

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

- 2016–present Associate Professor, Philosophy, Florida State University.
- 2011–2016 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

- Philosophy and Science of Self-Control Grant (2016). (\$35,000)
- 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).

Publications

Book

- Herdova, M., Kearns, S. & Levy, N. (under contract) *Self-Control*, Routledge

Invited Journal Articles

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

Refereed Journal Articles

- Kearns, S. (forthcoming) A Modified Meditation: Exploring a Grounding Modal Ontological Argument, *Religious Studies*
- Kearns, S. (forthcoming) LeMans's Gontological Argument, *Analysis*
- Kearns, S. (forthcoming) The Bishop's Church: Berkeley's Master Argument and the Paradox of Knowability, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
- Kearns, S. (2021) Meno, Know-How: Oh No, What Now? *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 99: 421-434.
- Kearns, S. (2020). Philosonnets. *Think* 55: 111-117.
- Kearns, S. & Herdova, M. (2019). Difficult Circumstances: Situations and Ability. *The Journal of Ethical Urban Living* 2, 63-91
- Kearns, S., & Herdova, M. (2017). This is a Tricky Situation: Situationism and Reasons-Responsiveness. *The Journal of Ethics* 21, 151–183.
- Kearns, S. (2017). Finding the Value in Things. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 92, 539-548.
- Kearns, S. (2015). Free Will Agnosticism. *Nous*, 49, 235-252.
- Kearns, S., & Herdova, H. (2015). Get Lucky: Situationism and Circumstantial Moral Luck. *Philosophical Explorations*, 18, 362-377.
- Kearns, S. & Herdova, M. (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. & Herdova, M. (in press) Mind Control: Self-Control and Decision-Making in Alfred Mele (Ed.) *volume on Self-Control*.
- Kearns, S. (2018). Reasons, Choice, and Responsibility. In Daniel Star (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Kearns, S. (2016). Bearing the Weight of Reasons. In Errol Lord, & Barry Maguire (Eds.), *Weighing Reasons* (pp. 173-190). 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.

Critical Notice

Kearns, S. (forthcoming) Reasons First, *Mind*

Kearns, S. (2019). Being, Method and Freedom. *Analysis* 79, 154–164.

Invited Reviews

Kearns, S. (2020) Review of “Free Will and Epistemology” by Robert Lockie, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Kearns, S. (2017). Review of "Causation and Free Will" by Carolina Sartorio. *Ethics* 127, 802-806

Kearns, S. (2017). Review of "Responsibility from the Margins" by David Shoemaker. *Analysis* 77, 869-872

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. and Star, D. (2021) Fundamental and Derivative Reasons, Value, and Evidence. XXV. Congress of the German Society for Philosophy.
- Kearns, S. (presented in 2017). Identity: This Time It's Personal. Paper presented as the keynote at University of Florida's Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.
- 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. (2020) Reasons, Evidence and Reasons. FoNTI (Forms of Normativity: Transitions and Intersections) invited talk series, hosted by the University of Vienna.
- Kearns, S., & Herdova, M. (presented 2015, November). Situationism and Control. In Daniel Star (Chair), *Ethics Group*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Boston University. (National)
- 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

- Kearns, S. & Herdova, M. (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)

I comment on Julia Markovits's book "Moral Reason".

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

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/>