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### EMPLOYMENT (\* = ALL LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IS ENGLISH)

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

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. <b>University of Kansas</b>	
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. <b>University of Kansas</b>	
Philosophy, Honors	May 14, 2017
M.A. <b>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</b> , Belgium	
Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i>	February 26, 2014
B.A. <b>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</b> , Belgium	
Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i>	July 10, 2012
B.Sc. <b>Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg</b> , 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)**

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"A work-in-progress exploring the compatibility of democracy with self-cultivation"  
Lisbon Nietzsche Group Workshop\* May 2026  
The NOVA Institute of Philosophy, NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal

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

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

## COMMENTARIES

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

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"Nebraska High School Ethics Bowl" University of Nebraska, Omaha (invited)	January 2023
"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

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<b>HU Global Fellow Research Grant</b> Habib University, Office of Research	October 2025
<b>Faculty Conference Travel Grant</b> College of Saint Mary, Faculty Professional Development Committee	November 2022
<b>Doctoral Travel Stipend Award for Symposium Presentation</b> The American Philosophical Association	November 2021
<b>The Olin Templin Summer Research Award</b> University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy	May 2021
<b>Robinson Essay, Prize Winner</b> Department-wide essay contest University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy	April 2019
<b>Summer Research Scholarship</b> Competitive, university-wide, summer research grant University of Kansas, The Office of Graduate Studies	March 2018
<b>The Olin Templin Fellowship</b> Conference Travel Grant University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy (x4)	February 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022
<b>International Summer Research Award</b> Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany	April 2016
<b>Summer Research Travel Grant</b> University of Kansas, Office of International Programs	April 2016

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **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: 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## DEPARTMENTAL / UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### **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

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### **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

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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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**Scott Jenkins** – Professor  
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Director of Undergraduate Studies  
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