

# RAMAN SACHDEV

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

## EDUCATION

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

Early Modern Philosophy, Skepticism, History of Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Asian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

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| <b>Descartes and Skepticism</b><br><i>Humanities Bulletin</i> | 2019 |
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### Under Review / In Preparation

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

**Two Ancient Paths to Inner Peace**  
(In Preparation)

**Skepticism, Substance, and the Rhythms of Art**  
(In Preparation)

### Public-Facing Essays

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| <b>The Good Life</b><br><i>Humanities North Dakota Magazine</i> (Spring 2024), pp. 26–29 | 2024 |
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| <b>From the White House to Ancient Athens: Hypocrisy is No Match for Partisanship</b><br><i>The Conversation</i> | 2020 |
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| <b>What are Hybrid Classes and How Do You Succeed in Them?</b><br><i>Admit-A-Bull: University of South Florida Admissions Blog</i> | 2020 |
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## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

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| <b>Cultural and Intellectual Engagement Council Grant</b><br><i>Informed Citizenship and American Politics: A Day in Conversation with Public Philosopher Jack Russell Weinstein</i><br>Minot State University | 2024      |
| <b>Named a USF Hero for Service to the Profession</b><br><i>USF Magazine</i> (Winter 2020), pp. 26–27, 31<br>Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida                                         | 2020      |
| <b>Piloted the Sole Flexible Hybrid Course</b><br>Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida                                                                                                    | 2020      |
| <b>Runner Up, Charles Schmitt Prize</b><br><i>Intellectual History Review</i><br>For the essay, “Descartes and Skepticism: A Critique of Popkin’s ‘Sceptical Crisis’”                                          | 2020      |
| <b>Teaching Assistantship</b><br>Ph.D. Program in Philosophy<br>Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida                                                                                          | 2017–2018 |
| <b>Presidential Fellowship</b><br>Ph.D. Program in Philosophy<br>Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida                                                                                         | 2012–2017 |

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

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| <b>The Key to Resilience: Practicing Pyrrhonism in the Contemporary World</b><br>Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Annual Meeting<br>Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL               | 2025             |
| <b>A Tale of Two Sages: Comparative Paths to Tranquility in Stoicism and Buddhism</b><br><br>Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy,<br>57th Annual Meeting<br>Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands | 2025<br><br>July |
| Sixth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference                                                                                                                                                          | April            |

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

**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

**\*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

Northwest Philosophy Conference

November

Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR

Iowa Philosophical Society Meeting

October

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

\*Department of Philosophy

September

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

**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

March

and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy

Davidson College, Davidson, NC

**Hardly the Perfect Pyrrhonist: An Interpretation of Hume's Skepticism** 2023

Illinois Philosophical Association

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

**The Ancient Skeptics: Learning How to Think and Live** 2023

Conversations with Colleagues

Minot State University, Minot, ND

**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

**Descartes and Skepticism** 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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**Critical Thinking** 2025  
3 sections, in person

### Philosophy Program, Minot State University

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**Ethics** 2023–2025  
6 sections, in person and online asynchronous

**Critical Thinking** 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*

## **Honors Program, Minot State University**

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

## **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

## **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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| <b>Section Editor, Philosophy of Religion</b><br><i>Open Theology</i> , De Gruyter                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2024–2026 |
| <b>Conference Organizer</b><br>Fifth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference<br>Minot State University                                                                                                                                                                       | 2024      |
| <b>Course Developer and Instructor: The Good Life</b><br>Humanities North Dakota, Virtual Course                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2024      |
| <b>Guest Speaker for Graduate Instruction Methods</b><br>Graduate pedagogy course taught by Colin Heydt<br>Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida                                                                                                                  | 2019–2021 |
| <b>Journal Referee:</b> <i>Acta Analytica</i> , <i>Philosophy in the Contemporary World</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       | ongoing   |
| <b>Member:</b> 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   |

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## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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

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