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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

## EDUCATION

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

## RESEARCH AREAS

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### Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy, Skepticism, Buddhist Philosophy, History of Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Asian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

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**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

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**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 & HONORS

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**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’”

<b>Teaching Assistantship</b> Ph.D. Program in Philosophy Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida	2017–2018
<b>Presidential Fellowship</b> Ph.D. Program in Philosophy Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida	2012–2017

## **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

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<b>Enlightened Atheism: Hume on Suicide and the Stigmatization of Mental Illness</b>	2024
<u>Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Eighteenth-Century Scotland</u> Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey	May–June
<u>Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy</u> Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina	March
<b><u>Hardly the Perfect Pyrrhonist: An Interpretation of Hume’s Skepticism</u></b> <u>Illinois Philosophical Association</u> Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois	2023
<b><u>The Ancient Skeptics: Learning How to Think and Live</u></b> <u>Conversations with Colleagues</u> Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota	2023
<b>Descartes’ Intuition</b> Fourth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota	2023
<b><u>The Self-evidence and Obviousness of the Cogito</u></b> American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Virtual	2021
<b><u>Descartes and Skepticism</u></b> Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy The University of Queensland, Australia	2019

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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## **Philosophy Program, Minot State University**

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**Modern Philosophy** 2024  
1 section, in person

**Ethics** 2023–2024  
3 sections, in person and online

**Introduction to Philosophy** 2022–2024  
9 sections, in person and online

**Critical Thinking** 2022–2024  
4 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**

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**Biomedical Ethics** 2019–2022  
16 sections, in person and online

**Introduction to Ethics** 2021  
2 sections, in person

**Philosophy of Religion** 2021  
1 section, online

**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	
<b>Music and the Emotions / Music and the Screen</b> 2 sections, hybrid	2021
<b>Why Do Bad Things Happen? Religious Traditions and the Problem of Evil</b> 1 section, hybrid	2021
<b>Studies in Buddhism and Stoicism</b> 1 section, in person	2020
<b>Mental Illness, Suicide, and Moral Responsibility</b> 3 sections, in person	2019–2020
<b>Student Supervision</b> 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**

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<b>Conference Organizer</b> <u>Fifth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference</u> Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota	2024
<b>Course Developer and Instructor: The Good Life</b> Humanities North Dakota, Virtual Class	2024
<b>Guest Speaker for Graduate Instruction Methods</b> Graduate course on pedagogy taught by Colin Heydt Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida	2019–2021
<b>Conference Chair</b> Descartes' Correspondence University of South Florida, Tampa, 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

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<b>Faculty Senator</b> Minot State University	2023–2026
<b>Faculty Search Committee Member</b> Biology Department Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota	2023–2024
<b>Online Course Developer</b> Ethics Minot State University	2023
<b>Course Manager and Developer</b> Acquisition of Knowledge Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2019–2020

## REFERENCES

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