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EMPLOYMENT

Presidential Professor, 2016 – present
Affiliate Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies Program, 2013 – present
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, 2010 – 2016
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, 2004 – 2010
Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, College of DuPage, 2001 – 2004
Instructor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, College of DuPage, 1999 – 2001
Lecturer, Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, January – May 1997
Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, January 1996 – December 1997

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Chinese Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophical Approaches to Mortality

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Asian Philosophies, Philosophy and Literature, Roman Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa	2001
M.A.	Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa	1995
B.A.	Philosophy and Religion, Hendrix College	1991

BOOKS

Authored

The Wrong of Rudeness. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Moral Exemplars in the Analects: The Good Person is That. New York: Routledge Press, 2011. Paperback edition, 2017.

Edited

Editor, *Dao Companion to the Analects*. New York: Springer Press, 2014.

Co-editor, with Philip J. Ivanhoe. *Mortality in Traditional Chinese Thought*. New York: State University of New York Press, 2011.

ARTICLES & ESSAYS

Refereed Journal Articles

"Philosophical Exclusion and Conversational Practices." *Philosophy East and West* 67.4 (2017): 1023-1038.

"Martha and the Masters: Virtuous Domestic Aesthetic Activity." *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 15 (2016): 257-271.

"Etiquette: A Confucian Contribution to Moral Philosophy." *Ethics* 126.2 (2016): 422-446.

"Looking Philosophical: Bias, Self-Presentation, and Props." *Hypatia* 30.4 (2015): 692-707.

"It's not Them, it's You: A Case Study in the Exclusion of Non-Western Philosophy." *Comparative Philosophy* 6.2 (2015): 14-34.

"A Sensible Confucian Perspective on Abortion." *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 14.2 (2015): 235-253.

"From Corpses to Courtesy: Xunzi and the Defense of Etiquette." *Journal of Value Inquiry* 49 (2015): 145-159.

Co-authored with Sherri Irvin and Stephen Ellis, "Best Practices for Fostering Diversity in Tenure-Track Searches." *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* 13.2 (2014): 27-36.

"Subclinical Bias, Manners, and Moral Harm." *Hypatia* 29.2 (2014): 287-302.

"Confucius' Complaints and the *Analects'* Account of the Good Life." *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 12.4 (2013): 417-440.
Dao Annual Best Essay Award, 2013.

"Ascending the Hall: Demeanor and Moral Improvement in the *Analects.*" *Philosophy East and West* 59.4 (2009): 503-522.

"Dreaming of the Duke of Zhou: Exemplarism and the *Analects.*" *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 35.4 (2008): 625-639.

"A little throat cutting in the meantime': Seneca's Violent Imagery," *Philosophy and Literature* 32 (2008): 130-144.

"Sorrow and the Sage: Grief in the *Zhuangzi,*" *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 6.4 (2007): 339-359.

Reprinted in John Perry, Michael Bratman, and John Martin Fischer, eds.,
Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary Readings (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

"The Educative Function of Personal Style in the *Analects,*" *Philosophy East and West* 57.3 (2007): 357-374.

"The Stout Heart: Seneca's Strategy for Dispelling Grief," *Ancient Philosophy* 25 (2005):1-14.

"The Feel of Not to Feel it': Lucretius' Remedy for Death Anxiety," *Philosophy and Literature* 29 (2005): 114-129.

"The Consummation of Sorrow: An Analysis of Confucius' Grief for Yan Hui," *Philosophy East and West* 54 (2004): 279-301.

Translated and reprinted in Fang Xudong 方旭东, ed., *Daode zhexue yu rujia chuantong* 道德哲学与儒家传统 (Shanghai: Huadong shifan daxue chubanshe, 2010).

"Mourning, Memory, and Identity: A Comparative Study of the Constitution of the Self in Grief," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 37 (1997): 29-44.

Invited Book Chapters and Articles

"The Problem and Promise of *Li* 禮." James Behuniak, Ian Sullivan, and Joshua Miller, eds., *One Corner of the Square* (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press). Forthcoming.

"Other People Die and *That* is the Problem." In Alexis McLeod, ed., *Chinese Ethics and Political Philosophy* (New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2019).

"Rejoinder to Eric Schliesser." *Philosophy East and West* 67.4 (2017): 1044-1048.

"Chinese Philosophy and Wider Philosophical Discourses: Including Chinese Philosophy in General Audience Philosophy Journals." *Newsletter of the APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophies and Philosophers* 15.2 (2016): 2-10.

Reprinted by *Journal of Chinese Humanities* (<http://www.lhp.sdu.edu.cn/>).

"Regret and Moral Maturity: A Response to Michael Ing and Manyul Im." *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 14.4 (2015): 579-587.

"Perspectives on Moral Failure in the *Analects*." In Amy Olberding, ed., *Dao Companion to the Analects* (New York: Springer Press, 2014), 199-224.

"I Know Not 'Seems': Grief for Parents in the *Analects*." In Amy Olberding and Philip J. Ivanhoe, eds., *Mortality in Traditional Chinese Thought* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2011), 153-176.

"Slowing Death Down: Mourning in the *Analects*," in *Confucius Now: Contemporary Encounters with the Analects*, ed. David Jones (LaSalle, IL: Open Court Press, 2008), 137-149.

Public Philosophy and Essays

"Righteous Incivility." *Aeon*: <https://aeon.co/essays/whats-the-difference-between-being-righteous-and-being-rude>. Published September 5, 2019.

"It's not you, it's me: The Problem of Incivility." OUPblog: <https://blog.oup.com/2019/07/problem-incivility-not-you-its->

[me/?fbclid=IwAR18k4M3dTYRrHHjTfg5MJ99kGS2DXEgud6k9leAjRxx9UkUf6yjYBOrHzg.](http://www.aeon.co/ideas/tidying-up-is-not-joyful-but-another-misuse-of-eastern-ideas)
Published July 2, 2019.

“Tidying up is not joyful, but another misuse of Eastern ideas.” *Aeon*:
<https://aeon.co/ideas/tidying-up-is-not-joyful-but-another-misuse-of-eastern-ideas>.
Published February 18, 2019.

“When Argument Becomes Bloodsport.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*:
<https://www.chronicle.com/article/When-Argument-Becomes/244833>. Published
October 21, 2018.

“The Outsider.” *Aeon*: <https://aeon.co/essays/how-useful-is-impostor-syndrome-in-academia>. Published March 6, 2018.

“On the Sorrows of Losing the Aged.” [Published as “Is the death of a young person worse than the death of a young person?”] *Aeon*: <https://aeon.co/ideas/the-death-of-our-elders-not-the-young-is-the-worse-loss>. Published November 20, 2017.

“The Moral Gravity of Mere Trifles.” *The Forum: Thinking in Public*:
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/theforum/meretrifles/>. Published May 29, 2017.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

APA Newsletters

Guest Editor, *Newsletter of the APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophies and Philosophers* 15.2 (Spring 2016). Special state of the field issue on Chinese philosophy: <http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.apaonline.org/resource/collection/2EAF6689-4B0D-4CCB-9DC6-FB926D8FF530/AsianV15n2.pdf>

Guest Editor, *Newsletter of the APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophies and Philosophers*, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Fall 2009). Special issue devoted to addressing the intersections of Asian and feminist philosophy:
<http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.apaonline.org/resource/collection/2EAF6689-4B0D-4CCB-9DC6-FB926D8FF530/v09n1Asian.pdf>

Guest Editor, *Newsletter of the APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophies and Philosophers*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Fall 2008). Special state of the field issue on Chinese philosophy:
<http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.apaonline.org/resource/collection/2EAF6689-4B0D-4CCB-9DC6-FB926D8FF530/v08n1Asian.pdf>.

Issue translated and reprinted in 中華國學研究 (*Zhonghua guoxue yanjiu* “Research on Chinese Culture”) published by 國學院 (*Guoxueyuan* Chinese Cultural Institute) at 人民大學 (*Renmin Daxue* People’s University of China), 梁濤 Liang Tao, ed.

Pedagogy Resources

“Early Chinese Philosophy.” An instructional primer for the online teaching resource *The Deviant Philosopher*: <http://thedevariantphilosopher.org/Primers/EarlyChinesePhilosophy>

“Early Confucianism.” An instructional primer for the online teaching resource *The Deviant Philosopher*: <http://thedeiantphilosopher.org/Primers/EarlyConfucianism>

“Care of the Dead.” A teaching unit for the online teaching resource *The Deviant Philosopher*: <http://thedeiantphilosopher.org/Units/CareOfTheDead>

“Moral Emotions.” A teaching lesson for the online teaching resource *The Deviant Philosopher*: <http://thedeiantphilosopher.org/Lessons/MoralEmotions>

Book Review

Review of Shadi Bartsch and David Wray, eds., *Seneca and the Self* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), *Ancient Philosophy* 31.2 (2011): 1-4.

WORK IN OTHER MEDIA

Podcast

New Book Network, interview regarding *The Wrong of Rudeness*, with Professor Natasha Heller: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/amy-olberding-the-wrong-of-rudeness-learning-modern-civility-from-ancient-chinese-philosophy-oxford-up-2019/>

Blogging

Department of Deviance (personal blog with occasional essays and short posts): <https://departmentofdeviance.blogspot.com>

Co-blogger at *Feminist Philosophers*, 2013-2018 (under pseudonym “Professor Manners”). Archive available here: <https://feministphilosophers.wordpress.com/author/aolberding/>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Zhuangzi.” For inclusion in Eric Schliesser, ed., *Neglected Classics of Philosophy*.

“Civility and Disappointment.” Under review.

“The Invention of Death.” In draft.

“Philosophy of Funerals.” In progress.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Mainstage presenter, *Let’s Discourse This! Civility and Democracy*, Oklahoma Humanities Curiosity Festival, October 2019.

“Manners and Civility in Practice.”
University of Virginia, September 2019.

“Civility and Its Disappointments.”

Virtue Forum, Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing, University of Oklahoma, August 2019.

Keynote address, Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado-Boulder, August 2019.

“The Work of Manners.”

Dowd Lecture, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, March 2018.

University of Richmond, Richmond, VA, March 2018.

“Righteous Incivility and the Near Enemy.”

Virtue Forum, Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing, University of Oklahoma, December 2017.

“The Importance of Civility and Good Manners.”

Colloquium lecture, Rogers State University, Claremore, OK, November 2017.

“Exemplarism and the *Analects*”

Colloquium lecture, Colby College, Waterville, ME, September 2017.

“Resistance and Tensions in Deviant Philosophies.”

Keynote address, Diversity in Philosophy Symposium, Massey University, Auckland, NZ, August 2017.

“Philosophy of Funerals”

Keynote address, Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, April 2017.

Practical Philosophy East and West Conference, Aarhus University, Denmark, November 2017.

“Degenerate Skepticism and Thieves of Philosophy.”

American Philosophical Association Central Division Conference, Kansas City, MO, March 2017.

“Home Truths and Hard Words: Against the Valorization of Incivility.”

Symposium on “The Politics of (In)Civility,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Conference, Baltimore, MD, January 2017.

Indiana University Religious Studies Colloquium, Indiana University, April 2017.

“Philosophical Exclusion and Conversational Practices.”

Plenary Panel, Eleventh East-West Philosophers’ Conference, Honolulu, HI, May 2016.

“The Moral Wrong of Rudeness.”

Keynote address, Columbia College Undergraduate Conference, Columbia, MO, October 2015.

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, October 2015.

“Martha and the Masters: Virtuous Domestic Aesthetic Activity.”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Conference, Philadelphia, PA,
December 2014.

Dao Annual Best Essay Award and Discussion Session, “Confucius’ Complaints and the
Analects’ Account of the Good Life.”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Conference, Philadelphia, PA,
December 2014.

“Other People Die and *That* is the Problem.”

Keynote Address, International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying,
California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA, November 2014.

“Civility.”

Virtuous Circle Group, University of Oklahoma, October 2014.

“Morality: You’re Doing it Wrong (A Prolegomena to Discussing the Moral Authority of
Etiquette in Early Confucianism).”

Second Rutgers Conference on Chinese Philosophy, Rutgers University, New
Brunswick, NJ, April 2014.

“Self-Presentation, Staging, and Performance: Implicit Bias in Everyday Settings.”

American Society for Aesthetics, San Diego, CA, October 2013.

“Subclinical Bias and Climate in Philosophy.”

OU Women and Gender Studies Graduate Feminist Research Methods Colloquium,
September 2013.

“From Corpses to Courtesy: Xunzi and the Defense of Etiquette.”

Nature and Value in Chinese and Western Philosophies Conference, Rutgers
University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2013.

“Subclinical Bias, Manners, and Moral Harm.”

Implicit Bias and Philosophy Workshop, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK, July
2012.

“Confucius’ Complaints: Moral Maturity and the Best Life One Can Get.”

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Conference, Washington, DC,
December 2011.

“Being Like Confucius.”

Hendrix College, Conway, AR, September 2011.

“Human Nature, Moral Theory, and the *Analects*.”

China Faculty Talks, OU, February 2010.

- “The Art of Living Virtuously: Reading the Models of Socrates and Confucius.”
National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar, “Philosophical Ideas and Artistic Pursuits in the Traditions of Asia and the West.” College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, November 2007.
- “Making Sorrow a Virtue: Confucius’ Account of the Problem of Death.”
The Brueggeman Symposium, *Confronting Death*, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, October 2007.
- “Keeping House: The Banality of Virtue in the *Analects*.”
Mike Ryan Lecture Series at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA, April 2006.
- “Of Gladiators and Gore: Roman Uses of Violence in Philosophical Exhortation.”
Eta Sigma Phi (University of Oklahoma Classics Society), Norman, OK, February 2006.
- “The Educative Function of Personal Style in the *Analects*.”
East-West Philosophers’ Conference, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI, June 2005.
- “Personal Style and Moral Sensibility in the *Analects*.”
American Philosophical Association, Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies Panel, Pacific Division meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2005.
- “Confucianism and Daoism.” Oklahoma Institute for Teaching East Asia, University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK, January 2006.
- “Taming Death: Confucian Mourning and American Death Gone Wild.”
Asian Studies Development Program National Conference, Glen Ellyn, IL, March 2001.
- “Youth and Death: Confucius and Seneca on Untimely Death and the Nature of a Full Life.”
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy session, American Philosophical Association, Central Division meeting, New Orleans, LA, May 1999.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS – UPCOMING

Author Event for *The Wrong of Rudeness*, with Professor Brook Zipporyn (University of Chicago), Seminary Co-op Bookstore, Chicago, IL, December 7, 2019

“The Troubles and Temptations of Righteous Incivility.”
Mt. Holyoke College, February 19, 2020.
Union College, February 20, 2020.

“Manners, Civility, and Bodily Style.”
Maraldo Lecture, University of North Florida, University of North Florida, April 16, 2020.

Author-Meets-Critics, APA – Pacific, Main Program
APA Pacific, San Francisco, CA, April 2020.

TEACHING

Regular Curriculum

Phil 1213 – Introduction to Ethics
Phil/IAS 1223 – Introduction to Asian Philosophies
Phil 3033 – Philosophy and Literature
Phil 3243 – Civility
Phil/IAS 3343 – Chinese Philosophy
Phil/IAS 3363 – Comparative Philosophy
Phil 3723 – Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy
Phil 3743 – Feminist Philosophy
Phil 3811 – Writing Workshop for Philosophy Majors
Phil 4343/5343 – Early Chinese Philosophy
Phil 6393 – Seminar in Chinese Philosophy

Ph.D. Committees

Wenhui Xie (supervisor)
Aron Burnett (supervisor)
Jordan Droira
Jeremy Fried
Cheryl Frazier
Babak Khoshroo
Ata Akhlaghi
Chase McCumber
Casey Stull
Tao Jiang (Political Science)
Seth Robertson (2019)
Madeline Martin-Seaver (2018)
Kelly Epley (2016)
Sula You (Educational Theory, 2016)
Landon Schurtz (2014)
Angela Thurmond (2010)

LANGUAGE

Classical Chinese; Mandarin Chinese (general reading proficiency)

HONORS AND AWARDS

OU Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship, Fall 2017.

President's Associates Presidential Professorship, 2016-present.

University of Oklahoma Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing Course Development Grant for Philosophy 3243: Civility. Spring 2016.

Dao Annual Best Essay Award, 2013, for "Confucius' Complaints and the *Analects*' Account of the Good Life." *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 12.4 (2013): 417-440.

University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, Fall 2013.

University of Oklahoma Small Funds Grant for *Moral Exemplars in the Analects*, Spring 2011.

Howard Foundation Fellowship for *Moral Exemplars in the Analects*, 2009-2010.

University of Oklahoma Small Funds Grant for *Mortality in Traditional Chinese Thought*, Spring 2009; Spring 2010.

University of Oklahoma Faculty Enrichment Grant, Spring 2007; Spring 2009; Fall 2011.

University of Oklahoma Research Council Junior Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2005; Summer 2008.

University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, Summer 2006; Summer 2007.

Author and Director of National Endowment for the Humanities Focus Grant faculty seminar entitled, "Death, Grief, and Mourning as Windows on East Asian Traditions," College of DuPage, Fall 2002-Fall 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on Defense of Professional Rights of Philosophers, 2019-2022

Associate Editor, *Journal of World Philosophies*, 2018-present

Series Co-Editor, Oxford University Press Philosophy Across Cultures Series, 2017-present

Co-creator and -Editor, "The Deviant Philosopher," an online teaching resource: www.thedeviantphilosopher.org, 2016-present

China Book Review Editor, *Philosophy East and West*, 2009-2016

Committee Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophies and Philosophers, 2006-2009

Manuscript or Proposal Review for Routledge Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, State University of New York Press, Polity Press, Springer Press, and Wiley Blackwell

Article Referee for *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, *Hypatia*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy East and West*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*

Fellowship Review for the George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation (2014);
American Council of Learned Societies (2014, 2015)

Review Advisor for John Templeton Foundation Call for Proposals (2015)

Grant Review Panelist for National Endowment for the Humanities (2005)

DEPARTMENTAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Colloquium Committee, 2019-present

Chair, Recruiting and Diversity Committee, Philosophy Department, 2012-present

Graduate Studies Committee, Philosophy Department, 2011-2014; 2016-2019

Department of Philosophy Pre-Search Committee, 2017

Department of Philosophy Promotion Committee Chair, 2016

“Unvoiced Biases.” Faculty Workshop offered through the OU Center for Teaching Excellence, co-led with Lupe Davidson, September 2015.

Department of Philosophy Committee A, 2013-2015

Manager, Facebook page for Philosophy Department, 2014- present

College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Advisory Committee on Women’s Issues, 2013-2016;
Chair, 2014-2016

Philosophy Department Newsletter Editor, 2008-2012

Hiring Committee Member, Department of Modern Languages, Literature, and Linguistics,
2011-2012

Library Liaison, Department of Philosophy, 2004-2009; 2010-2012

College of Arts and Sciences Jack Roe Denton Scholarship Committee, 2007-2010

Graduate Studies Committee, School of International and Area Studies, 2004-2007

Hiring Committee Member, Religious Studies Department, 2006-2007

Affiliate Faculty Member, Department of Religious Studies and School of International and Area Studies