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

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<b>Koç University*</b> , İstanbul	
Full-Time Regular Lecturer in Academic Writing	February 1, 2024–
<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

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Ph.D. <b>University of Kansas</b>	
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. <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

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European Philosophy, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action,  
Social and Political Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *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)

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"A Quest for Self-Determination Beyond Personal Autonomy"

Philosophy Colloquium

May 2024

Boğaziçi University, İstanbul (invited)

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

Monday Seminars

December 2023

Middle East Technical University, Ankara (invited)

"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, 38<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*  (held online)</p>	<p>June 2021</p>
<p>"Reflexivity in migrant identity formation"  Intl. Migration, Integration &amp; 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 &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>
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## SESSION CHAIR / MODERATOR

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<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

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

<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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### *Koç University, İstanbul*

As Instructor of Record

**Academic Writing 101: Economic Ethics, Spring 2024**

### *Boğaziçi University, İstanbul*

As Instructor of Record

**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: 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

**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 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**

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**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

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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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