

Weiwei Mo

Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Philosophy
Rice University
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Moral Psychology, 19th and 20th Century European Philosophy (esp. Phenomenology and Existentialism)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Self-knowledge, Early Modern Philosophy, Chinese Philosophy

EDUCATION

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| 2021- | Rice University
Ph.D. in Philosophy
(Expected May 2027, admitted in 2020, deferred due to COVID)
Dissertation: <i>Calling for Self-understanding: Essays on the Self and its Ethical Significance</i>
Committee: Steven Crowell (co-chair), George Sher (co-chair), Samuel Reis-Dennis, Charles Siewert, Niki Clements (external) |
| 2020 | Fudan University
M.A. in Philosophy
Thesis: <i>On Husserl's Constitution of Personal Ego</i> |
| 2019 | University of Oslo
Visiting Student |
| 2017 | Zhongnan University of Economic and Law
B.A. in Philosophy |

PUBLICATION

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| 2021 | "Cézanne's 'Sensation' and Husserl's Eidetic Intuition – From the Perspective of Jonathan Crary's Archaeology of Vision" (in Chinese), <i>Journal of History and Philosophy of Art (Vol. 2)</i> , edited by Shen Yubing, 257-284. Shanghai: The Commercial Press. |
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PRESENTATIONS (* = non-refereed)

Talks

- 2026 **“Choosing by Heart”**
• *Dissertation Research Seminar, Rice University
- 2025 **“Listening to Your Self: A Conversational Model of Self-interpretation”**
• *Dissertation Research Seminar, Rice University
- 2025 **“Calling for Self-Understanding: Rationality of Transformative Choice”**
• New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society
- 2025 **“Calling and Self-constitution”**
• *Dissertation Research Seminar, Rice University
- 2026 **“On Sartre’s Person as a Responsible Agent”**
• American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting
- 2025 • Canadian Association of Philosophy
- 2024 • Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind,
University of Copenhagen
- 2024 • North Texas Philosophical Association
- 2024 **“Practical Reason, Self-dissonance, and the Non-autonomous Self”**
• *Dissertation Research Seminar, Rice University
- 2025 **“Selfhood and Meaning in Life”**
• American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting
- 2024 • South Eastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida
- 2023 • Rice and University of Houston Graduate Conference, Rice University
- 2018 **“The Possibility of Kant’s Transcendental Apperception”**
• Doctoral Colloquium of Philosophy, Fudan University
- 2018 • 24th World Congress of Philosophy

Comments

- 2025 On Alice Hilder-Jarvis’s **“Towards a Theory of Gender Identity as Self-Interpretation”**
• *New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society
- 2023 On Sue McRae’s **“Levinas, Moral Psychology, and the Question of the Animal: The Case for Extending Levinasian Ethics of Radical Alterity to Animals”**
• *Rice and University of Houston Graduate Conference, Rice University

TEACHING

As Primary Instructor

- 2025 Fall PHIL 285: Existentialism
- 2025 Spring PHIL 160: Moral Problems

As Teaching Assistant

Rice University

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| 2024 Fall | PHIL 130: The Science of the Mind (Timothy Schroder), ~120 students <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 entire class discussion sections |
| 2024 Spring | PHIL 150: Technology, Society and Value (Robert Howell), ~50 students <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 small group discussion sections (15 students per group) |
| 2023 Fall | FWIS 100: Fundamentals of Academic Communication (Program in Writing and Communication), 15 students <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 one-to-one meetings with each student |
| 2023 Fall | PHIL 373: Philosophy of Law (Michael Schwarz), ~50 students |

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| 2018 Fall | PHIL 130: Ancient Philosophy (Wei Wang), ~60 students |
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Pedagogical Training

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| 2021 Fall | UNIV 500: Principles of Effective College Teaching , Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University |
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HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2026 | Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Dissertation Scholarship, Rice University |
| 2026 | Lodieska Stockbridge Vaughn Fellowship (nominated), Rice University |
| 2026 | Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association |
| 2026 | The Dean's Conference, Research, and Professional Advancement Fund, Rice University |
| 2025 | Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association |
| 2024 | Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Dissertation Scholarship, Rice University |
| 2024 | The Dean's Conference, Research, and Professional Advancement Fund, Rice University |
| 2024 | William Edwin Bryant Jr. Graduate Fellowship, Rice University |
| 2022 | The Dean's Conference, Research, and Professional Advancement Fund, Rice University (x2) |
| 2020 | Outstanding Master's Thesis, Fudan University |
| 2017 | Outstanding Bachelor's Thesis in Hubei Province |
| 2017 | Outstanding College Graduate, Zhongnan University of Economic and Law |
| 2017 | Bank of China (Hubei Branch) Scholarship |
| 2016 | China National Scholarship |

SERVICE

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| 2026 | Referee for New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society |
| 2025-26 | Graduate Representative for the Graduate Student Association, Rice University |
| 2023-24 | High School Ethics Bowl Moderator (x 2) , Rice University |
| 2023 | Referee for Rice and University of Houston Graduate Conference |
| 2022 | Technical Assistant (with Joy Chen), Virtual Socrates Colloquium, Rice University |
| 2022 | Conference Organizer (with Joy Chen), Socratica V, Rice University |

2022	High School Ethics Bowl Judge, Rice University
2017	Administrative Assistant in the School of Philosophy, Fudan University

LANGUAGE

English	Fluent
Chinese	Native (Cantonese & Mandarin)
German	Advanced reading, intermediate speaking (passed department translation exam)
French	Intermediate reading and speaking

REFERENCES

Steven Crowell (co-supervisor)

Joseph and Joanna Nazro Mullen
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy
Rice University
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George Sher (co-supervisor)

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Robert Howell (teaching reference)

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