

Curriculum Vitae of Joshua Rasmussen  
Ph.D. (University of Notre Dame)  
2020

SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics

EMPLOYMENT

Azusa Pacific University, Associate 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

*Books*

1. *Is God the Best Explanation of Things?* (with F. Leon), Palgrave (2019)
2. *How Reason Can Lead to God*, IVP Academic (2019)
3. *Necessary Existence* (with A. Pruss), Oxford University Press (2018)
4. *Defending the Correspondence Theory of Truth*, Cambridge University Press (2014)

*Popular:*

5. *The Bridge of Reason: 10 Steps to See God*, Great Legacy Books (self-published, 2018)

*Edited Volume:*

6. *A New Theist Response to the New Atheists* (co-edited with Kevin Vallier, Routledge, Forthcoming)

*Articles*

2020+

1. “How Valuable Could a Person Be?” (with A. Bailey), *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*.
2. “How to Build a Thought,” (with A. Bailey), *Thought*
3. “A New Puppet Puzzle” (with A. Bailey), *Philosophical Explorations*.
4. “Argument from Contingency,” in *God and Argument: Recent work on Theistic Proofs*.

5. "New Moves in a Modal Cosmological Argument," *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion* (forthcoming)

2019

6. "An Argument for a Supreme Foundation," in *A New Theist Response to the New Atheists*, eds. K. Vallier and J. Rasmussen.
7. "The Logic in God," in *Worldview Bulletin* (invited).

2018

8. "Plantinga on Ontological Arguments," in *Classic Philosophical Arguments*, ed. Oppy, G., Cambridge University Press.
9. "Why is There Anything?" (with C. Weaver) in *Two Dozen Arguments: New Essays*, ed. T. Dougherty and J. Walls.
10. "Against Non-Reductive Physicalism," in *Debating Physicalism*, ed. JP. Moreland, Oxford University Press.

2017

11. "God Exists—Response," (invited) in *Problems in Philosophy*, ed. S. Cowan.
12. "God Exists," (invited) in *Problems in Philosophy*, ed. S. Cowan.
13. "A Randomness-Based Theodicy for Evolutionary Evils," (with J. Wessling) *Ergo*.

2016

14. "How Valuable Could a Material Object Be?" (with A. Bailey), *American Philosophical Association*.
15. "Could God Fail to Exist?" *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion*
16. "Extending Modal Knowledge," (invited) in *Modal Epistemology*, ed. Leon, F. & Fischer, R.

2015

17. "Tenseless Times," *Philosophical Studies*
18. "Building Thoughts from Dust: a Cantorian Puzzle," *Synthese*
19. "Reasons for Randomness" (with J. Wessling), *Theology and Science*.

2014

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

2013

24. "Time without Creation" (with A. Pruss), *Faith and Philosophy*
25. "Explaining Counterfactuals of Freedom," (with A. Pruss) *Religious Studies*

26. "How Truth Relates to Reality," *American Philosophical Quarterly*
27. "On the Value of the Freedom to do Evil," *Faith and Philosophy*

2012

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

2011-

30. "No Pairing Problem" (with L. van Horn and A. Bailey), *Philosophical Studies*
31. "From States of Affairs to a Necessary Being," *Philosophical Studies*
32. "A New Argument for a Necessary Being," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
33. "Cosmological Arguments from Contingency," (invited) *Philosophy Compass*
34. "Necessary Being to God," *International Journal of Philosophy of Religion*
35. "On Creating Worlds without Evil," *Religious Studies*

#### Reference

1. "The Correspondence Theory of Truth," (invited) *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2018).
2. "Pairing Problem" (with Andrew Bailey), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* (2013).

#### Review

1. *The Greatest Possible Being, Mind* (2019)
2. "God and Ultimate Origins," *European Journal of Philosophy*.
3. "Anselm's Other Argument," *Marginalia Review of Books* (2018).
4. "The Puzzle of Existence: Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing?" *European Journal of Philosophy* (2017).
5. "Truth: Its Nature, Criteria and Conditions," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2012).

#### Talks

1. "Why I Am No Longer a Platonist," Virginia Commonwealth University (invited), April 2019.
2. "How Reason Can Reveal God," Virginia Commonwealth University (invited), April 2019.
3. "Ontological Arguments," American Philosophical Association (keynote), February 2019.
4. "Where Does Consciousness Come From?" (with Mihretu) Azusa Pacific University, April 2019.
5. "How Reason Can Reveal God," Azusa Pacific University, Oct 2018.
6. "In Defense of Necessary Beings," *American Philosophical Association* (keynote invitation), February 2018.
7. "An Argument for Maximal Greatness," 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the *Brazilian Association for Philosophy of Religion* (keynote invitation), October 2017.
8. "How Your Insights Can Change the World," Azusa Pacific University (chapel), October 2016.
9. "Is God a Necessary Being?" Messiah College, September 2015.
10. "How to Build Complexity," (invited), *Randomness and Divine Providence*, Pasadena, June 2015
11. "Why is There Anything?" (with C. Weaver), *Plantinga Workshop*, November 2014.

12. "What Natural Selection Likes: a Computer Science Investigation," *The Randomness & Foreknowledge Conference*, Dallas, Texas, October 2014.
13. "Why is There Anything?" (invited), UCLA, June 2014.
14. "Are People Puppets of Their Parts?" (invited), Azusa Pacific University, 2014.
15. "The Puppet Argument," *American Philosophical Association* (Eastern Division), December 2013.
16. "Values of Randomness," *Randomness and Divine Providence*, Calvin College, June 2013.
17. "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. \$1,000: Pantheism & Panentheism Project (stipend award), 2018.
3. \$2,000: Classical Theism Project (stipend plus publication award), 2016.
4. \$47,000: randomness project (with J. Wessling), Calvin College, 2013-2015.
5. \$60,000: Research Fellow (on necessary existence), University of Notre Dame, 2012.
6. \$35,000/yr: Sorin Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2010–2012.
7. \$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

## REFEREE

- Manuscript Referee (Cambridge, Oxford, IVP).
- Journal Referee (for all major journals).
- Templeton Referee (invited), March 2014.