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EMPLOYMENT (* = ALL LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IS ENGLISH)

Habib University* , Karachi	
Global Postdoctoral Fellow in Comparative Humanities	July 21, 2025–
Koç University* , İstanbul	
Full-Time Regular Lecturer in Academic Writing	February 1, 2024–July 31, 2025
Middle East Technical University* , Ankara	
Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy	October 2, 2023–January 29, 2024
Boğaziçi University* , İstanbul	
Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy	September 27, 2023– January 22, 2024
College of Saint Mary , Omaha, Nebraska	
Full-Time Visiting Lecturer of Philosophy	August 1, 2022–May 26, 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Kansas	
Philosophy, Honors	May 15, 2022
Dissertation: <i>On willing and the phantasy of empathy</i>	
Chair: Scott Jenkins	
Committee: Bradford Cokelet, Jason Raibley, Sarah Robins, Ari Linden	
M.A. University of Kansas	
Philosophy, Honors	May 14, 2017
M.A. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven , Belgium	
Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i>	February 26, 2014
B.A. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven , Belgium	
Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i>	July 10, 2012
B.Sc. Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg , Germany	
Business-Economics	February 11, 2011

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

European Philosophy, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Business Ethics, Economics & Ethics, Meta-Ethics, Normative Ethics,
Philosophy of Mind (Bodily Awareness, Self-Knowledge, Theories of Consciousness),
Social & Political Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

4. "Schopenhauer on Inner Awareness and World-Understanding"

British Journal for the History of Philosophy

Vol. 31, Issue 5, February 2023: 1005-1027.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2023.2169656>

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

2. **"David Bather Woods and Timothy Stoll (eds.), The Schopenhauerian Mind" (Routledge, 2025)**

Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews
<https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/the-schopenhauerian-mind/>

1. **"Anas Karzai, Nietzsche and Sociology: Prophet of Affirmation" (Rowman and Littlefield, 2019)**

The Agonist: A Nietzsche Circle Journal
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/>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (* = REFEREED)

"A work-in-progress exploring the compatibility of democracy with self-cultivation"
King's and Nova Nietzsche Seminar* November 2025
King's College London

"Self- and World-Understanding in Schopenhauer"
The Society for European Philosophy, Conference 2023, Budapest* July 2023
(held online)

<p>"Schopenhauer on Inner Awareness and World-Understanding"</p> <p>Online Schopenhauer Working Group: Inaugural Meeting</p> <p>North American Division of the Schopenhauer Society (invited)</p>	March 2023
<p>"Introspection and Self-knowledge in Schopenhauer"</p> <p>Central APA: Symposium*</p> <p>The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois</p>	February 2022
<p>"A Theory of Supra-Cultural Reflexivity"</p> <p>North American Society for Social Philosophy, 38th Annual Conference*</p> <p>(held online due to Covid-19)</p>	July 2021
<p>"Nietzsche's Theory of <i>Mitempfindung</i>"</p> <p>European Phil. Society for the Study of Emotions, 8th Annual Conference*</p> <p>(held online)</p>	June 2021
<p>"Reflexivity in migrant identity formation"</p> <p>Intl. Migration, Integration & Social Cohesion in Europe Workshop*</p> <p>(held online)</p>	April 2021
<p>"Nietzsche on mimicry, alliance, and the phantasy of empathy"</p> <p>Central APA: Symposium*</p> <p>New Orleans, Louisiana</p> <p>(held online due to Covid-19)</p>	February 2021
<p>"Nietzschean Compassion"</p> <p>Eastern APA: Symposium*</p> <p>New York City, New York</p> <p>(held online due to Covid-19)</p>	January 2021
<p>"On the Contingency vs Universality of Compassion"</p> <p>Central APA: North American Schopenhauer Society Conference*</p> <p>The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois</p>	March 2016

COMMENTARIES

<p>"Anger: Scary Good," Samuel Reis-Dennis</p> <p>Eastern APA: Moral Psychology Colloquium</p> <p>Savannah, Georgia (invited)</p>	January 2018
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SESSION CHAIR / MODERATOR

<p>"Nebraska High School Ethics Bowl"</p> <p>University of Nebraska, Omaha (invited)</p>	January 2023
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"Love in the Deepest Sense," Joel Van Fossen
The North American Nietzsche Society
Brown University
October 2022

"Capitalism vs. Solidarity," Session 3
North American Society for Social Philosophy:
Revolutions and Reparations
(held online)
July 2021

AWARDS AND GRANTS

HU Global Fellow Research Grant
Habib University, Office of Research
October 2025

Faculty Conference Travel Grant
College of Saint Mary, Faculty Professional Development Committee
November 2022

Doctoral Travel Stipend Award for Symposium Presentation
The American Philosophical Association
November 2021

The Olin Templin Summer Research Award
University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy
May 2021

Robinson Essay, Prize Winner
Department-wide essay contest
University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy
April 2019

Summer Research Scholarship
Competitive, university-wide, summer research grant
University of Kansas, The Office of Graduate Studies
March 2018

The Olin Templin Fellowship Conference Travel Grant
University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy (x4)
February 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022

International Summer Research Award
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany
April 2016

Summer Research Travel Grant
University of Kansas, Office of International Programs
April 2016

Conference Travel Grant
University of Kansas, Office of Graduate Studies
October 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Habib University

As Instructor of Record

PHIL 211: Who are you? Character and Philosophical Psychology, Spring 2026

CORE 102: What is Modernity? (Seminar), Spring 2026

CORE 111: Logical Problem-Solving, Fall 2025

CORE 101: Rhetoric & Communication (Seminar), Fall 2025

Koç University

As Instructor of Record

Academic Writing 101 (Theme: Robophilosophy), Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Academic Writing 101 (Theme: Economic Ethics), Spring 2024

Boğaziçi University

As Instructor of Record

PHIL49J.01: Philosophy of the Will, Fall 2023

Middle East Technical University

As Instructor of Record

PHIL 345: Philosophical Texts III, Fall 2023

College of Saint Mary

As Instructor of Record

PHL 388: 19th C. German Philosophy: Life, Suffering & Meaning, Spring 2023

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

University of Kansas

As Instructor of Record

Moral Issues in Business, Fall 2021 (8-week upper-level online course, x2)

Moral Issues in Sports, Summer 2020 (4-week upper-level online course)

Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Introduction to Ethics, Summer 2019

Reason and Argument, Spring 2019 (8-week online course, x2)

As Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Ethics, Jason Raibley, Spring 2022 (8-week 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas
Andrew W. Mellon Coordinator of Academic Programs

August 2020–July 2021

DEPARTMENTAL / UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Habib University

Committee on Academic Integrity

September 2025–

- ❖ The faculty committee responsible for hearing and deciding all cases where students are charged with having violated the University's policies on academic integrity

Koç University

Course Content Review Committee

January 2025–May 2025

- ❖ Involved in reviewing course content and redesigning course materials for the Academic Writing Program to achieve greater consistency in teaching and assessment among instructors who are responsible for teaching the same content

College of Saint Mary

Advisory Committee for the CSM Public Leadership Seminar

August 2022–May 2023

- ❖ A year-long initiative of President Maryanne Stevens' office which prepares undergraduate students to engage in inclusive dialogue about the critical issue of women's reproductive health and abortion access

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referring for Journals:

Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review; Filozofia (Slovak Academy of Sciences); Journal of Philosophical Research; Journal of the History of Philosophy; The Journal of Nietzsche Studies; The Journal of Value Inquiry; The Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly; The Southern Journal of Philosophy

Reviewing Book Submissions:

Brill Academic Publishers (Series: Studies in Existentialism, Phenomenology, & Hermeneutics)

Indexing:

The Moral Psychology of Guilt

Bradford Cokelet & Corey J. Maley (eds.), Rowman and Littlefield, 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

REFERENCES (* = TEACHING REFERENCE)

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