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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2024-
Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University

Philosophical Review Postdoctoral Fellowship 2022-2023
Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC 2022
Ph.D in Philosophy

Tufts University, Medford, MA 2017
M.A. in Philosophy

St. John's College, Annapolis, MD 2015
B.A. in Liberal Arts Studies

AREAS OF RESEARCH

AOS: History and Philosophy of Science
Early Modern Philosophy
Chinese Philosophy (esp. Chinese Islamic Philosophy)

AOC: Comparative Philosophy
General Philosophy of Science

BOOKS

under contract **Lin, Q.** *Death and Immortality in Chinese Islamic Philosophy*, Cambridge Elements in Global Philosophy of Religion, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

PUBLICATIONS

forthcoming **Lin, Q.** "Making the Case of Chinese Islamic Philosophy: Wang Daiyu on the Non-Ultimate and the Great-Ultimate", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.

forthcoming **Lin, Q.** "'Life is also not life, death is also not death': Wang Daiyu on the Nature of Death" *The Other Philosophies of Religion in The Bloomsbury Expanding Philosophy of Religion series*, ed. José Eduardo Porcher, Hans van Eyghen & Tasia Scrutton

2024 **Lin, Q.** Towards a new phase of Du Châtelet scholarship: from *Institutions de Physique* (1740) to *Institutions Physiques* (1742), *Philosophy of Science*

2024 **Lin, Q.** "Du Châtelet's Epistemology of Space." *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Du Châtelet*, ed. Fatema Amijee

- 2024 **Lin, Q.** “Du Châtelet on External-to and the notion of extension.” *Émilie du Châtelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff - Similarities and Differences in The Springer Series Women in the History of Philosophy and Sciences*, ed. Jeff McDonough & Clara Carus
- 2023 **Brading, K. & Lin, Q.** “Du Châtelet on absolute and relative motion.” in *Current Debates in Philosophy of Science: In Honor of Roberto Torretti*, Synthese Library, Springer, ed. Cristián David Soto
- 2022 **Lin, Q.** “Zhuangzi on *yu, zhou*, and the ontic indeterminacy of the *Dao*”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, DOI: 10.1080/09608788.2022.2107481

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2025 PI, Global Philosophy of Religion Project II, *Recognizing the Real behind Phenomena: A Recognition-First Epistemology from Chinese Islamic Philosophy*, Theoretical and Conceptual Research, £20,077, 2025-2027 (Co-I: Janice Jeong)
- 2025 The SFU David Lam Centre Small Grant (\$3,000) to conduct archival research in the University of Tokyo (theme: a comparative study of the Zhonghua and Guangzhou editions of Wang Daiyu’s *Real Commentary on the True Teaching*)
- 2025 The SFU FASS Dean’s Office conference funding (\$6,000) to organize The 2nd SFU Asian Philosophy Workshop (theme: Death and Immortality in Chinese Philosophy)
- 2025 The SFU David Lam Centre Major Grant (\$5,000) to organize The 2nd SFU Asian Philosophy Workshop (theme: Death and Immortality in Chinese Philosophy)
- 2024 The SFU Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Small Grant (\$2,000) for “Death is also not Death, Life is also not Life: An Chinese Islamic perspective by Wang Daiyu”
- 2023 The 2023 Einstein Fellowship (€10,000) for *How She Disappeared and What We Ought to do* by the Wittenstein Foundation and Einstein Forum
- 2022 Philosophy of Science Association Women’s Caucus Prize Symposium for *Du Châtelet as Philosopher of Physics* (organizer: Qiu Lin; participants: Fatema Amijee, Katherine Brading, Andrew Janiak and Qiu Lin)
- 2022 Language Support Grant (£1,000) by the Global Philosophy of Religion Project for the project ““Life is also not Life, Death is also not Death”: a Chinese-Islamic Perspective by Wang Daiyu”
- 2022 Scholarly Award (£1,000) by the British Society for the History of Philosophy to conduct archival research for the project “The Pre-History of Du Châtelet’s Chapter on Space”
- 2021 Aristotle Prize, awarded by the Metaphysical Society of America for the paper “Wang Daiyu (1570-1660) on the Non-Ultimate (*wuji*) and the Great-Ultimate (*taiji*): an Islamic makeover”
- 2021 Summer Research Award (\$9,500), *The Christian West and Islamic East: Theology, Science, and Knowledge* (a John Templeton project), for the research proposal “Wang Daiyu on the three Ultimates: an Islamic makeover”
- 2021 Religions and Public Life Graduate Fellowship (\$1,250), Kenan Institute of Ethics, for research proposal “Retrieving the Forgotten Voice of Wang Daiyu (1570-1660): the First Chinese Islamic Philosopher”

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks:

- Sep 2026 Philosophy at the Margins workshop, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences: title TBD
- Dec 2025 Early Modern Philosophy Research Group at the University of Toronto: “Du Châtelet on Perception, Extension, and Monads”
- Sep 2025 St John’s College (NM) Friday Lecture Series: “How Can Shun Live Happily Thereafter?: Revisiting The Problem of Filial Piety in *Mencius* 7A35”.
- May 2025 Philosophy Colloquium Speaker Series: Ewha Womans University, South Korea. “Moving Physics Forward: Du Châtelet and her Foundations of Physics (1740 & 1742)”.
- Apr 2025 Symposium: Du Châtelet on Space and Time, Pacific APA Annual Meeting. “Du Châtelet’s Epistemology of Space”.
- Apr 2025 Presents and Futures of Islamic Philosophy (UC Berkeley). Panel discussion: “Epistemologies in Global Context”.
- Mar 2025 The Historical and Conceptual Relationship between Macro- and Microphysics (CalTech). “Du Châtelet’s Qualified Embrace of the Monads”.
- Oct 2024 The Duke Philosophy Centennial Conference. “Moving Physics Forward: the Case of Du Châtelet’s *Foundations of Physics*”.
- Jun 2024 The Mita Philosophy Society Talk Series, Keio University (Tokyo, Japan). “Du Châtelet’s Epistemology of Space” & “Wang Daiyu on the Non-Ultimate and the Great-Ultimate: the Case of Chinese Islamic Philosophy”.
- Apr 2024 The Minorities and Philosophy Talk Series, Department of Philosophy, The University of Texas, Austin. ““Life is also not Life, Death also is not Death”: a Chinese Islamic Perspective by Wang Daiyu”.
- Mar 2024 Early Modern Workshop, Department of Philosophy, The University of British Columbia. “Du Châtelet on the Elements of Matter: a Dualist Monadology”
- Jan 2024 Émilie Du Châtelet invited symposium, Eastern APA Annual Meeting, “Du Châtelet on External-to”.
- Dec 2023 The Hopkins Seminar in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy. Keynote address. (host: Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University)
- May 2023 The Traveling Early Modern Philosophy Organization (TEMPO) Annual Conference. Panel: “Du Châtelet’s Metaphysics”(participants: Andrew Janiak, Aaron Wells, Qiu Lin)
- Apr 2023 Department of Philosophy, The University of British Columbia (host: Fatema Amijee), “Making the Case for Chinese Islamic Philosophy”
- Apr 2023 *Reappearing Ink: Celebrating the Legacy of Eileen O’Neill* (hosts: Julia Jorati, Louise Antony, and Ernesto Garcia), “Moving Towards a New Phase of Du Châtelet Scholarship”
- Feb 2023 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Society of Realism/Antirealism (host: Otávio Bueno), “How we Describe Matters: the Case of the Three-body Problem”
- Jan 2023 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, the John Locke Society Session (host: Shelley Weinberg), “Revisiting Locke on the Simple Idea of Space”

- Sep 2022 Connected Histories of Philosophy Conference, the Warburg Institute at the School for Advanced Study, University of London (host: Jonathan Egid), “Wang Daiyu and Islamic Philosophy in China”
- Feb 2022 Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science (UC Irvine), “Du Châtelet on Space, Place and Motion: absolute vs. relative”

Other talks

In Chinese Philosophy:

- Apr 2022 Forms and Functions of Islamic Philosophy (Bard), “Constructing an Islamic Philosophy in a Predominantly Confucian Society: the Case of Wang Daiyu (1570-1660)”
- Apr 2022 British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference (Edinburgh), “Constructing an Islamic Philosophy in a Predominantly Confucian Society: the Case of Wang Daiyu (1570-1660)”
- Mar 2022 Aristotle Prize Lecture, 72nd Annual Meeting of the Metaphysical Society of America (Marquette), “Wang Daiyu on the Non-Ultimate (*wuji*) and the Great Ultimate (*taiji*): an Islamic makeover”.
- Feb 2022 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (Baltimore), “Zhuangzi on *yu*, *zhou*, and the ontic indeterminacy of the *Dao*”.
- Jun 2021 The Global Philosophy of Religion Project Online Conference (Birmingham), “Wang Daiyu on the three Ultimates: an Islamic makeover”.
- May 2021 Summer Research Grant Workshop of *The Christian West and Islamic East: Theology, Science, and Knowledge* (a John Templeton project), “Wang Daiyu on the three Ultimates: an Islamic makeover”.
- May 2021 The Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference, “Wang Daiyu on the three Ultimates: an Islamic makeover”.

In History and Philosophy of Science:

- Nov 2026 Organizer of the symposium: *What Makes Inquiries Successful?: Method, Justification, and the Status of Knowledge Claims*, Biennial Conference of the Philosophy of Science Association. Contributed talk: “Clarifying the Status of the Monadology: A Good Theory in Metaphysics but Bad Hypothesis in Physics”. (participants: Francisco Avina, Katherine Brading, Elaine Landry, Qiu Lin, Mary Purcell)
- Oct 2025 2025 International Conference on Philosophy of Computing (UNAM): “Enhancing Student Learning in the Age of Powerful AI: A Pedagogical Proposal”
- Jul 2024 Symposium: *Science and Philosophy in the Work of Émilie Du Châtelet*, Annual Conference of the International Society for History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS). “The Prehistory of Du Châtelet’s Chapter on Space”.
- Nov 2022 Philosophy of Science Association 28th Biennial Meeting (Pittsburgh), “Du Châtelet as Philosopher of Physics” (symposium organizer: Qiu Lin; participants: Fatema Amijee, Katherine Brading, Andrew Janiak, Qiu Lin).
- Jun 2022 The Fourteenth Biennial Congress of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (UCI), “Du Châtelet on physical qualities and physical explanation”.

- Mar 2022 The Fourth International Conference of the German Society for Philosophy of Science (Technische Universität Berlin), “Du Châtelet on mechanical explanation and physical explanation”.
- Sep 2021 Society for the Metaphysics of Science Sixth Annual Conference (online), “Du Châtelet on mechanical explanation and physical explanation”.
- Jun 2021 Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics, and Physics Graduate Conference 2021 (University of Western Ontario), “Euler against Newtonian gravity: a ‘crude hypothesis’?”.
- Jun 2021 Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science Annual Conference (online), “Du Châtelet on mechanical explanation and physical explanation”.
- Jun 2020 The Thirteenth Biennial Congress of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (NTU), “Du Châtelet on mechanical explanation and physical explanation” (canceled due to COVID-19).
- Jul 2019 The British Society for the Philosophy of Science 2019 Annual Conference (Durham University), “Du Châtelet’s view on space, place, and motion” (unable to attend due to visa restriction).
- Jun 2019 Responses to Newton: The Impact of the Mathematical-Experimental Paradigm on Natural Philosophy, Epistemology, and Metaphysics (KU Leuven), “Euler’s Qualified Reception of the Law of Universal Gravitation”.
- Apr 2019 Early Career Workshop in Philosophy of Physics, The Center for Philosophy of Science (Pittsburgh), “Du Châtelet’s views on space and motion”.
- Jun 2018 Measurement at the Crossroads 2018 Conference (Paris), “Idealization, Evidence, and the Keplerian Motion”.

In Early Modern Philosophy:

- May 2026 The Traveling Early Modern Philosophy Organization 10th Annual Conference: “From Non-Extended Simples to Extended Bodies: Revisiting Du Châtelet’s Argument”
- Oct 2022 Leibniz Society of North America Annual Conference (Princeton), “A Very Different Monadology: Du Châtelet on Monads, Bodies and Sensory Impression”.
- May 2022 The Traveling Early Modern Philosophy Organization (TEMPO) “Du Châtelet on physical qualities and physical explanation”.
- Jul 2021 New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy (Fordham & Technion), “Du Châtelet on mechanical explanation and physical explanation”.
- Jun 2020 Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy (Cornell), “Du Châtelet on the representation of space”.
- Jul 2019 The 2019 John Locke Society Conference (University of Helsinki), “Locke’s Simple Idea of Space: Three Problems and Three Proposed Solutions”.
- May 2019 The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Leibniz Society of North America (Emory), “Émilie Du Châtelet on Space”.
- May 2019 The Tenth Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (St. Andrews), “Émilie Du Châtelet on Space”.
- Apr 2019 The Annual Conference of British Society for the History of Philosophy (KCL), “Émilie Du Châtelet’s views on Space”.

Apr 2019 Society for the Study of Early Modern Women at American Philosophical Association Western Division Meeting (Vancouver), “Émilie Du Châtelet on Space”.

TEACHING

Simon Fraser University

Fall 2026 PHIL 356: 18th Century Philosophy
Summer 2026 PHIL 120W: Legal and Moral Problems
Fall 2025 PHIL 100W: Knowledge and Reality
Spring 2025 PHIL 150: Great Works in the History of Philosophy
Spring 2024 PHIL 356: 18th Century Philosophy
Fall 2024 PHIL 144: Introduction to the Philosophy of Science

Cornell University

Spring 2023 PHIL 2810: Philosophy of Science
Spring 2023 PHIL 4/6570: Chinese Philosophy (research seminar)

Duke University

Spring 2021 PHIL 103: Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2020 PHIL 201: History of Modern Philosophy (co-taught with Katherine Brading)

SERVICE (SINCE 2024)

2024-2026 Member, SFU Department of Philosophy Graduate Committee
2025 Organizer, 2nd SFU Asian Philosophy Workshop (theme: *Death and Immortality in Asian Philosophy*)
2025 Speaker, FASS Professor Talks on the Fall 2025 Welcome Day, “Howt to Thrive at SFU”
2024-2025 Second Reader, SFU Philosophy MA Student Defense Committees (students: Nayancee Shrivastava, Tessa Whittle, Junyi Guo, and Shivanshu Mishra)
2024-2025 Chair, SFU Philosophy MA Student Defense Committee (students: Neha Nandakumar, Eileen Wang, Chrysogonus Okwenna, and Jacob Schwarz)
2024-2026 Referee, *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Ergo*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy Compass*
2024-2025 Member, SFU Department of Philosophy Colloquium Committee
2024 Member, SFU Department of Philosophy Tenure and Promotion Committee
2024 Member, Philosophy of Science Association DEI Caucus Prize Committee
2024 Speaker, “How to Teach Philosophy of Science in High School Classrooms”, the Developing Minds Conference

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2024-2026 Team Member, Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy
2020-2022 Research Associate, Center for Comparative Philosophy, Duke University
2018-2019 Researcher, Project Vox, a digital publishing initiative to promote women philosophers in the early modern canon (PIs: Andrew Janiak and Elizabeth Milewicz).

TRANSLATIONS

2022

“D’Alembert’s Mechanics and its Philosophical Foundations” (with Marius Stan, from French to English) by Alain Firode, in *Encyclopedia Early Modern Philosophy and Science*, Springer, ed. Dana Jalobeanu and Charles T. Wolfe

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Chinese: native; French: reading knowledge, proficient