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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Epistemology, Decision Theory, Philosophical Logic, and Philosophy of Logic

## EDUCATION

#### Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

Ph.D. in Philosophy

2020-Current

Logic & Decision Theory Interdisciplinary Track

#### Lingnan University

Hong Kong

M.Phil. in Philosophy

May 2019

- Thesis: "Metaphysical Reduction of Necessity: A Modified Account"
- Committee: Dan Marshall (advisor), Daniel Waxman, Dana Goswick

#### Lingnan University

Hong Kong

B. A. (Honors) in Philosophy

June 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

2020-Current

- Graduate Teaching Assistant/Instructor of Record
  - PHIL/ENGR 482: Engineering Ethics (Fall 2020, instructor Martin Peterson)
  - PHIL/ENGR 482: Engineering Ethics (Spring 2021, instructor Glen Miller)
  - PHIL 240: Introduction to Logic (Fall 2021, instructor José Luis Bermúdez)
  - PHIL 240: Introduction to Logic (Spring 2022, instructor Christopher Menzel)
  - PHIL 240: Introduction to Logic (Summer 2022, as primary instructor)
  - PHIL 240: Introduction to Logic (Fall 2022, instructor Kenny Easwaran)

## SUMMER SCHOOL

#### University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

The North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information

Summer 2022

#### Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Bolzano, Italy

The 32nd European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (Online)

Summer 2021

## Work in Progress

- 1. An Analysis of Metaphysical Necessity (Under Review)
- 2. Necessitism and Absolutism (Under Review)
- 3. The Preface Paradox and Epistemic Akrasia
- 4. How to Respond the Arbitrariness Argument?

## Presentations

- 1. "The Preface Paradox and Epistemic Akrasia"
  - (a) 2022 Australian Association of Philosophy Conference, The University of WaiKato, Hamilton, New Zealand (June 28, 29, 30 & July 5, 6, 7, 2022)
  - (b) Central States Philosophical Association Spring 2022 Meeting, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE (April 29–30)
  - (c) The 72nd Annual Meeting of New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, Baylor University, Waco, TX (April 8–9, 2022)
  - (d) The sixth annual international Philosophy Students' Symposium, University of Maribor, Maribor, Slovenia (November 16–17, 2021)
  - (e) The 72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, Portland, OR (November 12–13, 2021)
  - (f) Open Minds XV: The fifteenth annual philosophy conference for postgraduate students in philosophy, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK (October, 14–15, 2021)
  - (g) Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy 2021, University of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria (September 9–11, 2021)
- 2. "Metaphysical Reduction of Necessity: A Modified Account"
  - (a) Research Findings Seminar, Lingman University, Hong Kong (December 3, 2019)
  - (b) Topic Defense Seminar, Lingman University, Hong Kong (April 10, 2017)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Winner of the 2022 Davenport Graduate Essay Contest, TAMU (\$500)	2022
College Graduate Summer Research Grant, TAMU (\$1500)	2022
Summer Research and Travel Grant, TAMU (\$1900)	2022
Graduate Student Research and Presentation Travel Award, TAMU (\$500)	2022
Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Award, TAMU (\$250)	2021
Summer Professional Development Grant, TAMU (\$400)	2021
Lechner Graduate Grant, TAMU (\$1050)	2020

## Graduate Coursework

Philosophy of Science
Set Theory and Non-classical Logic
Seminar in Formal Epistemology
Normative Reasons for Action
History of Political Philosophy
Seminar in Epistemology
Philosophy of Technology
Independent Research in Epistemology

Early Modern Philosophy Mathematical logic Seminar in Intrinsic Value Contemporary Continental Philosophy Sexuality and Resistance Beyond Gender Independent Research in Epistemology Learning

## Professional Service

Conference submission referee for Texas A&M University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (April 16, 2022)

## REFERENCES

Kenny Easwaran, Professor of Philosophy, Texas A&M University

Martin Peterson, Professor of Philosophy and the Sue and Harry Bovay Chair of History and Ethics of Professional Engineering, Texas A&M University

Dan Marshall, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Lingnan University

Jiji Zhang, Professor of Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University

Daniel Waxman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, National University of Singapore