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Curriculum Vitae of Derek Baker

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Employment

Lingnan University Associate Professor of Philosophy, August 2015 – present.
– Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2009 – August 2015.

Education

Princeton University Ph.D. in Philosophy, July 2009
University of California, Berkeley B.A. in Philosophy, with honors, May 2002

Research and Teaching Interests

Areas of Specialization: Action Theory, Moral Psychology, Ethics and Metaethics
Areas of Competence: Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Schopenhauer,
Nietzsche

Fellowships and Grants

Hong Kong Research Grants Council Early Career Scheme Grant – Jan 2013 - Dec 2014
Princeton University Center for Human Values Graduate Fellowship – AY 2008 - 2009

Refereed Journal Articles

- “Deliberators Must Be Imperfect,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93 (2016): 321-47.
- “Intuitions about Disagreement Do Not Support the Normativity of Meaning,” *dialectica* 70 (2016): 65-84.
- “Why Transparency Undermines Economy,” *Synthese* 192 (2015): 3037-3050.
- “Akrasia and the Problem of the Unity of Reason,” *Ratio* 28 (2015): 65-80.
- “How Expressivists Can and Should Explain Inconsistency,” (coauthored with Jack Woods)
Ethics 125 (2015): 391-424.
- * Topic of an online symposium at PEA Soup (www.peasoup.typepad.com) with critical *précis*
by Mark Schroeder, January 2015.
- “The Abductive Case for Humeanism over Quasi-Perceptual Theories of Desire,” *Journal of
Ethics and Social Philosophy* 8 (2014): 1-29.

Refereed Journal Articles, *continued*

“Knowing Yourself—and Giving up on Your Own Agency in the Process,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90 (2012): 641-56.

“Ambivalent Desires and the Problem with Reduction,” *Philosophical Studies* 150 (2010): 37-47.

Invited Publications

“The Varieties of Normativity,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Metaethics*, (eds.) T. McPherson and D. Plunkett, Taylor and Francis, forthcoming.

Review of *Motivational Internalism*, (eds. G. Björnsson, C. Strandberg, R. Francén Olinder, J. Eriksson, and F. Björklund), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94 (2016): 814-16.

“On Rationally Valuing One’s Life,” special issue of *Asian Bioethics Review*, (ed.) B. Steinbock, 8 (2016): 1-16.

Selected Works in Progress

“The Verdictive Organization of Desire,” revise and resubmit from *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.

“Expression and Guidance in Schroeder’s Expressivist Semantics,” revise and resubmit from *Erkenntnis*.

“Verdictive Rationalism about Self-Knowledge,” in progress.

“Handling Rejection,” (coauthor Jack Woods) in progress.

“Skepticism about Ought *Simpliciter*,” to be submitted for consideration in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, ed. R. Shafer-Landau.

Presentations

“Skepticism about Ought *Simpliciter*”
– Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, North Carolina, September 2016.

“Handling Rejection” (coauthored with Jack Woods)
– Lingnan Expressivism Conference, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, June 2016.

“The Humean Normative Project”
– Bowling Green State University Public Philosophy Seminar, Ohio, January 2016.
– Rice University Public Seminar, Houston, Texas, January 2016.
– University of Hong Kong Public Philosophy Seminar, September 2015.

“Self-Reflection and the Verdictive Organization of Desires”
– University of Macau Conference on Rationality and Its Rivals, Macau, December 2015.
– National University of Singapore Public Philosophy Seminar, March 2014.

Presentations, *continued*

“Explanation and Instrumentalism”

- National Taiwan University, Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium, November 2015.
- Global Themes in Naturalism: International Workshop in Honor of Chad Hansen, National University of Singapore, June 2011.

“On Rationally Valuing One’s Life”

- Chinese University of Hong Kong Centre for Bioethics Workshop on Dying Well: Physician Assisted Suicide, Voluntary Euthanasia, and Advance Directives, November 2015.

“Negation as an Attitude Modifier”

- Trinity College Dublin Philosophy Seminar, July 2015.

“Legislative versus Judicial Models of Self-Knowledge”

- University College Dublin Philosophy Seminar, May 2015.

“Verdictive Rationalism about Self-Knowledge”

- UNESCO World Philosophy Day Conference, Bilkent University, Ankara, November 2014.
- Australasian Association of Philosophy, Australia National University, Canberra, July 2014.
- Yonsei Philosophy Summer Conference, Yonsei International Campus, Seoul, June 2014.

“Why Response-Dependent Accounts of Normative Properties Can and Must Idealize”

- Yonsei University Work-in-Progress Seminar, Seoul, November 2014.
- University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, November 2014.
- University of Melbourne Public Seminar, October 2014.

“Intuitions about Disagreement Do Not Support the Normativity of Meaning”

- American Philosophical Association Colloquium, Pacific Division, San Diego, April 2014.*

Discussion of Draft Chapters for *An Almost Unified Theory of the Self* (book project)

- National University of Singapore, Moral Psychology Reading Group, March 2014.

“Why Should I—If You Can’t Explain Normativity?”

- Conference on Metaethics and Grounding, Bogazici University, Istanbul, October 2013.*
- Virginia Tech Philosophy Colloquium October 2013.
- Australia National University MSPT Seminar, September 2013.
- University of Western Australia Public Seminar, September 2013.

“Omniscient Agents Might Be Conceptually Impossible”

- University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, October 2012.
- Chinese University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, May 2012.

“Inconsistent Attitudes and Inconsistent Contents: a Defense of B-type Inconsistency”
(coauthored with Jack Woods)

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2012.

* *Refereed Presentation.*

Presentations, *continued*

“How to Reconcile Devitt’s Obviously Correct Position on the Psychology of Know How with the Semantics of Stanley and Williamson”

– Conference on the Work of Michael Devitt, Lingnan University, May 2012.

“Why You Should Lack Parfit’s Concept of a Reason (or a Defense of Analytic Subjectivism)”

– University of Miami Public Colloquium, October 2011.

Comments on Dale Dorsey’s “The Supererogatory: How to Accommodate It”

– Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2010.

“Knowing Yourself, and Giving Up On Your Own Agency in the Process”

– Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2010.

– Hong Kong University, February 2010.

“The Strength of Desire, Reflection, and the Formation of the Will”

– Chinese University of Hong Kong Public Seminar, February 2009.

“Ambivalence and Consistency”

– Australasian Association of Philosophy, La Trobe University, Melbourne, July 2008.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses Taught at Lingnan

Theory and Practice of Autonomy – Advanced course on the nature of autonomy, practical identification, freedom, and responsibility.

Western Political Philosophy – Survey course providing students with an overview of the key debates in political philosophy in the western tradition.

Advanced Western Ethics – Survey course providing students with an overview of the key philosophical problems of the western ethical tradition and their historical development.

Theories of Justice – Advanced course on Political Philosophy, covering both key figures in the history of Western political thought and contemporary problems in political philosophy.

Schopenhauer and Nietzsche – Advanced course in history of philosophy.

Understanding Morality – Introductory course in moral philosophy.

Ethics: The Western Tradition – Course in moral philosophy for philosophy majors, covering both the history of western ethical thought and contemporary problems in moral philosophy.

Understanding Knowledge – Introduction to epistemology for non-majors.

Value Theory – Advanced course in contemporary metaethics.

Teaching Experience, *continued*

Undergraduate Directed Research Projects – Supervised the following year-long undergraduate theses:

- William Chan Wai Chuen, “The Self in Liberalism and Communitarianism,” AY 2015 – 2016
- Choy Tsz Chun, “Rawls on Public Political Culture,” AY 2013 – 2014
- Ip Ka Ho, “The Nature of Personal Integrity,” AY 2011 – 2012
- Ng Suet Yi, “Forgiveness as a Loving Attitude,” AY 2011 – 2012

Master of Arts in Practical Philosophy Courses

Schopenhauer and Nietzsche – Course in history of philosophy for the department-affiliated Masters of Arts in Practical Philosophy program.

Graduate Supervision

Primary Supervisor for

- Emile Chan Chun Nam
MPhil Thesis, “Sentimentalist Moral Judgment,” September 2014 – October 2016. Completed.
- Choy Tsz Chun
MPhil Thesis, “The Two Faces of Equality,” September 2014 – September 2016. Completed. Exam committee decided thesis was “outstanding.”

Exam Committee Member for

- Wang Qin
University of Hong Kong PhD Dissertation, “Sentimentalist Moral Judgment,” March 2016.
- Lam Hung Nin
Lingnan University MPhil Thesis, “The Nature of Intuitions: What Theories of Intuition Ought to Be,” June 2014.

Professional Service

Associate Editor, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, March 2012 – present.

Referee for Analysis, Ethics, Noûs, Philosophical Studies,* Australasian Journal of Philosophy,* Philosophical Quarterly,* Synthese,* Canadian Journal of Philosophy,* Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy,* Journal of Moral Philosophy, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Social Theory and Practice, and Philosophical Papers.

Member, American Philosophical Association, Fall 2008 – present.

Co-organizer, Lingnan Expressivism Conference, June 2016.

Co-organizer, Hong Kong Metaethics Conference at Lingnan University, May 2013.

* *Multiple times refereeing.*

Service to University and Department

- Departmental Core Curriculum Course Coordinator*, October 2013 – present.
- Faculty of Arts Representative*, University Academic Senate, September 2015 – present.
- Panel Member*, Office of Mainland and Internationalisation Programme Interview Panel, September 2015 – present.
- Representative of the Dean of Arts*, Undergraduate Examinations Board, September 2015 – June 2016.
- Philosophy Department Representative*, University Taskforce for the Four-year Curriculum, September 2015 – April 2016.
- Member*, Departmental Committee on Revising Philosophy Journal List, September 2015 – January 2016.
- Moderator*, Report on Examination Questions and Answers (Before Examination) for Associate Degree and Higher Diploma Programmes, April 2016.
- Department Library Liaison*, AY 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- Department Representative*, the Research and Postgraduate Studies Committee in Arts, AY 2014/15.
- Panel Member*, the Research Proposal Scoring Panel in the Arts, AY 2014/15.
- Panel Member*, Interview Committee for Post of Visiting Senior Lecturer/Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, May 2014.
- Search Committee Member*, Faculty Search Committee, AY 2013/14.
- Course Coordinator*, Understanding Morality, March 2011 – October 2013.
- Seminar Coordinator*, Philosophy Public Seminars, AY 2012/13.
- Panel Member*, Admission Panel for Postgraduate Programme, AY 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- Panel Member*, Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee, Spring 2010.
- Faculty of Arts Representative*, Task Force on Definitions for Academic Quality Assurance, AY 2009/10.
- Secretary*, Lingnan Philosophy Department, AY 2009/10.

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