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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, World Religions, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Ethics, Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, Deductive Logic

EMPLOYMENT

2024-Present Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Philosophy Utah State University

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2024 Philosophy, University of Utah
Dissertation: *The Coherence of Locke's Account of Miracles*
Committee: Lex Newman (chair), Anne Siebels Peterson, Carlos Santana,
Nathan Rockwood, Charlie Huenemann
B.A., 2017 Philosophy & History, Florida International University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (* = asynchronous online)

Utah State University

PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2024)
PHIL 2400 Ethics (Fall 2024)
PHIL 2600 Introduction to Philosophy of Religions (Fall 2024)

University of Utah

As Instructor

PHIL 1000 Intro: Survey of Philosophy (Summer 2021, Summer 2019)*
PHIL 1002 Intro: God, faith, and reason (Summer 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021)*
PHIL 1003 Intro: Philosophy and Human Nature (Spring 2024)
PHIL 3013 Women in Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2020)*
PHIL 3520 Bioethics (Summer 2022)*
PHIL 3530 Environmental Ethics (Summer 2020)*
PHIL 3600 Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2022)
PHIL 3640 World Religions (Fall 2023)

As Teaching Assistant

PHIL 1003 Intro: Philosophy and Human Nature (Fall 2019, Spring 2019)
PHIL 3120 Survey of Early Modern Philosophy (Spring 2021)
PHIL 3200 Deductive Logic (Spring 2020)
PHIL 3640 World Religions (Summer 2024, Spring 2023)

RESEARCH

Publications

“Locke on the Objective Nature of Miracles,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, V. 61, Iss. 3, 411-426. (2023) <https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12514>

Presentations

“Christianity not Superstitious: Locke’s Science of Miracles”

Science, Faith and Superstition Conference, University of Belgrade, Serbia. Online. (July 2024)

Comments on James Chamberlain’s “Hume’s ‘General Rules’”

49th International Hume Society Conference, Brigham Young University. (July 2023)

“Shepherd Contra Hume on the Credibility of Miracles”

Tyndale Fellowship Study Groups Conference, Hoddesdon, UK. Online. (July 2023)

ESEMP Young Workshop: *New Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Copenhagen. (September 2022)

NYC Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy: *Expanding the Canon*, Fordham University. Online. (May 2022)

“Pascal on Habit, Faith and Grace”

Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion: *Philosophy, Religion, and Existential Commitment*, Princeton University. (March 2023)

“Curb Your Enthusiasm: Locke on the Evidential Value and Objective Nature of Miracles”

John Locke Conference, American University of Bulgaria. Online. (June 2022)

“Spinoza on the Eternity of the Human Mind”

Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University. (October 2019)

Public Writing

[“Meditations on the Rise of Stoicism”](#) (*Classical Wisdom*).

[“Having a Healthy Debate: Three Tips from Marcus Aurelius”](#) (*Classical Wisdom*).

[“Three Stoic Lessons from a Galaxy Far, Far Away”](#) (*Classical Wisdom*).

Panel Discussions

Co-Organizer and Panelist, *6th Annual Quest for Peace Panel Discussion*, “Can capitalism address the challenges of climate change?” Miami Dade College (November 2019).

Co-Organizer and Panelist, *5th Annual Quest for Peace Panel Discussion*, “When police dissolve a protest, are they serving the common good?” Miami Dade College (November 2018).

Panelist, *4th Annual Quest for Peace Panel Discussion*, “Is it Morally Justifiable to Use Violence Against Hate Groups?” Miami Dade College (November 2017).

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023 Hume Society Emerging Scholar Award, *49th International Hume Society Conference*.
2023 Graduate Student Best Paper Award for “Locke on the Objective Nature of Miracles,”
Utah Philosophy Graduate Program.

GRANTS & OTHER FUNDING

ESRR Humanities/Arts Endowment Fund at the Chicago Community Foundation, Fall
2023—Spring 2024 (\$5,000)

ESRR Humanities/Arts Endowment Fund at the Chicago Community Foundation, Fall
2021—Spring 2022 (\$5,000)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK (^ = audited)

History of Philosophy

Modern Christian Thought	Prof. Brandon Peterson	Spring 2023^
Ancient Greek Philosophy	Prof. Anne Siebels Peterson	Spring 2023^
Kant	Prof. Chapman Waters	Spring 2021^
John Locke	Prof. Lex Newman	Spring 2020
Early Modern Philosophy	Prof. Lex Newman	Fall 2019^
Medieval Philosophy	Prof. Brandon Peterson	Fall 2019
Early Modern Rationalists	Prof. Lex Newman	Spring 2019
Classical Chinese Philosophy	Prof. Eric Hutton	Spring 2019
Nietzsche	Prof. Elijah Millgram	Fall 2018

Metaphysics & Epistemology

Philosophy of Mind	Prof. Natalia Washington	Spring 2020
Metaphysics	Prof. Anne Siebels Peterson	Spring 2020
Perception	Prof. Dustin Stokes	Fall 2018

Ethics & Value Theory

Practical Reason	Prof. Chrisoula Andreou	Fall 2019
Modern Political Theory	Prof. Steven Johnston	Spring 2019
Adv. Political Philosophy	Prof. Eric Hutton	Fall 2018

Logic & Formal Methods

Advanced Deductive Logic	Prof. Natalia Washington	Fall 2019
Deductive Logic	Prof. Lex Newman	Fall 2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Secretary, University of Utah Philosophy Graduate Student Committee (2022—2023)

Founding Member, University of Utah Philosophy Graduate Student Committee (2022)

Founding Member, University of Utah Chapter of Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) (2019)

Conference Planner, University of Utah Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, *Action and Ethics: How, Why, Ought* (2019)

Graduate Student Committee for Tenure & Retention Review (2019—2020)

REFERENCES

- Newman, Lex. Associate Professor, Philosophy
University of Utah
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- Peterson, Brandon. Assistant Professor, World Languages and Cultures
University of Utah
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- Rockwood, Nathan. Associate Professor, Philosophy
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