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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, Comparative Philosophy, Skepticism,
Buddhist Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

"Skepticism, Substance, and the Rhythms of Art." *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion*. Forthcoming. 2026

"Descartes and Skepticism." *Humanities Bulletin* 2, no. 1: 71–84. 2019

Book Chapters

"The Dhammapada: The Path Leading to the Cessation of Suffering." In *Reading Primary Sources in Indian Philosophy*, edited by Malcolm Keating. Bloomsbury Academic. Forthcoming. 2027

"Two Ancient Paths to Inner Peace." In *Way Beyond Happiness: Buddhism, Stoicism, and Psychotherapy*, edited by Sandra Woien. Carus Books. 2026

Public Philosophy

"The Good Life." *Humanities North Dakota Magazine*, 26–29. 2024

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Invited Article

"Philosophical Skepticism in Zhuangzi: Interpretations from the Outer World." Invited contribution to *Humanities*. In preparation.

Current Research Projects

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

Equality and Its Limits: On the Indeterminacy of Moral Obligation.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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

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

Teaching Assistantship 2017–2018

Ph.D. Program in Philosophy

Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

What is Antisemitism? 2025

Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibit

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

Heart of America Library, Rugby, ND

Beyond Doubt: Pyrrhonism's Search for Tranquility 2024

and its Philosophical Legacy

Department of Philosophy Colloquium

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

The Ancient Sceptics: Learning How to Think and Live 2023

Conversations with Colleagues

Minot State University, Minot, ND

Commentaries

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

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

The Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA

Conference Presentations

“All Humans Are Equal” as a Wrong Answer Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Annual Meeting University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO	2026
Two Conceptions of Love: Huey P. Newton, Martin Luther King Jr., and the Ethics of Resistance	2026
Pacifism and Nonviolence Workshop Virtual Meeting	April
Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society Furman University, Greenville, SC – Best Faculty Paper Award	March
The Key to Resilience: Practicing Pyrrhonism in the Contemporary World Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Annual Meeting Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL	2025
A Tale of Two Sages: Comparative Paths to Tranquility in Stoicism and Buddhism	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
Beyond Doubt: Pyrrhonism’s Search for Tranquility and its Philosophical Legacy	2024
Northwest Philosophy Conference Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR	November
Iowa Philosophical Society Meeting Iowa State University, Ames, IA	October
Enlightened Atheism: Hume on Suicide and the Stigmatization of Mental Illness	2024

Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Eighteenth-Century Scotland Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ	May–June
Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy Davidson College, Davidson, NC	March
Hardly the Perfect Pyrrhonist: An Interpretation of Hume’s Skepticism Illinois Philosophical Association Illinois State University, Normal, IL	2023
Descartes’ Intuition Fourth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference University of Mary, Bismarck, ND	2023
The Self-evidence and Obviousness of the Cogito American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting Virtual Meeting	2021
Descartes and Skepticism Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia	2019

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

Jason Procka, *Buddhism and Skepticism*
Krista Vesely, *Existentialism, Feminism, and Psychotherapy*

Honors Thesis Advising

Zane Lienhart, *What Are Diamonds Really Worth? Interpreting the
Multi-Dimensionality of Value and the Conditions of Valuation*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service

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

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

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

Professional Activities

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

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 Dr. Colin Heydt
Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

Professional Memberships

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

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Senator 2023–2025
Minot State University

Strategic Planning Committee Member 2025
Minot State University

Faculty Search Committee Member 2023–2024
Biology Department, Minot State University

Faculty Advisor to the Mindfulness Club 2023–2024
Minot State University

Online Course Developer 2023
Ethics, Minot State University

Course Manager and Developer 2019–2020
Acquisition of Knowledge, Judy Genshaft Honors College,
University of South Florida