

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy (2024), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

M.A. in Philosophy (2016), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

B.A. in Philosophy (2014), University of North Florida

Areas of Specialization: Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Aesthetics, Decolonial Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Education, Continental Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Dufresne, Michael. Forthcoming (2025). “Art as Consolation: On Wang Guowei’s Theory of Addiction.” *The Journal of Aesthetic Education*.

Dufresne, Michael and Pavel Stankov, eds. 2023. *Comparative Reflections on Persons and Selves*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Dufresne, Michael. 2017. “The Illusion of Teaching and Learning: Zhuangzi, Wittgenstein, and the Groundlessness of Language.” *Education Philosophy and Theory* 49, no. 12: 1207–15. DOI: [10.1080/00131857.2017.1350560](https://doi.org/10.1080/00131857.2017.1350560).

Reprinted in *Cultivation of Self in East Asian Philosophy of Education*, edited by Ruyu Hung, 39–47. New York: Routledge, 2020. ISBN: 978-0-367-35934-8.

In Progress

“The Formal Beauty of Formal Beauty: On Wang Guowei’s Theory of Ancient Elegance” (under review at *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*)

“Purity and Color: On Wang Guowei’s Theory of *Jingjiè* 境界” (presenting at 56th Annual Meeting of Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy)

“Negative Capability and Poetic Knowledge: Toward an Epistemology of Praxis” (requested for *The Routledge Handbook of Comparative Epistemology*, eds. Aaron Creller and Ethan Mills, Forthcoming 2026)

“Mystery, Wonder, Beauty: Three Explorations into the Intrinsic Value of Praxis” (w/ Aya Watanabe and Ryan Fleming)

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

- “Purity and Color: On Wang Guowei’s Theory of *Jingjie* 境界”
- 56th Annual Meeting of SACP, Charles University (Prague), 2024
- “The Worlds of Wang Guowei: A Philosophical Case Study in Coloniality”
- Philosophy Graduate Conference, “Hidden Figures in Philosophy,” Marquette University (Milwaukee), 2023
- “Placing Oneself, Facing Others: A Study of Personhood and Identity in the Chinese Tradition”
- International Young Scholar Forum, East China Normal University (Shanghai), 2017
- “Love and Contemplation: Exploring Human Dignity in Renaissance Philosophy”
- Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (Honolulu), 2017
- “Abstraction and Narration: Interpreting Sagacity in the Confucian Tradition”
- 11th East-West Philosophers’ Conference, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (Honolulu), 2016
- “Structuring Patterns of Change: Examining Hierarchy through Cosmology in Neo-Confucianism and the *Yijing*”
- APA Eastern Division (Washington, D.C.), 2016

Invited

- “The Worlds of Wang Guowei: A Philosophical Case Study in Coloniality.”
- Ellen C. Wagner Lecture at 25th Annual Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference, University of North Florida, 2023
 - “Student Voices: Research in Chinese Art and Philosophy,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, 2023
- “Gengsangchu” (co-presented w/ Dr. Brook Ziporyn)
- “Zhuangzi: Beyond the Inner Chapters” Workshop, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, 2017

Comments

- Commentator for “Confronting the Daoist Challenge: A McDowellian Elaboration of Mencius’ Ethical Naturalism” (Thomas Slabon)
- APA Pacific Division, Vancouver, B.C., 2019

AWARDS

- Kiriyaama Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of San Francisco, Center for Asia Pacific Studies, 2024–2025 (\$60,000 + research and relocation support)
- Departmental Merit Scholarship (M.A. & Ph.D.), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM), Department of Philosophy, 2014–2024 (\$43,500)
- CALL Uehiro Dissertation Fellowship, UHM, College of Arts, Languages and Letters, 2022 (\$3,500)

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, 2021 (\$2,500 + tuition)
Eliot Deutsch Ph.D. Merit Award, UHM, Department of Philosophy, 2021 (\$2,500)
Joint Research Ph.D. Fellowship (中外合作培養博士項目), Fudan University, 2021
(cancelled due to COVID-19)
Chung-Fong and Grace Ning Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Chinese Studies,
UHM, Center for Chinese Studies, 2020 (\$500)
Keith Whittingslow Essay Prize, UHM, Department of Philosophy, 2019 (\$2,000)
Wing-tsit Chan Fellowship, East-West Center, 2016–2018 (\$9,960)
Presidential Platinum Scholarship (BA), University of North Florida, 2010–2014 (\$40,000)

COURSES

Instructor

PHIL 480: Topics in Contemporary Philosophy (On “Human Nature”)
- University of San Francisco, Fall 2024
PHIL 110: Introduction to Deductive Logic
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Fall 2020
PHIL 211: Ancient Philosophy
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Summer 2020
PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 101: Morals and Society
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Spring 2019
PHIL 111: Introduction to Inductive Logic
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Fall 2018 (co-instructor w/ Dr. Masato Ishida)
PHIL 111: Introduction to Inductive Logic
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Coordinator for Asia Bridge Graduate Fellowship Program
- University of San Francisco, Center for Asia Pacific Studies, Fall 2024–Spring 2025
Exchange Student/Visiting Scholar with New Chinese Studies Program
- Fudan University, Fall 2021–Spring 2022 (admitted but unable to attend due to COVID-19)
Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University
- Tsinghua University (online), Summer 2021

Assistant Editor for *Journal of World History*

- University of Hawai'i Press, Spring 2021–Summer 2021

Managing Editor for *China Review International*

- University of Hawai'i Press, Spring 2021–Summer 2021

Program Coordinator for 12th East-West Philosophers' Conference

- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Spring 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19)

Graduate Assistant (TA & Instructor)

- Department of Philosophy, UHM, Spring 2018–Fall 2020

Co-organizer of Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference

- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2017 (w/ Elyse Byrnes and Matthew Fujimoto)
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2018 (w/ Pavel Stankov)

Co-organizer of “Zhuangzi: Beyond the Inner Chapters” Workshop

- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2017 (w/ Dr. Franklin Perkins)

LANGUAGES

Classical Chinese (proficient), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate)