

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

EDUCATION

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

BOOKS

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

Reviewed/discussed in: *The Times Literary Supplement* (1/10/2018), *Philosophical Quarterly* (9/10/2018), *The New Yorker* (1/21/2018), *Essays in Philosophy* (Krista Thomasson 1/2019), *Philosopher's Magazine* (John Schwenkler 1/2020).

On Anger (MIT Press, 2020) (edited, wrote lead essay and response to critics);
selected as one of the best books of 2020 by *The New Yorker* in January 2020.

Untitled Book on Socrates, under contract with Norton (Liveright) (In Progress)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

17. "Precis of Aspiration" and "Response to Critics," in Symposium on *Aspiration, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* March 2021
16. "Being Good at Being Bad: The Hippias Minor on Rule-Following," forthcoming in *Cambridge Companion to Plato*, ed. Richard Kraut and David Ebrey
15. "The Virtuous Spiral: Aristotle's Theory of Habituation," forthcoming in *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology* (Oxford University Press) ed. Manuel Vargas and John Doris.
14. "Transformative Activities in Elena Ferrante's *My Brilliant Friend*," in *Becoming Someone New: Essays on Transformative Experience, Choice, and Change* ed. John Schwenkler and Enoch Lambert (Oxford University Press, 2020).
13. "Aristotle on Deliberation," in the *Routledge Handbook of Practical Reason*, ed. Ruth Chang and Kurt Sylvan (Routledge, 2020).
12. "What do men find threatening about women's empowerment?" in the *American Philosophical Association Feminism and Philosophy Newsletter* (Spring 2019, vol 18 no. 2)
11. "The Reason to be Angry Forever," in *The Moral Psychology of Anger*, ed. Owen Flanagan and Myisha Cherry (Rowman and Littlefield, 2017)
10. "Debts of Gratitude," in *The Moral Psychology of Gratitude*, ed. Daniel Telech and Robert Roberts (Rowman and Littlefield) (2019).
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. "Akratics 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).

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Regular Column for *The Point Magazine* (<https://thepointmag.com/>)

"What We Believe About Skepticism," *The New York Times* (March 31, 2020)

"I Don't Want You To Believe Me," *The New York Times*, (Nov. 30, 2020)

"Should We Cancel Aristotle," *The New York Times*, (July 21, 2020)

"A More Perfect Meritocracy," *Boston Review*, Dec. 21, 2020)

"What Do the Humanities Do In A Crisis," *The New Yorker* (April 11, 2020)

"The End of Esotericism," *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (April 10, 2020)

"Why Am I Reading Apocalyptic Novels Now?," *The New York Times* (March 31, 2020)

"The Real Cost of Tweeting about My Kids," *The New York Times* (Nov. 22, 2019)

"What We Talk About When We Talk About Meritocracy," *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (Sept. 13, 2019)

"Don't Overthink it," *Boston Review* (1/21/2019)

"The Ethics of Economic Growth," Symposium Participant, Cato Unbound (<https://www.cato-unbound.org>) (1/2019)

"What Does it Mean to "Speak as a Woman?," *The New York Times* (12/3/2018)

"Professora de filosofia define a indisciplina como emigrar sem destino definido," trans. Mariana Nântua *Epoca* (9/19/18). For English version see <https://angryrainbowmermaids.blogspot.com/2018/08/unruliness.html>.

"Is there Progress in Philosophy?" Guest post on *Daily Nous* (5/27/18) (<http://dailynous.com/2018/05/27/how-philosophy-makes-progress-agnes-callard/>)

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

WORK IN DRAFT FORM

"Socratic Humility," for *Humility in An Age of Self-Promotion*.

"The Pairwise Opposition Argument at *Gorgias* 495c-497d" for the *Cambridge Critical Guide to Plato's Gorgias* ed. Clerk Shaw.

"Why Does Love Hurt?" for *Res Philosophica*.

Socrates and The Ethics of Refutation (Book Draft, Under Contract with Norton)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Alan Jacobs, *Breaking Bread with the Dead*, in *The Wall Street Journal* (Dec. 9 2020)

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)

COURSES TAUGHT

--Plato's *Gorgias* Spring 2021

--BA Seminar, Autumn-Winter 2020-2021

--Socratic Refutation, Spring 2019

--Changing, Resting, Living: Aristotle's Natural Philosophy, Winter 2019

--Socrates, Plato and Aristotle on Courage, Autumn 2018

--Moral Psychology of the Emotions, Winter 2018

--Self-Creation as a Literary and Philosophical Problem, Spring 2017 and Spring 2019

--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, Fall 2020, Winter 2021.
--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

Night Owls, 2017-present

Co-director, Practical Philosophy Workshop, 2009-2011, 2102-2013, 2016-2017

Co-director, Ancient Philosophy Workshop, 2010-2011, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019

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), Lucy Johnson (2018-9), Caroline Hoskins (2018-9), Anna Prisco (2020-2021).

M.A. Theses: Steve Klemm (2009-2010), Nicholas Fox (2010-2011), Yixin Wei (2016-2017), Jasmine Huynh (2018-9), Misha Rudolph (2020-2021)

Ph.D. Theses in progress: I am on the committees of Amber Ace, Claudia Hogg-Blake, Aparna Ravilochran, Avner Baz, Josh Fox, Ermioni Prokopaki, Sarale Ben Asher, Rory Hanlon, Serena Lai, Emily Dupree.

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), Daniel Telech (chair, "In Praise of Praise" 2018), Rory O' Connell ("The Efficacy of The Good," 2018), Amichai Amit, ("Rational Desire and Organic Holism of Justification," 2018), Claire Kirwin (Co-chair, "Value Realism and the First-Person Perspective," 2019), Joshua Mendelsohn ("Aristotle on the Necessity of What We Know," 2019) .

ACADEMIC SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2017-19, 2020-2021)

Humanities Master Search Committee (2021)

Ethics Post Doc Committee (2020)

Maph Admissions Committee (2017-18, 2018-19)

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

Lebowitz Prize (4/2020)

Sze Teaching Award (2019)

Guggenheim Fellowship (2019-20)

Loeb Fellowship (2019-20)
Quantrell Award (2017)
Mark Ashin 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