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GELING SHANG

AREAS of SPECIALIZATION

Daoism and Ancient Chinese Philosophy
Nietzsche and 19-20th Century Continental Philosophy
Interalogy

AREAS of COMPETENCE

Asian Religion and Philosophy
History of Buddhism (Indian, Chinese and Japanese Buddhism)
Comparative Philosophy and Religion
Karl Marx and Marxism

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Associate Professor
Philosophy Department, Grand Valley State University

EDUCATION

1999	Ph.D.	Religion Department, Temple University
1994-5		Philosophy Department, Tübingen University, Germany
1991	M.A.	Philosophy, Old Dominion University
1982	B.A.	Philosophy, Fudan University, China

LANGUAGES

Modern and Classical Chinese,
German (reading)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Research Fellow, Institute of Modern Chinese Thought and Culture, ECNU, 2003-present
Guest researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, 2000-present
Member of the Editorial Board of the *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 2002-present
Professor of Chinese Philosophy and Religion, Philosophy Department, East China Normal University, 2003/04
Research Associate, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University since 2000-2004
Visiting Professor, Philosophy Department, Grand Valley State University 2000-2001
Research Fellow in Chinese Philosophy, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, May, 1999--August, 2000
Visiting instructor of East Asian Religions, Dept. of Religion, Gettysburg College, 1997 Spring-98 spring
Part time instructor of Philosophy and Religion, Manor Junior College 1996-97
Teaching Assistant, Temple University, 1991-96

Teaching Assistant, Old Dominion University, 1989-91
Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China, 1982-88
Researcher, the Center of Comparative Studies of Eastern and Western Cultures, China, 1984-88
Guest Professor, Institute of Cultural Studies, Eastern China University of Technology, China, 1988
Editor, "Harvard-Yenching-Sanlian Academic Series" No.1 (1999) and No.2 (2000).
Vice-Editor-in-Chief, 'Series of Comparative Cultures', China, 1984-88

COURSES TAUGHT

Early Modern Great Philosophers (GVSU)
Recent Great Philosophers (GVSU)
Masterpieces of East Asian Literature (GVSU)
East Asia in the Contemporary World (GVSU)
Philosophy of History (GVSU)
Comparative Philosophy (GVSU)
Karl Marx: His Philosophy and its Impact on Today's World (GVSU, 2006)
Plato's *Republic* (ECNU)
Culture and Philosophy—from the East to the West (Graduate Course, ECNU)
A Critical Investigation of Scholarship in Philosophy (Graduate Course, ECNU)
Eastern Great Philosophers (GVSU)
Eastern Philosophy (GVSU)
Introduction to Philosophy (GVSU)
Ethics (GVSU)
Religions of China (Gettysburg)
Buddhist Ethics (Gettysburg)
Hinduism and Buddhism (Gettysburg)
Religions of Japan (Gettysburg)
Critical Thinking (Manor)
World Religion in America (Manor)
Chinese Religions and Philosophies, From Confucius to Mao Tse-tung, (Temple)
World Religions, (Temple)
History of Western Philosophy, (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Zhuangzi: Dancing with the World, Shanghai, Shanghai Translation Publishing House, 2010
Liberation as Affirmation: The Religiosity of Zhuangzi and Nietzsche, Albany, SUNY Press, 2006
Oswald Spengler, San-ming Press, Taiwan, 1991
On Moral Values, Zhejiang People's Press, Hangzhou, China, 1988

Translation Books:

John Bowker, *The meanings of Death*, Cheng Chung Book Co. Ltd. Taiwan, 1993
Sahlins and Marshall David, *Evolution and Culture*, Co-translator with Jianjun Han, Zhejiang People's Press, China, 1987

Translation Articles:

"On Rawls," Burton Dreben, *Confucianism, and Liberalism, SDS & Harvard-Yenching Academic Series*, Sanlian Book House, Beijing, 2001.

“Whose Democracy? What rights?—A Confucian Critique of Modern Liberalism,” Henry Rosemont, *Confucianism, and Liberalism, SDS & Harvard-Yenching Academic Series*, Sanlian Book House, Beijing, 2001.

Books Edited:

Wisdom of Life--Charles Wei-hsun Fu's Selected Theses on Buddhism and Human Life, Zhejiang People's Press, 1996

New Dictionary of Contemporary Study of Humanities, Editor-in-Chief, Jiangxi People's Press, Nanchang, 1988

Edited 12 books in the *Series of Comparative Cultures*, including translations of Toynbee, Arnold Joseph, *Civilization on Trial*, Benedict, Ruth, *Patterns of Culture*, White, Leslie A. *Science of Culture: A Study of Man and Civilization*, Mead Margret, *Culture and Commitment: A Study of the Generation* etc., Published by Zhejiang People's Press, Hangzhou, 1986-1988

Articles Published (selective):

- “Exploring the Meaning of Zhong Yong or the Function of Middle,” *Philosophical Analysis*, Vol. 15, No. 6, pp. 58-73, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press, Dec. 2024
- Chapter 32: “Zhuangzi and Nietzsche,” *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of the Zhuangzi (Dao Companions to Chinese Philosophy Vol 16)*, Kim-chong Chong Editor, (pp 751-786). Springer Nature Switzerland AG, (2022)
- Chapter 3, “The Simple Onefold of Dao and Being: Reading Laozi, Zhuangzi and Heidegger in Light of Interality,” *Daoist Resonances in Heidegger*, edited by David Cai (pp.103-123). London, Bloomsbury Academic, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc., (2022)
- “Interality—The Beginning of Chinese Philosophy”, In Fang, Songhua (Ed.), *Pursuing Dao in between China and the West, Past and Present*. (pp. 14-26). Beijing: The Commercial Press (2019).
- “Image, Clustering, and Interality: Probing Alternative Ways of Understanding Chinese Philosophy”. In Yanming An & Brian Bruya (Ed.), *New Life for Old Ideas: Chinese Philosophy in the Contemporary World -- A Festschrift in honor of Donald Munro*. (pp. 317-344). Hong Kong: Chinese University of Hong Kong Press (2019).
- “Pictorial Image, Concurrence and Interality, *Journal of Literature, History & Philosophy*, Shandong University Press, 3, 2017
- “Why is it Change Instead of Being? Meditating on the Interlogical Meaning of Change? Yi in the Book of Change,” *Canadian Journal of Communication*, VI. 41, Number 3, 2016 (A Special Issue of Studies in Interality).
- “A Compendium of Interalogy,” *Philosophical Analysis*, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, (4, 2015)
- “Interality Shows Through: an introduction to interalogy.” *China Media Research*, an official publication of the American Chinese Media Research Association and Communication Studies Institute of Zhejiang University (11(2), 2015), pp.68-79. (A Special Section on Interalogy with other 6 articles).
- “Dao as Throughness and the Concept of Interality,” *Philosophical Analysis*, Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, No.5, 2012
- “A Reinterpretation of Dao-Throughs-as-One,” *Philosophical Researches*, Institute of Philosophy, China Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing No.7, 2004
- “Thinking of the Possibility of Dialogue through the Dialogue between Gadamer and Derrida,” *SDS and Harvard-Yenching Academic Series*, No.3, Sanlian Book House, Beijing, 2004.

- “Return to the Origin: an Effective Approach to the Future Development of Chinese Philosophy,” *Academic Monthly*, Shanghai, No. 7, 2004
- “Embracing Differences and Many—the Signification of One in Zhuangzi’s Utterance of Dao,” *Dao, A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, Vol. I, No.2, 2002
- “Excess, Lack and Harmony: Some Confucian and Daoist Approaches to Family Planning and Population Control—Tradition and the Modern Challenge,” *Sacred Rights—The Case for Contraception and Abortion in World Religions*, ed. by The Religious Consultation, Oxford University Press 2003.
- “Spengler on Chinese Culture,” in *China in the Eyes of Western Thinkers*, ed. Charles Fu, Cheng Chong Book Co. Ltd., Taiwan, 1993
- “The Evolution of Culture and Chinese Culture,” *Journal of Academia*, Shanghai, No.6, 1987
- “The System of Moral Values,” *Philosophical Investigation*, Beijing, No.5, 1986
- “The Meaning of Culture and tradition,” *Fudan University Journal of Social Sciences*, Shanghai, No.6, 1987
- “Evaluation and the Criterion of Morality,” *Journal of Academia*, Shanghai, No. 11, 1985
- “Reflections on the Reformation of Chinese Philosophy,” *Social Sciences*, Shanghai, No. 5, 1985
- “The Concept of Value in Chinese and Western Tradition and Their Respective Cultural Heritage,” *Social Sciences*, Shanghai, No. 2, 1985
- “The Abstract and Concrete in the Process of Thinking,” *Journal of Academic Studies in Central China*, No. 6, 1984
- “The Starting Point and the Philosophical Foundation of Karl Marx’s Thinking,” in *Some Important Issues in the Study of Marxism*, Fudan University Press, 1983
- “Mind Determines Matter under Certain Circumstances,” *Social Sciences*, Shanghai, No. 3, 1982, co-authored with Peimin Ni
- “Identity and Conflict, Relativism and Absolutism,” *Social Sciences*, Shanghai, 1982
- “The Origin, Alienation and Restoration of Morality,” *Journal of Academia*, No.4, 1982, co-authored with Peimin Ni

BOOK REVIEW

- On *The World of Zhuangzi’s Meditation* by Yang, Guorong, Beijing University Press, 2006, *Dao—A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, Springer (forthcoming in 2008)
- “Patriotism,” *SDS & Harvard-Yenching Series*, No. 1, Beijing, 2000

PAPER PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES AND LECTURES DELIVERED

"Interality as The Starting Point of Chinese Philosophy", Keynote speaker at Interliteraturality, Interculturality: The 3rd International Symposium on Interality Studies, Guangxi University for Nationalities, PRC and Grand Valley State University, USA, Nan Ning, Guangxi, China, (June 16, 2019).

“Plato’s Notion of *Khôra* and the Study of Interality,” keynote speaker at 2nd International Symposium on Interality Studies, held by Chinese University of Communication, Beijing, June 15-17, 2018

“The Meaning and Philosophical Significance of Interality,” Symposium on Interality Studies, held by Philosophy Department and School of Communication, GVSU. June 30, 2017

“A Theory of Interality,” lecture at Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, June 3, 2016

“Economy and Interality,” presented at Taihu Forum (international), Macaw, June 8-9, 2016

Lecture: East China Normal University, Shanghai, "What is Interalogy", (May 29, 2015).

Lecture: Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, "Interality: An Alternative Route to Understand Chinese Philosophy", 2014-2015 EMU Philosophy Speaker Series. (April 8, 2015).

Lecture: Zhuangzi and Comparative Philosophy," College of Philosophy, Wuhan University, China, (June 14, 2011)

Lecture: Zhuangzi and the Philosophy of *Tong* or Throughness, Jiaotong University, China (May 13, 2010)

Lecture: "Comparative Philosophy: Theory and Practice," Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Philosophy (May 16, 2006)

Lecture: "The Essential Nietzsche," Xiamen University, Philosophy Department (June, 16, 2006)

Lecture: "The Methods of Comparative Philosophy and the Future of Chinese Philosophy," Xiamen University, Philosophy Department (June 19, 2006)

"Philosophy in America," Shanghai Association of Philosophy and ECNU, Oct. 2003

"Understanding Religion and Inter-religious Dialogue in Today's World," ECNU, Nov. 2003

"The Significance of Nietzsche's Philosophy," ECNU, Nov. 2003

"Ancient Greek Philosophers," Philosophy Club, ECNU, Oct. 2003

"Kant, Hegel and Karl Marx," Philosophy Club, ECNU, Dec. 2003

"Thinking of the Possibility of Dialogue through the Dialogue between Gadamer and Derrida," The Conference of Globalization: The Crash of Civilizations and the Dialogue among Civilizations, Harvard-Yenching Institute, March 15-17, 2002

"The Signification of *Tong* in the Book of Zhuangzi," APA Eastern Division Conference, Atlanta, Dec. 27-30, 2001

"Embracing Differences—the Notion of One in Zhuangzi's Utterance of Dao," the Annual Conference of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies, SUNY Binghamton, NY, Oct. 26-28, 2001

"Methodological Queries in Comparative Philosophy," the 12th International Conference on Chinese Philosophy, Beijing, July 21-24, 2001

Zhuangzi Encountering some Post-modern Issues," the International Conference on Philosophy and Globalization, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, July 1-4, 2001

"Zhuangzi and Deconstruction," International Conference on Chinese Culture in Global Dialogue, Shanghai, June 25-27, 2001

OTHER ACTIVITIES (2003-present)

Helped to organize the "Symposium on the Study of Interality" held by philosophy department and school of communication at GVSU, June 29-30, 2017

Chaired a panel at The Sino-American Forum on "The Chinese Idea of Human Nature," Sponsored by South China Normal University and Clemson University, Guangzhou, China, June 10-12, 2016

Attended and chaired a section at the International Symposium on Chinese Philosophy and Analytic Philosophy sponsored by East China Normal University and ACPA, June 19-20, 2009 in Shanghai, China

Attended the International Conference on Science and Technology Ethics and Business Ethics, organized by Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, China. I was invited as a Chair and Interpreter of panel two: Ethics in the Context of the Contemporary Science and Technology, July 16-18, 2007

Invited by Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University to attend a conference on Rethinking Humanity: Philosophical Perspectives in the 21st Century—An Inter-Civilizational Dialogue, September 14-17

Guest speaker in Laozi and Zhuangzi at Lori Witthaus' Liberal Studies 335—Scriptures as Literature (two classes), winter 2005

Served as the Committee member for Master Theses Defense (for 6 students) and for Master Theses Proposals (7 students) at Department of Philosophy, East China Normal University, June 2005.

Participated a symposium on Confucianism and Humanism at Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, May 14-15, 2003

Commentator on Kelly Clark's paper "Zhuangzi and Plantinga," APA Central Conference, Cleveland, April 24, 2003

Chaired a lecture on "Religious Daoism" by Karl-Heinz Pohl, professor in Chinese Studies, Trier University, Nov. 2003, ECNU

Attended the international conference "Global Justice and Inter-cultural Dialogue," sponsored by ECNU, Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs and the Center of Sciences and Humanities at University of Bergen, Norway, Jan. 8-12, 2004

Symposium "The Problem of Governance in Developing Countries," organized by Human Development Fund (Switzerland) and Yanjing Cultural Development Center, Shaoxing, April 3-4, 2004

Coordinator of a Panel "Pragmatism and China," "The International Symposium on Rorty, Pragmatism and Chinese Philosophy," ECNU and ACPA, July 17-18, 2004

Ph.D. DISSERTATION TOPIC

The Religiosity of Nietzsche and Zhuang Zi (Chuang Tzu): Human Liberation as the Affirmation of Life

Committee: Charles Wei-hsun Fu, Tomas Dean, Major Advisor; Allen Zhang, Leonard Swidler; Joseph Margolis, and Yü Ying-shih (Princeton University), Associated Advisor