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EMPLOYMENT

College of Saint Mary
Visiting Lecturer of Philosophy 2022–present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Kansas**
Philosophy, Honors April 28, 2022

Dissertation: “On willing and the phantasy of empathy”
Supervisor: Scott Jenkins
Committee: Bradford Cokelet; Jason Raibley; Sarah Robins
External Examiner: Ari Linden (German Studies)

M.A. **University of Kansas**
Philosophy, Honors 2017

M.A. **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium**
Philosophy, *cum laude* 2014

B.A. **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium**
Philosophy, *cum laude* 2012

B.Sc. **Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany**
Business-Economics 2011

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Moral psychology, Post-Kantian European thought

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Social and political philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

3. “Nietzsche’s Compassion”
Nietzsche-Studien: Internationales Jahrbuch für die Nietzsche-Forschung
Vol. 50, Issue 1, August 2021: 244-274.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/nietzstu-2021-0010>

2. “Nietzsche’s Theory of Empathy”
Philosophical Papers
Vol. 50, Issue 1-2, July 2021: 235-280.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/05568641.2021.1938649>

1. “The Ambiguity in Schopenhauer’s Doctrine of the Thing-in-Itself”
The Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly
Vol. 74, Issue 294, December 2020: 251-288.
<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/774870>

Book Reviews

1. “Anas Karzai, *Nietzsche and Sociology: Prophet of Affirmation*”
(Rowman and Littlefield, 2019)
The Agonist: A Nietzsche Circle Journal
(invited by Richard J. Elliott – Book Review Editor)
Vol. 16, Issue 1, July 2022: 53-58
<https://doi.org/10.33182/agon.v16i1.2787>

Public Writing

1. “The legacy of Schopenhauer’s metaphysics”
The Official Blog of the American Philosophical Association, Sep. 2020.
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2020/09/24/the-legacy-of-schopenhauers-metaphysics/>

PRESENTATIONS (* = REFEREED)

“Introspection and Self-knowledge in Schopenhauer”
Central APA: Symposium* February 2022
The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois

“A Theory of Supra-Cultural Reflexivity”
North American Society for Social Philosophy, 38th Annual Conference* July 2021
(held online due to Covid-19)

“Nietzsche’s Theory of *Mitempfindung*”
European Phil. Society for the Study of Emotions, 8th Annual Conference* June 2021
(held online)

“Reflexivity in migrant identity formation”
International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe Workshop* April 2021
(held online)

“Nietzsche on mimicry, alliance, and the phantasy of empathy”
Central APA: Symposium* February 2021
New Orleans, Louisiana
(held online due to Covid-19)

<p>“Nietzschean Compassion” Eastern APA: Symposium* New York City, New York (held online due to Covid-19)</p>	<p>January 2021</p>
<p>“Schopenhauer’s understanding of the thing-in-itself” International Schopenhauer Congress* Ryukoku University (unable to attend due to teaching commitments)</p>	<p>February 2019</p>
<p>“Schopenhauer and compassionate willing” Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium* Washington & Jefferson College</p>	<p>September 2017</p>
<p>“In defense of the will as thing-in-itself” Long Island Philosophical Society Conference* Saint John’s University</p>	<p>April 2017</p>
<p>“Noble compassion and beyond” South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference* Coastal Carolina University</p>	<p>February 2017</p>
<p>“Nietzsche’s concept of noble compassion” Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy* Deakin University (unable to attend due to teaching commitments)</p>	<p>December 2016</p>
<p>“On the Contingency vs Universality of Compassion” Central APA: North American Schopenhauer Society Conference* The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois</p>	<p>March 2016</p>

COMMENTARIES

<p>“Anger: Scary Good,” Samuel Reis-Dennis Eastern APA: Moral Psychology Colloquium Savannah, Georgia (invited)</p>	<p>January 2018</p>
<p>“Akrasia, Rationality and Reason,” Gregory Nirshberg Great Plains Graduate Philosophy Conference University of Kansas</p>	<p>October 2014</p>

SESSION CHAIR / MODERATOR

<p>“Love in the Deepest Sense,” Joel Van Fossen The North American Nietzsche Society Brown University</p>	<p>October 2022</p>
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AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Doctoral Travel Stipend Award for Symposium Presentation The American Philosophical Association, \$300	November 2021
The Olin Templin Summer Research Award University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$1500	May 2021
Robinson Essay, Prize Winner Department-wide essay contest University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$500	April 2019
Summer Research Scholarship Competitive, university-wide, summer research grant University of Kansas, The Office of Graduate Studies, \$5,000	March 2018
The Olin Templin Fellowship Conference Travel Grant University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$500 (x4)	February 2016,2017,2018,2022
International Summer Research Award Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany, €1,000	April 2016
Summer Research Travel Grant University of Kansas, Office of International Programs, \$1,500	April 2016
Conference Travel Grant University of Kansas, Office of Graduate Studies, \$500	October 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College of Saint Mary

As Instructor of Record

Tentative teaching load for Spring 2023

Philosophy of Sport/Sport Ethics (experimental course, 3 credit hours)

19th Century German Philosophy (experimental course, 3 credit hours)

Philosophy – general education (3 credit hours)

PHL 200 Moral Reasoning, Fall 2022

PHL 310 Philosophy of Women, Fall 2022

PHL 335 Business Ethics, Fall 2022

(semester-long online course)

University of Kansas

As Instructor of Record

Moral Issues in Business, Fall 2021

(8-week upper level, intensive online course, x2)

Moral Issues in Sports, Summer 2020
(4-week upper level online course)
Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy, Fall 2019 (on campus);
Spring 2020 (partially online due to Covid-19)
Introduction to Ethics, Summer 2019 (on campus)
Reason and Argument, Spring 2019
(8-week intensive online course, x2)

As Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Ethics, Jason Raibley, Spring 2022
(8-week intensive online course, x2);
Ben Eggleston, Fall 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2017; Spring 2018
Reason and Argument, John Symons, Fall 2018
Introduction to Philosophy, Erin Frykholm, Fall 2016; Spring 2017
Philosophical Communications, Sarah Robins, Fall 2015; Spring 2016

PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

University of Kansas

Facilitating Difficult Conversations (online) (September 10, 2020)
Giving & Receiving Feedback (online) (September 9, 2020)
Facilitating Equitable Meetings (online) (September 8, 2020)
Asynchronous/Synchronous Teaching (online) (August 26–September 9, 2020)
Practical Strategies for Inclusive Teaching (online) (August 20, 2020)
University in the Digital Art Museum: Remote Teaching (online) (April 7, 2020)
Feasible Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms (August 29, 2019)
Navigating Conflict with Students (March 30, 2018)
Leading Difficult Conversations and Handling Hot Moments (Feb. 15, 2018)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas	August 2020–July 2021
Andrew W. Mellon Coordinator of Academic Programs	

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

College of Saint Mary

Member of Advisory Committee for <i>The CSM Public Leadership Seminar</i>	August 2022–May 2023
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(a an invitation-only, year-long initiative of President Maryanne Stevens’ office which prepares undergraduate students to engage in and lead inclusive dialogue about the critical issues of our time. In light of the far-reaching and divisive effects of the landmark June 2022 Supreme Court decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, the SEMINAR 2022-2023 will focus on the critical issue of women’s reproductive health and abortion access.)

University of Kansas

Organizer for *Life in Health and Sickness*

December 2019–June 2020

(a semester-long, interdisciplinary reading group
on Nietzsche, Plessner, and Canguilhem)

Indexing for *The Moral Psychology of Guilt*
Bradford Cokelet & Corey J. Maley (eds.)
Rowman and Littlefield, 2019

August 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review
Filozofia (published by the Slovak Academy of Sciences)
The Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions
Friedrich Nietzsche Society
North American Division of the Schopenhauer Society
North American Nietzsche Society
North American Schelling Society
North American Society for Social Philosophy

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
Turkish (fluent)
German (full research command)

REFERENCES

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