

Agnes Callard

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy, Associate Professor, 7/2017 – present
University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy, Assistant Professor, 6/2008 – 6/2017

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy, Ethics

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Ph. D., Philosophy, 2008
University of California, Berkeley, M.A., Classics, 2000
University of Chicago, B.A., Philosophy, 1997

BOOK

Aspiration: The Agency of Becoming (Oxford University Press, 2018)

ARTICLES PUBLISHED AND IN PRESS

13. “Debts of Gratitude,” forthcoming in *The Moral Psychology of Gratitude*, ed. Daniel Telech and Robert Roberts (Rowman and Littlefield).
12. “Transformative Activity in Elena Ferrante’s *My Brilliant Friend*,” forthcoming in *Transformative Experience*, ed. John Schwenkler and Enoch Lambert (Oxford University Press).
11. “Aristotle on Deliberation,” forthcoming in the *Routledge Handbook of Practical Reason*, ed. Ruth Chang and Kurt Sylvan.
10. “The Reason to be Angry Forever,” in *The Moral Psychology of Anger*, ed. Owen Flanagan and Myisha Cherry (Rowman and Littlefield, 2017)
9. “Aspiration,” new entry in the *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Ed. Hugh LaFollette (Wiley-Blackwell, 2017)
8. “Liberal Education and the Possibility of Valuational Progress,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* 34: 2 (2017)
7. “Everyone Desires the Good: Socrates’ Protreptic Theory of Desire,” *Review of Metaphysics* 70: 4 (2017)
6. “*Enkratēs Phronimos*,” *Archiv für Geschichte Der Philosophie* 99 issue 1 (2017).
5. “Proleptic Reasons,” *Oxford Studies in Meta-Ethics* vol. 11 (2016).
4. “Akraitics as Hedonists: Protagoras 352b-354e,” *Ancient Philosophy* vol. 36, issue 1 (2016).
3. “The Weaker Reason,” *Harvard Review of Philosophy* vol. XXII (2015).
2. “Ignorance and Akrasia-Denial in the *Protagoras*,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 47 (2014).
1. “Practical Reason,” in the *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Donald Davidson* (2013).

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

“The Pairwise Opposition Argument at *Gorgias* 495c-497d” for the *Cambridge Critical Guide to Plato's Gorgias* ed. Clerk Shaw.
“Aristotle on Virtue-Acquisition,” for *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology* ed. Manuel Vargas and John Doris.
“Being Good at Being Bad: The *Hippias Minor* on Rule-Following,” for *Cambridge Companion to Plato*, ed. Richard Kraut and David Ebrey
“Refutation”
“Three Objections to the Hybrid Theory of Valuing” for *Res Philosophica* (commissioned).
“Socratic Humility” for volume on Humility.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Christopher Moore, *Socrates and Self-Knowledge* *Classical Philology* 112.4 (Oct. 2017)

Review of Adrienne Martin, *How We Hope in Ethics* vol. 125 no. 2 (2015)

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

“Is there Progress in Philosophy?” Guest post on *Daily Nous* (5/27/18)

Interviewed by 3am Magazine on flattery, anger and other topics (4/27/18).

Interviewed by Economist Tyler Cowen on wanting to live forever, Elena Ferrante, and other topics (4/11/18).

“Can we learn to believe in God?” *The New York Times*, (1/8/2017).

Elucidations Podcast on Desire and Satisfaction

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

62. “Socratic Refutation,” at the Lake Tahoe Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (May 2018)

61. Three Arguments Against the Hybrid Theory of the Emotions,” Gertrude Bussey Lecture, Northwestern University (May 2018)

60. “Three Arguments Against the Hybrid Theory of the Emotions,” Saint Louis University talk in *Res Philosophica* speaker series (April 2018)

59. “Three Arguments Against the Hybrid Theory of the Emotions,” Balter Distinguished Lecture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (April 2018)

58. “Socratic Refutation,” keynote speaker at Penn State Classical Philosophy Conference (March 2018)

57. Princeton University, “Frankenvaluers, Sticky Attitudes and Stone-Swallowing: Three Arguments against the Hybrid Theory of Value,” Colloquium talk (March 2018)

56. University of Michigan, “Refutation,” Colloquium Talk (February 2018)

55. Oxford University (Jowett Philosophical Society), “Refutation.” (November 2017)

54. Oxford University (Ancient Philosophical Society), “The Pairwise Opposition Argument at *Gorgias* 495c-497d” (November 2017)

53. “The Nature and Purpose of Socratic Refutation,” talk at conference, “Kinds of Knowledge in Ancient Philosophy,” at the University of Oslo (November 2017).

52. “Socrates and Humility,” talk at Conference, “Humility in the Age of Self-Promotion” at the University of Michigan (Oct. 2017).

51. Brandeis, “Refutation,” Colloquium talk (Sept. 2017)

50. UC Davis Conference on Plato’s *Gorgias*, Keynote Speaker (“The Pairwise Opposition Argument at *Gorgias* 495c-497d” May 2017)

46-49. NYU Abu Dhabi conference on Reasons and Rationality, “Self-Creation” (January 2017). Same talk also given at Central APA (3/17), North Carolina State (2/17), Pacific APA (4/17)

45. Eastern APA, “Being Good at Being Bad” (January 2017)

44. UNC Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, “Multiple Evaluative Perspectives and the Problem of Akrasia” (December 2016)

43. The University of Oslo Ancient Philosophy Workshop, “Being Good at Being Bad: The *Hippias Minor* on Rule-Following” (November 2016)

42. The University of Akureyri, Iceland, “Liberal Education” (November 2016)

41. Humboldt University, “Aristotle on Deliberation,” (June 2016)

40. University of Leipzig, “The End of Anger,” at the conference “The Temporality of the Emotions” (June 2016)

39. UCLA, “Aristotle on Deliberation,” Colloquium Talk, (April 2016)

38. Northwestern University, “The End of Anger,” Practical Philosophy Workshop (April 2016)

37. Auburn University “Aristotle on Deliberation,” at the conference “Aristotle and Kant in Conversation,” (March 2016)

36. NYU Abu Dhabi, “Liberal Arts Education and the Problem of Rational Progress,” Conference on Reasons and Rationality (Jan. 2016)

35. Forham University, “Can You Choose Who to Be?” Sullivan Lecture (Nov. 2015)

34. Wake Forest, “Can You Choose Who to Be?” Philosophy Colloquium Series (Sept. 2015)

33. Humboldt University, "Reasoning About Particulars in *Prior Analytics* B21," Ancient Philosophy Colloquium (June 2015)
32. University of Jyväskylä, Finland, "Socrates' Aspirational Conception of Desire," at the Conference on "The Good and the One" at the (June 2015).
31. UT Austin, "Knowledge-Application in *Prior Analytics* B21," Ancient Philosophy Workshop (Feb. 2015)
30. University of Arizona, "The Self-Creation Requirement on Moral Responsibility," at the Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop (Jan. 2015)
29. University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Proleptic Reasons," at the Meta-Ethics Workshop (Sept. 2014)
28. University of California, Berkeley, "Being Good at Being Bad," at West Coast Plato Hippias Conference at the (May 2014)
27. McGill University, Colloquium Speaker, "Aspiration;" also gave a talk titled "The Subject Minor" to the ancient philosophy group there. (March 2014)
26. NYU Abu Dhabi, "Aspiration," at Reasons and Rationality Conference at (Jan. 2014)
25. Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Seminar speaker at Philipp Brüllmann's seminar ("The Subject Minor) at (Dec. 2013)
24. Humboldt University, Berlin, Seminar speaker at Joe Barnes' seminar ("Ignorance and Akrasia-Denial") and Jonathan Beere's seminar ("The Subject Minor") at the (Dec. 2013)
23. University of Western Ontario, "The Subject Minor," at Conference on Reason and the Will (Oct. 2013)
22. University of Omaha, Colloquium Speaker, "The Subject Minor" (Sept. 2013)
21. Marquette University, "Enkrates Phronimos," at Conference on Aristotle and Aristotelianism (June 2013)
20. Northwestern University, "Ignorance and Akrasia-Denial in the Protagoras," conference on Moral Education (June 2013)
19. MIT, Colloquium Speaker, "An Understandable Mistake" (April 2013)
18. Georgetown University, Colloquium Speaker, "The Importance of Being Ashamed" (Sept. 2012)
17. SLACRR (St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality), "Introducing Socratic Anti-Intellectualism" at 3rd Annual (May 2012)
16. Harvard University, Colloquium Speaker, "Remoralizing Weakness of Will" (April 2012)
15. Franklin and Marshall, Keynote Speaker at Conference on Character and Decision (March 2012).
14. American Philosophical Association, Invited Paper ("Are We Aristotle's Enemies?") at the 2011 (Dec. 2011)
13. University of Pittsburgh Colloquium Speaker at (Oct., 2011)
12. Abo University in Turku, Finland, Weeklong course on Aristotle (5/2011)
11. Pomona College, "Remoralizing Weakness of Will," Colloquium talk, 2/24/2011
10. University of Basel, "Aristotle on the Unity of Action" conference on Practical Knowledge (7/2010)
9. SLACRR (St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality), "The Reason to Be Angry Forever" (5/2010)
8. UC Berkeley, Wollheim Society (5/2010), SLACRR (St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality)
7. Northwestern University, "Everyone Desires the (Real, not Apparent) Good" at NUSTEP Ethics Conference (5/2010).
6. UC Berkeley, Commencement Speaker at the Philosophy Department Graduation (5/2010)
5. Duke-UNC Chapel Hill, "Aristotle on the Unity of Action" Conference on Intellectual Virtue (4/2010)
4. UT Austin, "Aristotle on the Unity of Action", Ancient Philosophy Conference (3/2010)
3. Humboldt University, Berlin, "The Shape of Satisfaction" (6/2009)
2. Humboldt University, Berlin, "Aristotle on Akrasia" (6/2009)
1. Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, DC, "Aristotle on Akrasia" (5/2009).

TALKS/EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

12. "Aristotle On Practical Learning," Works of the Mind Lecture, The Graham School (May 2018)
11. "Should we Strive To Live Without Anger and Sadness?" Night Owls #3 (May 2018)
10. "Is Philosophy a Blood Sport?" Inaugural Meeting of Night Owls (October 2017)

9. "Everyone Desires the Good," UChicago Undergraduate Philosophy conference keynote (April 2015)
8. "What is Courage?" Fall Quarter Lecture for the Human Being and Citizen Sequence at the University of Chicago 11/2015
7. "Why Did Socrates Die?" Fall Quarter Lecture for the Human Being and Citizen Sequence at the University of Chicago 11/2011
6. Keynote Speaker at UChicago Undergraduate Philosophy Conference ("On the Kind Of Love Into Which One Falls") (4/30/2011)
5. "Why Did Socrates Die?" Fall Quarter Lecture for the Human Being and Citizen Sequence at the University of Chicago 11/18/2010
4. "The Reason to Be Angry Forever", Franke Center Lunchtime talk series (4/2010).
3. "On Being Good Enough to Read Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*" Winter Quarter Lecture for the Human Being and Citizen Sequence at the University of Chicago (1/2010).
2. "The Shape of Satisfaction" Wittgenstein Workshop of the University of Chicago (3/2009).
and the Chicago Area Ancient Philosophy Consortium working group (10/2009).
1. "No One is Refuted Unwittingly" at the Chicago Area Ancient Philosophy Consortium working group (3/12/2011).

COURSES TAUGHT

- Moral Psychology of the Emotions, Winter 2018
- Self-Creation as a Literary and Philosophical Problem, Spring 2017
- Plato's *Meno*. Online course for UChicago Alumni, Autumn 2016
- Socratic Intellectualism, Winter 2015
- Plato's *Phaedo*, Winter 2015
- Deliberation, Winter 2014
- Intensive History of Philosophy I (Plato) and II (Aristotle), Fall-Winter 2013-4, Winter-Spring 2017
- Philosophical Perspectives, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Winter 2018
- History of Philosophy I, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2017
- Human Being and Citizen, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2012
- Aristotle on the Origin of the Ethical, Winter 2012
- Aristotle on Action, Winter 2011
- Plato's *Theaetetus*, Winter 2011
- Weakness of Will, Winter 2010
- Plato On Desire, Winter 2010

ADDITIONAL TEACHING SERVICE

- Co-director, Practical Philosophy Workshop, 2009-2011, 2102-2013, 2016-2017
- Co-director, Ancient Philosophy Workshop, 2010-2011, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

ADVISING

- B.A. Theses: Richard Grenis (2009-2010), Matt Mandelkern (2010-2011), Daniel Drucker (2010-2011), Jeremy McKey (2013-2014), Eric Thurm (2013-2014), Clint Montgomery (2014-2015), Rajiv Huranjee (2017-2018), Joshua Kramer (2017-2018).
- M.A. Theses: Steve Klemm (2009-2010), Nicholas Fox (2010-2011), Yixin Wei (2016-2017).
- Ph.D. Theses in progress: I am on the committees of Avner Baz, Noah Chafets (Social Thought), Rory O'Connell, Claire Kirwin (Co-chair), Daniel Telech (Co-chair), Joshua Mendelsohn, Amichai Amit, Josh Fox.
- Ph.D. Theses completed: I was on the committee of Charles Todd ("Life Interrupted: Akrasia, Action, and Active Irrationality" PhD 2011) ; Jennifer Lockhart ("Kierkegaard: Indirect Communication and Ignorant Knowledge" PhD 2011); Stina Bäckström ("The Mind's Movement: An Essay on Expression" PhD 2013); Mark Hopwood ("Love's Work: Eros and Moral Agency" PhD 2014)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Director of Undergraduate studies (2017-18)
Maph Admissions Committee (2017-18)
Director of Graduate Recruitment (2016-17)
Graduate Admissions Committee (2010-2011, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17)
Harper-Schmidt Selection Committee (2014-15)
Ethics Search Committee (2010-2011)
Undergraduate Program Committee (2013-14, 2014-15)
Ancient Philosophy Search Committee (2009-2010, 2016-2017)
Reviewer for: *Ancient Philosophy*, *Nous*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Archiv fur Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Mind*,
Review of Metaphysics

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Quantrell Award (2017)
Mark Asher Fellowship (2016)
Franke Faculty Fellowship (2015-2016)
Mabelle Mcleod Lewis dissertation scholarship, May 2006
Jacob Javits Fellowship, April 1998- April 2001
Mellon Fellowship, April 1997
College Honors Scholarship from the University of Chicago, April 1993-1997

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“The Human and the Divine,” the 10th Biennial Conference of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Nov 7 – 8, 2014
“Virtue, Action, and Reason: A Conference in Honor of Anselm Müller,” Chicago, April 2-3, 2011.
“Kant's Trans-Atlantic Legacy of Skepticism,” Berkeley, CA April 2002