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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<u>Assistant Professor of Philosophy</u>	2022–present
Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota	
Visiting Instructor of Philosophy	2019–2022
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida	

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy	2019
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida	
M.A. in the Humanities	2009
The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois	
B.A. in Philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2006
Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois	
Coursework towards B.A.	
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois	2004
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois	2003
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire	2001–2002

RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy, Skepticism, History of Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Asian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

The Path Leading to the Cessation of Suffering: The *Dhammapada* 2024
Reading Primary Sources in Buddhist Philosophy
Bloomsbury Academic (forthcoming)

Descartes and Skepticism 2019
Humanities Bulletin

Other Publications

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

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

SELECT PRESENTATIONS (*denotes invited talks)

**Beyond Doubt: Pyrrhonism's Search for Tranquility
and its Philosophical Legacy** 2024

Northwest Philosophy Conference November
Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon

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

*Department of Philosophy September
North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

**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, New Jersey

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

Hardly the Perfect Pyrrhonist: An Interpretation of Hume's Skepticism 2023
Illinois Philosophical Association
Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

The Ancient Sceptics: Learning How to Think and Live 2023

Conversations with Colleagues
Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota

Descartes' Intuition 2023
Fourth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference
University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota

The Self-evidence and Obviousness of the Cogito 2021
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Virtual

Descartes and Skepticism 2019
Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy
The University of Queensland, Australia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Philosophy Program, Minot State University

Modern Philosophy 2024
1 section, in person

Ethics 2023–2024
4 sections, in person and online asynchronous

Introduction to Philosophy 2022–2024
11 sections, in person and online asynchronous

Critical Thinking 2022–2024
5 sections, in person

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*

Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

Biomedical Ethics 16 sections, in person and online synchronous	2019–2022
Introduction to Ethics 2 sections, in person	2021
Philosophy of Religion 1 section, online synchronous	2021
Introduction to Philosophy 2 sections, in person	2017–2018

Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida

Acquisition of Knowledge 10 sections, in person and hybrid	2018–2021
Music and the Emotions / Music and the Screen 2 sections, hybrid	2021
Why Do Bad Things Happen? Religious Traditions and the Problem of Evil 1 section, hybrid	2021
Studies in Buddhism and Stoicism 1 section, in person	2020
Mental Illness, Suicide, and Moral Responsibility 3 sections, in person	2019–2020
Student Supervision Honors Thesis Advising <i>Zane Lienhart, What are diamonds really worth? Interpreting the multi-dimensionality of value and the conditions of valuation</i>	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Section Editor, Philosophy of Religion <i>Open Theology</i> , De Gruyter	2024–2026
Conference Organizer <u>Fifth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference</u>	2024

Minot State University

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

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

Conference Chair 2016
Descartes' Correspondence
University of South Florida

Referee for *Acta Analytica* ongoing

Member, American Philosophical Association ongoing

Member, American Association of Philosophy Teachers ongoing

Member, Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy ongoing

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Senator 2023–2026
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

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