

## Raman Sachdev

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**Areas of Specialization:** Early Modern Philosophy, History of Philosophy, and Skepticism

**Areas of Competence:** Ethics, Epistemology and Metaphysics, Asian Philosophy, Comparative Religions, and the Humanities

### Employment

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Visiting Postdoctoral Instructor 2019–present  
Philosophy Department, University of South Florida

### Education

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Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of South Florida 2019

Dissertation Title: *The Role of Skepticism in Early Modern Philosophy: A Critique of Popkin's "Sceptical Crisis" and a Study of Descartes and Hume*

Committee: Roger Ariew (Co-Major Professor),  
Douglas Jesseph (Co-Major Professor),  
Alex Levine, William Goodwin

M.A. in Philosophy, University of South Florida 2015

M.A. in the Humanities, The University of Chicago 2009

Thesis Title: *It Sounds Good: A Creative Thesis*  
Supervisor: Ted Cohen

B.A. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, Loyola University Chicago 2006

Coursework towards B.A., Dartmouth College

2001-02

### **Awards and Honors**

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Named a [USF Hero](#) for Contribution to the Profession during  
Coronavirus pandemic 2020  
USF Magazine (Winter 2020)

Piloted the Sole Flexible Hybrid Course during Summer Session 2020  
Acquisition of Knowledge  
Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida  
See [Promotional Video on YouTube](#)

Runner Up, Charles Schmitt Prize, Intellectual History Review 2020  
For the essay, "Descartes and Skepticism: A Critique of Popkin's  
'Sceptical Crisis'"

Graduate Assistantship 2018-19  
INTO USF Tutoring Center, University of South Florida

Teaching Assistantship 2017-18  
Philosophy Department, University of South Florida

Presidential Fellowship\* 2012-17  
\*Most prestigious doctoral fellowship  
Philosophy Department, University of South Florida

Dean's Award Scholarship 2004-06  
Loyola University Chicago

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

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Sachdev, Raman. ["Descartes and Skepticism."](#) *Humanities Bulletin* 2, no. 1 (May 2019):  
71-84.

### **Blogs and Other Non-Scholarly Articles**

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Sachdev, Raman. ["From the White House to Ancient Athens: Hypocrisy is No Match](#)

[for Partisanship.](#)” *The Conversation*. Ethics + Religion. December 11, 2020.

Sachdev, Raman. [“What are Hybrid Classes and How Do You Succeed in Them?”](#)  
*University of South Florida, Admit-A-Bull: Official Admissions Blog*. September 16,  
2020.

## Teaching Experience

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<i>Introduction to Ethics</i> Philosophy Department, University of South Florida	2021
<i>Philosophy of Religion</i> Philosophy Department, University of South Florida	2021
<i>Why Do Bad Things Happen? Religious Traditions and the Problem of Evil</i> (hybrid instruction) Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2021
<i>Music and the Emotions / Music and the Screen</i> (hybrid instruction) Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2021
<i>Biomedical Ethics</i> (in-person and online instruction) Philosophy Department, University of South Florida	2019–21
<i>Studies in Buddhism and Stoicism</i> Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2020
<i>Mental Illness, Suicide, and Moral Responsibility</i> Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2019–20
<i>Acquisition of Knowledge</i> (in-person and hybrid instruction) Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2018–20
<i>GRE/GMAT Workshops</i> INTO USF Tutoring Center, University of South Florida	2015–19
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> Philosophy Department, University of South Florida	2017–18
<i>Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, and Elementary Logic</i> Hillsborough Community College	2013–14

*Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, and Comparative Religions* 2009–12  
Prairie State College

*Survey of the Humanities* 2009–10  
Waubonsee Community College

### **Professional Service and Presentations**

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Presentation on “The Self-evidence and Obviousness of the *Cogito*” 2021  
Descartes Society  
American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division Meeting

Course Manager and Developer for *Acquisition of Knowledge* 2019–20  
Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida

Guest Speaker for *Graduate Instruction Methods* 2019–20  
Course on Pedagogy taught by Dr. Colin Heydt  
Philosophy Department, University of South Florida

*Mental Illness and Mental Health During the Coronavirus Pandemic* 2020  
Invited Talks (via Zoom platform)  
Centro Cultural Brasil Estados-Unidos (CCBEU)  
Belém, Brazil

Presentation on “Descartes and Skepticism” 2019  
*Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*  
The University of Queensland, Australia  
Keynote Speakers: John Carriero, Marguerite Deslauriers  
Calvin Normore, Margaret Schabas  
Lisa Shapiro

Conference Chair 2019  
*Transcontinental Migrations*  
University of South Florida  
Keynote Speakers: Mohammad Azadpur, Gil Ben-Herut,  
Martin Schönfeld, Wei Zhang

Conference Chair 2018  
*Resistance & Love After Foundationalism*  
University of South Florida  
Keynote Speakers: José Medina, Adriana Novoa, Elena Ruíz,  
Brook J. Sadler

Presentation on “Pascal’s <i>Pensées</i> ” Conference Chair <i>Southeast Seminar in Modern Philosophy</i> University of South Florida Keynote Speakers: Daniel Garber, Douglas Jesseph, Justin Smith	2017
Presentation on “Teaching vs. Tutoring: Rationales, Methods, and Results” <i>INTO USF Professional Development Day</i> INTO USF, University of South Florida	2017
Presentation on “Tutoring Non-Native English Speaking Students” <i>INTO USF Tutoring Center Summer and Fall Team Meetings</i> INTO USF, University of South Florida	2017
Conference Chair <i>Descartes’ Correspondence</i> University of South Florida Keynote Speakers: Roger Ariew, Erik-Jan Bos, Douglas Jesseph, Theo Verbeek	2016

### **Additional Affiliations and Activities**

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Certified Online Instructor	2019
Test Prep Tutor: ACT, SAT, GRE, and GMAT INTO USF	2014–19
Test Prep Tutor: ACT Sexton Test Prep	2015–16
Ethics Bowl Team Coach University of South Florida	2015
Level 3 Master Certified Tutor College Reading & Learning Association	
American Philosophical Association Member	
Florida Philosophical Association Member	

American Association of Philosophy Teachers Member

## References

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