfeld, and Arseny Ryazanov (February 2018)

SERVICE

University of Washington

Colloquium Committee, Department of Philosophy (2023–present)

Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Philosophy (2025)

International Scholars Network, Member, Department of Philosophy
Core Member, Program on Ethics

Professional

Conference and Workshop Organizer

- Workshop on the Ethics of Shaming. University of Washington (2025)
- Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy. University of Salzburg (2023)
- Workshop on Forgiveness and Anger. University of Salzburg (2023)
- Workshop on Agency & Values. University of California San Diego (2022)
- Research Workshop Series for LATAM Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Project (2021)
- How to Do Philosophy: A Workshop on Methodology. Lingnan University (2015)

Session Chair

- Varieties of Moral Address Conference. Jerusalem, Online (2021)
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. San Diego, California (2018)

Reviewer

- Journals
 - *Acta Analytica*; *Erkenntnis* (×2); *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (×2); *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Philosophia*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Social Theory & Practice*; *The Philosophical Quarterly*
- Book chapter
 - *The Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology*, edited by Manuel Vargas & John Doris (2019)
- Conferences
 - Meeting of the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology (2024)
 - Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (2023)