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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL Concentration: Philosophy of Religions Advisor: Brook A. Ziporyn	Expected 2029
M.A.	Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	June 2022
B.A.	Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT Majors: Philosophy and the College of Letters (High Honors) Senior Thesis: "The Writing of Transcendence: Derrida, Levinas, and Blanchot" Thesis Advisor: Ethan Kleinberg	May 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative philosophy of religions • Chinese philosophy and religions • History of Confucian thought • The *Yijng* • Continental philosophy and critical theory • Modern European philosophy • History of metaphysics • Deconstruction and politics • Phenomenology • Japanese philosophy • Media aesthetics and media archaeology • Cosmotechnology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Teaching Assistant,* Graduate Course, "Classical Chinese Philosophies of Minds" March–May 2026
  University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- *Teaching Assistant,* Graduate Course, "Zen Before Zen: Chan Buddhism in China" September–December 2024
  University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- *Teaching Assistant,* Graduate Course, "Theory and Method in Religious Studies" January–March 2024
  University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- *Peer Tutor,* Undergraduate Course "Reasoning About Justice" March–May 2019
  Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- *Writing Tutor,* Writing Center at Wesleyan University September 2018–January 2019
  Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

PUBLICATIONS

- Book Review: "Bin Song, *Debating Transcendence:* Creatio ex nihilo *and* Sheng Sheng (Fordham University Press, 2026)" *The Journal of Religion* (forthcoming). University of Chicago Press.
- Book Review: "Wei Wu, *Esoteric Buddhism in China, 1912–1949* (Columbia University Press, 2024)" *The Journal of Religion 106, no. 1 (January 2026).* University of Chicago Press.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- The 2026 American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO November 2026
  Paper title: "*Geschlecht*, *Khôra*, and the Obscure She-Beast: Womb Cosmology beyond the Phallocentric Matrix."

- Workshop on Talmud and Contemporary Thought: Jewish time, Philosophies of History and the Concept of the Messiah. University of Chicago Paris Center, Paris, France March 2026
  Paper title: "Messianic Redemption and the Great Way Concealed: *Halakhah*, *Datong*, and the Problem of Incalculability."

- Way and Being: Between Daoist and Pre-Socratic Approaches International Seminar-Workshop
  Free University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany July 2025
  Paper title: "Light Darkness: Ontology and Transformation in Heidegger and Xiong Shili."

- The 8th Derrida Today Conference, Athens, Greece June 2024
  Paper title: "Derrida and Chinese Grammatology: from writing as supplement to the surplus of *wen* 文."

- University of Tübingen International Conference "Sinicizing the Early Modern World," Tübingen, Germany June 2023
  Paper title: "*Clavis Sinica*: Leibniz's Exploration of Universal Characteristics and Chinese Writing, 1679-1707"

- Columbia University Department of Religion 2023 Conference "*Shaping the Anthropos,*" New York, NY April 2023
  Paper title: "Cybernetics and the *Yijing*: Computation, Divination, and Moral Mysticism"

- University of Chicago Philosophy of Religions Workshop, Chicago, IL February 2023
  Paper title: "The *Yijing* (易经) and Cybernetics: From Leibniz's *Xiantian tu* (先天图) to Wiener's Bergsonism"

- University of Chicago Affect and the Emotions Workshop, Chicago, IL November 2022
  Respondent: Qiuchen Wu's *Girl's Geist* (2019)

- The Brauer Seminar Conference, Chicago, IL May 2022
  Paper title: "Wisdom and Responsibility: New Materialism in Karmen MacKendrick's Material Mystery"

- The 7th Derrida Today Conference, Washington, DC June 2022
  Paper title: "Two Modes of Deconstruction in 'Faith and Knowledge'"

- Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA) 52nd Convention, Virtual Conference March 2021
  Paper title: "Untimely Diaries: Digital Memory and Anachronism"

- CTW Undergraduate Symposium in the Arts and Humanities, Middletown, CT March 2020
  Paper title: "Testifying to the Specter: Literary Testimony and Its Temporality"

ACADEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- *Editorial Assistant*, The Journal of Religion 2025–present
  University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL

- *Workshop Coordinator*, University of Chicago Workshop on the Philosophy of Religions 2024–2026
  University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- *Conference Organizer* February 2026
  "Is Being Opposed to Becoming? Daoist and Presocratic Approaches to Dialectical and Paradoxical Thinking" featuring Fabian Heubel and Dimitra Amarantidou

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- *Shift Leader*, Grounds of Being: the Divinity School Coffee Shop 2022–2023
  University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- *Editor*, New City Magazine 2022
  University of Chicago Divinity School Summer Internship Program, Chicago, IL

- *Writing Tutor*, Writing Workshop 2018–2019
  Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Research and Conference Grants from:
  Wesleyan Summer Experience Grant (Summer 2018); William Lankford Memorial Fund (Spring 2019); University of Chicago Graduate Council (Winter 2021, Winter 2022); University of Chicago the Center for East Asian Studies (Spring 2023); The German Research Foundation SFB 923-F04 (Summer 2023); Committee on Southern Asian Studies Conference Travel Grants (Summer 2025); Joyce Z. and Jacob Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies Travel Grant (Spring 2026); UChicago Global PhD Student Research Travel Grants (Summer 2026)

- John C. and Jane Colman Pedagogical Fellows Program, Selected Participant Spring 2026
  Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago

- Jerald Brauer Endowed Seminar, Selected Participant Winter 2022
  Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago

- James Fulton Maclear Scholarship Fall 2020
  Divinity School, University of Chicago

- Wesleyan University Wise Prize for the Best Essay in Moral Science Spring 2020
  Philosophy Department, Wesleyan University

LANGUAGES

Mandarin (native); Classical Chinese (reading competency); French (reading competency); German (reading competency); Attic Greek (basic reading)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Brook A. Ziporyn (dissertation chair)
Mircea Eliade Professor of Chinese Religion, Philosophy, and Comparative Thought
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Ryan Coyne (dissertation reader)
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