

Relational Moral Address – Fricker Fall 2021 (C) + ‘meta-requirement’. GC PHIL 77600.
Miranda Fricker. *All classes on Zoom (recorded versions available for two weeks)*.
Office Zoom Hours: please email me – mfricker@gc.cuny.edu -- any time to fix a time to talk ☺

Learning Goals

Students will: gain a solid grounding in key topics in moral address that introduced or developed a relational approach. During the course of the semester we will further develop key professional skills such as those of clear oral presentation, including how to compose a good handout or slides on Zoom; further cultivate skills of philosophical discussion (listening well, criticizing constructively, explaining arguments clearly, articulating different points of view or opposing arguments, judicious use of the raise hand/finger rule); cultivate counterpoised virtues of intellectual courage, humility, rigor, honesty, generosity, and imagination; further develop the ability to plan and execute a well-structured philosophical essay; think carefully, critically, openly and creatively together—all in an online environment.

Requirements and Assessment:

(i) Come to class having carefully read at least the **asterisked readings** (these are the ‘required’ readings), and having made notes on them so that you can *participate actively* in class—raise questions, confusions, and objections, take turns to speak, and generally help each other understand the philosophical issues raised.

(ii) Please have these readings and your notes in front of you so we can refer back to the texts in our discussions.

(iii) Each registered student must do *one or more* 10-minute presentations on a reading. It’s good practice, and fun. Anyone auditing is encouraged to do the same.

(iv) For credit:

Write a 1-2 page skeletal *plan* (mainly headings and sub-headings) for your term paper, including bibliography, and email it to me before **DEADLINE 11.59pm Friday November 12** so we can fix a **20-30-minute one-to-one discussion** of it to help ensure you have a good basis for your term paper, due **three weeks later**. If you can do the plan earlier, so much the better. N.B. You are *not* graded on your plan at all—the sole purpose is to scaffold your essay to help you write the best paper you can.

(v) For credit:

Write a **Term paper 5000-5500 max words** (incl. any notes, but excl. bibliography, which should be (Name, Date) style with the complete list of references at the end). Please keep footnotes to an absolute minimum. Do NOT exceed the word limit or you may be marked down.

DEADLINE: email the finished paper to me (Word doc, not pdf, so I can put comments in track changes) before **11.59pm Friday December 3 (a few days before our final class)**. Or if you manage earlier, so much the better ☺

Your grade is determined solely by your term paper itself (for guidance see ‘Tips for planning & writing your term paper’ in dropbox). I exercise judgement to appropriately relativize grades to expected levels for MA or PhD programs.

All readings, week by week, and Syllabus are in our shared dropbox

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s4txlws5w5kk3n/AAB9LBUvY0oBaWp1V8eScxOMa?dl=0>

Aug 31

1. Relational autonomy

*Marina Oshana (1998) ‘Personal Autonomy and Society’ *Journal of Social Philosophy* 29(1): 81-102.

*Andrea Westlund (2009) ‘Re-thinking Relational Autonomy’ *Hypatia* 24(4): 26-49

John Christman (2004) ‘Relational Autonomy, liberal individualism, and the social constitution of selves’ *Philosophical Studies* 117 (1-2): 143-64

Joel Anderson and Axel Honneth (2005) ‘Autonomy, Vulnerability, Recognition and Justice’ in *Autonomy and the Challenges to Liberalism*, edited by John Christman and Joel Anderson, 127–49 (CUP)

[NO CLASS Sept 7]

Sept 14

2. Relational/Directed Obligations: With and without correlative rights

*Stephen Darwall (2012) ‘Bipolar Obligation’, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, Vol. 7 (Oxford: Oxford University Press): 337-67

*Onora O’Neill (1996) ‘Structure: obligations and rights’ chapter 5 in *Towards Justice and Virtue: A Constructive Account of Practical Reasoning* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)

Annette Baier (1985) ‘Cartesian Persons’ *Postures of the Mind: Essays on Mind and Morals* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press)

Julian Jonker (2021) ‘Directed Duties and Moral Repair’ *Philosophers’ Imprint* 20(23): 1-32

Sept 21

3. Relational/Directed obligations and the role of personal relationship

*R. Jay Wallace (2012) 'Duties of Love' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society Supp.* Vol. 6: 175-198

*Adrienne Martin (2021) 'Personal Bonds: Directed Obligations Without Rights', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* Vol. CII No. 1: 65-86

David Owens (2012) 'The Value of Duty' (responding to Wallace) *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society Supp.* Vol. 6: 199-215

Simon Cabulea May (2012) 'Moral Status and the Direction of Duties', *Ethics* 123(1): 113-128

Sept 28

4. Shame and Shamelessness

*Michelle Mason (2010) 'On Shamelessness' *Philosophical Papers* 39(3):401-25

*Marcia Baron (2018) 'Shame and Shamelessness' *Philosophia* 46(3): 721-731

Andreas Brekke Carlsson (forthcoming) 'Shame and Attributability' *Oxford Studies in Agency & Responsibility* Vol. 6 ed. David Shoemaker

Bernard Williams (1993) 'Shame and Autonomy', ch. 4 in *Shame and Necessity*

Oct 5

5. Remorse and Regret (NB *three* asterisked readings this week -- the third is v short)

*Christopher Cordner (2008) 'Remorse and moral identity' in C. Mackenzie & K. Atkins eds. *Practical Identity and Narrative Agency*; pp. 232-251 (Routledge)

*David Batho (2019) 'Remorse' in Anna Gotlib ed. *The Moral Psychology of Regret* (Rowman & Littlefield International) pp. 121-143

and

*Raimond Gaita (1996) 'Remorse and the depiction of evil' *Quadrant* 40(5): 33-36

Audrey Anton (2019) 'Regret as a Reactive Attitude: The Conditions of Responsibility and Revision' *The Moral Psychology of Regret*, ed. Ana Gotlib (Rowman & Littlefield)

Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela (2002) 'Remorse, forgiveness, and rehumanization: Stories from South Africa' *Journal of humanistic psychology*, 42(1): 7-32

Oct 12

6. Apology

*Adrienne Martin (2010) 'Owning Up and Lowering Down: The Power of Apology', *The Journal of Philosophy* 107(10): 534-553

*Jeffrey Helmreich 2015 'The Apologetic Stance' *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 43(2): 75-108

Alice MacLachlan (2015) "'Trust Me, I'm Sorry'" The Paradox of Public Apology' *The Monist* 98(4): 44§-56

Luc Bovens (2008) 'Apologies' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* Vol. CVIII Pt 3: 219-239

Oct 19

7. Trust and moral participation

*Berislav Marušić (2017) 'Trust, Reliance and the Participant Stance' *Philosophers' Imprint* 17 (17): 1–10

*Katherine Hawley (2017) 'Trustworthy Groups and Organizations', essay 14 in *The Philosophy of Trust*, eds. Paul Faulkner and Thomas Simpson (OUP)

Richard Holton (1994) 'Deciding to Trust, Coming to Believe' *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 72 (1): 63–76

Benjamin McMyler (2017) 'Deciding to Trust' essay 10 in *The Philosophy of Trust*, eds. Paul Faulkner and Thomas Simpson

Oct 26

8. Trust as a second-person attitude

*Karen Jones (2017) 'But I Was Counting on You!' in *The Philosophy of Trust*, eds. Paul Faulkner and Thomas Simpson (OUP)

*Stephen Darwall (2017) 'Trust as a Second-Personal Attitude of the Heart' in Paul Faulkner & Thomas Simpson eds. *The Philosophy of Trust* (OUP)

Margaret Urban Walker (2006) 'Damages to Trust' ch. 3 in *Moral Repair: Reconstructing Moral Relations after Wrongdoing*

Victoria McGeer & Philip Pettit (2017) 'The Empowering Theory of Trust' in *The Philosophy of Trust*, eds. Paul Faulkner and Thomas Simpson (Oxford University Press)

Nov 2

9. Building hope

*Margaret Urban Walker (2006) 'Hope's Value' ch. 2 in *Moral Repair: Reconstructing Moral Relations after Wrongdoing*

*Cheshire Calhoun (2018) 'Motivating Hope' in *Doing Valuable Time* (Oxford University Press): 68-89

Adrienne Martin (2014) 'Normative Hope' ch. 5 in *How We Hope: A Moral Psychology* (Princeton University Press)

Luc Bovens (1999) 'The Value of Hope' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 59 (3): 667-81

Nov 9

10. Good hoping

*Victoria McGeer (2004) 'The Art of Good Hope' *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 1: 100-27

*Nancy Snow (2020) 'Is hope a moral virtue?' essay 10 in *The Moral Psychology of Hope* eds. Claudia Bloser and Titus Stahl

Ariel Meirav (2009) 'The Nature of Hope' *Ratio* 22 (2): 216-33

Adrienne Martin (2020) 'Interpersonal Hope' essay 13 in *The Moral Psychology of Hope* eds. Claudia Bloser and Titus Stahl

[Midnight Friday Nov 12 Term paper PLANS DUE]

Nov 16

11. Forgiveness

*Eleonore Stump (2021) 'The Sunflower: Guilt, forgiveness and reconciliation', chapter 8 in *Forgiveness and its moral dimensions* (OUP): 172-196

*Lucy Allais (2021) 'Frailty and Forgiveness: Forgiveness for humans' chapter 12 in *Forgiveness and its moral dimensions* (OUP): 257-284

MacLachlan, Alice (2009) 'Practicing Imperfect Forgiveness', in Lisa Tessman ed. *Feminist Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy: Theorizing the Non-Ideal* (Dordrecht: Springer): 185-204

Michele Moody-Adams (2015) 'The Enigma of Forgiveness' *Journal of Value Inquiry* 49: 161-180

Nov 23

12. Proleptic Relational Response—to self and other

*Agnes Callard (2016) 'Proleptic Reasons' *Oxford Studies in Metaethics: II* ed. Russ Shafer-Landau

[For her expanded view, see her 2019 book *Aspiration: The Agency of Becoming* (OUP)]

*Miranda Fricker (2018) 'Ambivalence About Forgiveness', *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement*. Vol. 84 [directed to (self and) other]

Bernard Williams (1995) 'Internal Reasons and The Obscurity of Blame', in *Making Sense of Humanity and other philosophical papers 1982-1993* Cambridge, Cambridge University Press

James R. Gordon (2020) 'Solving the Self-Transformation Puzzle: The Role of Aspiration' *Educational Theory* 70/5: 617-32

Nov 30

13. Relating to one's future self—transformative decisions

*Laurie Paul (2015) 'What You Can't Expect When You're Expecting' in *Res Philosophica* Special Issue 92/2: 149-170

[For her fuller view, see her 2014 book *Transformative Experience* (OUP)]

*Edna Ullman-Margalit (2017) 'Big Decisions: Opting, Converting, Drifting' essay 4 in *Normal Rationality* eds. Cass Sunstein & Avishai Margalit

Ruth Chang (2015) 'Transformative Choices' *Res Philosophica* 92/2: 237-282

Ryan Kemp (2015) 'The Self-Transformation Puzzle: On the possibility of radical self-transformation' *Res Philosophica* 92/2: 389-417

Catriona Mackenzie (2008) 'Imagination, Identity, and Self-transformation' in C. Mackenzie & K. Atkins eds. *Practical Identity and Narrative Agency* (Routledge)

[midnight Friday 3rd TERM PAPERS DUE]

Dec 7

14. Aesthetics of Moral Address

*Matthew Congdon 2021 'The Aesthetics of Moral Address' forthcoming in *Philosophical Topics* 49/1

*Anil Gomes (2013) 'Iris Murdoch on Art, Ethics, and Attention' *British Journal of Aesthetics* 53/3: 321-337

Iris Murdoch (1957) 'The Sublime and the Good' reprinted in her (1997) *Existentialists and Mystics: Writings on Philosophy and Literature* ed. P. Conradi (London: Chatto & Windus)
[This essay soars over vast terrain; but reading from p. 213 to the end can deliver a sense of her vision.]

John McDowell (2001) 'Aesthetic Value, Objectivity, and the Fabric of the World' essay 6 in *Mind, Value, and Reality* (Harvard University Press)

Happy holidays!

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