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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2019
M.A. in Philosophy University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2015
M.A. in the Humanities The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	2009
B.A. in Philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i> Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL	2006

RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization

Moral and Political Philosophy (especially equality, structural injustice, and Black political thought);
Comparative Philosophy; Skepticism

Areas of Competence

Buddhist Philosophy; Ancient Greek Philosophy; Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“Skepticism, Substance, and the Rhythms of Art.” <i>Journal of Philosophy of Emotion</i> . Forthcoming.	2027
“Descartes and Skepticism.” <i>Humanities Bulletin</i> 2, no. 1: 71–84.	2019

Book Chapters

“The Dhammapada (The Path of Dhamma).” In <i>Reading Primary Sources in Indian Philosophy: A Guide</i> , edited by Malcolm Keating. Bloomsbury Academic. Forthcoming.	2026
“Two Ancient Paths to Inner Peace.” In <i>Way Beyond Happiness: Buddhism, Stoicism, and Psychotherapy</i> , edited by Sandra Woien, 3–14. Carus Books.	2026

Public Philosophy

“The Good Life.” <i>Humanities North Dakota Magazine</i> , 26–29.	2024
“From the White House to Ancient Athens: Hypocrisy Is No Match for Partisanship.” <i>The Conversation</i> .	2020

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Invited Article

"Philosophical Skepticism in Zhuangzi: Interpretations from the Outer World."

Invited contribution to a special issue of *Humanities* on the global influence of the Chinese diaspora. Manuscript in preparation.

Current Research Projects

Love and Resistance in Twentieth-Century Black Political Thought: Martin Luther King Jr. and Huey P. Newton.

Article manuscript in progress examining competing conceptions of love, nonviolence, self-defense, and moral burdens imposed on oppressed communities.

Equality and the Indeterminacy of Moral Obligation.

Research project examining whether affirmations of fundamental human equality determine a substantive principle of distributive justice. Article manuscript in progress: "'All Humans Are Equal' as a Wrong Answer."

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

REDI Faculty Release Time Award

2025–2027

Clark Atlanta University

25% course-load reduction for research and proposal development

Best Faculty Paper Award (Boiled Peanut Award)

2026

South Carolina Society for Philosophy

Awarded for the best paper by a non-tenured faculty member: "Two Conceptions of Love: Huey P. Newton, Martin Luther King Jr., and the Ethics of Resistance"

Cultural and Intellectual Engagement Council Grant

2024

Minot State University, \$2,200

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

Runner-Up, Charles Schmitt Prize

2020

Intellectual History Review

For the essay, "Descartes and Skepticism: A Critique of Popkin's 'Sceptical Crisis'"

Presidential Fellowship

2012–2017

Ph.D. Program in Philosophy

Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

External Grant Application

National Endowment for the Humanities, Awards for Faculty at HBCUs

2026

Love and Resistance in Twentieth-Century Black Political Thought: Martin Luther King Jr. and Huey P. Newton.
Pending.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

"What Is Antisemitism?"

2025

Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association

Heart of America Library, Rugby, ND

"Beyond Doubt: Pyrrhonism's Search for Tranquility and Its Philosophical Legacy"

2024

Department of Philosophy Colloquium

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

"The Ancient Skeptics: Learning How to Think and Live"

2023

Conversations with Colleagues

Minot State University, Minot, ND

Commentaries

Commentary on “The Challenge of Hope” 2027
Colloquium

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting
Hilton Denver City Center, Denver, CO

Commentary on Gregory Minissale’s *Rhythm in Art, Psychology and New Materialism* 2025

Society for Philosophy of Emotion Affiliated Group Session
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
The Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA

Conference Presentations

“‘All Humans Are Equal’ as a Wrong Answer” 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**

“The Key to Resilience: Practicing Pyrrhonism in the Contemporary World” 2025

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Annual Meeting
Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL

“A Tale of Two Sages: Comparative Paths to Tranquility in Stoicism and Buddhism” 2025

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy July
57th Annual Meeting

Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands
Sixth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference April
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

“Beyond Doubt: Pyrrhonism’s Search for Tranquility and Its Philosophical Legacy” 2024

Northwest Philosophy Conference November
Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR

Iowa Philosophical Society Meeting October
Iowa State University, Ames, IA

“Enlightened Atheism: Hume on Suicide and the Stigmatization of Mental Illness” 2024

Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Eighteenth-Century Scotland May–June
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy March
Davidson College, Davidson, NC

“Hardly the Perfect Pyrrhonist: An Interpretation of Hume’s Skepticism” 2023

Illinois Philosophical Association
Illinois State University, Normal, IL

“Descartes’s Intuition” 2023

Fourth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference
University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

“The Self-Evidence and Obviousness of the Cogito” 2021

The Descartes Society Affiliated Group Session
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
Virtual Meeting

“Descartes and Skepticism” 2019

Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy
The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Clark Atlanta University 2025–present
Critical Thinking
Ethics and Human Values

Minot State University 2022–2025
Ethics
Critical Thinking
Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy of Human Nature
Philosophy of Religion
Integrity and the Examined Life

University of South Florida 2017–2022
Biomedical Ethics
Introduction to Ethics
Philosophy of Religion
Introduction to Philosophy
Acquisition of Knowledge
Music and the Emotions / Music and the Screen
Why Do Bad Things Happen? Religious Traditions and the Problem of Evil
Studies in Buddhism and Stoicism
Mental Illness, Suicide, and Moral Responsibility

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Independent Studies

Krista Vesely 2024
“Existentialism, Feminism, and Psychotherapy”
Minot State University

Jason Procka 2023
“Buddhism and Skepticism”
Minot State University

Honors Thesis Advising

Zane Lienhart 2021
“What Are Diamonds Really Worth? Interpreting the Multi-Dimensionality of Value and the Conditions of Valuation”
Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service

Section Editor, Ethics/Social and Political Philosophy 2026–present
Open Philosophy, De Gruyter Brill

Section Editor, Philosophy of Religion 2024–present
Open Theology, De Gruyter Brill

Journal Referee

Acta Analytica; Philosophy in the Contemporary World

Professional Activities

APA Eastern Division Co-Moderator, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World 2026–present
2027: Organizer and moderator, “Oppression in the Contemporary World,” APA Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA

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

Course Developer and Instructor, The Good Life Humanities North Dakota, online public course	2024
Invited Guest Speaker, Graduate Instruction Methods Graduate pedagogy course taught by Colin Heydt Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida	2019–2021
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE	
Faculty Senator Minot State University	2023–2025
Member, Strategic Planning Committee Minot State University	2025
Member, Faculty Search Committee, Biology Department Minot State University	2023–2024
Faculty Advisor, Mindfulness Club Minot State University	2023–2024
Online Course Developer, Ethics Minot State University	2023
Course Manager and Developer, Acquisition of Knowledge Judy Genshaft Honors College University of South Florida	2019–2020
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	
American Association of Philosophy Teachers	
American Philosophical Association	
Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy	
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy	
Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World	
Society for Philosophy of Emotion	