

Curriculum Vitae of Joshua Rasmussen  
Ph.D. (University of Notre Dame)  
Spring 2016

SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics

EMPLOYMENT

Azusa Pacific University, Assistant Professor (2013–present)  
Research Fellow, University of Notre Dame (2012–2013)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame  
M.A., Philosophy, Biola University  
C.S., Computer Science, Arizona State University

RESEARCH

*Monographs*

1. *Defending the Correspondence Theory of Truth*, Cambridge University Press (2014)
2. *Necessary Existence* (with A. Pruss), Oxford University Press (contract signed, draft submitted)

Upcoming: *Explaining Reality* (with F. Leon), *The New Theists* (edited, with K. Vallier)

*Articles*

2016 +

1. “How Valuable Could a Material Object Be?” (with A. Bailey), *American Philosophical Association*.
2. “Could God Fail to Exist?” *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion*
3. “New Moves in a Modal Cosmological Argument,” *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion*
4. “Against Non-Reductive Physicalism,” (invited) in *Debating Physicalism*, ed. JP. Moreland, Oxford University Press (pending contract).
5. “Plantinga on Ontological Arguments,” (invited) in *Classic Philosophical Arguments*, ed. Oppy, G., Cambridge University Press
6. “Extending Modal Knowledge,” (invited) in *Modal Epistemology*, ed. Leon, F. & Fischer, R.
7. “Why is There Anything?” (with C. Weaver) in *Two Dozen Arguments: New Essays*, ed. T. Dougherty and J. Walls

2015

8. “Tenseless Times,” *Philosophical Studies*
9. “Building Thoughts from Dust: a Cantorian Puzzle,” *Synthese*

2014

10. "Continuity as a Guide to Possibility," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
11. "Problems with Plurals," (with A. Pruss) *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*
12. "About Aboutness," *Metaphysica*
13. "From Necessary Truth to Necessary Existence," *Polish Journal of Philosophy*

2013

14. "Time without Creation" (with A. Pruss), *Faith and Philosophy*
15. "Explaining Counterfactuals of Freedom," (with A. Pruss) *Religious Studies*
16. "How Truth Relates to Reality," *American Philosophical Quarterly*
17. "On the Value of the Freedom to do Evil," *Faith and Philosophy*

2012

18. "Grounding and Omniscience," (with D. H. Snyder and A. Cullison) *Faith and Philosophy*
19. "Presentists May Say Goodbye to A-Properties," *Analysis*

2011 -

20. "No Pairing Problem" (with L. van Horn and A. Bailey), *Philosophical Studies*
21. "From States of Affairs to a Necessary Being," *Philosophical Studies*
22. "A New Argument for a Necessary Being," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
23. "Cosmological Arguments from Contingency," (invited) *Philosophy Compass*
24. "Necessary Being to God," *International Journal of Philosophy of Religion*
25. "On Creating Worlds without Evil," *Religious Studies*

#### *Review & Reference*

1. "Anselm's Other Argument," *Marginalia Review of Books* (forthcoming).
2. "The Puzzle of Existence: Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing?" *European Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).
3. "Pairing Problem" (with Andrew Bailey), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*
4. "Truth: Its Nature, Criteria and Conditions," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

#### *Talks*

1. "Is God a Necessary Being?" Messiah College, September 2015
2. "[From Reason to Theism](#)," Azusa Pacific University, October 2015
3. "How to Build Complexity," (invited), *Randomness and Divine Providence*, Pasadena, June 2015
4. "Why is There Anything?" (with C. Weaver), *Plantinga Workshop*, November 2014.
5. "What Natural Selection Likes: a Computer Science Investigation," *The Randomness & Foreknowledge Conference*, Dallas, Texas, October 2014.
6. "Why is There Anything?" (invited), UCLA, June 2014.
7. "Are People Puppets of Their Parts?" (invited), Azusa Pacific University, 2014.
8. "The Puppet Argument," *American Philosophical Association* (Eastern Division), December 2013.
9. "Values of Randomness," *Randomness and Divine Providence*, Calvin College, June 2013.
10. "Moral Realism and the Problem of Self-Defeat," *American Philosophical Association*.

- (Pacific Division), March 2013.
9. "Against Spatial Propositions," *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, February 2013.
  10. "Mind Over Matter", with Jerry Walls.  
*Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference* (underground paper), July 2012.  
*The Annual HBU Philosophy Conference*, March 2013.
  11. "Are People Puppets of their Parts?" with A. Bailey, *63<sup>rd</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2011.
  12. "A Theory of Correspondence," *62<sup>nd</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2010.
  13. "Propositions Are Not in Your Head, on Paper, or Anywhere Else," *American Philosophical Association* (Central Division), February 2010.
  14. "What We See in Dreams," *61<sup>st</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2009.
  15. "A Swift Cosmological Argument," *Yale & UConn Graduate Conference*, February 2009.
  16. "What's so Good about Moral Freedom—a Reply to Wes Morriston," University of California Riverside, October 2008.
  17. "A Cantorian Cost of Mind-Brain Identity"  
*American Philosophical Association* (Pacific Division), December 2007. *58<sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference*, November 2006.  
*Words, Objects, and Metaphysics Conference at the University of Texas at Austin*, March 2006.
  16. "A Scotistic Cosmological Argument"  
*Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Conference*, January 2007.  
*59<sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference*, October 2007.
  17. "Kalâm Calamity," Biola University, February 2004.
  18. "The Cardinality of Possible Persons," University of Arizona, February 2003.

#### *Grants & Awards*

2. \$47,000: randomness project (with J. Wessling), Calvin College, 2013-2015.
3. \$60,000: Research Fellow (on necessary existence), University of Notre Dame, 2012.
4. \$35,000/yr: Sorin Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2010–2012.
5. \$4,800: Conference Stipends, *St. Thomas Summer Seminar*, 2010 & 2014.

#### TEACHING

##### Courses:

*Philosophy of Mind*  
*Free Will*  
*Introduction to Philosophy*  
*Philosophy of Religion*

##### Teaching Development Workshops:

Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate, Notre Dame, October 2011

#### SERVICE

- Colloquium organizer, fall 2015 – present.
- *SCP* conference organizer (with L. Webb), spring 2015.

- “C.S. Lewis” conference organizer (with A. Green), hosted at APU, spring 2014.
- Student scholarship research organizer (at APU).
- *Coram Deo* panel discussion (December 2013, October 2014).
- Interviewee for documentary on science and faith, with *the Pond and Beyond* (forthcoming).
- Templeton Referee (invited), March 2014.
- Journal Referee (for all major journals).
- Panel discussion on A. Pruss’ book (invited), *Actuality, Possibility, and Worlds*, fall 2011.
- Engaging culture through academic blogs: *Matters of Substance, Prosblogion*.

## REFERENCES

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