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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. Forthcoming. 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
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

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

and New Materialism

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 March
and the North Carolina Philosophical Society
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 and 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 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	2023
Illinois Philosophical Association Illinois State University, Normal, IL	
Descartes’ Intuition	2023
Fourth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference University of Mary, Bismarck, ND	
The Self-evidence and Obviousness of the Cogito	2021
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
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Critical Thinking
Ethics and Human Values

Minot State University	2022–2025
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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