

# Nathan Alexander Mueller

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Epistemology, Social Epistemology, Metaphysics	
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Education	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Baylor University	<i>in progress expected Spring 2026</i>
	M.A., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University <i>magna cum laude</i>	2015
	B.A., Philosophy, Creighton University <i>magna cum laude</i>	2011
EMPLOYMENT	<i>Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Great Texts, Saint Constantine College, 2021-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Teach interdisciplinary courses in philosophy, theology, literature, and history within the Western Tradition. Led discussion-based, seminar-style classes designed to cultivate real-time critical thinking, analytical reading, and articulate speaking across all undergraduate levels. Conducted weekly one-on-one tutorials with assigned mentees, providing structured training in collegiate reading, writing, and research methodologies. Contributed to institutional growth by helping develop a new major track and designing multiple original courses. Spearheaded initiatives to streamline student management and assessment processes, improving efficiency and curricular coherence. Pursued interdisciplinary research and writing beyond primary academic specialization.</li></ul> <i>Instructor of Record, Baylor University, August 2019-May 2021</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Independently taught courses fulfilling Baylor University's Core Curriculum requirements, serving students from a wide range of majors and academic backgrounds. Designed syllabi, assignments, and assessments to align with departmental learning objectives while cultivating rigorous, discussion-driven classroom environments. Implemented innovative pedagogical practices to enhance student engagement and critical thinking. Collaborated with faculty to streamline and standardize course content across multiple sections, contributing to greater curricular coherence and consistency. Strengthened skills in course design, academic leadership, assessment strategy, and inclusive teaching.</li></ul>	

*Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant*, Baylor University, August 2016-July 2019

- Served as a Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant in the Department of Philosophy at Baylor University, supporting faculty in the day-to-day administration and instruction of undergraduate courses. Advised and mentored students through individual meetings focused on tutoring, writing development, and course comprehension. Delivered lectures and facilitated classroom discussions in the primary instructor's absence, fostering engagement and critical thinking. Managed grading responsibilities and maintained course organization through effective use of the university's learning management system (LMS). Developed strong public speaking, classroom management, and instructional skills while contributing to a rigorous, student-centered academic environment.

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

*Customer Service Lead*, Makita USA Inc. (Nov. 2015 – Aug. 2016)

- Directed the development and management of the regional customer service team for Makita Power Tools, ensuring accurate, timely product delivery in alignment with customer and Makita USA standards. Contributed to the design and implementation of new operational strategies and assisted in establishing a new operations management team.

*Jr. Customer Service Representative*, Makita USA Inc. (Aug. 2014 – Nov. 2015)

- Reviewed and processed distributor purchase orders, including B2B portal transactions, while addressing account-specific needs and requests. Responded to inquiries from distributors, end users, and the outside sales force via phone and email. Managed new account setups in coordination with Sales, Accounts Receivable, and Customer Service Management. Supported management with specialized account processing, departmental projects, and technical writing assignments.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. "The Very Idea of an Educated Public: On Philosophical Education and MacIntyre's Project" *Journal of Philosophy of Education* (2019)

### Other Professional Works

2. "Did you Know? Wonder and Philosophy as a Way Home" in Eric J. Mohr and Holly K. Mohr (eds.) *Mister Rogers and Philosophy* (Chicago, IL: Open Court Publishing Co.). (2019) (co-authored with Leilani Mueller)
1. "Breaking the Spell: Beauty and the Beast and Plato's Prisoner" in Richard Davis (ed.) *Disney and Philosophy: Truth, Trust, and a Little Bit of Pixie Dust* (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing). (2019) (co-authored with Leilani Mueller)

## PRESENTATIONS

### Talks

14. "The 'Gift' of the Body: Autonomy in Light of the Givenness of Our Embodiment", 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, *Chicago, IL* (October 2024)
13. "Being Curious about 'Curiositas': On Desiring to Know and What Goes Wrong It", 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, *Houston, TX* (November 2023)

12. “Empathy and the Recovery of Moral Knowledge”, 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, *Minneapolis, MN* (November 2019)
11. “Empathy and the Recovery of Moral Knowledge”, 2019 Midwest Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, *Hope College* (September 2019)
10. “Experience, Expression, and Recognition: Reflections on the Arts and Emotional Intelligence”, Philosophy of Religion and Art Conference, *Weatherford College* (March 2019)
9. “Experience, Expression, and Recognition: Reflections on the Arts and Emotional Intelligence”, Experiencing Life with God Conference, *Westmont College* (May 2018)
8. “Epistemic Bias, Resilience, and Faith: An Evidentialist Problematic”, 19th Annual Boston College Philosophy Graduate Conference, *Boston College* (March 2018)
7. “On the Relevance of *The Idea of a University*”, Lumen Christi Institute Summer Seminar on The Thought of John Henry Newman, *Merton College, Oxford University* (July 2017)
6. “Puzzles Concerning “Resilience” for Daniel Howard-Snyder”, Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, *Western Washington University* (May 2017)
5. “Puzzles Concerning “Resilience” for Daniel Howard-Snyder”, 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy, *University of Calgary* (May 2017)
4. “The Equal-Weight View and Cases of Religious Disagreement”, 2016 Talbot Philosophical Society Spring Conference, *Biola University* (April 2016)
3. “The Resuscitation of Culture: Understanding Culture as Knowledge”, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, *Creighton University* (April 2011)
2. “The Resuscitation of Culture: Understanding Culture as Knowledge”, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, *Pacific University* (April 2011)
1. “The Resuscitation of Culture: Understanding Culture as Knowledge”, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference, *Truman State University* (November 2010)

### Comments

3. May 2015: Comments on Jonathan Wright’s ‘Complex Demonstratives and Rigidification’, 2015 Talbot Philosophical Society Spring Conference, *Biola University*
2. November 2013: Comments on Roger Overton’s ‘More than Profit: A Definition of Greed’, 2013 Talbot Philosophical Society Fall Conference, *Biola University*
1. October 2011: Comments on Robin Dembroff’s ‘A Dispositional Model of Twisted Self-Deception’, Philosophy ASP Colloquium, *Biola University*

### WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

6. Divine Hiddenness: Shifting the Debate, *Baylor University*, Research Group Participant, Funded by *The John Templeton Foundation* (Fall 2019 – Spring 2021)
5. Conyers Graduate Scholars Program, *Baylor University* (Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)
4. Workshop Participant on “Christian Higher Education and the Christian-Scholar’s Vocation” with Dr. David L. Jeffrey and Dr. Alan Jacobs, *Baylor University* (March 23, 2018)
3. Workshop Participant on *Making Men Moral* with Dr. Robert P. George, *Baylor University* (January 23, 2018)
2. Lumen Christi Institute Summer Seminar, “The Thought of John Henry Newman”, *Merton College, Oxford University* (July 9-15, 2017)

1. Workshop Participant on *Rationality and Religious Commitment* with Dr. Robert Audi, *Biola University* (Spring 2015)

AWARDS

Baylor University Graduate School Fellowship - \$4000 (*per annum*) (2016 - 2020)  
- Awarded to the Top 4-5% of Applicants to Baylor Graduate School  
Baylor University Graduate School Travel Award - \$400 (2017, 2018, 2019(x2))  
Baylor University Graduate School Travel Award - \$200 (2019)

SERVICE

*Referee*

Journal of Medicine and Philosophy  
Christian Bioethics  
HealthCare Ethics Committee Forum

*Organizer*

Graduate Student Workshop with Dr. Robert Audi on *Rationality and Religious Commitment*, *Biola University*, Spring 2015,  
2015 Talbot Philosophical Society Spring Conference, *Biola University*, Spring 2015

*Co-Organizer*

Department of Philosophy Prospective Student Weekend, *Baylor University*, Spring 2019  
Workshop on “Christian Higher Education and the Christian-Scholar’s Vocation” with Dr. David L. Jeffrey and Dr. Alan Jacobs, *Baylor University*, Spring 2019  
2014 Talbot Philosophical Society Spring Conference, *Biola University*, Spring 2014

*Other*

President, 2014-2015, Talbot Philosophical Society, *Biola University*  
President, 2020-2021, Baylor Philosophy Graduate Student Body, *Baylor University*

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association, 2015-  
Society of Christian Philosophers, 2018-  
American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2023-