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

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Middle East Technical University*, Ankara Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy	October 2, 2023-
Boğaziçi University*, İstanbul Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy	September 27, 2023-
College of Saint Mary Visiting Lecturer of Philosophy	August 1, 2022-May 26, 2023

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. University of Kansas Philosophy, Honors Dissertation: "On willing and the phantasy of empathy" Committee: Scott Jenkins (chair), Bradford Cokelet, Jason Raibley, Sarah Robins, Ari Linden (German Studies)	May 15, 2022
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

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European Philosophy, Moral Psychology, 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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"Self- and World-Understanding in Schopenhauer" The Society for European Philosophy, Conference 2023, Budapest* (held online)	July 2023
"On reflexivity and immigrant identity" Philosophy Colloquium University of Nebraska, Omaha (invited)	March 2023
"Schopenhauer on Inner Awareness and World-Understanding" Online Schopenhauer Working Group: Inaugural Meeting North American Division of the Schopenhauer Society (invited)	March 2023
"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\* July 2021  
(held online due to Covid-19)
- "Nietzsche's Theory of *Mitempfindung*"  
European Phil. Society for the Study of Emotions, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference\* June 2021  
(held online)
- "Reflexivity in migrant identity formation"  
Intl. Migration, Integration & Social Cohesion in Europe Workshop\* April 2021  
(held online)
- "Nietzsche on mimicry, alliance, and the phantasy of empathy"  
Central APA: Symposium\* February 2021  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
(held online due to Covid-19)
- "Nietzschean Compassion"  
Eastern APA: Symposium\* January 2021  
New York City, New York  
(held online due to Covid-19)
- "Schopenhauer's understanding of the thing-in-itself"  
International Schopenhauer Congress\* February 2019  
Ryukoku University  
(unable to attend due to teaching commitments)
- "Schopenhauer and compassionate willing"  
Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium\* September 2017  
Washington & Jefferson College
- "In defense of the will as thing-in-itself"  
Long Island Philosophical Society Conference\* April 2017  
Saint John's University
- "Noble compassion and beyond"  
South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference\* February 2017  
Coastal Carolina University
- "Nietzsche's concept of noble compassion"  
Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy\* December 2016  
Deakin University  
(unable to attend due to teaching commitments)

"On the Contingency vs Universality of Compassion"  
Central APA: North American Schopenhauer Society Conference\* March 2016  
The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois

#### COMMENTARIES

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"Anger: Scary Good," Samuel Reis-Dennis  
Eastern APA: Moral Psychology Colloquium January 2018  
Savannah, Georgia (invited)

#### 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 October 2022  
Brown University

#### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Faculty Conference Travel Grant November 2022  
College of Saint Mary  
Faculty Professional Development Committee, \$1,050

Doctoral Travel Stipend Award for Symposium Presentation November 2021  
The American Philosophical Association, \$300

The Olin Templin Summer Research Award May 2021  
University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$1500

Robinson Essay, Prize Winner April 2019  
Department-wide essay contest  
University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy, \$500

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  
University of Kansas, Office of International Programs, \$1,500

April 2016

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

October 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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*Middle East Technical University, Ankara*

As Instructor of Record

PHIL 345: Philosophical Texts III, Fall 2023

*Boğaziçi University, İstanbul*

As Instructor of Record

Philosophy of the Will, 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  
Andrew W. Mellon Coordinator of Academic Programs

August 2020–July 2021

## 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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