

Curriculum Vitae

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Area of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy
Democracy
Egalitarianism
AI Ethics

Area of Competence

Normative Ethics
Pragmatism

Education

Ph.D. (2019-expected summer 2025), Philosophy, Vanderbilt University.

Dissertation: “Madisonian Lottocracy: Filtering, not Decisional”

Committee: Robert Talisse (chair), Jacob Barrett, Michael Hodges, Scott Aikin, Alexander Guerrero (Rutgers University)

M.A. (2016-2018), Political and Legal Thought, Queen’s University, Canada.

Non-degree (2012-2015), Philosophy and History, University of Toronto, Canada.

B.A. (2007-2011), Political Science and Diplomacy; Philosophy, Yonsei University, Korea.

Publications

Article: The Question of AI and Democracy: Four Categories of AI Governance, *Philosophy & Technology* (2025)

Review: *Democracy for Busy People* by Kevin Elliott, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2025)

Discussion: Exploring a Role of Mini-Public in the Just War Theories, *Syndicate Philosophy* (2025)

Article: Beyond Flexibility: The Case for Identity Plurality in Democratic Politics, *Politikon: The LAPSS Journal of Political Science* (2024)

Review: *What is Epistemology?* by Stephen Hetherington, *Teaching Philosophy* 43(2020): 93-94.
(with Scott Aikin)

In Review

A manuscript on lottocracy under review at *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

A manuscript on accountability under review at *Philosophical Studies*

Conference Presentations

“Is The Political Party Really an Enemy of Lottocracy?”

American Philosophical Association (APA) 2026 Eastern Division Meeting, Main Program
(Colloquium) (January 2026)

“Making Lottocracy Less Susceptible to Capture”

American Philosophical Association (APA) 2025 Central Division Meeting, Main Program
(Pre-read) (February 2025)

Tennessee Philosophical Association 55th Annual Meeting (November 2024)

“From Chatbots to Policy Makers: AI's Role in Democratic Decision-Making”

American Philosophical Association (APA) 2025 Eastern Division Meeting, Special Event
(Work-in-progress) (January 2025)

“Lottocratic Liquid Democracy: A Copernican Turn”

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Society Eighth Annual Meeting (November 2024)

“Madisonian Lottocracy”

American Philosophical Association (APA) 2024 Eastern Division Meeting, Main Program
(Colloquium) (January 2024)

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Society Seventh Annual Meeting (November 2023)

“The Legitimacy of Institutions as Generators and Deliberative Democracy”

14th Annual Conference of Manchester Center for Political Theory (MANCEPT) (September 2017)

“Pragmatic and Deliberative Concept of Human Rights”

The Long Island Philosophical Society (March 2017)

68th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society (February 2017)

“Nationalism and Institutional Constraint”,

14th Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference (February 2017)

Conference Comments

Discussion of *New Interventionist Just War Theory: A Critique* by Jordy Rocheleau

Author Meet Critics,

Tennessee Philosophical Association 54th Annual Meeting (November 2023)

Comment on “Quinean Underdetermination and Law as Integrity” by Noel Boyle
Tennessee Philosophical Association 54th Annual Meeting (November 2023)

Comment on “Egalitarianism, Marxism, and Alienation” by Lamont Rodgers
68th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society (February 2017)

Teaching

Vanderbilt University

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2025)

General Logic (Fall 2024)

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2023)

Teaching Assistant

Justice (Barrett, Spring 2024)

Justice (Talisie, Fall 2023)

Justice (Talisie, Fall 2022)

Contemporary Political Philosophy (Talisie, Fall 2022)

Introduction to Philosophy (Wuerth, Fall 2021)

Introduction to Ethics (Congdon, Spring 2020)

Queen’s University

Teaching Assistant

The State and the Citizen (Fairfield, Winter 2017)

Moral Issues (Schüklenk, Fall 2016)

Fellowships and Awards

Vanderbilt University

AI Scholar, Vanderbilt Lab for Immersive AI Translation (2025-2028)

Graduate Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities (2024-2025)

Graduate School Travel Award (2023, 2024)

Departmental Travel Award (2023, 2024)

Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities Dissertation Award (2023)

Berry Travel Award (2023)

Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholar
(2021-2022)

Vanderbilt Philosophy Departmental Fellowship (2019-2025)

Queen’s University

Graduate Student Travel Award (2017)

Queen’s Philosophy Departmental Fellowship (2016-2017)

University of Toronto

Lilian Fitzmaurice Foundation Award (2014)

Maurice Katherine Malins OTSS Scholarship (2014)

William and Sheila Cowan OTSS Scholarship in the Humanities (2013)

William and Sheila Cowan OTSS Scholarship in the Humanities (2012)

Yonsei University

Awarded Honors (2010)

Others

APA Eastern Graduate Student Stipend (2024)

PPE Travel Grant (2023, 2024)

MANCEPT Bursary, University of Manchester (2017)

Other Educational Experience

PPE Summer Workshop (2025)

Academy College of Teaching (formerly Certificate in College Teaching) (2024)

Service

Writing, Research, and Professionalization Committee of *Philosophy Graduate Students Association* (2024-2025)

President of *Korean Graduate Students and Scholars Association* (2021-2024)

Vice-president of *Korean Graduate Students and Scholars Association* (2020-2021)

Member of *Philosophy Graduate Students Association* (2019-2025)

Committee of Graduate Students, MA Student Representative (2016-2017)

Research Assistant, Dr. Yi's office, University of Toronto (2013-2015)

Research Assistant, *North Korea Research Group at Munk School of Global Affairs* (2012-2013)

Reviewer of *American Philosophical Quarterly* (2), *Philosophy & Technology* (2).

Work-in-progress

“Does Lottocracy Need Political Parties?”

: a 8000 word paper discussing why lottocracy needs political parties. As critics of lottocracy point out, lottocracy might undermine the participatory capabilities of citizens by asking them to blindly defer to lottocratic decisions. Though lottocrats either simply dismiss or degrade this participatory line of criticism, I argue that they should give a more serious consideration of the participatory criticism by incorporating political parties back to the lottocratic system. Yet, this raises the pervasive problem of partisan polarization—which explains why lottocrats try to remove political parties in their system. However, I argue that the problem is not the political party itself but cartelized parties which makes partisan conflicts more identity-focused than issue-focused.

“Lottocratic Liquid Democracy: A Reverse-Copernican Turn”

: a 7000 word article arguing that the epistemic justification of liquid democracy can be strengthened by incorporating a lottocratic element in its decision-making procedure. Liquid democracy, which makes all political decisions via referendum but with an easy option of delegating a vote to anyone who is believed to have some expertise in the issue, ensures the final decisions to be made by voters with issue-competence. Yet, voter ignorance obstructs identifying a competent delegate, hindering the epistemic quality of final decisions. I argue that letting a lottocratic body filter the most viable policy options and the voters choose one of them via liquid democracy would more reliably produce qualified outcomes.

“Can AI Delegate Political Decisions?”

: a 7000 word paper discussing the proper criteria for AI delegation. This paper proposes AI Delegates with Deliberative Consent, where citizens delegate voting power to AI agents after structured dialogues aligning decisions with the individual citizen’s values. The model emphasizes transparency (clear explanations of data and reasoning), deliberation (dialogues to refine preferences), and voluntariness (uncoerced and revocable delegation). Balancing AI’s epistemic strengths with democratic commitments—such as inclusion, equality, deliberation, decision quality, and autonomy—the approach aims to enhance informed citizen participation while safeguarding core democratic principles and legitimacy.

“AI and Liquid Democracy”

: a 8000 word paper exploring the potentiality of artificial intelligence (AI) agents in the context of liquid democracy. As an innovative democracy system, liquid democracy requires every political decision to be made in a referendum while granting citizens the right to freely delegate their voting power which then can be re-delegated to another voter. Ideally, this will give more voting power to more issue-competent individuals increasing the quality of political decisions. Drawing on my earlier works on AI delegates, I argue that AI can be a liquid democracy delegate—i.e. citizens can delegate their voting power to an AI agent—if conditions are met.

Languages

English (Native)
Korean (Native)
German (Read)
Python (Intermediate)

References

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