

# Brandon Yip

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## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION AND COMPETENCE

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**Specialisation:** Moral Psychology, Meta-ethics, Epistemology

**Competence:** Social Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind

## EDUCATION

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### 2023 – present Postdoctoral Fellow

Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

“Humble Knowers” Project, led by John Hawthorne and Simon Goldstein and funded by the Templeton Foundation

### 2020 – 2023 PhD in Philosophy

Australian National University

Topic: The Nature and Normativity of Emotion

Committee: Philip Pettit (Chair), Victoria McGeer, Colin Klein

### 2014 – 2018 BA (Hons) in Philosophy (First Class Honours)

National University of Singapore

Honours Thesis: Reasonably Disagreeing about Reasonable Disagreement (On Political Liberalism)

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Emotions as Modulators of Desire”

*Philosophical Studies* vol 179, 855–878 (2022)

“Assertion, Stakes and Expected Blameworthiness: An Insensitive Invariantist Solution to the Bank Cases”

*Erkenntnis* vol 87, 1501–1519 (2022)

“Emotion as High-Level Perception”

*Synthese* vol 199, 7181–7201 (2021)

“The Transformation of Emotion: First and Third Person Perspectives in Developmental Context”

*Australasian Philosophical Review*. 5 (4): 389-395. (2021)

## MANUSCRIPTS

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“Intellectual Humility without Limits: Magnanimous Humility, Disagreement, and the Epistemology of Resistance”

*Under Review*

“The Ambivalent Wisdom of Moral Disgust”

*Under Review*

“Why and How you should be a Moralist”

*Under Review*

“The Eyes of the Heart”

*Under Review*

“Being Seen and Being with Others: Shame and Interpersonal Relationships”

*Under Review*

“Taking Perceptual Responsibility”

*Under Review*

“A Genealogical Argument for Radical Moral Encroachment”

*Manuscript in Progress*

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Apr 2024**      **The Transformation of Emotion**  
Emotion, Agency, and Responsibility Workshop at Zhejiang University (*Refereed conference*)
- Feb 2024**      **Intellectual Humility without Limits**  
ANU Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory Work-in-progress Workshop
- Oct 2023**      **Why and How you should be a Moralist**  
Emotion & Society Lab, Works-in-Progress Series
- Aug 2023**      **A Genealogical Argument for Moral Encroachment**  
Conference on Knowledge, Action, and Humility at the Dianoia Institute of Philosophy
- Jul 2023**      **The Eyes of the Heart**  
ANU Philosophy of Mind Work-in-progress Group
- Jul 2023**      **Why and How you should be a Moralist**  
British Society for Ethical Theory Annual Conference (*Refereed conference*)
- Jun 2023**      **Artificial Intelligence and Emotional Capacities: Promise and Peril**  
Hyperdigital Designs Workshop hosted at the University of Cambridge
- Mar 2023**      **The Wisdom of Disgust**  
Uehiro Graduate Conference at the University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Feb 2022**      **What is Moral Disgust?**  
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 2022 (*Short-list for AAP Postgraduate Presentation Prize*)
- Feb 2022**      **What is Moral Disgust?**  
Australasian Society of Philosophy and Psychology Conference 2022 (*Runner-up for PhD Presentation Award*)
- July 2021**      **The Social-ideal Account of Shame**  
AAP Conference 2021 (*Short-list for AAP Postgraduate Presentation Prize*)
- Mar 2021**      **Emotions as Modulators of Desire**  
ANU Philosophy of Mind Work-in-progress Group
- May 2020**      **Emotion as High-level Perception**  
ANU Philosophy of Mind Work-in-progress Group
- May 2020**      **Emotions as Modulators of Desire**  
ANU Moral, Social and Political Theory Workshop

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2022	Fellow at the Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute
2022	Shortlist for Australasian Association of Philosophy Postgraduate Presentation Prize
2022	Runner-up for Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology PhD Presentation Award
2021	Shortlist for Australasian Association of Philosophy Postgraduate Presentation Prize
2020	Singapore Management University Overseas PhD Scholarship
2018	National University of Singapore Philosophy Book Prize
2016	Kongzi Culture Fund Scholarship
2014	Ministry of Education (Singapore) Teaching Scholarship

## PUBLIC WRITING

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### Simulating Humanity

*William Temple Foundation Blog*, August 2023 (<https://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/simulating-humanity/>)

### The Four Critiques of Singapore's Meritocracy

*Today*, April 2019 (<https://www.todayonline.com/commentary/understanding-four-critiques-singapores-meritocracy>)

## TEACHING

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Jul 2021	<b>Tutor: Meta-Ethics: The Nature of Moral Judgment (PHIL2129)</b> Australian National University
Jul 2020	<b>Tutor: Theories of Social Justice (PHIL2020)</b> Australian National University

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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2021- 2022	Convenor of Social Philosophy Reading Group at ANU
2021- 2022	Mentor for Philosophy Honours Mentoring Program at ANU
Dec 2021	Organiser for the ANU Graduate Philosophy Conference 2021

Referee for *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ergo*.

## PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE :

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Jul 2018-	Teacher at Whitley Secondary School (Singapore)
Jul 2019	I taught History and Social Studies to students aged 13-17.

## GRADUATE - LEVEL COURSEWORK

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### National University of Singapore (\* denotes audit)

Multiculturalism, by Tan Sor Hoon

Philosophy of History, by Chin Chuan Fei

Relativism, Contextualism and Expressivism, by Bob Beddor  
Knowledge First Epistemology, by Bob Beddor  
Philosophy of Mind, by Frank Jackson  
Confucianism and Feminism, by Tan Sor Hoon\*  
Naturalism in Epistemology, by Bob Beddor\*

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (On Exchange)**

Early Modern Empiricism, by Alan Nelson  
History of Moral Philosophy, by Thomas E. Hill, Jr.

**Australian National University**

A.I. and Normative Theory, by Nick Schuster  
Permissivism and Disagreement, by Elizabeth Jackson  
Minds that Speak (On the relationship between language and mental capacities), by Philip Pettit  
Harm, by Christian Barry  
Counterfactuals, by Al Hájek and Mario Günther  
Top-Down Influence on Perception, by Colin Klein  
Particularism in Ethics, by Garrett Cullity  
Institutions and Institutional Change, by Geoff Brennan and Katie Steele

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Intermediate Chinese (Mandarin) speaking and reading ability  
Licentiate Trinity College London (LTCL) Diploma in Piano Performance

## REFERENCES

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### **Philip Pettit**

L.S. Rockefeller University Professor of Politics and Human Values  
Princeton University  
Distinguished University Professor  
Australian National University  
[philip.pettit@anu.edu.au](mailto:philip.pettit@anu.edu.au)

### **Victoria McGeer**

Senior Research Scholar  
Princeton University  
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Australian National University  
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University of Southern California  
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### **Simon Goldstein**

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University of Hong Kong  
[simon.d.goldstein@gmail.com](mailto:simon.d.goldstein@gmail.com)

### **Garrett Cullity (Teaching Reference)**

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