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## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>College of Saint Mary</b> Visiting Lecturer of Philosophy	2022–present
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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. <b>University of Kansas</b> Philosophy, Honors	April 28, 2022
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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. <b>University of Kansas</b> Philosophy, Honors	2017
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M.A. <b>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium</b> Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i>	2014
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B.A. <b>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium</b> Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i>	2012
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B.Sc. <b>Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany</b> Business-Economics	2011
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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Moral psychology, Post-Kantian European thought

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Ethics, Social and political philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *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://journals.tplondon.com/agonist/article/view/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)**

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“Introspection and Self-knowledge in Schopenhauer” Central APA: Symposium* The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois	February 2022
“A Theory of Supra-Cultural Reflexivity” North American Society for Social Philosophy, 38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference* (held online due to Covid-19)	July 2021
“Nietzsche’s Theory of <i>Mitempfindung</i> ” European Phil. Society for the Study of Emotions, 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference* (held online)	June 2021
“Reflexivity in migrant identity formation” International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe Workshop* (held online)	April 2021
“Nietzsche on mimicry, alliance, and the phantasy of empathy” Central APA: Symposium* New Orleans, Louisiana (held online due to Covid-19)	February 2021

<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 &amp; 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

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<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

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<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

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<b>Faculty Conference Travel Grant</b> College of Saint Mary Faculty Professional Development Committee, \$1,050	November 2022
<b>Doctoral Travel Stipend Award for Symposium Presentation</b> The American Philosophical Association, \$300	November 2021
<b>The Olin Templin Summer Research Award</b> University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$1500	May 2021
<b>Robinson Essay, Prize Winner</b> Department-wide essay contest University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$500	April 2019
<b>Summer Research Scholarship</b> Competitive, university-wide, summer research grant University of Kansas, The Office of Graduate Studies, \$5,000	March 2018
<b>The Olin Templin Fellowship</b> Conference Travel Grant University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$500 (x4)	February 2016,2017,2018,2022
<b>International Summer Research Award</b> Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany, €1,000	April 2016
<b>Summer Research Travel Grant</b> University of Kansas, Office of International Programs, \$1,500	April 2016
<b>Conference Travel Grant</b> University of Kansas, Office of Graduate Studies, \$500	October 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *College of Saint Mary*

#### As Instructor of Record

**PHL 388 19<sup>th</sup> Century German Philosophy: Life, Suffering, & Meaning,**

Spring 2023 (experimental course, 3 credit hours)

**PHL 335 Business Ethics,** Fall 2022; Spring 2023 (semester-long online course)

**PHL 310 Philosophy of Women,** Fall 2022

**PHL 206 Introduction to Philosophy,** Spring 2023

**PHL 200 Moral Reasoning,** Fall 2022; Spring 2023

### *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

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## PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

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*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)

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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*College of Saint Mary*

Member of Advisory Committee for August 2022–May 2023  
*The CSM Public Leadership Seminar*

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

December 2019–June 2020

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

August 2018

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**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**

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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**

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

## REFERENCES

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**Bradford Cokelet** – Professor  
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**Celeste Harvey** – Assistant Professor (Teaching Reference)  
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