

SANJANA RAJAGOPAL

Fordham Philosophy Department

[Email](#) | [Website](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

EDUCATION

Fordham University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2018-2024 (expected)

M.A. earned as part of the Ph.D. in May 2020

My dissertation focuses on the role of appearance and emotion in Hannah Arendt's political philosophy.

Advisors: Samir Haddad (mentor), Jeffrey Flynn, Shiloh Whitney, Lauren Kopajtic

Fordham College at Lincoln Center

B.A. in Philosophy & Communications/Media Studies

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Academic Presentations

2023 Panelist presenting on Hannah Arendt (alongside Lauren Lassabe Shepherd, Audrey Wu Clark & Rebecca Brenner Graham) at the Annual U.S. Society for Intellectual History Conference, Denver (*Forthcoming, November 2023*)

2023 "The Role of Emotions in Arendt's Report on the Eichmann Trial," at the Annual Arendt Circle at the University of Verona, funded by a Selective Student Support Grant from Fordham's Graduate Student Council

2023 "The Role of Emotions in Arendt's Report on the Eichmann Trial," at the Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt Conference at the University of Leiden

2022 "Arendt and the Enigma of Jesus, Goodness and Forgiveness," at Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium

2021 "Moral Saints, Ground Projects, and Christ," at SCP Midwest

"Derridean Hospitality in Dark Times," at UMSL Philosopher's Forum 15th Gateway Graduate Conference

2019 "Moral Saints, Ground Projects, and Christ," at Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium

2018 "The PSR & Libertarianism about Free Will," Fordham Graduate Symposium

Academic Publications

2023 The Philosophical Salon (an LA Review of Books Channel), "Arendt on Titan"

2023 Genealogies of Modernity, "Fry and Arendt: A Philosophical Debt"

2021 AAR, Review of *Mass Violence in Nazi Occupied Europe* by Alex J. Kay & David Stahel

2020 APA Blog, "Thinking Our Way Through Coronavirus: Hannah Arendt's Insights For Dark Times"

2019 APA Blog, "On The Question Of What It Means To Be A Hindu Philosopher"

2017 APA Blog, "Cultivating Inclusiveness: The Piksi Institute"

SUMMER PROGRAMS & INTERNSHIPS

2020 Summer Intern at The Jewish Museum, NY

I was one of twenty students selected to participate in The Jewish Museum's first 5-week virtual summer institute.

2019 Social Media and Public Relations Intern at Oxford University Press, NY

I helped the Social & PR teams at OUP with scheduling posts for their social media accounts through Percolate Next, compiling reports on engagement using Google Analytics, drafting press releases and galley letters for upcoming titles, and more.

2017 PIKSI Fellow (Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute) at MIT

I attended PIKSI Boston for a week in June of 2017. I was 1 of 20 students selected internationally from a pool of 120+ applicants. I met philosophy graduate students and faculty from the Boston area and received a moderate stipend.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

I am currently teaching one section of Philosophy of Human Nature (the first of two introductory philosophy courses all Fordham students are required to take) as an in-person course. I have designed the syllabus and class materials for and taught seven semesters of this course so far. Teaching dossier and testimonials available on request.

Before I was a teaching fellow, I assumed the following responsibilities in the first two years of my doctoral degree:

Spring 2020 Prospective Student Ambassador for the Philosophy Department

I designed a brochure about life at Fordham and life in New York City for prospective philosophy Ph.D. students, working with the department chair and DGS. I also welcomed and escorted prospective students around the city on prospective students day in March

Fall 2019 Tutor at Lincoln Center Campus Writing Center

I spent 9 hours a week working with undergraduate students on their writing assignments for various classes.

2018-2020 Graduate Assistant to Stephen Grimm (Social Media Manager, Philosophy Department)

I created and ran Fordham Philosophy's social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and the Fordham Philosophy Gateway website). I helped to establish the department's online presence and culture. I photographed all major department events on my DSLR. I also created a video for prospective students about housing options in the Bronx and Inwood.

2018-2020 Graduate Assistant to Christina M. Gschwandtner

I compiled class notes and helped with research and administrative tasks as needed. I also filled in for one class (Being & Time, an upper-level undergrad course) as a substitute.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS

2021	Jewish Studies Graduate Fellow
2018	Inducted into Phi Sigma Tau International Honor Society in Philosophy
2018	Department Outstanding Graduate in Philosophy (Jane B. Aron Prize), \$2000 Tuition Prize
2016-2018	Dean's List at Fordham College
2016-17	Undergraduate Fellow at the Center on Law and Information Policy
2015	2nd Place, Prix de Culture Contest Sponsored by French Embassy & Fordham

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE & SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2023-24	Graduate Student Assistant on Organizing Committee of The Arendt Circle
2021	Conference Co-Chair, Fordham Philosophical Society Graduate Conference Conference Organizer, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium
2020	Conference Organizer, Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium Prospective Students Ambassador & Host
2018-2020	Philosophy Department Social Media Manager & Photographer

READING GROUP PARTICIPATION

2022-Present	Social-Political Philosophy Workshop, Fordham University
2021	Twitter Hannah Arendt Reading Group
2018-2020	Center for Phil. Religion Reading Group, Rutgers University
2018-2019	Ethics & Epistemology Reading Group, Fordham University
2018	Plantinga Reading Group, Rutgers University

COURSEWORK

2018	Introduction to Aristotle, Philosophy of Time & Persistence, Language & Identity
2019	Introduction to Aquinas, Phenomenology, Whitehead Moral Emotions, Humility & Arrogance, Moral Psychology (Taken at NYU with Zoe Johnson King) Hermeneutics (Audited at Fordham)
2020	Bonaventure's Metaphysics, Self-Cultivation Philosophy Kant & German Idealism, Derrida
2021	Plato's Dialogues, Biopolitics & Necropolitics Hannah Arendt (Audited at The New School for Social Research with Richard Bernstein† & Alice Cray)
2021	Logic

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2015	Selective CFDA Program Volunteer, Mercedes Benz Fashion Week
2014-2015	Fashion Intern at Maggie Norris Couture
2014	Student Intern at Nazareth Housing
2013-2015	Social Media Manager for the League of Women Voters Ridgewood Chapter
2013-2014	Student Volunteer at Ridgewood Public Library Student Volunteer at Ridgewood-Glen Rock Community Relations Board

RELEVANT SKILLS + SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

Languages in order of competence: English, French, Tamil, German, Hindi

Tech Skills: HTML, CSS, Google Analytics, Percolate Next, SEO Optimization

Personal and Travel Updates Instagram: @astrangecharm

Reading and Ph.D. Updates Instagram: @thinkingwithoutabanister

Academic Twitter: @SanjanaWrites