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Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science

Areas of Competence

Chinese Philosophy, Applied Ethics

Employment

Lecturer in Philosophy, Australian National University, starting January 2025

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, New York University Shanghai, 2017-present

Affiliations: NYU-ECNU Institute of Brain and Cognitive Science, Center for Global Asia

Global Network Assistant Professor of Philosophy, New York University, 2017-present

In residence and teaching at NYU New York, 2022-2023

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp, 2016-2017

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Cornell University, 2016

Dissertation: *Cognitive Penetrability and the Epistemological Significance of Etiology*

Committee: Nico Silins, Susanna Siegel, Matt McGrath, Andrew Chignell, W. Starr

Visiting Student, Harvard University, 2013-2014

Visiting Student, Calvin College, 2009-2010

B.A. in Philosophy, Wuhan University, 2009

Publications

Articles

1. Teng, L. (forthcoming) "The Epistemic Insignificance of Phenomenal Force," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
2. Teng, L. (forthcoming) "Cognitive Penetration," in K. Sylvan (ed.), *A Companion to Epistemology* (3rd Edition), Wiley-Blackwell.
3. Teng, L. (2024) "The Justificatory Power of Memory Experience," *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*, 5 (31).
4. Teng, L. (2023) "A Metacognitive Account of Phenomenal Force," *Mind & Language*, 38 (4): 1081-1101.
5. Teng, L. (2021) "Cognitive Penetration: Inference or Fabrication?" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 99 (3): 547-563.
6. Teng, L. (2018) "Is Phenomenal Force Sufficient for Immediate Perceptual Justification?"

Synthese, 195 (2): 637-656.

7. Teng, L. (2016) "Cognitive Penetration, Imagining, and the Downgrade Thesis," *Philosophical Topics*, 44 (2): 405-426.

Book Review

8. Teng, L. (2022) "Comments on Declan Smithies' *The Epistemic Role of Consciousness*," *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, 1 (1): 15.

Works in Progress

Teng, L. (in progress) "Does Aphantasia Support Unconscious Imagination?"

Grants, Honors, and Awards

Eastern Young Scholar, Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, 2019-2022 (RMB 600,000)

Pujiang Talents Plan, Shanghai Municipal Science and Technology Commission, 2018-2020 (RMB 150,000)

Graduate School Conference Grant, Cornell University, 2016 (USD 675)

Graduate School Conference Grant, Cornell University, 2016 (USD 440)

Graduate Student Stipend, Pacific APA, 2016 (USD 400)

Hsien and Daisy Yen Wu Scholarship, Cornell University, 2015 (USD 500)

Teaching and Learning Practitioner Scholarship, Cornell University Center for Teaching Excellence, Graduate School, and Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning, 2015 (USD 250)

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University Philosophy Department, 2013-2014 (USD 25,000)

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University Philosophy Department, 2010-2011 (USD 25,000)

Public Writing

"Fabrication in Cognitive Penetration," Imperfect Cognitions Blog, January 2022

"Commentary by Lu Teng on *The Epistemic Role of Consciousness*," Brains Blog, April 2021

"Sensory Imagining, Perception, and the Significance of Etiology," Junkyard Blog, July 2017

Presentations (Job Talks Excluded)

Talks (* = Online)

"Does Aphantasia Support Unconscious Imagination?"

Wuhan University, Department Colloquium, November 2023

NYU Shanghai, Philosophy Meets Science Workshop, October 2023

Taipei, Consciousness Research Network (CoRN) Meeting, August 2023*

New York University, Symposium on Perception and Cognition, June 2023

Northeastern University, Jorge Morales Lab Meeting, April 2023

Cornell University, Cognitive Science Series, November 2022

“The Justificatory Power of Memory Experience”

Northeastern University, Department Colloquium, April 2023

New York University, Philosophy Forum, March 2023

Successful and Unsuccessful Remembering and Imagining Workshop, November 2022*

Bochum-Grenoble Memory Colloquium, July 2022*

“The Epistemic Insignificance of Phenomenal Force”

New York University, Philosophy of Mind Discussion Group, November 2022

Fudan University, Many Faces of Perception Workshop, June 2021

Rice University, Global Consciousness Conference, May 2021*

Cornell University, Topics in Philosophy of Mind Seminar, April 2021*

Washington University in St. Louis, Ethics and Epistemology Group, April 2021*

“A Metacognitive Account of Phenomenal Force”

Cornell University, Topics in Philosophy of Mind Seminar, April 2021*

East China Normal University, Experience and Concept Workshop, November 2020

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Department Colloquium, November 2020*

East China Normal University, Jin Yuelin Commemorative Conference, October 2020

“Justification through Imagining the Past”

Tsinghua University, Department Colloquium, November 2019

Zhejiang University, Frontiers of Epistemology Conference, November 2019

Bled, Bled Philosophical Conference, June 2019

NYU Shanghai, Shanghai-Grenoble Philosophy of Memory Workshop, April 2019

“The Epistemic Insignificance of the Feeling of Presence”

Renmin University, Perception, Consciousness, and the First-Person Conference, May 2019

Okazaki, Consciousness Research Network (CoRN) Meeting, January 2019

National Yang-Ming University, Workshop on Modeling and Reasoning in the Sciences, November 2018

Fordham University, NYC-China Epistemology Conference, October 2018

NYU Shanghai, NYU Shanghai Philosophy Workshop, August 2018

American University of Beirut, AUB-NYUAD Philosophy Workshop, May 2018

“Cognitive Penetration: Inferentialism vs. Fabricationism”

Nanjing University, Department Colloquium, December 2018

Lingnan University, Imagination Workshop, March 2018

East China Normal University, Department Colloquium, November 2017

University of Leeds, Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, June 2017

Ruhr-University Bochum, Perception and Justified Belief Workshop, June 2017

“Sensory Imagining and the Significance of Etiology”

University of Antwerp, Epistemology of Imagination Workshop, March 2017

“An Epistemological Outlook on Perceptual Confidence”

UC Berkeley, Probability and Perception Workshop, March 2017

“Is Phenomenal Force Sufficient for Immediate Perceptual Justification?”

San Francisco, Pacific APA, March-April 2016

Cornell University, Graduate Student Workshop, October 2014

Harvard University, Graduate Student Epistemology and Metaphysics Workshop, March 2014

“Cognitive Penetration, Inferentialism, and Bayesian Perception”

University of Minho, International Conference on Philosophy of Mind, September 2016

Cornell University, Graduate Student Workshop, December 2015

Cornell University, Bayesian Theories of Perception and Epistemology Conference, July 2015

“Cognitive Penetration and Justification: The Imagination Argument”

MIT, Epistemology Reading Group, November 2013

Harvard University, Epistemology of Cognitive Penetrability Workshop, November 2013

Comments (* = Online)

On Nico Silins, “Speak, Memory: Dignāga, Consciousness, and Awareness”

Columbia University, Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy Seminar, May 2023

On Tony Cheng, “Molyneux’s Question: Thought Experiment vs. Empirical Experiment”

East China Normal University, Department Colloquium, June 2022*

On Henk W. de Regt, “Understanding Scientific Understanding”

Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy Lecture Series, November 2021*

On Margot Strohminger and Daniel Munro, “Are We Free to Imagine What We Choose?”

Claremont McKenna College, Second Conference (Online/Virtual) for Imagination Domination, May 2021*

On Yuanfan Huang, “Conceptual Knowing-How-Based Theoretical Wisdom”

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Epistemology Workshop+, May 2021

On Xiaoxing Zhang, “Specific Knowledge-How”

East China Normal University, Department Colloquium, November 2019

On Quinn Gibson, “Monothematic Delusion: An Expressivist Two Factor Account”

NYU Shanghai, Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquium, September 2018

Teaching

Instructor

Introduction to Chinese Philosophy, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2024
Philosophy of Mind, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2023
Central Problems in Philosophy, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology: Perception, Spring 2023 (NYU New York)
Epistemology and Memory, Spring 2018, Fall 2021
Epistemology and Imagination, Spring 2020, Spring 2021
Contemporary Moral Issues, Fall 2014 (Cornell)

Teaching Assistant and Grader

Minds and Machines (W. Starr), TA, Spring 2016
Art and the Mind (Nico Silins), Grader, Fall 2015
Equality, Liberty, and Democracy (Richard Miller), TA and Grader, Spring 2015
Modern Political Philosophy (Richard Miller), TA, Spring 2013
Social and Political Philosophy (Erin Taylor), TA, Fall 2012
Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues (Erin Taylor), TA, Spring 2012
Introduction to Philosophy (Nico Silins), TA, Fall 2011

Supervision

Advisor

Capstones: Nuo Xu (2024), Huiwen Luo (2022), Tiange Wang (2021), Zhebin Huang (2020), Zhener Ma (2018)
DURF Summer Projects: Nuo Xu (2023), Xiao Liang (2020), Zhebin Huang (2019)

Second Reader

Capstones: Yuying He (2023), Jack Simon (2023), Xiao Liang (2022), Lanxin Shi (2021), Haiyan Zhang (2021), Xinyu Wang (2020), Hanyu Liu (2018)

Professional Service

Refereeing

Editorial Board: *Philosophical Psychology*, 2022-present
Journals: *Analysis*, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Nous*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Thought*, 哲学评论
Grants: Austrian Science Fund, Israel Science Foundation
Conference: Indiana Philosophical Association Conference

Conferences Organized (* = Online)

Midsummer Mind Workshop, NYU Shanghai, July 2024

Philosophy Meets Science Workshop, NYU Shanghai, October 2023

2021 Consciousness Research Network (CoRN) Meeting, July 2021*

Organized with Acer Chang, Ryota Kanai, and Sze Chai Kwok

Shanghai-Grenoble Philosophy of Memory Workshop, NYU Shanghai, April 2019

Organized with Kirk Michaelian

Conference on Mental Imagery and Cognitive Penetration, University of Antwerp, March 2017

Organized with Bence Nanay

Other Events

Inaugural Shanghai Lecture in Philosophy, NYU Shanghai, May 2024

Organized with Damian Melamedoff-Vosters, Brad Weslake, and Yuan Yuan

Philosophy Speaker Series, NYU Shanghai, Fall 2023-present

Organized with Brad Weslake and Yuan Yuan

Epistemology Reading Group, NYU Shanghai, Fall 2017-Fall 2019

Main organizer: Fall 2018-Fall 2019

Organized with Nilanjan Das: Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Institutional Service

NYU Shanghai

Assessment Coordinator for Humanities, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club, Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Chair, Committee on Critical Inquiry, Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Member, Humanities Learning Outcomes Committee, Spring 2021

Member, Undergraduate Research Symposium Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2022

Member, Review Committee for Chinese Language Reappointment, Fall 2019

Member, Search Committee for Teaching and Learning Center Director, Spring 2018

Member, Committee on Critical Inquiry, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Language Proficiency

English (fluent)

Mandarin Chinese (native)