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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

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

Course Manager and Developer 2019–2020
Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida

Education

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

Named a [USF Hero](#) for Contribution to the Profession during
Coronavirus pandemic 2020
USF Magazine (Winter 2020), pp. 26-27, 31

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

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

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

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

Blogs and Other Non-Scholarly Articles

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

<i>Biomedical Ethics</i> (in-person and online instruction) Philosophy Department, University of South Florida	2019–22
<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>Acquisition of Knowledge</i> (in-person and hybrid instruction) Judy Genshaft Honors College, University of South Florida	2018–21
<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>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
<i>Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, and Comparative Religions</i> Prairie State College	2009–12
<i>Survey of the Humanities</i>	2009–10

Professional Service and Presentations

- Presentation on “The Self-evidence and Obviousness of the *Cogito*” 2021
Descartes Society
American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division Meeting
- Guest Speaker for *Graduate Instruction Methods* 2019-21
Course on Pedagogy taught by Dr. Colin Heydt
Philosophy Department, University of South Florida
- 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 *Pensées*” 2017
Conference Chair
Southeast Seminar in Modern Philosophy
University of South Florida
Keynote Speakers: Daniel Garber, Douglas Jesseph, Justin Smith
- Conference Chair 2016
Descartes’ Correspondence
University of South Florida
Keynote Speakers: Roger Ariew, Erik-Jan Bos, Douglas Jesseph,
Theo Verbeek

Additional Affiliations and Activities

Certified Online Instructor 2019

Ethics Bowl Team Coach 2015
University of South Florida

American Philosophical Association Member

Florida Philosophical Association Member

American Association of Philosophy Teachers Member

References

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