

# RAMAN SACHDEV

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Assistant Professor of Philosophy</b> Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA	2025–
<b>Assistant Professor of Philosophy</b> Minot State University, Minot, ND	2022–2025
<b>Visiting Instructor of Philosophy</b> University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2019–2022

## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. in Philosophy</b> University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2019
<b>M.A. in Philosophy</b> University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2015
<b>M.A. in the Humanities</b> The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	2009
<b>B.A. in Philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i></b> Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL	2006
<b>Coursework towards B.A.</b>	
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL	2004
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	2003
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH (Class of 2005)	2001–2002

## RESEARCH AREAS

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### Areas of Specialization

Skepticism, Buddhist Philosophy, Moral and Political Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, History of Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Biomedical Ethics, Asian Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

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**Descartes and Skepticism** 2019  
*Humanities Bulletin*

### Under Review / In Preparation

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**The Dhammapada: The Path Leading to the Cessation of Suffering**  
(Under Review)

**Two Ancient Paths to Inner Peace**  
(Under Review)

**Skepticism, Substance, and the Rhythms of Art**  
(Under Review)

**Philosophical Skepticism in Zhuangzi: Interpretations from the Outer World**  
(In Preparation)

### Public-Facing Essays

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**The Good Life** 2024  
*Humanities North Dakota Magazine* (Spring 2024), pp. 26–29

**From the White House to Ancient Athens: Hypocrisy is No Match for Partisanship** 2020  
*The Conversation*

**What are Hybrid Classes and How Do You Succeed in Them?** 2020  
*Admit-A-Bull: University of South Florida Admissions Blog*

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

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**Best Faculty Paper (Boiled Peanut Award)** 2026  
Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society

Furman University, Greenville, SC

**Cultural and Intellectual Engagement Council Grant** 2024

*Informed Citizenship and American Politics: A Day in Conversation with  
Public Philosopher Jack Russell Weinstein*

Minot State University

**Named a USF Hero for Service to the Profession** 2020

*USF Magazine* (Winter 2020), pp. 26–27, 31

Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida

**Piloted the Sole Flexible Hybrid Course** 2020

Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida

**Runner Up, Charles Schmitt Prize** 2020

*Intellectual History Review*

For the essay, “Descartes and Skepticism: A Critique of Popkin’s  
‘Sceptical Crisis’”

**Teaching Assistantship** 2017–2018

Ph.D. Program in Philosophy

Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

**Presidential Fellowship** 2012–2017

Ph.D. Program in Philosophy

Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS** (\*denotes invited talks)

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**Equality and Its Limits: On the Indeterminacy of Moral Obligation** 2026

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Annual Meeting  
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO

**Two Conceptions of Love: Huey P. Newton, Martin Luther King Jr.,  
and the Ethics of Resistance** 2026

Pacifism and Nonviolence Workshop April  
Virtual Meeting

Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society March  
Furman University, Greenville, SC  
– **Best Faculty Paper Award**

<b>The Key to Resilience: Practicing Pyrrhonism in the Contemporary World</b>	2025
Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Annual Meeting Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL	
<b>A Tale of Two Sages: Comparative Paths to Tranquility in Stoicism and Buddhism</b>	2025
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 57th Annual Meeting Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands	July
Sixth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND	April
<b>Book Commentary on Gregory Minissale's <i>Rhythm in Art, Psychology and New Materialism</i></b>	2025
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting The Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA	
<b>*What is Antisemitism?</b>	2025
Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibit U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association Heart of America Library, Rugby, ND	
<b>Beyond Doubt: Pyrrhonism's Search for Tranquility and its Philosophical Legacy</b>	2024
Northwest Philosophy Conference Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR	November
Iowa Philosophical Society Meeting Iowa State University, Ames, IA	October
*Department of Philosophy North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND	September
<b>Enlightened Atheism: Hume on Suicide and the Stigmatization of Mental Illness</b>	2024
Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Eighteenth-Century Scotland Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ	May-June
Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society	March

and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy  
Davidson College, Davidson, NC

<b>Hardly the Perfect Pyrrhonist: An Interpretation of Hume's Skepticism</b>	2023
Illinois Philosophical Association Illinois State University, Normal, IL	
<b>The Ancient Sceptics: Learning How to Think and Live</b>	2023
Conversations with Colleagues Minot State University, Minot, ND	
<b>Descartes' Intuition</b>	2023
Fourth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference University of Mary, Bismarck, ND	
<b>The Self-evidence and Obviousness of the Cogito</b>	2021
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting Virtual Meeting	
<b>Descartes and Skepticism</b>	2019
Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia	

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Courses taught include Ethics, Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Religion, and Modern Philosophy, with emphasis on clarity, engagement, and accessibility across learning formats.

### Department of Religion and Philosophy, Clark Atlanta University

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<b>Ethics</b>	2026
1 section, in person	
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	2025-2026
5 sections, in person	

### Philosophy Program, Minot State University

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<b>Ethics</b>	2023-2025
6 sections, in person and online asynchronous	
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	2022-2025
6 sections, in person	

**Introduction to Philosophy** 2022–2025  
13 sections, in person and online asynchronous

**Philosophy of Human Nature** 2022–2023  
2 sections, in person

**Philosophy of Religion** 2023  
1 section, in person

**Student Supervision**  
Directed/Independent Studies  
Jason Procka, *Buddhism and Skepticism*  
Krista Vesely, *Existentialism, Feminism, and Psychotherapy*

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**Honors Program, Minot State University**

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**Integrity and the Examined Life** 2025  
1 section, in person

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**Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida**

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**Biomedical Ethics** 2019–2022  
16 sections, in person and online synchronous

**Introduction to Ethics** 2021  
2 sections, in person

**Philosophy of Religion** 2021  
1 section, online synchronous

**Introduction to Philosophy** 2017–2018  
2 sections, in person

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**Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida**

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**Acquisition of Knowledge** 2018–2021  
10 sections, in person and hybrid

**Music and the Emotions / Music and the Screen** 2021  
2 sections, hybrid

**Why Do Bad Things Happen? Religious Traditions and the Problem of Evil** 2021  
1 section, hybrid

**Studies in Buddhism and Stoicism** 2020  
1 section, in person

**Mental Illness, Suicide, and Moral Responsibility** 2019–2020  
3 sections, in person

**Student Supervision**  
Honors Thesis Advising  
Zane Lienhart, *What are diamonds really worth? Interpreting the multi-dimensionality of value and the conditions of valuation*

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

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**APA Eastern Division Moderator** 2026–  
Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World

**Section Editor, Philosophy of Religion** 2024–2026  
*Open Theology*, De Gruyter

**Conference Organizer** 2024  
Fifth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference  
Minot State University

**Course Developer and Instructor: The Good Life** 2024  
Humanities North Dakota, Virtual Course

**Guest Speaker for Graduate Instruction Methods** 2019–2021  
Graduate pedagogy course taught by Colin Heydt  
Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

**Journal Referee:** *Acta Analytica*, *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* ongoing

**Member:** American Philosophical Association, American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Society for Philosophy of Emotion, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World ongoing

### INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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**Faculty Senator** 2023–2025  
Minot State University

<b>Strategic Planning Committee Member</b> Minot State University	2025
<b>Faculty Search Committee Member</b> Biology Department, Minot State University	2023–2024
<b>Faculty Advisor to the Mindfulness Club</b> Minot State University	2023–2024
<b>Online Course Developer</b> <i>Ethics</i> , Minot State University	2023
<b>Course Manager and Developer</b> <i>Acquisition of Knowledge</i> , Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2019–2020

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