

Curriculum Vitae

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General Information

University address: Philosophy
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Professional Preparation

- 2007 DPhil, Oxford University. Major: Philosophy.
- 2003 BPhil, Oxford University. Major: Philosophy. Metaphysics and Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind and Action, Early Modern Philosophy.
- 2001 M.A., University of York. Major: Philosophy. with Distinction.
- 2000 B.A., University of York. Major: Philosophy. 1st Class.

Professional Experience

- 2011–present Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Florida State University.
- 2010–2011 Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy, Florida State University.
- 2010–2011 Postdoctoral Associate, Philosophy, Florida State University.
- 2003–2007 Tutor, Oxford University.
- 2005–2006 Lecturer, Oxford University, Balliol College.

Visiting Professorship(s)

- 2009–2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, Florida State University.

2008–2009 Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell University.

2007–2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, Florida State University.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

Big Questions in Free Will Prize, Templeton (2013). (\$3,000).

Council on Research and Creativity First Year Assistant Professor Award, Florida State University (2012).

Royal Institute of Philosophy Bursary (2006).

Proxime Accessit, Locke Prize Examination (2004).

Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award (2003).

Meritorious Performance, Locke Prize Examination (2002).

Arts and Humanities Research Board Competition A (2000).

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

American Philosophical Association

Teaching

Courses Taught

Ethical Issues and Life Choices (PHI2630)

Seminar for Majors (PHI4938)

Core Course in Metaphysics and Epistemology (PHI5555)

Introduction to Philosophy of Language (PHI3220)

Degrees of Truth and Credence (PHI5908)

Directed Individual Study (PHI5908)

Linguistic Arbitrariness (PHI5908)

Metaphysics (PHI6506)

Personal Identity (PHI5908)

Precision and Reality (PHI5908)

Self-Control (PHI6506)

Self-Control (PHI5908)

Self-Control Graduate Seminar (PHI4999)

Vagueness & Logic (PHI5908)

Free Will (PHI4938)

Objecthood and Precision (PHI5908)

Persistence through Time (PHI5908)

Types of Ignorance (PHI5908)

Indeterminacy (PHI5908)

Metaphysics of Free Will (PHI5908)

Split Brain Cases (PHI5908)
Directed Individual Study (PHI4905)
Metaphysics (PHI4500)
Seminar in Philosophical Topics (PHI6935)
Reasoning and Critical Thinking (PHI2100)
Tutorial in Philosophy (PHI5998)
Introduction to Philosophy (PHI2010)

Doctoral Committee Chair

Turkewitz, J. R., doctoral candidate.

Doctoral Committee Member

De Marco, G. E., doctoral candidate.
Flummer, M. T., doctoral candidate.
Cyr, T. W., doctoral student.

Master's Committee Chair

Skelly, E. M., graduate. (2012).

Master's Committee Member

De Marco, G. E., graduate. (2012).

Research and Original Creative Work

Publications

Invited Journal Articles

Kearns, S., & Mele, A. (2014). Have Compatibilists Solved the Luck Problem For Libertarians?
Philosophical Inquiries, 2, 9-36.

Refereed Journal Articles

Herdova, H., & Kearns, S. (in press). Get Lucky: Situationism and Circumstantial Moral Luck.
Philosophical Explorations, 1-16 pages.

- Kearns, S. (2015). Free Will Agnosticism. *Nous*, 49, 235-252.
- Herdova, M., & Kearns, S. (2013). Reviewing the Situation. *The Philosophers' Magazine Online*, N/A.
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (2013). Reasons, Indirect Evidence, and Facts-About-Evidence. *Analytic Philosophy*, 52, 237-243.
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (2013). Weighing Reasons. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 10, 70-86.
- Kearns, S. (2012). Aborting the Zygote Argument. *Philosophical Studies*, 160 (3), 379-389.
- Kearns, S., & Magidor, O. (2012). Semantic Sovereignty. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 85 (2), 322-350.
- Kearns, S. (2011). Can a Thing be Part of Itself? *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 48, 87-102.
- Kearns, S. (2011). Responsibility for Necessities. *Philosophical Studies*, 155, 307-324.
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (2011). On Good Advice: A reply to McNaughton and Rawling. *Analysis*, 71, 506-508.
- Kearns, S. (2008). Compatibilism can resist prepunishment: a reply to Smilansky. *Analysis*, 68, 250-253.
- Kearns, S., & Magidor, O. (2008). Epistemicism about Vagueness and Meta-Linguistic Safety. *Philosophical Perspectives*, 22, 277-304.
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (2008). Reasons: Explanations or Evidence? *Ethics*, 119, 31-56.
- Kearns, S. (2007). In Praise of Folly: A Reply to Blome-Tillmann. *Analysis*, 67, 219-222.

Refereed Book Chapters

- Kearns, S. (in press). Bearing the Weight of Reasons. In Errol Lord, & Barry Maguire (Eds.), *Weighing Reasons*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Kearns, S. (in press). Reasons, Choice, and Responsibility. In Daniel Star (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (2015). Weighing Explanations. In Iwao Hirose, & Andrew Reisner (Eds.), *Weighing and Reasoning: A Festschrift for John Broome*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Kearns, S., & Star, D. (2009). Reasons as Evidence. In Russ Shafer-Landau (Ed.), *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 4 (pp. 215-242). New York: Oxford University Press.

Invited Reviews

Kearns, S. (2014). Review of "Naturalism and the First-Person Perspective". *Analysis*, 74, 733-735.

Kearns, S. (2012). Book Review of *Free Will and Modern Science* by Richard Swinburne. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. Retrieved from <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/32884-free-will-and-modern-science/>

Kearns, S. (2010). Book Review of *Incompatibilism's Allure* by Ishtiyaque Haji. *Philosophical Review*, 119, 391-393.

Kearns, S. (2010). Book Review of *Types and Tokens* by Linda Wetzel. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. Retrieved from ndpr.nd.edu/news/24272-types-and-tokens-on-abstract-objects/

Kearns, S. (2009). Book Review of *The Metaphysics of Everyday Life* by Lynne Rudder Baker. *Philosophical Review*, 118, 533-535.

Presentations

Invited Papers at Conferences

Kearns, S. (presented 2014). *The Self and the Past*. Paper presented at the meeting of Kings College London. (International)

Kearns, S. (presented 2012). *Ought and the Weight of Reasons*. Paper presented at Weighing Reasons, Princeton Philosophy Department, Princeton. (International)

Kearns, S. (presented 2010). *Bride of Frankfurt-Style*. Paper presented at Free Will Conference, Florida State University. (National)

Kearns, S., & Star, D. (presented 2010). *Weighing Reasons*. Paper presented at Conference on Reasons, Leeds University Philosophy Department, Leeds University. (International)

Invited Papers at Symposia

Kearns, S. (presented 2009). Compatibilism can resist prepunishment. In *Ethics Reading Group*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Boston University. (National)

- Kearns, S. (presented 2009). I can't believe it's not agent causation! In *Discussion Club*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Cornell University. (Local)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2009). What is Physical Necessity? In *Boston University Philosophy Colloquium*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Boston University. (National)
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (presented 2007). Reasons as Evidence. In *Ockham Society*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Oxford University. (Local)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2006). Ultimate Responsibility is Compatible with Determinism. In *Ockham Society*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Oxford University. (Local)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2006). What is Physical Necessity? In *Ockham Society*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Oxford University. (Local)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2005). Is Intentional Choice Possible? In *Doctoral Thesis Seminar*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Oxford University. (Local)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2004). The Problem of Intentional Choice. In *Ockham Society*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Oxford University. (Local)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2003). Why It's Worth Wanting a Freedom of Alternative Possibilities. In *Moral Responsibility Seminar*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Oxford University. (Local)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2002). Colour: Let's Get Physical. In *Ockham Society*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Oxford University. (Local)

Refereed Papers at Conferences

- Herdova, M., & Kearns, S. (presented 2014). *Reviewing the Situation*. Paper presented at Toward a Science of Consciousness, University of Arizona, University of Arizona. (International)
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (presented 2010). *Weighing Reasons*. Paper presented at St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Washington University-St. Louis. (International)
- Kearns, S., & Star, D. (presented 2007). *Reasons as Evidence*. Paper presented at Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin. (International)
- Kearns, S. (presented 2006). *Against Universalism*. Paper presented at University of Texas at Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Texas. (National)

Kearns, S. (presented 2006). *Ultimate Responsibility is Compatible with Determinism*. Paper presented at Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association. (National)

Kearns, S. (presented 2005). *Against the Doctrine of Arbitrary Undetached Parts*. Paper presented at Oxford Graduate Conference, Oxford University. (National)

Invited Presentations at Conferences

Kearns, S. (presented 2015). *Comments on Moral Reason*. Presentation at Central APA, American Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MI. (International)

Kearns, S. (presented 2004). *Comments on Professor Crispin Wright, "Response to Realism, Relativism, and Rhubarb"*. Presentation at Oxford Graduate Conference, Oxford University. (National)

Digital Projects

Invited Digital Projects

Clarke, R., & Kearns, S. (2011). *Choice, Free Will, and Responsibility* [Video Presentation]. Philosophy TV. Retrieved from <http://www.philostv.com/randolph-clarke-and-stephen-kearns/>

Service

Florida State University

FSU Department Service

Co-organiser, Colloquium Committee (2011–present).

The Profession

Guest Reviewer for Refereed Journals

Erkenntnis (2015–present).

Philosophical Explorations (2013–present).

Philosophical Studies (2011–present).

Philosophical Quarterly (2010–present).

Philosophia (2009–present).

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (2013).

Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2011–13).

Journal of Moral Philosophy (2012).

American Philosophical Quarterly (2011).

Mind (2011).

Synthese (2010).

Canadian Journal of Philosophy (2009).

Service to Professional Associations

Organiser, Ockham Society, Oxford University (2006–2007).

Organiser, Jowett Society, Oxford University (2005–2007).

Paper Referee and conference volunteer, Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference (2000–2001).

Service to Other Universities

Graduate Representative, *University of York* (2000–2001).