

## NATHAN ROCKWOOD

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

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AOS: Early Modern, Philosophy of Religion  
AOC: Epistemology, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Philosophy of Science

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California San Diego (June 2014)  
M.S. Philosophy, University of Utah (May 2008)  
B.A. Philosophy, University of Utah (May 2006)  
B.A. Film Studies, University of Utah (May 2006)

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University, 2018-present  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University, 2017-2018  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech, 2014-2017

### PUBLICATIONS

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“Is Sensitive Knowledge ‘Knowledge’?” *Locke Studies* vol. 13 (2013)  
“Locke on Knowledge of Existence,” *Locke Studies* vol. 16 (2016)  
“Lockean Essentialism and the Possibility of Miracles,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* v. 52, n. 2 (2018)  
“Review of Jacovides’s *Locke’s Image of the World*,” *Locke Studies* v. 18 (2018)  
“Hume on Laws and Miracles,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* v. 92, n. 4 (2018). [Second place in the 2017 ACPQ Rising Scholar Essay Contest]  
“Locke on Empirical Knowledge,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* v. 35, n. 4 (2018)  
“Foreknowledge Without Determinism,” *Sophia* v. 58, n. 2 (2019)  
“Secondary Qualities as Dispositions,” *Locke Studies* v. 20 (2020)  
“Locke: Epistemology,” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2021)  
“Locke on Reason, Revelation, and Miracles,” in *The Lockean Mind*, eds. Jessica Gordon-Roth and Shelly Weinberg (Routledge 2022)  
“Descartes on Necessity and Laws,” *The Journal of Analytic Theology* v. 10 (2022)  
“Locke and Hume on Competing Miracles,” *Religious Studies* v. 59, n. 4 (2023)

“Internalism and Externalism in Early Modern Philosophy,” *Ergo* v. 10, n. 43 (2023)

“Two (Failed) Versions of Hume’s Argument Against Miracles,” *Faith & Philosophy* (forthcoming)

## Works in Progress

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*Rational Religious Belief: A Defense of Locke’s Religious Epistemology*

“Locke’s Criticism of Religious Experience,” *Philosophy in Assos*, ed. Orsan Oymen (invited)

“Locke on the Authority of Scripture,” *Studi Lockiani* special issue on “Locke on Religion” (invited)

“The Probability of the Resurrection Conspiracy” (with London Warnick and Jacob Smith)

“A Social Contract Theodicy” (under review)

## PRESENTATIONS

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“Hume on Justification,” The Hume Conference 2023, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, July 2023

“Comments on ‘The Origins of Locke’s Theory of Personal Identity’,” Locke Conference, 2023, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, June 2023

“Locke on Religious Experience”

University of New Brunswick Philosophy Colloquium (invited), February 2023

Philosophy in Assos Conference, Assos, Turkey (invited), July 2022

“Locke on Epistemic Authority”

Canadian Society for Christian Philosophers 2022 Conference, Ryerson University (online), May 2022

Locke Conference 2022, American University in Bulgaria, June 2022

“Locke on Competing Miracles”

Pacific APA, Vancouver, Canada, April 2022

Locke Conference, Naples, Italy, June 2021

“Is Descartes an Epistemic Externalist?” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Southern Utah University, November 2020

“Comments on ‘Hume on the Experience of Necessity’,” Central APA, Chicago, February 2020

“Comments on ‘Language and Ideas of Modes and Substances’,” 2019 Locke Conference, University of Helsinki, July 2019

“Comments on ‘Lockean Responses to the Problem of Perceptual Error’,” Eastern APA, Savannah, January 2018

“Hume on Laws and Miracles,” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Brigham Young University, November 2017

“A Cartesian View of Natural Necessity”

Canadian Society for Christian Philosophers, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Vancouver, Canada, June 2019

Intermountain Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, November 2018

UC, San Diego Alumni Conference, UCSD, March 2017

Jr. Metaphysics Workshop, Virginia Tech, April 2017

Brigham Young University Colloquium, February 2017

Early Modern Laws of Nature Workshop, Oxford, July 2016

“Lockean Essentialism and the Possibility of Miracles,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, February 2016

“Locke on Scientific Knowledge”

Science and Certainty Workshop, UCSD, June 2015

The Locke Workshop, University of Western Ontario, May 2015

Virginia Tech, January 2015

“Locke on Induction,” Rotman Summer Institute: Causal Powers, July 2014

“Locke on Knowledge of Existence”

Brigham Young University, February 2014

UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, February 2014

Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference, April 2012

“Locke, Burnet, and the Demonstrability of Morality”

Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2013

UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, April 2012

“Hume on Identity,” UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, October 2010

“Time for Ockhamism,” Biola University Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, May 2010

“Foreknowledge Without Determinism,” UCSD Graduate Student Conference with Derk Pereboom, May 2009

“Locke’s Temporal-Spatial Theory of Personal Identity,” Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, April 2008

“In Defense of Hell: Response to Ted Sider,” Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, March 2008

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### History Courses

201: History of Philosophy 1: ancient and medieval (2x)

202: History of Philosophy 2: 1500 to present (6x)

340R: Modern Philosophy: God & the Laws of Nature

Ancient Greek Philosophy (Virginia Tech, lower division)  
Early Modern Philosophy (Virginia Tech, lower division) (2x)  
Early Modern Philosophy of Religion (Virginia Tech, grad seminar)  
John Locke Seminar (Virginia Tech, grad seminar)

#### Philosophy of Religion

215: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion (2x)  
300: Philosophical Writing (topic: the problem of evil) (2x)  
340R: Modern Philosophy: God & the Laws of Nature (*also listed above*)  
God, Faith, & Reason (University of Utah, lower division)  
Philosophy of Religion (Virginia Tech, upper division) (2x)  
Religious Language Seminar (Virginia Tech, grad seminar)  
Philosophy of Religion Seminar (Virginia Tech, grad seminar)

#### Epistemology

422: Epistemology (2x)  
Knowledge and Reality (Virginia Tech, lower division) (4x)  
Epistemology (Virginia Tech, upper division & grad) (2x)

#### Other Philosophy Courses

110: Introduction to Philosophy (2x)  
205: Introduction to Formal Logic (2x)  
213: Introduction to Ethics  
Introduction to Philosophy (University of Utah, lower division)  
Morality & Justice (Virginia Tech, lower division) (3x)  
Intro to Logic [*titles vary*] (University of Utah and UCSD, lower division) (3x)

#### Citizenship

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##### Department and University Committees

Philosophy Search Committee, chair (2019-2020)  
Philosophy Teaching Committee, chair (2019-2020 to 2022-2023)  
Philosophy Advising, Internships, and Mentoring Committee, member (2020-2021)  
Philosophy Search Committee, member (2022-2023)  
Humanities Recruiting Committee, member (2019-2020 to 2022-2023)  
Philosophy Assessment Committee, member (2017-2018 & 2018-2019)

##### Thesis Committee Work

Honor's Thesis in Philosophy, chair: Naomi Smith (Winter 2020)  
Master's Thesis in Psychology, (outside) member: Tom Bown (did not complete)  
Master's Thesis in Philosophy, member: Jay Burkett (Virginia Tech, Spring 2017)

##### Other University Service

GE Redesign Workshops (summer 2018, fall 2018)

College & University Majors Fair (2017, 2018, 2019)

Peer Reviews

*Croatian Journal of Philosophy* (2019)

*Ergo* (2022)

*Faith and Philosophy* (2020)

*Locke Studies* (2020, 2020, 2022, 2023)

*Journal of Modern Philosophy* (2019)

*Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2018)

Oxford University Press (2015, 2023)

*Philosophical Quarterly* (2016)

*Philosophical Studies* (2023)

*Religious Studies* (2023)

Routledge Press (2014)

*Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions* (2021, 2021, 2022)

*Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2014, 2022, 2023)

Other Professional Service

PhilPapers Area Editor, Locke: Philosophy of Religion (September 2022 to present)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

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Research Fellowship: God's Order, Man's Order, and the Order of Nature, 2011-2013  
(funded by the John Templeton Foundation)

Summer Graduate Teaching Fellowship, UCSD 2012

Favorite Faculty 2017, nominated by students and awarded by the Division of Student Affairs  
at Virginia Tech

Second Place Winner of the 2017 *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* Rising Scholar  
Essay Contest

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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Rotman Summer Institute: Causal Powers in Science, Blending Historical and Conceptual  
Perspectives, June-July 2014

UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, 2008-2014

UCSD Greek Reading Group, 2008-2014

UCSD Latin Reading Group, 2010-2014

Virginia Tech Works in Progress Reading Group, September 2014-May 2017

Utah Early Modern Philosophy Works in Progress Group, September 2017–present

New Faculty Seminar, BYU, summer 2018

Writing Matters Seminar, BYU, summer 2019

Faculty Center Presentation: Zoom Training, March 2020

Faculty Center Presentation: BYU Blended Classroom Technology, August 2020

Pedagogies for Teaching Philosophy Online, American Philosophical Association, September 2020

#### LANGUAGES

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Greek: reading knowledge

Latin: reading knowledge