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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

The Path Leading to the Cessation of Suffering: The *Dhammapada* 2025
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)

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, California

***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, North Dakota

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

Northwest Philosophy Conference

Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon

November

Iowa Philosophical Society Meeting

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

October

*Department of Philosophy

North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

September

**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
Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina

March

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

The Ancient Skeptics: 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

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

Critical Thinking 2022–2025
6 sections, in person

Introduction to Philosophy 2022–2025
12 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

Integrity and the Examined Life

2025

1 section, in person

Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

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

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

Section Editor, Philosophy of Religion

2024–2026

Open Theology, De Gruyter

Conference Organizer

2024

Fifth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference
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

Member, Society for Philosophy of Emotion

ongoing

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Senator

2023–2026

Minot State University

Faculty Search Committee Member Biology Department Minot State University	2023–2024
Faculty Advisor to the 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

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