



## Obituary for Dr. Anand Jayprakash Vaidya

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Dr. Anand Jayprakash Vaidya, a distinguished professor at San José State University, passed away on October 11, 2024. He was a widely respected researcher in the field of philosophy of mind, epistemology, logic, and critical thinking. His ability to research this diverse range of topics can be dedicated to his capacity and interest to analyze cross-cultural approaches in philosophy that covered broad traditions and enabled interdisciplinary conversations. His efforts were directed toward bringing analytic, comparative, and experimental philosophy together in order to keep philosophical discussion richer and wider than any given domain might otherwise be able to do or be inclined to allow. His areas of research also included epistemology for necessity and modality, understanding, and perception. He has interlinked consciousness, perception, and rationality and treated the Indian as well as the Western philosophical approaches equally in terms of respect, importance, and value. He also has a long-standing interest in cross-cultural and comparative philosophy of mind that in turn brought into focus debates regarding logical pluralism, selfhood, and consciousness. Other than his academic achievement, he was also popular for the kind personality he had, the love for learning, and for his mentorship skills. His publications “Epistemology in Classical Indian Philosophy” (with Stephen H. Phillips) and “Intellectual Ahimsā and Epistemic Friction” related philosophy with people’s ideas, emotions, and actions in the world by presenting the rich contents of the Eastern philosophical traditions within the context of the analytic framework. The philosophical world will always remember him for rising to the challenge of bringing minds together—irrespective of their cultural backgrounds, affiliations, philosophical orientations, and experiences.

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