

# Woomin Park

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## Areas of Interest

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*Metaphysics, Epistemology, General Philosophy of Science, and Philosophy of Education*

## Education

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*Ph.D. Student in Philosophy*, Purdue University **Aug 2024–Present**

*Ph.D. Student in Philosophy*, Seoul National University **Sep 2021–Aug 2022**

*M.A. in Philosophy*, Seoul National University **Mar 2018–Feb 2021**

Thesis: *A Unifying Approach to Grounding and Causation: Unification Through Structural Similarity*

(Committee: Sungil Han(advisor), Jinho Kang, Hyunseop Kim)

Graduate with *The Woogok Prize for the Best Master of Arts Thesis* (Department of Philosophy)

*B.A. in Philosophy*, Yonsei University **Mar 2013–Feb 2018**

(Military Leave of Absence, Aug 2015–Aug 2017)

*B.Ed. in Physics Education*, Korea National University of Education **Feb 2012**

*Double-major in General Science Education*

Graduate with Teacher Certificates in Physics, and General Science (Secondary School)

## Employment

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*Teaching Assistant (Part Time)*, Purdue University **Jun 2025–Present**

*Teaching Associate (Full Time)*, Pohang University of Science and Technology **Feb 2021–Feb 2022**

## Presentation

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**“Indeterministic Laws, Grounding Necessitarianism, and Explanatory Realism”**

APA Pacific 2026 Workshop (04/08/2026) (Refereed)

Poster Presentation, 2025 CLA Fellowship Showcase, Purdue Univ. (04/16/2025) (Invited)

Graduate Student Workshop in Analytic Philosophy, Seoul National Univ. (05/24/2024)

**“Indeterministic Law and Its Instances: Grounding Contingentism or Explanatory Ir-realism?”**

Graduate Student Workshop in Analytic Philosophy, Seoul National Univ. (11/27/2020)

**“The Survival Story of a Beginner Teaching Assistant” (Invited)**

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant Workshop, Faculty of Liberal Edu., Seoul National Univ. (08/31/2018)

## Teaching Experience

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### *Teaching Assistant at Purdue University*

- PHIL208 Ethics of Data Science (*de jure* Instructor of Record) – Summer 2026
- PHIL208 Ethics of Data Science (Grader for Javier Gomez-Lavin) – Spring 2026
- PHIL208 Ethics of Data Science (TA for Eric Sampson) – Fall 2025
- PHIL150 Principles of Logic (*de jure* Instructor of Record) – Summer 2025

### *Teaching Assistant at Seoul National University*

- 043.070 Computer and Mind (TA for Rhee, Sun Hyung) – Fall 2019
- 043.069 Philosophy of Gender and Sexual Morality (TA for Kang, Ji Young) – Spring 2018  
[Awarded the Graduate Teaching Assistants Excellence Award]

## Academic Service & Experience

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2026 Undergraduate Philosophy Conference Planning/Conference Organization Committee

2025 Undergraduate Philosophy Conference Planning/Conference Organization Committee

Member, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University

### Editing Manuscript of *Discovery of the Pacific Ocean, Founding of the Republic of Korea*

Spring 2021

Research Assistant for Prof. Jung Hyoo Ko, Pohang University of Science and Technology

### Lead Coordinator, World-Leading Department Fostering Project, Seoul National University

May 2020–Jun 2020

Managed the preparation process for the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) KCI Journal Evaluation on behalf of *CHUL HAK SA SANG: Journal of Philosophical Ideas*.

### Editorial Assistant for *CHUL HAK SA SANG: Journal of Philosophical Ideas* (Nos. 70–73 & 84–85)

Sep 2018–Aug 2019 & Mar 2022–Aug 2022

Editorial Assistant for Prof. Sungil Han (Editor), Institute of Philosophy, Seoul National University

## Academic Honors and Awards

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### *Ross Fellowship (for the Recruitment of Outstanding Ph.D. Track Students)*

AY 2024–2029 (Purdue Univ.)

### *Graduate Student Instructor Scholarship (Full Tuition and Stipend)*

Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2022 (Seoul National Univ.)

### *Graduate Teaching Assistantship (Stipend)*

Spring 2018, Fall 2019 (Seoul National Univ.)

### *The Woogok Prize for the Best Master of Arts Thesis*

Dec 2020

Class of 2021 (Department of Philosophy, Seoul National Univ.)

### *Son Ju-Eun Scholarship for Creative Talents (approx. 3100USD)*

Nov 2019

Fall 2019 (The Yoonmin Foundation & College of Humanities, Seoul National Univ.)

Project Title: “Choose between the two: Quantum Monism or Grounding Contingentism”

***The Graduate Teaching Assistants Excellence Award*** **Aug 2018**  
Spring 2018 (Faculty of Liberal Education, Seoul National Univ.)

***2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Presentation (“Measurement of Mind,” with Hyunmee Kim)*** **Aug 2011**  
Presentation Competition at 10th APCTP Science Communication School (Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics)

***Departmental Honor Student Scholarship (1/3 Tuition, Merit-based, Awarded to one person per class)***  
Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Fall 2011 (Department of Physics Education, Korea National Univ. of Edu.)

***The National Scholarships for Science and Engineering (1/2 Tuition, Merit-based)***  
Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009 (Korea Science and Engineering Foundation)

### **Graduate Coursework** (\*=audited)

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#### ***Metaphysics and Epistemology***

***Purdue*** F25 Rationality in Epistemology and Cognitive Science (Brett Karlan)  
S25 Studies in Theory of Knowledge (Michael Bergmann)  
F24 Laws and Causes (Michael Jacovides)

***Seoul*** S22 Mental Causation (Sungil Han)  
F19 What Is It to Exist? (Sungil Han)  
S19 Karen Bennett’s *Making Things Up* (Jaeho Lee/Chung-Ang Univ.)  
F18 Possible World Metaphysics and Hyperintensional Metaphysics (Sungil Han)  
S18 Frege’s Puzzle (Jinho Kang)

#### ***Logic and Philosophy of Science***

***Purdue*** S26 General Philosophy of Science (Eamon Duede)  
F25 Memory (Sarah Robbins)  
S25 Mathematical Logic (Dana Tulodziecki)  
F24 Confirmation and Theory Choice (Paul Draper)

***Seoul*** F21 Foundations of Science Education (Gyoungho Lee/Science Education)  
S19 Survey of Philosophy of Science 1—Explanation, Theories, and Method (Hyundeuk Cheon/HPS)  
F18 Philosophy of Physics—Relativistic, Statistical, and Quantum (Hyundeuk Cheon/HPS)  
F18 Scientific Realism (Jeongmin Lee/Yonsei Univ.)  
S18 Reduction and Emergence (In-rae Cho)

#### ***Practical Philosophy***

***Purdue*** S26 Norms: What They Are, Where They Come From, and Whether We Can Change Them (Daniel Kelly & Evan Westra)

***Seoul*** F19 Property Rights (Hyunseop Kim)

#### ***History of Philosophy***

***Purdue*** S26 The Problem of Universals in Late Antiquity & the Middle Ages (Vikram Kumar)  
F25 Plato’s Philosophy of Perception (Lea Schroeder)  
S25 Plato’s and Aristotle’s Ontology and Metaphysics (Daniel Frank)  
F24 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytical Philosophy (Jamin Asay)

- Seoul** S22 Virtue Ethics in Ancient Philosophy (Sang-Jin Kang)  
S22 Gadamer's *Truth and Method* (Chankook Park)  
S19 Leibniz's Metaphysics (Sukjae Lee)

***Extracurricular Activities***

- Purdue** Cultural Evolution of Religion (with Micheal Bergmann & Jeffery Brower, May 2026–July 2026)  
Fragmentalism (with Micheal Bergmann & Jeffery Brower, Sep 2025–Oct 2025)  
Ultimism (with Micheal Bergmann & Jeffery Brower, May 2025–July 2025)  
Pruss: *Infinity, Causation, & Paradox* (with Micheal Bergmann & Jeffery Brower, Jan 2025–Mar 2025)
- FSU** Reductionism in Philosophy of Mind (Aug 2023–Nov 2023)
- Seoul** Philosophy of Science Education: Epistemic Aims of Science Education (Leader, Apr 2023–Aug 2023)  
Neo-Aristotelian Perspectives on Contemporary Science (with Sungil Han, July 2019)  
Group Study for the Qualifying Exam in Analytic Philosophy (Jan 2019–Feb 2019)  
Formal Methods for Philosophers: Decision Theory (with Jinho Kang, July 2018–Jan 2019)