

## SANJANA RAJAGOPAL

Fordham Philosophy Department

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### EDUCATION

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#### Fordham University: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Ph.D. in Philosophy (August 2018-present), M.A. earned in cursu as of May 2020

#### Fordham College at Lincoln Center

B.A. in Philosophy & Communications/Media Studies (September 2014-May 2018)

### COURSEWORK

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#### Graduate Coursework Taken For Credit

Introduction to Aristotle, Philosophy of Time & Persistence, Language & Identity	Fall 2018
Introduction to Aquinas, Phenomenology, Whitehead	Spring 2019
Moral Emotions, Humility & Arrogance, Moral Psychology (NYU)	Fall 2019
Bonaventure's Metaphysics, Self-Cultivation Philosophy	Spring 2020
Kant & German Idealism, Derrida	Fall 2020

#### Unofficially Audited Coursework

Hermeneutics	Fall 2019
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#### Graduate Requirements Met

Pedagogy Seminar	Spring 2020
Qualifying Papers Received High Passes	Spring 2020
Language Exam in French	Fall 2018

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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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 online course. Teaching materials available on request.

### GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

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#### Prospective Student Ambassador for the Philosophy Department, Spring 2020

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

#### Tutor at Fordham Lincoln Center Writing Center, Fall 2019

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

#### Graduate Assistant to Stephen Grimm, Fall 2018-Spring 2020

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

#### **Graduate Assistant to Crina Gschwandtner, Fall 2019-Spring 2019**

- Compiled class notes and helped with research and administrative tasks as needed
- Filled in for one class as a substitute (Being & Time, an upper-level undergrad course)

## **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS**

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### **Fordham College at Lincoln Center**

Dean's List	2016/2017
Inducted into Phi Sigma Tau International Honor Society in Philosophy	Spring 2018
Department Outstanding Graduate in Philosophy (Jane B. Aron Prize)	October 2017
2nd Place, Prix de Culture Contest Sponsored by French Embassy & Fordham	Spring 2015

## **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIPS & EVENT ATTENDANCE**

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### **Summer Programs**

#### **Summer Intern at The Jewish Museum**

July 2020-August 2020

I was one of twenty students selected to participate in The Jewish Museum's first 5-week virtual summer institute. I engaged in group discussions with artists, curators, and museum staff about the art world, Jewish culture, pedagogy, and the politics/ethics of museum exhibits. I developed a research project on the life and works of Hannah Arendt for presentation during the second week of August.

#### **PIKSI ( Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute)**

MIT, June 2017

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. I ended up writing a piece for the APA (American Philosophical Association) Blog on my experiences at PIKSI. More generally, I also addressed the need for more diversity in philosophy. The piece can be found [here](#).

Since then, I have written [a second](#) and [a third time](#) for the APA Blog in 2019 and 2020 respectively.

### **Reading Groups**

Center for Phil. Religion Reading Group	Rutgers, Spring 2020
Ethics & Epistemology Reading Group	Fordham, 2018-2019
Center for Phil. Religion Reading Group	Rutgers, 2017-2018
Plantinga Reading Group	Rutgers, Spring 2018
Undergraduate Fellow, Center on Law/Information Policy	Fordham, 2016-2017

### **Paper Presentations**

<u>Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium</u>	Fordham University, October 2019
<b>"Moral Saints, Ground Projects, and Christ"</b>	

**“The PSR & Libertarianism about Free Will”**

Faculty Commentator: Amy Seymour

**Memberships**

American Philosophical Association, Vice President of MAP- Fordham (2019-20), Phi Sigma Tau

**RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND**

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**Academic Social Media/Publicity Intern at Oxford University Press, June 2019-September 2019**

- Point person for OUP Academic's Tumblr and Medium
- Working knowledge of Google Analytics and SEO
- Scheduling content through Percolate for the OUPBlog
- Updating Publicity Team's contact database using Publicity Assistant software
- Drafting press releases for immediate issue, drafting galley letters for upcoming titles
- Pulling and compiling quarterly Facebook & Twitter Analytics reports in MS Excel
- Updating media subscriptions for Publicity Team's use
- Creating media pitching lists and writing outreach emails for upcoming titles

**Editorial Assistant to New York Times Bestselling Author, Aspen Matis, Summer 2017**

- Handled interactions with important contacts in press, film, tv, publishing, etc.
- Line by line editing of copy for various projects Aspen was working on
- On call to discuss ideas for a not for profit social media platform Aspen was developing

**Private ESL Tutor, Jan 2014-June 2014**

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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<b>CFDA Program Volunteer, Mercedes Benz Fashion Week</b>	Feb. 2015
<b>Fashion Intern at Maggie Norris Couture</b>	Oct. 2014-Jan. 2015
<b>Student Intern at Nazareth Housing</b>	Sep. 2014-Dec. 2014
<b>Social Media Manager for the League of Women Voters Ridgewood Chapter</b>	Sep. 2013-June 2014
<b>Student Volunteer at Ridgewood-Glen Rock Community Relations Board</b>	Oct. 2013-June 2014

**RELEVANT SKILLS + SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES**

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

**Tech Skills:** Well-versed in Microsoft Office, HTML, CSS, Google Analytics, Percolate Next, SEO Optimization

**Personal Instagram:** @astrangecharm

**Portrait Photography Instagram:** @astrangecharmphoto

**Academic Twitter:** @sanjanawrites