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EMPLOYMENT (* = ALL LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IS ENGLISH)

Koç University*, İstanbul	
Full-Time Lecturer in Academic Writing	February 1, 2024–
Boğaziçi University*, İstanbul	
Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy	September 27, 2023–
Middle East Technical University*, Ankara	
Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy	October 2, 2023–January 29, 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: "On willing and the phantasy of empathy"	
Committee: Scott Jenkins (chair), Bradford Cokelet, Jason Raibley, Sarah Robins, Ari Linden (German Studies)	
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,
Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

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

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

(invited by Richard J. Elliott – Book Review Editor)

<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)

"A Quest For Self-Determination Beyond Personal Autonomy"

Philosophy Colloquium

Boğaziçi University, İstanbul (invited)

May 2024

"A lecture on the socio-cultural adaptation of immigrants"

Monday Seminars

Middle East Technical University, Ankara (invited)

December 2023

"Self- and World-Understanding in Schopenhauer"

The Society for European Philosophy, Conference 2023, Budapest*
(held online)

July 2023

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

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

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

<p>Faculty Conference Travel Grant College of Saint Mary Faculty Professional Development Committee, \$1,050</p>	<p>November 2022</p>
<p>Doctoral Travel Stipend Award for Symposium Presentation The American Philosophical Association, \$300</p>	<p>November 2021</p>
<p>The Olin Templin Summer Research Award University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$1500</p>	<p>May 2021</p>
<p>Robinson Essay, Prize Winner Department-wide essay contest University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$500</p>	<p>April 2019</p>

Summer Research Scholarship March 2018
Competitive, university-wide, summer research grant
University of Kansas, The Office of Graduate Studies, \$5,000

The Olin Templin Fellowship February 2016,2017,2018,2022
Conference Travel Grant
University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$500 (x4)

International Summer Research Award April 2016
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany, €1,000

Summer Research Travel Grant April 2016
University of Kansas, Office of International Programs, \$1,500

Conference Travel Grant October 2015
University of Kansas, Office of Graduate Studies, \$500

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Koç University, İstanbul

As Instructor of Record

Academic Writing 101: Economic Ethics, Spring 2024

Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

As Instructor of Record

PHIL 106: The Ancient Tibetan Philosophy of Je Tsongkhapa, Summer 2024

PHIL49J.01: Philosophy of the Will, Fall 2023

Middle East Technical University, Ankara

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 August 2020–July 2021
Andrew W. Mellon Coordinator of Academic Programs

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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 far-reaching and divisive effects of the landmark June 2022 Supreme Court decision and the critical issue of women's reproductive health and abortion access.)

University of Kansas

Organizer for December 2019–June 2020
Life in Health and Sickness
(a semester-long, interdisciplinary reading group)

Indexer for December 2018
The Moral Psychology of Guilt
Bradford Cokelet & Corey J. Maley (eds.)
Rowman and Littlefield, 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer for:
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review;
Filozofia (Slovak Academy of Sciences);
The Journal of Nietzsche Studies;
The Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly;
The Southern Journal of Philosophy

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)

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