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Education

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

Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy (especially Locke), Philosophy of Religion, World Religions, Ethics
(including Bioethics and Environmental Ethics), Deductive Logic

Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy (especially Ancient Greek, Medieval, 19th-century German, and
Existentialism), Metaphysics, Epistemology, Political Philosophy

Teaching Experience - University of Utah (* = asynchronous online)

Sole Instructor

PHIL 1003	Intro: Philosophy and Human Nature (Spring 2024)
PHIL 3640	World Religions (Fall 2023)
PHIL 1002	Intro: Philosophy and issues related to God, faith, and reason (Fall 2022, 2021)*
PHIL 3600	Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2022)
PHIL 3013	Women in Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2020)*

Co-Instructor

PHIL 1002	Intro: Philosophy and issues related to God, faith, and reason (Summer 2023)*
PHIL 3520	Bioethics (Summer 2022)*
PHIL 1000	Intro: Survey of Philosophy (Summer 2021, 2019)*
PHIL 3530	Environmental Ethics (Summer 2020)*

Teaching Assistant

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

Academic 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>

Conference Presentations

Refereed

Shepherd Contra Hume on the Credibility of Miracles. *Tyndale Fellowship Study Groups Conference*, Hoddesdon, UK. Online. (July 2023)

Pascal on Habit, Faith and Grace. *The Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion: Philosophy, Religion, and Existential Commitment*. Princeton University. (March 2023)

Mary Shepherd's Defense of Miracles Against Hume. *ESEMP Young Workshop: New Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy*. University of Copenhagen. (September 2022)

Curb Your Enthusiasm: Locke on the Evidential Value and Objective Nature of Miracles. *2022 John Locke Conference*. American University of Bulgaria. Online. (June 2022)

Mary Shepherd's Defense of Miracles. *NYC Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy: Expanding the Canon*. Fordham University. Online. (May 2022)

From Spinoza to the Enlightenment: The Struggle for Freedom of Thought, Freedom of Speech, and Secular Society. *Eighth Annual Hoaglund Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference*. Christopher Newport University. (April 2017)

➤ Winner of the Hoaglund Essay Prize.

Non-refereed

Pascal's Wager and the Distinction Between Human and Salvific Faith. *Intermountain Philosophy Conference*. Weber State University. (March 2023)

Curb Your Enthusiasm: Locke on the Objective Nature of Miracles. *Intermountain Philosophy Conference*. Utah State University. (February 2022)

Curb Your Enthusiasm: Locke on the Evidential Role of Miracles. *Intermountain Philosophy Conference*. Southern Utah University. Online. (November 2020)

Spinoza on the Eternity of the Human Mind. *Intermountain Philosophy Conference*. Utah Valley University. Online. (October 2019)

Commentaries

Comments on James Chamberlain's "Hume's 'General Rules'" *49th International Hume Society Conference*, Brigham Young University. (July 2023)

Honors and 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.
- 2017 Hoaglund Essay Prize, Christopher Newport University, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Grants and 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)

Public Philosophy

Selected 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).

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—2021)

Graduate Coursework (^ = audited)

History of Philosophy

- Modern Christian Thought, Brandon Peterson, Spring 2023^
- Ancient Greek Philosophy, Anne Siebels Peterson, Spring 2023^
- Kant, Chapman Waters, Spring 2021^
- John Locke, Lex Newman, Spring 2020

Early Modern Philosophy, Lex Newman, Fall 2019^

Medieval Philosophy, Brandon Peterson, Fall 2019

Early Modern Rationalists, Lex Newman, Spring 2019

Classical Chinese Philosophy, Eric Hutton, Spring 2019

Nietzsche, Elijah Millgram, Fall 2018

Metaphysics & Epistemology

Philosophy of Mind, Natalia Washington, Spring 2020

Metaphysics, Anne Siebels Peterson, Spring 2020

Perception, Dustin Stokes, Fall 2018

Ethics & Value Theory

Practical Reason, Chrisoula Andreou, Fall 2019

Modern Political Theory, Steven Johnston, Spring 2019

Advanced Political Philosophy, Eric Hutton & Mark Button, Fall 2018

Logic & Formal Methods

Advanced Deductive Logic, Natalia Washington, Fall 2019

Deductive Logic, Lex Newman, Fall 2018