

# Nichole Smith

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## Research Interests

I research transformative choices—the sort of decisions that change who you are and what you know, and that you cannot know what they’ll be like to go through with until you do it. This places me in value theory broadly, and applied ethics, particularly the ethics of psychiatry and psychopathology.

## Education

- 2017–Present DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in Philosophy, University of California, Riverside (Expected)  
GPA: 3.88  
Graduate work includes seminars and directed study on contemporary value theory and ethics, agency theory, Kant, Nietzsche, philosophy of mind, and consciousness.
- 2017–2019 MASTER OF ARTS in Philosophy, University of California, Riverside  
GPA: 3.88
- 2013–2017 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in Mathematics and Philosophy, Valparaiso University  
GPA: 3.85

## Honors & Awards

- 2017–Present Provost Research Fellowship
- April 2016 Deans’ Choice Award for “Rejecting Fallibilism”, Valparaiso University Celebration of Undergraduate Research
- May 2016 Sigma Award, Valparaiso University Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- 2013–2016 Valparaiso University College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List Fall 2013–Spring 2017

## Publications

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Nov 2016 “Knowing Infallibly: A Case for Infallible Phenomenal Knowledge”, *Proceedings of The National Conference On Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2016*: 1633-1638.

### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES (SELECTED)

- April 2014 “OP/ED: Restrictions on Voting Takes Away Purpose of Democracy”, *The Torch*
- March 2014 “OP/ED: Lack of Information Leads to Uneducated Voting Among People in Democracy”, *The Torch*
- Feb 2014 “Sameness Doctrine Leads to Social Ills”, *The Torch*
- Feb 2014 “Cramming is Essentially Cheating”, *The Torch*
- Jan 2014 “Animal Rights Illogical, Unrealistic”, *The Torch*
- Dec 2013 “General Educational Requirements Illustrate Disconnect in Purposes of Education”, *The Torch*

Nov 2013 "OP/ED: Graduation rates create vicious cycle", *The Torch*

## Research Presentations

April 2017 "Compatibility of Agent-Causal Libertarianism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason," National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Memphis, TN (forthcoming)  
Sept 2016 "What Are Numbers?," Valparaiso University Department of Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium, Valparaiso, IN  
April 2016 "Rejecting Fallibilism," National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Asheville, NC  
April 2016 "Rejecting Fallibilism," Celebration of Undergraduate Research, Valparaiso, IN  
April 2016 "Combinatorics of Twist Boxes of Knots," Celebration of Undergraduate Research, Valparaiso, IN

## TAing

### AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Spring 2019 PHIL 001: Intro to Philosophy  
Winter 2019 PHIL 030: History of Ancient Philosophy  
Fall 2018 PHIL 005: Evil

### AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

2017 MATH 266: Transitions in Mathematics  
2016-2017 PHIL 145: Elementary Logic and Critical Thinking  
2016 MATH 264: Linear Algebra  
2015-16 MATH 124: Finite Mathematics  
2015 MATH 220: Discrete Mathematics  
2015 MATH 133: Calculus III  
2015 MATH 132: Calculus II  
2015-2016 MATH 131: Calculus I

## Additional Experiences

2017 Christ College Honors College Associate  
2016 SUNY Potsdam-Clarkson REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) in Mathematics on Integer Partitions  
2016 Summer Program for Diversity: Logic at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth  
2015-16 Programmed online Calculus problem generator for NSF-funded project  
2015 Workshop on Challenges in Computational Neuroscience by the Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI)  
2016 General Manager at WVUR-FM  
2015-17 Programming Director at WVUR-FM  
2014-15 Assistant Music Director at WVUR-FM

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