Jay Jian

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Academic Appointments

08/2022-	Tenure-track Research Fellow	Academia Sinica (The National Academy of Taiwan)
08/2021-07/2022	Tenure-track Assistant Professor	Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University
01/2021-07/2021	Postdoctoral Researcher	Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University
10/2017-01/2018	Non-stipendiary Lecturer	St John's College, University of Oxford
10/2016-01/2017	Non-stipendiary Lecturer	St John's College, University of Oxford

Education

2015-2020	DPhil in Philosophy, Balliol College, University of Oxford	
	Thesis: "The Rationality and Normativity of Intention" (Passed without correction)	
	Supervisors: Prof Alison Hills and Prof Terence Irwin	
	Examiners: Prof Ralph Wedgwood and Prof Ruth Chang	
2013-2015	BPhil in Philosophy, The Queen's College, University of Oxford	
	Thesis: "Subjective Theories of Normative Reason"	
	Supervisor: Prof Terence Irwin	
2006-2011	Bachelor of Laws in Law and Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, National Taiwan University	

Areas of Specialization

Meta-ethics, Philosophy of Action, Rationality and Agency

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Economics

Publications

- 1. "Preference Ordering and the Epistemic Peril of Comparison," *Episteme* (forthcoming).
- "Rational Norms for Degreed Intention (and the Discrepancy between Theoretical and Practical Reason),"
 Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2023) 101(2): 360–374.
- 3. "Intention," (in Chinese)

The Chinese Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2022).

4. "Misinformation, Subjectivism, and the Rational Criticizability of Desire,"

Philosophical Studies (2021) 178(3): 845-66.

Talks

- "Practical Irrationality and Self-Efficacy Belief,"
 - 02/2026 2026 Central Division Meeting (Colloquium), American Philosophical Association
 - 09/2025 The 12th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy,

Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf

07/2025 The 10th Societé de Philosophie Analytique Congress on Action, Nantes University

- 2. "Temporally-Extended Instrumental Rationality and Self-Defeat,"
 - 08/2024 Humboldt Normativity Conference 2024, Humboldt University
- 3. "Putting Things in Order,"
 - 07/2024 The British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference, The University of Edinburgh

- 05/2024 The 2nd Annual Workshop on Value Theory, Lund University
- 12/2023 The 5th Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium, National Taiwan University (invited)
- 4. "Instrumental Agency and the Pre-conditions of Ends,"
 - 04/2024 Annual Laval Agency Conference, Laval University
- 5. "Self-Defeat and Means-End Incoherence,"
 - 01/2024 The 10th Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, NYU Abu Dhabi
- 6. "Rational Choice Beyond the Comparative Frame"
 - 04/2023 The 30th Inter-University Workshop on Philosophy and Cognitive Science, University of Valencia
- 7. "Do Reasons Transmit to the Pre-conditions of Reasons?"
 - 04/2023 2023 Pacific Division Meeting (Colloquium), American Philosophical Association
 - 05/2022 Workshop on Reasons, Ought, and Normative Transmission, Humboldt University
- 8. "Can Epistemic Defects Provide Practical Defeaters?"
 - 03/2023 Workshop on Knowledge, Rationality, and Defeat, Hiroshima University (invited)
- 9. "Distorted Perception and Irrational Evaluation,"
 - 09/2022 Conference on Apprehending Value, PThU Amsterdam
- 10. "Comparative Judgment and Evaluation"
 - 08/2022 Work-in-Progress Seminar, Academia Sinica (invited)
 - 04/2022 Workshop on Mind and Judgment, National Taiwan University (invited)
- 11. "Some Rational Problems with Comparative Valuing"
 - 01/2022 2022 Eastern Division Meeting (Colloquium), American Philosophical Association
 - 08/2021 The 14th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado
 - 07/2021 The 95th Joint Session, Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association
 - 04/2021 Faculty Colloquium, National Chung Cheng University (invited)
- 12. "The Constitutive Norms and Justification for Commitment"
 - 09/2021 Conference on Preferences, Commitments and Choice, University of Zurich
- 13. "The Internalist Connection between Intention and All-Things-Considered Judgment"
 - 02/2021 2021 Central Division Meeting (Colloquium), American Philosophical Association
- 14. "Re-motivating the Internalist Constraint"
 - 11/2020 Workshop on Metaethics and Metaepistemology, University of Vienna
- 15. "Do We Have a Reason to Do What We Desire to Do?"
 - 11/2020 Faculty Colloquium, Soochow University (invited)
- 16. "Value and Reason in the Face of Misinformation"
 - 08/2020 Faculty Colloquium, National Tsing Hua University (invited)
- 17. "In Defense of the Executive Conception of Instrumental Rationality"
 - 03/2020 Slippery Slope Normativity Summit, Inland Norway University
 - 07/2019 The 5th Annual Southern Normativity Group Conference, Cardiff University
- 18. "Why Intention Presupposes Mental Unity"
 - 10/2019 Action and Ethics: How, Why, Ought, University of Utah
 - 08/2019 New Horizons in Action and Agency, University of Helsinki
- 19. "An Analysis of the Structure of Instrumental Irrationality and Executive Vice"
 - 07/2019 The 93rd Joint Session, Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, University of Durham
 - 03/2019 Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, University of Tennessee
- 20. "Subjectivism and Two Kinds of Authenticity"
 - 12/2018 Lake Geneva Graduate Conference, University of Neuchâtel
- 21. "The Rational Irrelevance of Desire Strength"
 - 11/2018 Ockham Society, University of Oxford
- 22. "Misinformed Desire and the Foundations of Subjectivism"

03/2018 Connecticut Graduate Conference in Philosophy, University of Connecticut

04/2017 Stockholm Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Stockholm

23. "Davidson's Constitutivist Picture of Practical Rationality"

11/2017 Workshop on Donald Davidson's Philosophy, National Taiwan University

24. "Agency, Instrumental Rationality, and the Hierarchy of Desires"

09/2017 Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, University of Salzburg

25. "How Can Ends Be Rationally Criticized under Instrumental Rationality?"

02/2017 DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford

26. "Instrumental Rationality and the Cognitive Grounding of Desire"

01/2017 Ockham Society, University of Oxford

27. "Two Constraints on Subjectivist Theories of Normative Reason"

07/2016 The 5th Understanding Value Conference, University of Sheffield

28. "Moral Motivation, Goal, and Background Beliefs"

06/2014 Ockham Society, University of Oxford

Selected Grants and Awards

Research Grant for 2030 Emerging Young Scholars, (Project: "The Basis for Rational Choice"),

National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan, 2024-2026

The 12th Annual Essay Prize by the Antwerp Centre for Philosophical Psychology, 2024

Research Grant for Junior Researchers (Project: "Instrumental Rationality: Necessary Means and

Pre-conditions"), National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan, 2022-23

Vice-Chancellors' Fund, University of Oxford, 2019

Junior Maintenance Grant, Balliol College, University of Oxford, 2017, 2018

Overseas Study Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Taiwan, 2013-2016

Graduate Lecturing Scheme Award, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2019

Research Travel Bursary, The Aristotelian Society, 2019

Research Travel Grants, Balliol College and Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Teaching Experience

As Sole or Primary Instructor

Introductory-level Courses

1. Introduction to Value Theory

Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Fall 2024

2. Metaethics

Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Fall 2023

3. Introduction to Value Theory

Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Fall 2021

4. Key Topics in Normativity

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, Hilary 2019

5. Philosophy of Mind and Personal Identity

Jesus College, University of Oxford, Trinity 2018

Upper-level Courses

6. Rationality in Philosophy and Economics

Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Fall 2022

7. Rationality and Time

Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Spring 2022

8. Final Honours School Ethics (Advanced Ethics)

St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, Trinity 2020

Graduate Courses

9 Intention

Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Fall 2021

10. Proseminar (co-taught with another instructor)

Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, Spring 2022

As TA and Sole Tutorial Tutor

1. General Philosophy (Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology)

Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, Hilary and Trinity 2020

2. Moral Philosophy (Introduction to Ethics)

St John's College, University of Oxford, Michaelmas 2017

3. Moral Philosophy (Introduction to Ethics)

St John's College, University of Oxford, Michaelmas 2016

4. Epistemology (as TA only)

Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Professional Services

Supervision/Mentoring

- **1. Thesis Supervisor**, supervision on Master's theses (x1, from 07/2023) and undergraduate capstone project (x1, from 07/2023) at the Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University
- **2. Thesis Examiner**, examination on Master's theses at National Taiwan University (x1, 07/2023), National Tsing Hua University (x1, 07/2022)
- **3. Undergraduate Student Advisor**, The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Tsing Hua University, 2021-2023
- **4. Postgraduate Student Advisor**, Institute of Philosophy, National Tsing Hua University, 2021-2023
- **5. Student Mentor in the Minorities and Philosophy Mentoring Scheme**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2019
- **6. TA Mentor in Preparing for Learning and Teaching Seminar,** Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2018

Reviewing/Commenting

Referee, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, The Asian Journal of Philosophy, Soochow Journal of Philosophical Studies, Oxford Research Centre for Humanities Student Project Grant, The Biennial Conference of the Asia-Pacific Philosophy of Science Association, Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, Taiwanese Philosophical Association's Distinguished Doctoral and Masters Thesis Award, General Research Grant of Taiwan's National Science and Technology Council, Junior Research Grant of Taiwan's National Science and Technology Council

Commentator, on Ralf Bader's "Admissible Factorisations and Hyperintensional Independence" (Wendy Huang Lecture Series, Nationality Taiwan University, 2024), on Wooram Lee's "Guidance and the Wrong Kind of Reasons" (Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, 2023), on Neil Sinhababu's "Humean Nature" (Book Symposium on Humean Nature, National Taiwan University, 2017), on several papers on The Annual Meeting of Taiwanese Philosophical Association (2021, 2022).

Roles in Professional Organizations

1. Secretary-General, The Taiwan Association for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science

- and Technology, 09/2024-
- **2. Deputy-Secretary-General**, The Taiwan Association for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, 09/2023-08/2024
- **3. Executive Editor**, EurAmerica (an interdisciplinary journal published by the Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica), 01/2023-12/2024

Outreach Courses

- **1. Justice and the Methods of Philosophy**, High School Summer Program in Humanities and Social Sciences, The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Tsing Hua University, 2023
- **2. Kant's Moral Philosophy and its Historical Significance**, Department of History, National Taiwan Normal University, 2021
- **3. The Role of Empathy in the Moral Universe** (co-taught with another instructor), Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford, 2019
- 4. Justice and Political Philosophy, Radley College, Radley, 2019
- 5. The Philosophy of Mind, Radley College, Radley, 2018
- 6. Tutorials on Political Philosophy, Oxford UNIQ Access Summer Program, University of Oxford, 2017

Conference/Workshop Organization

Organizing Committee Member, Ockham Society, University of Oxford (2016-2017); DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford (2016-2017)

References

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