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About

Yujin Nagasawa specialises in the philosophy of religion, the philosophy of mind and applied philosophy. He is the author of *God and Phenomenal Consciousness: A Novel Approach to Knowledge Arguments* (Cambridge University Press, 2008) and *The Existence of God: A Philosophical Introduction* (Routledge, 2011). He is also Co-Director of the **John Hick Centre for Philosophy of Religion (/research/activity/philosophyofreligion/index.aspx)** .

He is also the editor/co-editor of *There's Something About Mary: Essays on Phenomenal Consciousness and Frank Jackson's Knowledge Argument* (with Peter Ludlow and Daniel Stoljar) (MIT Press, 2004), *New Waves in Philosophy of Religion* (with Erik J. Wielenberg), (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), *Scientific Approaches to the Philosophy of Religion* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), *Consciousness in the Physical World: Perspectives on Russellian Monism* (with Torin Alter), (Oxford University Press, forthcoming), *Alternative Concepts of God* (with Andrei Buckareff), (Oxford University Press, forthcoming) and *Palgrave Handbook of the Afterlife* (with Benjamin Matheson), (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming).

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Biography

Yujin Nagasawa was educated as an undergraduate at the State University of New York at Stony Brook in the United States, and received his PhD from the Australian National University (ANU) in 2004.

From 2004 to 2005 he was Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Alberta, Canada and Research Fellow at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE) at ANU.

He came to Birmingham in 2006 to take up a permanent position. He was awarded the *Philosophical Quarterly* Essay Prize in 2007, the John Templeton Award for Theological Promise by the John Templeton Foundation and the University of Heidelberg in 2008, and the Excellence in Philosophy of Religion Prize by the University of St. Thomas in 2011.

He is currently a member of the Committee of the **British Society for the Philosophy of Religion (http://www.thebspr.org/)** , Co-Editor and Review Editor of the ***European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*** **(http://www.philosophy-of-religion.eu/)** , Philosophy of Religion Editor of ***Philosophy Compass*** **(http://philosophy-compass.com/sections/philosophy-of-religion/)** , Co-Series Editor of ***Palgrave Frontiers in Philosophy of Religion (http://www.palgrave.com/products/series.aspx?s=PFPR)*** and a member of the Editorial Board of ***Religious Studies*** **(http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=RES)** and Ashgate's **British Society for the Philosophy of Religion Book Series (http://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=4318)** .

Teaching

Postgraduate

- God, Freedom and the Meaning of Life
- Value of Life

Undergraduate

- PRE seminars

Postgraduate supervision

Yujin is willing to supervise postgraduate projects in any of his research areas. Feel free to contact him **by e-mail (mailto:Y.Nagasawa@bham.ac.uk)** if you would like to discuss possible postgraduate work. In 2013/15 Yujin supervises eleven PhD students and an MRes student in philosophy of religion and philosophy of mind.

Research

- Philosophy of Religion (the existence of God, the traditional concept of God and its alternatives, divine attributes, the problem of evil, miracles, science and religion, global/inter-religious philosophy of religion)
- Philosophy of Mind (phenomenal consciousness, physicalism and dualism, semantic externalism)
- Applied Philosophy (medical ethics, the meaning of life, death and immortality)

Funded projects

- Death, Immortality and the Afterlife (with David Cheetham at the University of Birmingham; funded by the Analytic Theology Project at the University of Innsbruck; 2012-2014)
- Alternative Concepts of God (with Andrei Buckareff at Marist College; funded by the John Templeton Foundation; 2011-2013)

- Toward a Nonphysicalist Monist Solution to the Mystery of Consciousness (with Max Velmans at Goldsmiths, University of London; funded by the John Templeton Foundation; 2009-2011)
- Anselmian Perfect-Being Theology and the Cognitive Science of Religion (funded by the Cognition, Religion and Theology Project at the University of Oxford; 2008-2009)

Other activities

- School Head of Research and Knowledge Transfer
- Library Officer

Publications

For a complete list of publications please see **Yujin's website. (http://www.yujinnagasawa.com/)** .

Books

- *Alternative Concepts of God* (Edited with Andrei Buckareff), Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- *Consciousness in the Physical World: Essays on Russellian Monism* (Edited with Torin Alter), Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- Palgrave Handbooks of the Afterlife (Edited with Benjamin Matheson), Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.
- ***Scientific Approaches to Philosophy of Religion* (http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=488041)** (Edited), Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
- ***The Existence of God: A Philosophical Introduction* (http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415465892/)** , Routledge, 2011.
- ***God and Phenomenal Consciousness: A Novel Approach to Knowledge Arguments* (http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521879668)** , Cambridge University Press, 2008. Winner of the 2008 John Templeton Award for Theological Promise
- ***New Waves in Philosophy of Religion (http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?PID=326395)*** (Edited with Erik Wielenberg), Palgrave Macmillan (New Waves in Philosophy Series), 2008.
- ***There's Something About Mary: Essays on Phenomenal Consciousness and Frank Jackson's Knowledge Argument (http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?tid=10261&ttype=2)*** (Edited with Peter Ludlow and Daniel Stoljar), MIT Press, 2004.

Selected Articles

- 'Global Philosophy of Religion and its Challenges', in Paul Draper and J. L. Schellenberg (eds.), *Renewing Philosophy of Religion: Beyond the Faith-Based Model*, Oxford University Press.
- 'Hiddenness, Silence and Shusaku Endo', in Adam Green and Eleonore Stump (eds.), *Hidden Divinity and Religoius Belief: New Perspectives*, Cambridge University Press.
- 'Models of Anselmian Theism', *Faith and Philosophy* 30, 2013, pp. 3-25.
- 'The Mind-Body Problem and Infinite Decomposability', *American Philosophical Quarterly* 49, 2012, pp. 357-67.
- 'The Ontological Argument and the Devil', *Philosophical Quarterly* 60, 2010, pp. 72-91. Winner of the 2010 Excellence in Philosophy of Religion Prize.
- **'A New Defence of Anselmian Theism' (/Documents/college-artslaw/ptr/philosophy/nagasawa-anselmian.pdf)** *Philosophical Quarterly* 58, 2008, pp. 577-96. Winner of the 2007 *Philosophical Quarterly* Essay Prize.
- **'Millican on the Ontological Argument' (/Documents/college-artslaw/ptr/philosophy/nagasawa-millican.pdf)** , *Mind* 116, 2007, pp. 1027-40, 2007, pp. 1027-40.
- 'The Grounds of Worship' (with Tim Bayne), *Religious Studies* 42, pp. 299-313.

Expertise

Philosophy of Religion, the existence of God, the traditional concept of God and its alternatives, the problem of evil, science and religion, global philosophy of religion, afterlife, miracles; Philosophy of Mind, the problem of consciousness, mind and matter; Applied Philosophy the meaning of life and death.

Media experience

PBS TV Series: Closer To Truth (http://www.closertotruth.com/participant/Yujin-Nagasawa/161)

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