

# Anton Ford

Department of Philosophy  
University of Chicago

PHONE: 773-677-7839  
FAX: 773-702-5259  
EMAIL: antonford@uchicago.edu

1115 E. 58<sup>th</sup> Street  
210 Stuart Hall  
Chicago, IL 60637

---

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Associate Professor, Philosophy, July 2016 – present  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Assistant Professor, Philosophy, July 2008 – July 2016  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Instructor, Philosophy, July 2007 – July 2008

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, Ph.D., Philosophy, July 2008  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, B.A., Philosophy, June 1999

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Action, Ethics, History of Ethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **“The Parts and Whole of Plato’s Republic,”** with Benjamin Laurence, in *Practical Reason: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, eds. James Conant and Sebastian Rödl (Berlin: De Gruyter Verlag, forthcoming 2019).
2. **“Naive Action Explanationism”** *Analytic Philosophy* 60:1 (2019): 67-77.
3. **“The Province of Human Agency”** *Noûs* 52:3 (2018): 697–720.
4. **“The Progress of the Deed,”** in *Process, Action and Experience*, ed. Rowland Stout (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).
5. **“Third Parties to Compromise,”** in *NOMOS: Compromise*, ed. Jack Knight (New York: New York University Press, 2018).
6. **“The Representation of Action,”** *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplements* 80 (2017): 217-233.

7. **“On What is Front of Your Nose,”** *Philosophical Topics* 44:1 (2016): 141-161.
8. **“The Arithmetic of *Intention*,”** *The American Philosophical Quarterly*, 5:2 (2015): 129-143.
9. **“Action and Passion,”** *Philosophical Topics* 42:1 (2014): 13-42.
10. **“Is Agency a Power of Self-Movement?”** *Inquiry* 56:6 (2013): 597-610.
11. **“Praktische Wahrnehmung,”** *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 61:3 (2013) 403-418.
12. **“Action and Generality,”** in *Essays on Anscombe’s Intention*, ed. Anton Ford, Jennifer Hornsby and Frederick Stoutland (Harvard University Press, 2011), 76–104.
13. **“The Just and the Fine: A Reply to Irwin,”** *Classical Philology*, 105:4 (2010): 396–402.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

1. *The Objectification of Agency*: a monograph about the metaphysics and epistemology of human action.

## EDITED VOLUME

1. *Essays on Anscombe’s Intention*, edited with Jennifer Hornsby and Frederick Stoutland, Harvard University Press, 2011.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. “Anscombe’s Question ‘Why?’” Keynote Address, St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), St. Louis, May, 2019.
2. “The Objectification of Agency,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Illinois, Chicago, November 2018.
3. “Perception in Action and Practical Reasoning,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, Purdue, April, 2019.
4. “Perception in Action and Practical Reasoning,” The Jowett Society, Oxford, March, 2019.
5. “The Objectification of Agency,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Illinois, Chicago, November 2018.
6. “Action Explanationism,” Conference on *Intentionality and Practical Knowledge*, University of Grenoble, France, October 2018
7. “Perception in Action,” Conference on *Action and Perception*, University of Chicago, May 2018.
8. “The Premises of Action,” Conference on *The Conclusion of Practical Reasoning*, University of Auburn, April, 2018
9. “Action Explanationism,” *Analytic Philosophy Symposium*, University of Texas, Austin, November, 2017
10. “The Representation of Action,” Conference on *Other Minds/ Other Wills*, University of Chicago, June 2017
11. “The Representation of Action,” Bates College, Philosophy Department, March 2017
12. *Philosophy of Action: Philosophy Summer School in China* (July 2016), a series of ten lectures in China, sponsored by the Institute for Chinese Studies and the Philosophy Faculty,

- University of Oxford; the Royal Institute of Philosophy; King's College Department of Philosophy; Yale Department of Philosophy.
13. "The Representation of Action," Conference on *Beings and Doings*, University College London, June 2016.
  14. "The Province of Human Agency," Harvard University, Department of Philosophy, April 2015.
  15. "Action Explanationism," *Philosophy of Action: The Royal Institute of Philosophy Lecture Series, 2015-16*, London.
  16. "The Province of Human Agency," Yale University, Department of Philosophy, April 2015.
  17. "The Province of Human Agency," *American Philosophical Association, Meeting of the Central Division*, Invited Presentation, Main Program, February, 2014.
  18. "The Arithmetic of Intention," *Anscombe's Intention in Context*, University of Bordeaux, March 2014.
  19. "Is Agency a Power of Self-Movement?" Conference on *A Metaphysics for Agency*, Center for the Study of Mind and Nature, Oslo, Norway, April 2013.
  20. "Three Conceptions of Agency," Conference on *Reasoning and Normativity*, NYU-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE, January 2013.
  21. "Three Conceptions of Agency," Conference in honor of Frederick Stoutland, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden, November 2012.
  22. "Action and Passion," Conference on *Action and Causation*, University of Magdeburg, Magdeburg, Germany, September 2012.
  23. "Practical Reasoning and Perception," Conference celebrating the work of Anselm Müller, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2011.
  24. "Practical Reasoning as the Form of Intentional Action," *St. Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality*, St. Louis, MO, May 2010.
  25. "Action and Passion," University of Chicago Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote Address, Chicago, IL, April 2010.
  26. "Action and Passion," *John McDowell's Philosophy of Action*, Universität Basel, Basel, Switzerland, December 2009.
  27. "Action and Generality," Auburn University Philosophical Society, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, November 2008.
  28. "The Just and the Fine: A Comment on Irwin," at *Beauty, Harmony, and the Good*. The seventh bi-annual conference of the Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Chicago, IL, September 2008.
  29. "That Action is not Intentional in Virtue of any Extra Feature," at *Action and Agency: Aristotle and Anscombe*, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2008.

## INVITED WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

1. *Normativity and Practical Reasoning*, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE, January 2014.
2. *Practical Reasoning*, University of Stuttgart, Germany, November 2013.
3. *Practical Knowledge*, University of Leipzig, Germany, April 2013.
4. *Action Explanation and Causality*, University of Magdeburg, Germany, August 2012.
5. *Aristotle and Kant on Form and Matter*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2011.
6. *Michael Thompson and Stephen Engstrom*, Universität Basel, Switzerland, July 2009.
7. *The Nature of Practical Intelligence*, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany, May 2009.

## CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Action and Perception**, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 11-12, 2018  
**Other Minds / Other Wills**, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, June 2-3, 2017  
**Anscombe's *Intention***, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 24-25, 2009

## ACADEMIC AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, 2014/15.
2. National Humanities Center, SIAS Summer Institute, *The Second Person*, 2011/12.
3. Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, funding for a conference on Anscombe's *Intention*, 2008.
4. Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2006/7.
5. Mellon Mays University Fellows Dissertation Grant, 2005/6.
6. Provost Development Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2004/5/
7. Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2003/4.
8. Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, 2001, 2003.
9. K. Leroy Irvis Fellowship, 1999–2001.
10. Social Science Research Council Grant, (1999)
11. Mellon Undergraduate Research Fellowship, (1997–1999)

## COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

1. *Racial Injustice* (Mixed Graduate/Undergraduate Lecture Course co-taught with Ben Laurence, Spring 2017)
2. *Karl Marx's Theory of History* (Mixed Graduate/Undergraduate Lecture Course, Spring 2014)
3. *Marx's Capital* (Graduate Seminar, Spring 2013, Autumn 2017)
4. *Kant's Doctrine of Right* (Graduate Seminar co-taught with Ben Laurence, Winter 2013)
5. *Justice* (Mixed Graduate/Undergraduate Lecture Course, Autumn 2012, Autumn 2008)
6. *Action and Perception* (Graduate Seminar, Spring 2012)
7. *Anscombe on Action and Ethics* (Mixed Grad/Undergrad Lecture, Winter 2012)
8. *Knowing-how and Knowing-that* (Graduate Seminar, Winter 2010)
9. *Aristotle on Justice and Political Friendship* (Graduate Seminar co-taught with Gabriel Richardson Lear, Spring 2010)
10. *Introduction to Ethics* (Undergraduate Lecture Course, Autumn 2010, Spring 2014)
11. *Introduction to Marx* (Undergraduate Lecture Course, Spring 2009, Autumn 2011)
12. *Action and Practical Knowledge* (Graduate Seminar, Winter 2009)
13. *Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities* (Undergraduate Seminar, Autumn 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2008)

## WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

1. *Practical Philosophy Workshop*, Co-Director with Daniel Brudney and Agnes Callard, (2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2015/16, 2016/17)
2. *Modern Philosophy Workshop*, Co-Director with Robert Pippin, (2008/9)

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

1. Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2015/16, 2016/17.
2. Ethics Search Committee, 2010/11.
3. Ethics Search Committee, 2009/10.
4. Graduate Admissions Committee, 2009/10.
5. Metaphysics and Epistemology Search Committee, 2008/9.
6. Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008/9.
7. Ethics Search Committee, 2007/8.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

1. Elected Member, Committee of the Council of the University Senate (2018/19)
2. Elected Member, Council of the University Senate (2018/19)
3. Diversity Committee, Humanities Division (2018/19)
4. Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow's Program, Advisory Committee (2016/17)
5. Center for the Study of Race, Affiliate
6. Council on Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (2016/17)
7. Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, Curriculum Committee (2013/2014)
8. Provost's Career Enhancement Postdoctoral Scholarship, Review Committee, 2014/15.
9. Provost's Career Enhancement Postdoctoral Scholarship, Final Selection Committee, 2013/14.
10. Provost's Career Enhancement Postdoctoral Scholarship, Review Committee, 2012/13.
11. Provost's Career Enhancement Postdoctoral Scholarship, Final Selection Committee, 2011/12.
12. Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, Harper-Schmidt hiring committee, 2009/10.
13. *Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities* Core Sequence, Director, 2009/10.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Program Committee for the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2013.
2. Manuscript reviewer for *Ethics*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *European Journal of Philosophy* and *Nous*.

## ADVISING

**B.A. Theses**, Chaired: Jake Earl, James Plank, Armand Levy, Chenab Navalkha, Andrew MacKie-Mason.

**M.A. Theses**, Chaired: Russell Rolffs, Edbury Enegren IV, Eric Ratzel, Juliet Nellis, Lucian Chase, Jodi Regan.

**Ph.D. Dissertation Committees**: Will Small, Micah Lott, Judy Hensley, Zachary Loveless, Jennifer Johnson, Stephen Shortt, Amichai Amit, Michael Crema.

**Ph.D. Dissertation Supervision**: Pascal Brixel