

## Cathy Mason

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### Employment

**2021 – 2024** Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Cambridge

**2021 – 2021** Teaching Fellow, University of Birmingham

**2019 – December 2020** Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy, Wadham College, University of Oxford

### Education

**2016 – 2019**

University of Cambridge, Trinity College

PhD in Philosophy, Pass without corrections

Supervisors: Paulina Sliwa, Tom Dougherty

**2015 – 2016**

University of Sheffield

MA Philosophy, Distinction

Dissertation Supervisor: Jimmy Lenman

**2012 – 2015**

University of Oxford, Trinity College

BA Philosophy and Theology, First Class Honours

### Research Areas

**AOS:** Ethics, Moral Epistemology, Iris Murdoch

**AOC:** Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Aesthetics, Applied Ethics, History of Philosophy

### Publications

“Iris Murdoch, Privacy and the Limits of Moral Testimony”, *European Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming)

“The Epistemic Demands of Friendship: Friendship as Inherently Knowledge – Involving”, *Synthese* (forthcoming)

“Hoping and Intending”, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (forthcoming)

“The Virtue of Hope in a Turbulent World” in *Values and Virtues in a Changing World*, ed. Jefferson, Palermos, Paris and Webber (forthcoming)

“Mourning and the Recognition of Value” in Slawkowski-Rode (ed.), *Mourning*. Co-authored with Matt Dougherty (forthcoming)

“Iris Murdoch and the Epistemic Significance of Love” in Cushing (ed.) *New Philosophical Essays on Love and Loving* (forthcoming)

“On the Basis of Friendship”, *Inquiry* (published online 2020)

“Humility and Ethical Development”, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 17 (2020)

“Responsibility and Comparative Pride – a Critical Discussion of Morgan-Knapp” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 70 (2020)

## Reviews

Review of Jennifer Wright (ed.) *Humility*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (forthcoming)

## In Progress

“The Badness of Having Bad Friends” (under review)

“Murdoch and Gilead: John Ames as a Model of Murdochian Virtue” (under review)

“Forgiveness and Openness to Reconciliation” (under review)

## Awards and Scholarships

**2016 – 2019:** AHRC-Trinity Research Training Support Grant

**2016:** University of Sheffield Department of Philosophy Graduate prize

(Awarded annually for best performance on the MA)

**2015 – 2016:** University of Sheffield Postgraduate Support Scheme Scholarship

(Tuition fees and maintenance)

**2015:** Trinity College Knox Prize

(Awarded to the student/s of Trinity College, Oxford, who perform/s best overall in Finals examinations)

**2013 – 2015:** Trinity College Woodroffe Exhibition and Scholarship

(Awarded for academic performance in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years)

## **Academic Presentations**

'Hope as a Virtue in a Turbulent World', Royal Institute of Philosophy Public Philosophy Festival 2021, Cardiff University, September 2021

'Iris Murdoch, Privacy, and the Limits of Moral Testimony', Iris Murdoch Conference, July 2021

'The Epistemic Demands of Friendship', Conference on the Normativity and Epistemology of Friendship, Trinity College Dublin, September 2020

'The Epistemic Demands of Friendship', Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group, October 2019 (invited talk)

'Iris Murdoch and the Epistemic Significance of Love', The Humane Philosophy Society, September 2019 (invited talk)

'Humility and Moral Development', Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, February 2019

Commentator on 'The Secular Problem of Evil: An Essay in Analytic Existentialism' by Paul Prescott, Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia, August 2018

'Understanding Hope', Edginton Graduate workshop with Katherine Hawley, Birkbeck College, June 2018

'Iris Murdoch and the Epistemic Significance of Love', SWIP Ireland/In Parenthesis Women in Philosophy: Past, Present, Future, University College Dublin, May 2018

'Understanding Hope', Philosophy in Progress Graduate Conference, University of Nottingham, January 2018

'Murdoch on Kant and Utilitarianism', St Andrews/Stirling Kant Reading Party, July 2017

'Perceptual Moral Knowledge', Joint Session, University of Edinburgh, July 2017

## **Teaching**

### **University of Birmingham (2021 – present)**

#### **Lecturer**

- Global Bioethics

#### **Seminar Leader**

- Global Bioethics
- Social Justice

### **University of Oxford (2019 – 2021)**

### **Undergraduate Tutor:**

- First year Moral Philosophy
- First year seminar on Philosophical Skills
- Finals Theory of Politics
- Finals Ethics
- Finals Practical Ethics
- Finals Aesthetics

### **Graduate Tutor:**

- BPhil supervisor (Metaethics)

## **University of Cambridge (2017 – 2019)**

### **Supervisor:**

- First year Ethics and Political Philosophy
- First year Metaphysics and Mind
- Second year Metaphysics and Epistemology
- Second year Ethics (also dissertation supervisor)
- Third year Aesthetics (also dissertation supervisor)
- Third year Ethics

### **Discussion Group Leader:**

- First year Ethics and Political Philosophy
- First year Metaphysics and Mind

### **Lecturer:**

- Third Year Moral Epistemology

## **Other**

Referee: Canadian Journal of Philosophy, European Journal of Philosophy, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophy, Oxford University Press

Secretary of the Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, **2017 – 2018**

Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer, Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, **2017 – present**

Graduate representative to the Faculty Board and Student-Staff Committee member, University of Cambridge **2018 – 2019**

Convenor of the Cambridge Philosophy Graduate Seminar, **2018**

Tutorial Board member, Wadham College **2019 – 2020**

## **References**

**Prof Alison Hills**

St John's College, University of Oxford

**Dr Paulina Sliwa**

Sidney Sussex, University of Cambridge

**Dr Anil Gomes**

Trinity College, University of Oxford

**Dr Tom Dougherty**

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Prof Rae Langton**

Newnham College, Cambridge