Frank Hong

Academic Appointments

Sept 2025 - Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University

Aug 2023-Aug 2025 Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Hong Kong

Education

May 2023 PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California
Dissertation: Uncertain Knowledge
Committee: Andrew Bacon (Co-Chair), Jeffrey Russell (Co-Chair), John Hawthorne, Jeremy Goodman, Stanislav Minsker.

2015 MA in Philosophy, University of Toronto

2014 BA in Honours Philosophy, The University of British Columbia

Publications

Books

Forthcoming Bias and Fairness in AI (with John Hawthorne), *Cambridge Elements*

Journal articles

2026 "Normality in Action?", *Philosophical Perspectives*

2026 "Hilbert's Twin Hotel Paradox", *Thought*

2025 "Fanaticism and Knowledge", *Synthese*

2025 "Paradoxes of Infinite Aggregation" (with Jeff Russell), *Nous*

2024 "Group Prioritarianism: Why AI Should Not Replace Humanity", *Philosophical Studies*

2024 "Moral Facts Do Not Supervene on Non-Moral Qualitative Facts", *Erkenntnis*

2024 "Know Your Way Out of St. Petersburg: An Exploration of 'Knowledge-First' Decision Theory", *Erkenntnis*

2023 "Prefaces, Knowledge, and Questions", *Ergo*

2021 "Uttering Moorean Sentences and the Pragmatics of Belief Reports", *Philosophical Studies*

Honours & Awards

2026 Texas Tech Alumni College Humanities Award. (Summer grant for writing book on AI Bias and Fairness. Total $5,800.)

2023 AI Fellowship (Center for AI Safety)
(7-month grant to research the philosophy surrounding AI safety. Total $80,000.00 USD.)

2021 Longview Research Grant
(2-year grant for Global Priorities Research. Total ~$64,000.00 USD.)

2021 Forethought Fellowship (Oxford)
(Includes a one-month visiting fellowship at the Global Priorities Institute at Oxford.)

2015 University Provost's Fellowship (USC)
(Highly selective entrance scholarship)

2015 Martha Lile Love Essay Prize Honorable Mention (Toronto)
(Honorable mention for best essay written by a University of Toronto graduate student.)

2013 James Ruggles Memorial Scholarship (UBC)
(For most promising graduating undergraduate honours philosophy student)

2013 Student Scholarship in Arts (UBC)
(Given to students at the recommendation of members of the Faculty of Arts)

2012 Chui Yin Lai Memorial Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to two undergraduates in the philosophy department with outstanding academic achievement)

2011 Dean of Arts Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to students at the recommendation of members of the Faculty of Arts)

2011 Stephen Straker Arts One Prize (UBC)
(Given to two students graduating from the Arts One Program with high academic standing, promise, and distinction)

2011-2013 Trek Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to students with high academic achievement)

2010 President's Entrance Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to entering first year undergrads for excellent academic achievement in high school)

2010 British Columbia Government Scholarship (UBC)
(Given to graduating high school seniors for academic excellence)

Talks

Select Talks

2019 Symposium: 'The Preface Paradox and Question Relative Contextualism'
Cal Baptist University, Riverside, CA

2022 Workshop: 'Knowing Enough Not to Be a Fanatic: On Knowledge, Normality, and Global Priorities'
Normality and Epistemology Workshop. Zoom.

2024 "Knowledge and Fanaticism"
Lingnan University, Hong Kong.

2025 "Recurrence, Rational Choice, and the Simulation Hypothesis"
Beijing International School of Formal Philosophy (Peking University)

Teaching

Teaching at Texas Tech University

Spring 2027 Philosophy of AI

Spring 2027 Induction (graduate level course)

Spring 2026 Chinese Philosophy

Spring 2026 Infinite Ethics (graduate level course)

Fall 2025 Epistemology

Teaching at the University of Hong Kong

Spring 2025	The Future of Humanity (PPE program)	(co-taught with Simon Goldstein)
Spring 2024	Probability in Epistemology and Ethics	
Spring 2024	AI Ethics and Society Workshop (graduate level course)	(co-taught with Rachel Sterken)

Teaching at Santa Fe Springs Facility (Prison Education Project)

Spring 2021	Introduction to Ethics	(co-taught with Sean Donahue)

Relevant Work Experience

Remote, Happier Lives Institute, Oxford, UK.

Foundational Research on determining the point of neutral well-being on a variety of subjective well-being scales. Research culminated in an internal document to be used to guide policy recommendations.

Jan-Aug 2023 Research Fellow — Center for AI Safety

San Francisco, CAIS, CA, USA.

Worked on building the field on the philosophy of AI Safety as well as worked on papers under the supervision of Prof. Ben Levinstein.

Service to the profession

Department Website Coordinator at Texas Tech University
Organizer for the AI and Humanity Speaker Series at HKU [Fall 2023 - present]
Organizer for the Philosophy of AI Asia Workshop at HKU [Spring 2024]
Referee for USC-UCLA Graduate Conference [2015-2019]
Referee for *Philosophical Studies*
Referee for *Ethics*
Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
Referee for *Erkenntnis*
Referee for *Philosophical Papers*
Referee for *Inquiry*
Referee for *Acta Analytica*

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