

Alice Crary

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Academic Positions

- 2025-present Walter A. Eberstadt University Distinguished Professor, Philosophy (Liberal Studies/Gender Institute), New School for Social Research
- 2019-2025 University Distinguished Professor, Philosophy (Liberal Studies/Gender Institute), New School for Social Research
- 2021 *Visiting Professor, Philosophy, University of Paris-1 Pantheon Sorbonne (spring)*
- 2018-2019 Professor of Philosophy, Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy, and Director of Studies for Philosophy, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford.
- 2016, '19, '23 *Visiting Professor, Democracy and Diversity Summer Institute, Wroclaw, Poland (summer)*
- 2018 *Honorary Guest Wittgenstein Professor, University of Innsbruck, Austria (summer)*
- 2011 *Visiting Instructor, Philosophy, Humboldt University, Berlin (summer)*
- 2000-2017 Assistant, Associate and Full Professor, Philosophy, New School for Social Research (2014-2017—Chair of Department; 2014-2017—Founding Co-director, Graduate Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies (now the Gender Institute), New School, after chairing the steering committee that established the program 2012-2014)

Education

PhD—University of Pittsburgh, December 1999.

Dissertation “The Role of Feeling in Moral Thought,” directed by John McDowell.

AB in Philosophy—Harvard College, June 1990.

Summa cum laude for honors thesis “‘I Know I’m in Pain’: An Essay on the Philosophy of Wittgenstein,” directed by Hilary Putnam (Harvard’s Bechtel Prize for Best Undergraduate or Graduate Essay in Philosophy).

Areas of Research

Moral, Social, and Political Philosophy

Honors and Fellowships

Current : Researcher-in-Residence, Maison Suger, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, Paris, France, 2025-2026.

Current : Visiting Researcher, ISJPS (Institut des Sciences Juridique et Philosophique de la Sorbonne), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2025-2026.

Current : Visiting Scholar, Center for Critical Democracy Studies, American University of Paris, 2025-2026.

Current: Visiting Fellow in Philosophy, Regent’s Park College, Oxford, since 2020.

Faculty Fellowship, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, Spring 2024

Visiting Fellowship, All Souls College, Oxford, 2021-2022

Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, NJ, School of Social Studies, 2017-2018

Visiting Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, 2016-2025

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Grant for a Renewed Research Stay, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 2014

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, 2009-2010

American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellowship, 2009-2010 (declined)

Convocation Speaker, The New School, New York, 2008

University Distinguished Teaching Award, The New School, New York (awarded annually to one member of the Graduate Faculty), 2005

Faculty Fellow, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, 2004-2005

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2003-2004

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (study of ethical and religious values), University of Pittsburgh, 1997-1998

University of Pittsburgh Teaching Fellowships, Fall 1992, 1994-1997

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Bok Center), 1993-1994.

Alan Ross Anderson Fellowship (study of logic), University of Pittsburgh, Spring 1993

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Pittsburgh, 1991-1992

Bechtel Prize, Harvard University prize for the Best Undergraduate or Graduate Essay in Philosophy (awarded for my honors thesis, "I Know I'm in Pain"), 1990

Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College, 1990

John Harvard Scholarships, Fall 1987, Spring 1989, 1989-1990

Literary executorships

For Stanley Cavell—co-advisor to the executor (Cathleen Cavell) with Nancy Bauer, Arnold Davidson and Sandra Laugier

Prospective. For Cora Diamond—co-literary executor with James Conant

Publications

Books

1. *The Political Wittgenstein*, co-written with Joel de Lara (Cambridge University Press, in press).
2. *The Good it Promises, the Harm it Does: Critical Essays on Effective Altruism*, co-edited with Carol Adams and Lori Gruen, Oxford University Press, 2023, with a Foreword by Amia Srinivasan (with animal activists and academics criticizing the impact of effective altruism on the pro-animal movement and overlapping social justice movements). (Reviewed in *Sciences Humaines*, *EcoLit Books*, *L'Amorce: Revue contre le spécisme*, *oxford public philosophy*, and *Mind*)
3. *Animal Crisis*, co-written with Lori Gruen, Polity, 2022 (translated into Spanish, Ediciones Catedra, 2023, into French, Vrin, 2024, and forthcoming in Italian, Castelvecchi) Discussed at [Yale Law School](#), [Living Philosophy](#), [New Books Network](#), [The Philosopher](#), [Wild Connection](#), [Knowing Animals Podcast](#), [Factually Podcast](#), [Storytelling Animals Podcast](#), [The Animal Turn Podcast](#), [Species United Podcast](#), The Annual Weissbourd Conference, University of Chicago (May 2023), [Think Like a Vegan](#), a seminar at the University of Stavanger, Norway and, for the French translation, a roundtable at Librairie Vrin, Paris (October 2025), seminar at UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles (January 2026). Reviewed or excerpted in *Boston Review*, *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy*, 2023, vol.26, no.4: 333-342, *Leonardo*, and *Oxford Review of Books*, *Pratiques*, *Psychology Today*, *Public Seminar* and *Revue Esprit*.
4. *Here and There: Sites of Philosophy* by Stanley Cavell, co-editor with Nancy Bauer and Sandra Laugier, Harvard University Press, 2022 ([in Spanish](#) with Prensas Universitarias de Zaragoza (PUZ), forthcoming in French with Vrin). Reviewed in [The New York Review of Books](#), [The Nation](#), [The LA Review of Books](#), and the [London Review of Books](#).
5. *Inside Ethics: On the Demands of Moral Thought*, Harvard University Press, 2016. [An Association of College and Research Libraries Choice Outstanding Academic Title of 2016](#) (Discussed at a Colgate University author-meets-critic session, a special seminar at the University of Stavanger, Norway, a meeting of the New York Wittgenstein Workshop, a workshop at Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany, a workshop at Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, a workshop at the University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, a special seminar at MIT. Reviewed in *Books and Ideas*, *Choice*, *Environmental Philosophy*, *The Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Animal Ethics*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *La Vie des Idées*, *Metapsychology*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, and *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*. Subject of a book discussion in the book forum [Syndicate](#).
6. *Beyond Moral Judgment*, Harvard University Press, 2007 (Discussed at a 2008 “Author Meets Critics” session at the Eastern Division Meeting of the APA. Reviewed in *Analytic Philosophy*, *Choice*, *The European Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethics* (twice), *Hypatia*, *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, *Mind*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Philo*, and *The Pluralist*.)
7. *Wittgenstein and the Moral Life: Essays in Honor of Cora Diamond*, editor, MIT Press, 2007
8. *Reading Cavell*, co-editor with Sanford Shieh, Routledge, 2006

9. *The New Wittgenstein*, co-editor with Rupert Read, Routledge, 2000. (Also translated into Polish and Italian—and significantly reviewed)

Books in-progress

Stanley Cavell in His Own Voice: A Book of Interviews. A collection of interviews with Stanley Cavell, co-edited with Nancy Bauer and Sandra Laugier, in discussions with University of Chicago Press, projected for 2026.

All Justice is Animal Justice, projected date for manuscript completion, summer 2026.

Edited journal issues

Social Visibility, an issue of *Philosophical Topics* on ideology, social justice and critique, co-edited with Matt Congdon, Spring 2021—appeared early in 2022 with spring 2021 date.

Ordinary Language Philosophy, a special issue of the *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, co-edited with Joel de Lara, vol.39, no.2, 2019.

Refereed and invited articles

“Longtermism is Ideological Cover for the Harms of AI: philosophy in the time of technofascism,” a Royal Institute of Philosophy annual public lecture, fall 2025, forthcoming in *Philosophy*, early 2026.

“Critique in the Era of Environmental Cataclysm,” forthcoming in German translation, as “Kritik im Zeitalter des ökologischen Kataklysmus,” in *Emancipatory Materialism*. Berlin: Suhrkamp.

“Objectivity’s Politics,” forthcoming in English Markus Gabriel and Paul Kottman, eds., *Objectivity in the Humanities*, Stanford University Press, and in German in a series at Bonn University Press.

“The Theory and Practice of Racial Visibility: Response to Medina,” forthcoming in Robin Celikates, Sally Haslanger and Jason Stanley, eds., *Ideology*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

“Can Applied Ethics Lead to Justice for Animals?,” co-authored with Lori Gruen, forthcoming in a symposium on Martha Nussbaum’s *Justice for Animals* (2022) in the *Review of Politics*, 2025.

“Cavell and the Art of Revolution,” forthcoming in a special issue of *Conversations: The Journal of Cavellian Studies*, edited by Gordon Bearn, Filippo Casati, and Francesco Gandellini.

“[The Toxic Ideology of Longtermism](#),” *Radical Philosophy* 2.14, 2023.

Published in Norwegian in [Salongen](#), Rasmus Sandnes Haukedal, trans.

“[The Animal Crisis is a Human Crisis](#),” co-written with Lori Gruen, *Boston Review*, June 29, 2022.

A Spanish translation of this piece, by Gonzalo Bustamante Moya, is published in the magazine *Nexos!* September 12, 2023, with the title “[La crisis animal es una crisis humana](#).”

“[Metaphysics and Morals: How four women defended ethical thought against the legacy of positivism](#),” *Boston Review*, June 8, 2022.

“Editors’ Introduction,” with Carol Adams and Lori Gruen, to *The Good It Promises, the Harm It Does: Critical Essays on Effective Altruism*, Oxford University Press, 2023.

“Coda—Future-oriented Effective Altruism: What’s wrong with longtermism?” with Carol Adams and Lori Gruen, to *the Good It Promises, the Harm It Does: Critical Essays on Effective Altruism*, Oxford University Press, 2023.

“Tolstoy: Literature and Animal Life,” in Clair Linzey, ed., *Animal Theologians*, Oxford University Press, 2023.

“Editors’ Introduction,” with Nancy Bauer and Sandra Laugier, to Stanley Cavell, *Here and There: Sites of Philosophy*, Harvard University Press, 2022.

“Neutrality, Critique and Social Visibility: Response to Beaver and Stanley,” *Philosophical Topics*, Spring 2021—appeared in January 2022.

“[Against ‘Effective Altruism’](#),” *Radical Philosophy*, 2.10, Summer 2021.

Reprinted in Carol Adams, Alice Crary, and Lori Gruen, eds., The Good It Promises, the Harm It Does: Critical Essays on Effective Altruism, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023.

“Dehumanization and the Question of Animals,” in Maria Kronfeldner, ed., *Routledge Handbook on Dehumanization*, London: Routledge, 2021.

Reprinted in the exhibition catalogue for steirischer herbst 2022, “A War in the Distance,” a festival for contemporary art in Graz, Austria.

“Wittgenstein Does Critical Theory” in Richard Amesbury, Hartmut von Sass and Christoph Ammann, eds., *Doing Ethics With Wittgenstein*, Bloomsbury, 2021.

This article is a revised and expanded version of “Wittgenstein Goes to Frankfurt (and finds something useful to say)” (see below) and supersedes it. The article is also published in Andreas Oberprantacher and Annemarie Siegetsleitner, Crisis and Critique, de Gruyter, 2021.

“Seeing Animal Suffering,” in Maria Balaska, ed., *Cora Diamond on Ethics*, London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2021.

“Literature and Ethics,” Hugh LaFollette, ed., *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Wiley Online Library, 2013; updated for 2020.

“Objectivity,” in James Conant and Sebastian Greves, *Wittgenstein: Basic Concepts*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2019.

“Recovering the Core of Critique: Response to Jaeggi’s ‘Lebensformen als Problemlösungsinstanzen’,” in *Philosophisches Jahrbuch*, 2019.

“Animals, Cognitive Disability and Getting the World in Focus in Ethics and Social Thought: Reply to Eva Feder Kittay and Peter Singer,” *Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie*, 2019, vol.2, no.1: 139-146. *This is my response to Singer’s and Kittay’s remarks on my article “The Horrific History of Comparisons between Cognitive Disability and Animality (And How to Move Past it)”.*

“Die unerträgliche Geschichte des Vergleiches zwischen geistiger Behinderung und Animalität (und der Versuch sie hinter sich zu lassen)” This is a brief German synopsis, co-authored with Dagmar Borchers, of my article “The Horrific History of Comparisons between Cognitive Disability and Animality (And How to Move Past It)”, see below, published together with responses to my original article by Eva Feder Kittay and Peter Singer, as well as with a response by me to both Kittay and Singer. *Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie*, 2019, vol.2, no, 1: 123-126.

“Cavell and Critique,” *Conversations*, issue 6, winter 2019.

Co-authored with Joel de Lara, “Who’s Afraid of Ordinary Language Philosophy? A Plea for Reviving a Wrongly Revived Tradition,” Introduction to a special issue of *The Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, vol.39, no.2, 2019, 317-339.

“For my teacher, Stanley Cavell,” in *Conversations: the Journal of Cavellian Studies*, 2019, no.7, 43-47.

A Portuguese translation of this piece by Helena Carneiro is published as “[Para o Meu Professor](#)” in Forma de Vida, 2019, no.15.

“Humanistic Thought as a Route to the Value of Humanity” (in Spanish as “El Pensamiento Humanista Como Ruta Hacia el Valor de la Humanidad”) in Miguel Giusti, ed., *El Conflicto de las Facultades. Sobre la Universidad y el Sentido de las Humanidades*, published jointly by Anthropos Publishing House (Madrid) and the Editorial Fund of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Lima), 2019, 298-308.

“[The Character of Whose Virtue? Response to Hauerwas](#)” in *The Syndicate*, 2019.

“Comments on a Contested Comparison: Race and Animals,” in Oskari Kuusela and Benjamin De Mesel, *Ethics in the Wake of Wittgenstein*, London: Routledge, 2019.

A German translation of this article will also appear as “Animalität und Ethnizität,” Malte Fabian Rauch, trans., in Martin Hähnel und Jörg Noller, eds., Die Natur der Lebensform: Perspektiven in Biologie, Ontologie und Praktischer Philosophie.

“[The Methodological is Political](#),” *Radical Philosophy*, Issue 2.02, June 2018.

Published in Spanish as “[Lo metodológico es político: ¿qué pasa con el feminismo analítico?](#)” Translated by Gonzalo Bustamante Moya. Debates en paralelo. August 2019.

“Ethics,” in Lori Gruen, ed., *Critical Terms in Animal Studies*, Chicago, IL, University of Chicago Press, 2018.

“Cognitive Disability and Moral Status,” in Adam Cureton and David Wasserman, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Disability*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2018.

“[Wittgenstein Goes to Frankfurt \(and Finds Something Useful to Say\)](#)” in *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, June 2018.

This article has been superseded by a revised and expanded version, which is published as “Wittgenstein Does Critical Theory” in Richard Amesbury, Hartmut von Sass and Christoph Ammann, eds., Doing Ethics

With Wittgenstein, *Bloomsbury*, 2019. *Anyone interested in the material should consult the updated version.*

“The Horrific History of Comparisons Between Animals and Cognitively Disabled Human Beings (and How to Move Past it)” in Lori Gruen and Fiona Probyn Rapsey, eds., *Animaladies*, Bloomsbury, 2018.

“Response to Avner Baz,” “Response to Nora Hämläinen,” “Response to Anne-Marie Christensen-Sondergaard,” “Response to Aaron Klink,” and “Thoughts on Cats and Theology: Response to Stanley Hauerwas,” posted as part of a book symposium on *Inside Ethics* at *The Syndicate*, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/inside-ethics/>, September 3, 2018.

“Stories to Meditate on?: Animals in Gaita’s Narrative Philosophy,” in Ana Falcato, ed., *Philosophy in the Condition of Modernism*, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

“Coetzee’s Quest for Reality,” in Patrick Hayes and Jan Wilm, eds., *Coetzee and Philosophy*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2017.

“Putnam and Propaganda,” *The Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, vol.38, no.2, Fall 2017, pp.385-398.

“Feminist Thought and Rational Authority: Getting Things in Perspective,” *New Literary History*, vol.46, no.2, spring 2015, pp.287-308.

“A Radical Perfectionist: Revisiting Cavell in the light of Kant,” *Journal of Aesthetic Education*, vol.43, no.3 (Fall 2014), pp.87-98.

“Freedom is for the Dogs,” in Martin G. Weiss and Hajo Greif, eds., *Ethics – Society – Politics*, Berlin, De Gruyter, 2013, pp.203-226.

Also published online as an [Agora audio lecture](#) (December 3, 2012).

“New Wittgensteinians,” in the online Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences, 2013.

“Dogs and Concepts,” *Philosophy*, vol.87, no.2 (April 2012), pp.215-237.

“W.G. Sebald and the Ethics of Narrative,” in *Constellations*, vol.19, no.2 (Fall 2012), pp.494-508.

Reprinted in Language, Ethics and Animal Life: Wittgenstein and Beyond, Niklas Forsberg, Mikel Burley and Nora Hämläinen, eds., New York, Bloomsbury, 2012, pp.195-212.

“Animals,” in Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon, Issue 2, Winter 2012, www.politicalconcepts.org.

“Eating Animals and Experimenting on Them: Two Issues in Ethics,” Klaus Petrus and Markus Wild, eds., *Animal Minds & Animal Ethics*, Berlin, Springer Verlag, 2012, pp.321-354.

“A Brilliant Perspective: Diamondian Ethics,” *Philosophical Investigations*, vol.34, no.4 (October 2011), pp.331-352.

This article is reprinted, in a slightly revised version, in Andrew Gleeson and Craig Taylor, eds., Morality in a Realistic Spirit: Essays for Cora Diamond, London, Routledge, 2019.

“[Response to Robert Pippin and Christopher Grau](#),” *Ordinary Language and Literary Studies*, posted May 16, 2011.

“Minding What Already Matters: A Critique of Moral Individualism,” *Philosophical Topics*, vol.38, no.1 (Spring 2011), pp.17-49.

“J.M. Coetzee, Moral Thinker,” in Anton Leist and Peter Singer, eds., *Coetzee and Ethics: Philosophical Perspectives on Literature*, Columbia University Press, 2010, pp.249-268.

“Nussbaum on Ethics and Literature Defended Against Posner, Landy, Vogler...and also Nussbaum” [published in French as “Éthique et Littérature: Nussbaum Contre Nussbaum”], in Solange Chavel, ed., *Martha Nussbaum: Émotions Privées, Espace Public*, Paris, Presses de l’Université Paris-Sorbonne, 2010, pp.139-156.

“Wittgenstein’s Commonsense Realism about the Mind” in Ilva Gustafsson, Camilla Kronqvist and Michael McEachrane, eds., *Emotions and Understanding: Wittgensteinian Perspectives*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, pp.12-26.

“Ethics and the Logic of Life,” in *SATS: The Nordic Journal of Philosophy*, vol.10, no.2 (2009), pp.5-34.

Reprinted in Hannes Nykänen et al., *Ethics and the Philosophy of Culture: Wittgensteinian Approaches*, London, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013, pp.44-73.

“Ethics as Part of Human Natural History,” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, vol.30, no.3, 2009, pp.391-408.

“Wittgenstein and Ethical Naturalism,” in Guy Kahane, Edward Kanterian, Oskari Kuusela, eds., *Wittgenstein and His Interpreters: Essays in Memory of G.P. Baker*, London, Blackwell, 2007, pp.295-319.

“Humans, Animals, Right and Wrong,” in Alice Crary, ed., *Wittgenstein and the Moral Life*, pp.381-404.

“Introduction” (sole author) to Alice Crary, ed., *Wittgenstein and the Moral Life: Essays in Honor of Cora Diamond*, pp.1-26.

“Austin and the Ethics of Speech,” in Alice Crary and Sanford Shieh, eds., *Reading Cavell*, pp.42-67.

“Introduction” (co-written with Sanford Shieh) to Alice Crary and Sanford Shieh, eds., *Reading Cavell*, pp.1-7.

“Wittgenstein and Ethics: a discussion in reference to *On Certainty*” in Daniele Moyal-Sharrock and William Brenner, eds., *Readings of Wittgenstein’s On Certainty* (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2005), pp.275-301.

Also published online as [an Agora audio lecture](#) (June 2, 2005).

“Wittgenstein’s Pragmatic Strain,” *Social Research*, vol.70, no.2 (Summer 2003), pp.201-224.

“The Happy Truth: J.L. Austin’s *How to Do Things With Words*,” *Inquiry*, vol.45, no.1 (Spring 2002), pp.1-22.

“What Do Feminists Want in an Epistemology?” in Peg O’Connor and Naomi Scheman, eds., *Re-Reading the Canon: Feminist Interpretations of Wittgenstein* (University Park, Pa., Penn State Press, 2002), pp.97-118.

“Why Can’t Moral Thought Be Everything It Seems?” *Philosophical Forum*, vol.33. no.4 (Winter 2002), pp.373-392.

“A Question of Silence: Feminist Theory and Women’s Voices,” *Philosophy*, vol.76, no.96 (July 2001), pp.371-395.

“Does the Study of Literature Belong in Moral Philosophy? Some Reflections in the Light of Ryle’s Thought,” *Philosophical Investigations*, vol.23, no.4 (October 2000), pp.315-350.

“Wittgenstein’s Philosophy in Relation to Political Thought” in Alice Crary and Rupert Read, eds. *The New Wittgenstein*, pp.118-145.

“Introduction” (sole author) to Alice Crary and Rupert Read, eds. *The New Wittgenstein*, pp.1-18.

Pieces for more Popular Audiences

“[The Predictably Grievous Harms of Effective Altruism](#),” co-authored with Carol Adams and Lori Gruen, *OUPblog*, December 12, 2022.

“[Stanley Cavell and the American Contradiction: How to be a citizen in a profoundly imperfect nation](#),” co-authored with Nancy Bauer and Sandra Laugier, in *The Stone*, an online blog of the *New York Times*, July 2, 2018.

*A Portuguese translation of this piece by Helena Carneiro is published as “[Stanley Cavell e a Contradição Americana](#)” in *Forma de Vida*, no.15.*

“A Continuing Engagement with Endangered and Excluded Scholars: Confronting political barriers that hinder the progress of knowledge,” co-written with Johan Heilbron and Ian Jauslin, in IAS’s *The Institute Letter*, Spring 2019, and also online in two versions [here](#) and [here](#).

“[Being Human Matters](#),” in *The Philosophical Salon*, a weekly column of *The LA Review of Books*, August 2015.

“[The Faulty Logic of the Math Wars](#),” co-authored with J. Stephen Wilson, in *The Stone*, an online blog in the *New York Times*, June 16, 2013.

“[For Gender and Sexuality Studies: A Manifesto](#),” co-written with Elaine Abelson, Margot Bouman, Lisa Rubin and Miriam Ticktin, in *Public Seminar*, December 16, 2013.

“Imagination and Advocacy,” a contribution to a symposium entitled “What are Animals For?” in *The Point*, Issue 6, Winter 2013, pp.131-137.

“Occupy Wall Street: Revolution in Amerika?” *Die Zeit*, October 13, 2011 [in German].

Book Reviews

Cary Wolfe, What is Posthumanism? in *Hypatia*, Vol.29, Issue 3 (Summer 2012), pp.678-685.

Catherine Osborne, Dumb Beasts and Dead Philosophers in *Philosophical Investigations*, vol.32, no.2 (April 2009), pp.191-197.

Margaret Urban Walker, Moral Contexts: A Feminist Study in Ethics in *Hypatia* (fall 2005), pp.220-223.

Robert Pippin, Henry James and Modern Moral Life in *Ethics*, vol.112, no.1 (January 2002), pp.403-406.

Robert Kirk, Relativism and Reality: A Contemporary Introduction in *Philosophical Investigations*, vol.24, no.1 (January 2001), pp.83-86.

D.Z. Phillips, Philosophy’s Cool Place in *Mind*, vol.110, no.437 (January 2001), pp.257-261.

Recent interviews and public events

Speaker at the Oxford Union, for the proposition, “Modern Philanthropy is reputation laundering,” March 5, 2026.

“The Moral Philosopher,” *Lakeside Magazine*. Fall-winter 2025: 45-46.
<https://www.lakesideschool.org/about-us/lakeside-magazine>.

[“Feminist Philosophy, Women, and Animals: An Interview with Alice Crary.”](#) Interviewer Dr. Manela Teles, sponsored by the Mind, Language, and Action Group (mlap) at the Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto (FLUP), Portugal, December 2024.

Conversation with Amitav Ghosh about his 2021 book *The Nutmeg’s Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis* at the Symposium “How (not) to Build a Bunker: Reinvigorating Democracy—Rejecting AI Apocalypticism and Resisting the Rush to Build AGI” (which I co-convened with Émile Torres), at the New School for Social Research, October 2024. ([See here for a partial playlist of the symposium.](#))

[Debate with Peter Singer](#) about the question “Does Effective Altruism get Giving Right?” (arguing for a negative answer) on the NPR show *Open To Debate*, August 23, 2024.

[Speaker at the Cambridge Union](#), in opposition to the proposition, “You can put a number on a human life,” February 1, 2024.

“Writing Other Earth Beings into Ethics in the Age of Climate Catastrophe,” Dany Celermajer in Conversation with Alice Crary about Celermajer’s 2021 book *Summertime: Reflections on a Vanishing Future* (2021) and her work on multi-species justice, Philosophy Colloquium, New School For Social Research (NSSR), Thursday, September 28, 2023.

[“Climate Violence—What is to be done?”](#) Remarks at a roundtable on the topic “Beyond Violence,” a conference to close the 30th annual Democracy and Diversity Summer Institute

of the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, the Museum of Architecture, Wrocław, Poland, July 19, 2023.

Expert Roundtable of the KNOMAD (Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development) Working Group on Environmental Change and Migration—on the nexus between Climate Justice and Migration, June 5 and 6, 2023, World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC.

Conversation about Effective Altruism and Longtermism with members of the group [Rightslink](#), Columbia Law School, April 5, 2023.

“[Wittgenstein and Feminism](#)”: Mickaëlle Provost in Conversation with Alice Crary, Part I, *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, Special Issue on Wittgenstein and Feminism (December 2022).

A Portuguese translation of this interview appears [here](#), in a special issue of Forma de Vida, edited by Camila Lobo and João Esteves da Silva

“[Wittgenstein and Critical Theory](#)”: Mickaëlle Provost in Conversation with Alice Crary, Part II *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, No.11.

A Portuguese translation of this interview appears [here](#), in a special issue of Forma de Vida, edited by Camila Lobo and João Esteves da Silva

A profile with *Regent's Now*, the magazine of Regent's Park College, Oxford, fall 2021.

“[How ought we to be doing philosophy?](#)” Interview with *Oxford Public Philosophy*, published October 29th, 2020, with audio recording.

[Interview with Richard Marshall on 3:16am](#), posted October 7, 2020 (“Ethics, Wittgenstein, The Frankfurt School, and Cavell”).

[Interview on Kieran Setiya's podcast *Five Questions*](#), posted October 6, 2020.

Conversation with Alexandra Horowitz about her book *Our Dogs, Ourselves*, Harvard Club of New York, September 2019.

[Interview for the Brooks Institute Animal Legal and Policy Studies Summit](#), May 2019.

Interview with Rodrigo Cárcamo on October 1, 2018 for [Filosofía en Diálogo. Conversaciones con Gianni Vattimo, Alice Crary, Raúl Fonet-Betancourt, Peter Hacker, Peter Travnny, Carla Cordua, y otros](#) (*Philosophy in Dialogue*), Buenos Aires: Prometeo, 2020.

An interview about my research (“Interview with Professor Crary”) in *Regent's Now*, the magazine of Regent's Park College, Oxford, 2019, 12-14.

[An interview about the work of Stanley Cavell, together with Stephen Mulhall on BBC R3's “Free Thinking.”](#) June 26, 2018.

A public conversation with Veena Das (“Ethics, Anthropology and Words Not at Home”) sponsored by the New School for Social Research's (or NSSR's) Philosophy Department, the New School's Graduate Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, NSSR Philosophy's

Minority and Philosophy (MaP) chapter and the New York Wittgenstein Workshop, April 2018.

A conversation with Steven Lukes about “How Philosophy and Sociology Need Each Other,” moderated by Cayla Clinkenbeard, recorded at the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ), February 2018, published in *The Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* in 2019.

[A debate on the question “Can Trophy Hunting Ever be Justified?”](#) with Canadian journalist Michael Petrou in *Prospect Magazine*, January 24, 2018.

A public debate on the question “Comparisons Between Cognitively Disabled Human Beings and Non-Human Animals: Do They Have a Role in Ethics?” together with Peter Singer and Eva Feder Kittay, as part of the Ira W. DeCamp Bioethics Seminar Series, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, November 28, 2017.

[A public debate on the question “How Much Should We Care About Animals?”](#) together with [Elizabeth Harman, Dale Jamieson and Shelley Kagan](#), sponsored by the Academy of Teachers and offered in partnership with the UNC Parr Center for Ethics and Columbia University Arts & Sciences, Division of Humanities, May 10, 2017.

[An interview about the importance for philosophy of the humanities, literature and the other arts](#), on the Blog of the APA, blog.apaonline.org, posted November 1, 2016.

“[Alice Crary on Her Newest Book, *Inside Ethics*](#)” at *SocialResearchMatters*, posted September 12, 2016.

“[Moral Progress in Small Steps](#),” interview with Carla Bagnolia, in *Il Sole* (translated into Italian), August, 7, 2016.

Invited Talks

I have given more than 190 invited lectures in the US and in twenty-three other countries. This includes more than 50 keynotes or endowed lectures. A handful of these lectures were in German or Spanish. During 2025-2026, some are in French.

Selected upcoming lectures:

UEA International Wittgenstein Workshop, February 11, 2026 [online]

The Linda Singer Memorial Lecture, Miami University, Ohio, April 9-10, 2026

Public Lecture for the Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies Consortium, Technical University Delft and Utrecht University, funded by the Dutch Research Council, April 17, 2026—“Doing good in an age of big tech and declining democracy”.

Wittgenstein Séminaire : Langage et monde commun—approches wittgensteiniennes de la normativité sociale, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France, May 9, 2026—“Wittgensteinianisme de Gauche”

Keynote at the Conference “Stanley Cavell at 100: An International Centennial Conference,” Sapienza Università di Roma, June 8-9—“Pro-democratic Defiance”

Teaching and Advising (New School, Oxford, and elsewhere)

I have taught a wide range of undergraduate seminars and lectures, as well as graduate seminars and lectures on topics on moral, social, and political philosophy, on aesthetics, and on figures and topics in the tradition of Oxford ordinary language philosophy. I have regularly offered independent studies, on the same wide range of topics.

I have advised numerous BA Philosophy students, and I have directed many Philosophy MAs, placing more than 30 of these students in competitive PhD programs (mostly in philosophy departments, occasionally in other fields). My advising also includes secondary roles on the committees of many PhD and MA students.

I have directed 24 PhD dissertations at the New School, where I am currently directing 10 dissertations and sitting on 4 further PhD committees. To support my research students, I have since 2012 coordinated a works-in-progress series, and I have since 2009 been the faculty advisory for the New York Wittgenstein Workshop, which gives graduate students a venue for presenting their work on analytic philosophy and meeting others in the field.

I have hosted and supported numerous Fulbright, DAAD, Humboldt and other visiting scholars.

I have been an external committee member on 12 PhD dissertations outside the New School, mostly at institutions outside the US. I did Oxford-based BPhil and MPhil supervisions during the academic year 2018-2019.

University service (New School)

I have generally carried a large service at the New School. Some of my substantial roles have included co-creating a new MA in Climate Futures (in progress since fall 2024), co-directing a dean's initiative to explore new MA programs at NSSR (fall 2023-spring 2025); co-chairing an NSSR Dean Search, 2022-2023; serving on the New School's University Strategic Planning Steering Committee, June 2022-December 2022; co-founding and serving on the steering committee of the university's Collaborative for Climate Futures, winter 2019-spring 2025; serving as chair of the Philosophy Department, summer 2014-spring 2017; serving as the founding co-director of a graduate program in Gender and Sexuality Studies (now the Gender Institute), summer 2014-summer 2017, after serving as the chair of a university-wide working group to revive graduate level Gender Studies at the New School, fall 2012-spring 2014; and serving as a member of the University Committee for Promotions and Reviews (i.e., the committee charged with a procedural review of all tenure and other promotion cases that come through the university), fall 2011-spring 2013 and fall 2014-summer 2017. I have also served at some point smaller roles at the departmental level (e.g., admissions director, placement director, director of undergraduate studies, etc.).

Professional service

My major professional service roles include Advisory Board Member, SWIP-NYC (Society for Women in Philosophy-NYC), 2020-present; Steering Committee, ESWIP (Eastern Society for Women in Philosophy), 2019-2021; Founding co-organizer of the Berlin Critical Theory Summer School, at the Institute for Philosophy at Humboldt University, 2017-present, and Co-convenor of The Prize for Distinguished Achievement in Social Philosophy, 2021 to 2024, Member of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Program Committee, 2018-2020. I have also organized a wide arrange of international and local conferences and workshops.

I have served as a reviewer for presses, including Acumen Publishing Company, Bloomsbury, University of Chicago Press, Columbia University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Polity, Routledge, Stanford University Press. I have also been a reviewer for numerous academic journals, including *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Analysis*, *British Journal of Aesthetics*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Contemporary Literature*, *Environmental Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics and Moral Theory*, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, *Hypatia*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Mind*,

Nordic Wittgenstein Review, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Partial Answers, Philosophies, Philosophy & Public Affairs, Political Concepts, Philosophical Quarterly, Social Epistemology, Southern Journal of Philosophy, and Synthese.

I have also served as reviewer for a number of foundations, including Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, The Danish Council for Independent Research in the Humanities, The Leverhulme Trust, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden), The Swiss National Science Foundation, The Social Sciences and Humanities Research or SSHRC (Canada).

I sit on a number of editorial and advisory boards for presses and have participated in numerous international research groups/projects. My annual service load involves large slates letters of reference, not only for my own students, but for external tenure, promotion to full, and distinguished positions.

Early Teaching, Activism and Related Experience

During my graduate studies, which I split between Harvard and the University of Pittsburgh, I was a Tutor in Philosophy, at two Harvard Houses, 1993-1994 (North House), 1998-2000 (Mather House), and I served as a research assistant to Stanley Cavell 1993-1994. In the years in which I was in Pittsburgh, I worked as a Shelter Advocate/Counselor for Victims of Domestic Violence – Greater Pittsburgh Women’s Center & Shelter, 1992-1993 and 1994-1998.

Before attending graduate school, I was a secondary school teacher at the *Colegio Americano de Quito*, Quito, Ecuador, offering 11th and 12th Grade Philosophy and 9th Grade World History, 1990-1991. While an undergraduate student (Harvard), I was board member at *Education For Action* (E4A) in Radcliffe Yard, a clearing house for and supporter of radical student activism on the Harvard-Radcliffe campus, 1987-1988 and 1989-1990. For the fall of 1988, I was myself a recipient of small grant from E4A as well as of support from the Sister City Organization of Oaxaca, Mexico and Palo Alto, CA to travel to Southern Mexico and Guatemala to study liberation theology-inspired base communities.

During my undergraduate studies and before, I was a rower. I was a member of the Radcliffe Varsity Rowing Team, 1985-6 (lightweight), 1986-7 (heavyweight), and I was a member of the USA Junior National Rowing Team (6th in women’s eight in World Competition in Brandenburg, East Germany, 1985) as well as a member of the Lakeside Women’s Crew that won Junior National Championships in 1985 (1st in the women’s eight, 1st in the women’s four, and 1st as a team) and in 1983 (1st in the women’s eight, 3rd in the women’s four, and 1st as a team).

Languages

English—native speaker

German—fluent conversational, reading and writing

Spanish—advanced conversational, reading and writing

French—advanced conversational, reading and writing

Personal

Partner—Nathaniel Hupert, MD MPH, Associate Professor of Population Health Sciences and of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine, Cornell University; Associate Attending Physician, New York-Presbyterian Hospital; former Senior Medical Advisor, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA (National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Division of Preparedness and Emerging Infections), 2008-2018.

Children—Louise, 20 and Shepard, 12.