



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Tennyson Samraj

### COMPLETED ACADEMIC DEGREES:

PhD, Philosophy — University of Poona — India, 1984  
MA, History-Modern World — University of Poona — India, 1976  
BLA, Religious Philosophy — Spicer Memorial College — India, 1974

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Professor, Philosophy — Burman University — Lacombe, AB, 1994 – Present  
Member — Adventist Philosophers' Society — 2009 - Present  
Contract teacher, Philosophy — Red Deer College — Red Deer, AB, 2007-2008; 2010; 2014  
Associate Professor, Philosophy — Canadian University College — Lacombe, AB, 1990-1994  
Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religion — Spicer Memorial College — India, 1979-1988

### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Chair of Faculty Council — Canadian University College — Lacombe, AB, 2009 – 2012  
Chair of the FDR committee. Canadian University College, 2012-2013  
Assistant Dean — Division of Arts Canadian University college 2006-2010  
Principal — Hume McHenry High School — India, 1988-1990  
Head, Department of Philosophy — Spicer Memorial College — India, 1986-1988  
Director, Summer Extension School, — Spicer Memorial College — India, July 1987

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Burman University:

HIST 130 — The West and the World	PHIL 340 — Logic
HIST 334 — Philosophy of History	PHIL 410 — Ethics
PHIL 220 — Introduction to Philosophy	PHIL 424 — Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 223 — Moral Philosophy	PHIL 339 — Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 326 — Epistemology	RELG 107 — Comparative Religion
PHIL495 — Topics in Philosophy	

Red Deer College:

Philosophy 323 — Philosophy of Mind	Philosophy 340A — Advanced Ethics
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Spicer Memorial College:

World War 1	Comparative Religions
Russian History	History of Religion
Indian History	Church History
Common wealth History	Philosophy of Religion

PUBLICATIONS: Journal Articles

- Tennyson Samraj, **The “Multiple Realization” of Intentionality as an Emergent Property: The Possibility of Conscious life Beyond this Planet**” *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies*. Edited by Patricia Hanna. Volume 14, 2020. (Athens: Athens Institute for Education and Research—ISBN: 978-960-598-355-0) Pages, 169-188.
- Tennyson Samraj, **“Delineating Euthanasia in the context of Capital punishment: Unusual but not cruel.”** *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies*. Edited by Patricia Hanna. Volume 13, 2019. (Athens: Athens Institute for Education and Research—ISBN: 978-960-598-301-7) Pages, 85-103.
- Tennyson Samraj, **“The Essence of God and the Identity of God”**  
*An Anthology of Philosophical Studies* Volume, 12 Edited by Patricia Hanna,  
Athens: Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2018. Pages, 149-158.
- Tennyson Samraj, **“Consciousness, Conscience, Freedom, and Morality”**  
*The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*,  
Volume 8, Issue 1 (2018) Pages, 53-63.
- Tennyson Samraj, **“Carbon based-Brain, Consciousness, Christianity, and the Choices Related to the Cessation of Life.”**  
*The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*,  
Volume 5, Issue 3, pp.53-61  
2016 Article: Print (Spiral Bound).
- Tennyson Samraj, **“Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness, and Cognition: Understanding Cognitive states in the context of the KK Thesis.”**  
*Indian Journal of Applied Research*,  
Volume: 6 | Issue: 2 | FEBRUARY 2016 | ISSN - 2249-555X
- Tennyson Samraj, **Belief Quotient - Justified Belief-Decision: Ontological and Epistemic Implications to Existential Decisions.**  
*The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*,  
Volume 3, Issue 2, pp.61-68.  
2014 Article: Print (Spiral Bound). Article: Electronic (PDF File; 392.133KB).
- Tennyson Samraj, **What is your Belief Quotient?**  
Author House, Bloomington IN. 2007.  
ISBNs associated with this title: ISBN - 10: 1425991963 ISBN - 13: 9781425991968
- Tennyson Samraj, **“On Being Equally Free and Unequally Restricted: An Epistemic Analysis of Sartre’s Ontology on Freedom and Restriction.”**  
*Indian Philosophical Quarterly* 23.3-4 (1996).

### **Conference paper Publications**

Tennyson Samraj, **The Essence of God and the Identity of God**

*Atiner's Conference Paper Series.*

PHI-2017-2267. ISSN: 2241-2891 [atiner.gr/papers.htm](http://atiner.gr/papers.htm)

Tennyson Samraj, **"Theism and Atheism: Justified belief-Decision for or against the Concept of God."**

*People: International Journal of Social Sciences*

Volume 2, Issue 1, pp325-338. 2016

Tennyson Samraj, **When is Religion Meaningful and when is Religion Detrimental**

Singapore SG Jun, 07-08. 2016, 18 (1) Part III

Tennyson Samraj, **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness, and Choice: A Phenomenological Update on the Concept and Reality of Freedom as an Existential Mode of Existence in Human Praxis.**

*Atiner's Conference Paper Series*

No: PHI2015-1449 Athens

URL. Conference series Papers: [WWW.atiner.gr/papers.htm](http://WWW.atiner.gr/papers.htm)

ISSN: 2241-2891

Tennyson Samraj, **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness and Cognition: Understanding Cognitive states in the context of the KK Thesis**

*Atiner's Conference Paper Series*

No: PHI2014-0932 Athens

URL. Conference series Papers: [WWW.atiner.gr/papers.htm](http://WWW.atiner.gr/papers.htm)

ISSN. 2241-2891

### **Shows –Art Exhibit**

Art Exhibition: Sport Sentience at Science Atrium, March 2020

Art Exhibition: Composers, Singers, and Musicians at Science Atrium, Burman University, September 2019

Art Exhibition: US Presidents at Science Atrium Burman University, March 2017

Art Exhibition: Prime ministers of Canada AT LMC for Canada 150 years celebration July 2017

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS:**

Tennyson Samraj, **"Right to life/Live—"Core Tenets and the Inalienability Question.**

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Interantinal Conference On Philosphy, Athens May 25, 2020. Athens Institue for Education and Research. Online Conference Presentation.

Tennyson Samraj, **"Multiple realization" and the Phenomenon of Emergence: The possibility of conscious life beyond this planet."**

14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference On Philosophy

(Atiner-Athens Institute for Educational and Research), Titania Conference Centre.  
Athens 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Attiki 106 78.  
May 27-30, 2019.

Comment [G1]: Inserted: n

Tennyson Samraj, **“Envisioning the Khalsa State Modeled after the Vatican State: Seeking the Goodwill of the Indian Government.”**

The Ninth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, University of Granada.  
Granada, Spain.  
April 25-26, 2019

Tennyson Samraj, **“Understanding Euthanasia in the Context of Capital Crimes: Unusual but not Cruel.”**

13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference On Philosophy  
(Atiner-Athens Institute for Educational and Research) Titania Conference Centre.  
Athens 52 Panepistimiou Avenue Athens, Attiki 106 78.  
May 8-31, 2018.

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Tennyson Samraj, **“What the believer should know about beliefs Associated with God.”**

The Eighth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality  
Society University of California at Berkeley, Clark Kerr Campus,  
2601 Warring Street, Berkeley, CA, 94720.  
April 17-18, 2018.

Tennyson Samraj, **“The Essence of God and the Identity of God”**

12th Annual International Conference on Philosophy.  
Stanley Hotel, 1 Odiseos str, Karaiskaki Square, 104 37 Athens.  
May 22-25, 2017.

Tennyson Samraj, **Philosophy and Religion: The Importance of Philosophy of Religion**

Second Asian Pacific Conference on Multidisciplinary Research  
Renuka City Hotel Conference Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka.  
July 29-30, 2017.

Tennyson Samraj, **The Essence Of God and The Identity of God**

12th Annual International Conference on Philosophy,  
Stanley Hotel, 1 Odiseos str, Karaiskaki Square, 104 37 Athens  
May 22-25, 2017.

Tennyson Samraj, **Tibet’s Tennyson Samraj Tibet’s Aspiration: Global Initiation in seeking China’s Goodwill**

Second Canadian Conference on Global & International Studies 2016  
International Living Learning Centre (ILLC), Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.  
September 24, 2016.

Tennyson Samraj, **Theism and Atheism: Justified Belief-Decisions for or against the Concept of God**

3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Social Science and Humanities (ICSSH)  
Nanyang Technological University, Nanyang Executive Centre, Singapore  
June 27-28, 2016.

Tennyson Samraj, **When is Religion Meaningful and when is Religion Detrimental: An Epicurean/Hick Model to Prevent Religious-based Conflicts.**

ICERP 2016. 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethics, Religion and Philosophy, Singapore  
January 7-8, 2016.

Tennyson Samraj, **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness, and Choice: A Phenomenological Update on the Concept and Reality of Freedom as an Existential Mode of Existence in Human Praxis.**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens, Greece  
May 25-28, 2015

Tennyson Samraj, **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness, and Cognition: Understanding Cognitive states in the context of the KK Thesis.**

9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Philosophy Athens, Greece  
May 26-29, 2014

Tennyson Samraj, **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness, and Conscience: Defining ‘Conscience’ as a Neural/Mental Condition and Moral ‘Ought’ as a Discerned-Decision to Enact what is Right.**

CFP: Philosophical Society of Southern Africa (PSSA) Conference  
Bloemfontein, South Africa  
January 20 – 22, 2014

Tennyson Samraj, **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness, and the Christian Concept of Afterlife: ‘Multiple Realization’ and Life Beyond This Planet.**

International Conference on Religious Studies (ICRS 2013), Colombo, Sri Lanka  
July 15-16, 2013.

Tennyson Samraj. **Belief Quotient—Justified Belief-Decision: Ontological and Epistemic Implications to Existential Decisions.**

Third International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Tempe Arizona, USA.  
March 8-9, 2013

Tennyson Samraj. **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness, Christianity, and the Choice of the Cessation of Life: Epistemic, Existential, and Ethical Concerns Related to the Awareness of Being and Non-Being.**

International Conference on Bioethics Education: Contents, Methods, Trends.  
Tiberius, Israel  
September 4, 2012

Tennyson Samraj. **Carbon-based Brain, Consciousness and the Challenges of Teaching Philosophy in an Adventist Context.**

Teaching Philosophy: Promise or peril.  
Society of Adventist Philosophers 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium, San Francisco, USA  
November 17-18, 2011

Tennyson Samraj **Gender Equality and Religion: A Christian Perspective.**

6<sup>th</sup> World Religions Conference of Red Deer College  
Red Deer, AB Canada.  
October 24, 2011

Tennyson Samraj **Carbon-Based Brain, Consciousness, and the Awareness of Being and Non-being: Freedom and the Choice to Live or Die.**

Rotary Club of Lacombe in Lacombe Memorial Centre  
Lacombe, AB,  
February 18, 2011

Tennyson Samraj **The Nature of Human Beings: Carbon Based Brain and Consciousness.**

Educators retreat: Ontario Conference Teachers' Retreat, Toronto, ON.  
September 20-21, 2010

Tennyson Samraj **Correlativity of Rights and Duties.**

David Thomson Health Centre, Red Deer, AB.  
June 2005

Tennyson Samraj **“The Student as a Person”; “Analytical Philosophy and Understanding.” “The Relationship Between what we Know and How we Know what You Know: aPriori and a Posteriori Understanding.”**

Topics presented at the Teachers' Convention of SDA Man-Sask Conference  
Theodore, SK  
September 1994

**Web Profile**

<https://www.tennysonsamraj.com/>

**PRESENTATIONS AND FORUMS**

**“Divine Omniscience and Human Freedom”**

College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church,  
Lacombe, AB 1993

**Reactions of Hindus to Neo-Buddhism**

Seminar in Religion in Buddhist Conference  
Pune, India, June 1988

**God as Reality / God as a Concept.**

Seminar on Religion at Spicer Memorial College  
Pune, India, September 1987

**Sartre and Marxism: A Censure Reconstructed.**

Seminar on History at Spicer Memorial College  
Pune, India, September 1985

**Sartre and Human Freedom: A Concept Re-examined.**

Seminar on Social Studies at Spicer Memorial College  
Pune, India, June 1985

**Sartre on God: A Critique Reconsidered.**

Seminar on Religion at Spicer Memorial College

Pune, India, March 1984

*Chaired the following presentations* at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Philosophy in Athens, Greece, 26-29 May 2014:

Alessandra Melas, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Sassari, Italy. “An Ontic Conception of Chance in Monod’s Non-Teleological Evolutionary Biological Theory.”

Tamara Kayali, Lecturer, The Australian National University, Australia. “A Role for Bioethicists and Philosophers in Psychiatric Classification.”

Svetlana Shibarshina, PhD Student, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod, Russia. B. L. “Whorf on Cosmos, Individual, and Language.”

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOURS WITH STUDENTS:

Brazil and Argentina—Philosophy of Religion—Catholoism—May 2015

Portugal, Spain and Rome — Philosophy of Religion: **Catholicism** — May 2014

Burma — Philosophy of Religion: **Theravada Buddhism** — May 2013

Galapagos Island—Topics in Philosophy: **Science and Religion** — May 2012

Peru & Mexico — Topics in Philosophy: **The Religion of the Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas** — May 2011

Tibet — Topics in philosophy: Lamaism -**Tibetan Understanding of Life** — May/June 2010

Zurich Switzerland — Topics in Philosophy: **Is the Right to Die a Human Right?** A visit with Mr. Minelli, a human rights lawyer — May 2009

Zurich, Switzerland — **the Right to Die as the Last Human Right**; a visit Mr. Minelli — March 2008

Denmark — Philosophy of religion—“**Truth is subjectivity**”-**Kierkegaard** — June 2007

China — Philosophy of Religion: **Religion as a Way of Life - Confucianism vs. Christianity** — June 2006

Russia — Philosophy of Religion: **Meaning of Life and the Truth of Religious Beliefs - Tolstoy** — May 2005

Egypt — Philosophy of Religion: **Preservation of the Dead Preparation for After-Life** — May 2004

#### STUDY TOURS WITHOUT STUDENTS:

Antarctica — “**Life on Sea Ice, Snow Ice, and Glacier Ice** — December 2014

#### EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD—

Canadian Union College 1993

Canadian University College 2004

#### BOOK REVIEWS:

Rev. of “Perspective on AIDS: Ethical and Social Issues,” ed. by Christine Overall and William P. Zion. Religious Studies and Theology, Apr. 1995.

Rev. of “Moral Expertise: Studies in Practical and Professional Ethics,” ed. by Don MacNiven, Religious Studies and Theology, Apr. 1995.

Rev. of “An Intellectual Biography of the Seventeenth-Century Philosopher and Mystic,” by Andrew Weeks. Religious Studies and Theology, Apr. 1995.

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