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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)

***Melancholy and Delirium: The Failure of Pyrrhonian Skepticism
and the Case for Fideism** 2024
Department of Philosophy
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 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 Descartes' Correspondence University of South Florida	2016
Referee for <i>Acta Analytica</i>	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 Minot State University	2023–2026
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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