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**Education and Degrees**

Harvard University, 1974-1979. Ph. D. in Philosophy, November 1981  
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B. A. *summa cum laude*, in Philosophy, 1974  
Eastern Illinois University, major in Philosophy and English, 1971-1972  
Honorary Degrees:  
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), May 2004  
The University of Groningen, Doctorate Honoris Causa, June 2014

**Academic Employment**

Harvard University (1991-)  
    *Arthur Kingsley Porter Research Professor of Philosophy* (2020-)  
    *Arthur Kingsley Porter Professor of Philosophy* (1999-2020)  
    *Professor of Philosophy* (1991-)  
    *Chair of the Department of Philosophy* (1996-2002)  
    *Director of Graduate Studies in Philosophy* (2004-2012)  
The University of Chicago (1983-1991)  
    *Professor of Philosophy and General Studies in the Humanities* (1990-1991)  
    *Associate Professor of Philosophy and General Studies in the Humanities* (1986-1990)  
    *Assistant Professor of Philosophy* (1983-1986)  
The University of California at Berkeley, *Visiting Associate Professor* (Fall 1989)  
The University of California at Los Angeles, *Visiting Associate Professor* (Winter/Spring 1990)  
The University of California at Santa Barbara, *Assistant Professor* (1980-1983)  
Yale University, *Instructor* (1979-1980)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Visiting Instructor* (Spring 1978)

## Books

*Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to the Other Animals*

Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018

*Self-Constitution: Agency, Identity, and Integrity*

Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.

*The Sources of Normativity*

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

## Essay Collections

*The Constitution of Agency: Essays on Practical Reason and Moral Psychology*

Chapter 1. "The Normativity of Instrumental Reason"

Chapter 2. "The Myth of Egoism"

Chapter 3. "Self-Constitution in the Ethics of Plato and Kant"

Chapter 4. "Aristotle's Function Argument"

Chapter 5. "Aristotle on Function and Virtue"

Chapter 6. "From Duty and for the Sake of the Noble: Kant and Aristotle on Morally Good Action"

Chapter 7. "Acting for a Reason"

Chapter 8. "Taking the Law into Our Own Hands: Kant on the Right to Revolution"

Chapter 9. "The General Point of View: Love and Moral Approval in Hume's Ethics"

Chapter 10. "Realism and Constructivism in Twentieth Century Moral Philosophy"

*Creating the Kingdom of Ends*

Chapter 1. "An Introduction to the Ethical, Political, and Religious Thought of Kant" (pp. 3-42)

Chapter 2. "Kant's Analysis of Obligation: The Argument of *Groundwork* I" (pp. 43-76)

Chapter 3. "Kant's Formula of Universal Law" (pp. 77-105)

Chapter 4. "Kant's Formula of Humanity" (pp. 106-132)

Chapter 5. "The Right to Lie: Kant on Dealing with Evil" (pp. 133-158)

Chapter 6. "Morality as Freedom" (pp. 159-187)

Chapter 7. "Creating the Kingdom of Ends: Reciprocity and Responsibility in Personal Relations" (pp. 188-221)

Chapter 8. "Aristotle and Kant on the Source of Value" (pp. 225-248)

Chapter 9. "Two Distinctions in Goodness" (pp. 249-274)

Chapter 10. "The Reasons We Can Share: An Attack on the Distinction between Agent-Relative and Agent-Neutral Values" (pp. 275-310)

Chapter 11. "Skepticism about Practical Reason" (pp. 311-334)

Chapter 12. "Two Arguments Against Lying" (pp. 335-362)

Chapter 13. "Personal Identity and the Unity of Agency: A Kantian Response to Parfit" (pp. 363-397)

## Uncollected Essays

### “The Philosophical Foundations of Animal Law”

Forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Global Animal Law*, edited by Anne Peters, Kristen Stilt, and Saskia Stucki.

### “Thinking in Good Company”

The John Dewey Lecture Delivered at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, January 2022; *The Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, November 2022.

### “Agency and Morality.” For *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Agency*, edited by Luca Ferrero. Forthcoming in 2021.

Amicus Brief, on behalf of Happy the Elephant, represented by the Nonhuman Rights Project, Inc.

<https://www.nonhumanrights.org/content/uploads/Christine-M.-Korsgaard-Amicus-Brief-Happy-Case.pdf>

### “Valuing Our Humanity”

*Respect: Philosophical Essays*, edited by Oliver Sensen and Richard Dean. Oxford University Press, 2021

### “The Origin of the Good and Our Animal Nature” in *The Journal of Ethical Reflections*. Summer 2020, Volume 1, No. 2, 7-29.

### “John Rawls’s Theory of the Good” forthcoming in a volume edited by Michael Rosen, from the conference, “Inequality, Religion, and Society: John Rawls and After.” Conference 2019.

### “Constitutivism and the Virtues”

In a special issue of *Philosophical Explorations* on Constitutivism. Volume 22, Issue 2, Summer 2019.

### “Animal Selves and the Good,”

*Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, Volume 8, edited by Mark Timmons. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 2018

### “Prospects for a Naturalistic Explanation of the Good”

In the 92<sup>nd</sup> *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Supplementary Volume*, 2018.

### “Species-Being and the Badness of Extinction and Death”

*Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie*, June 2018

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s42048-018-0002-3>

### “The Claims of Animals and the Needs of Strangers: Two Cases of Imperfect Right”

*The Journal of Practical Ethics*, Volume 6, Number 1, June 2018.

<http://www.jpe.ox.ac.uk/papers/the-claims-of-animals-and-the-needs-of-strangers-two-cases-of-imperfect-right/>

### “Kantian Ethics, Animals, and the Law”

The Hart Lecture, 2012.

*The Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, Winter 2013 33 (4), 1-20.

“A Kantian Case for Animal Rights”

*Animal Law – Tier und Recht*, edited by Julia Haenni, Margot Michel, Daniela Kuehne. Dike Verlag, Zurich, in cooperation with Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag: 2012.

“The Normative Constitution of Agency”

*Rational and Social Agency*, a collection of essays addressing the work of Michael Bratman, edited by Manuel Vargas. Oxford University Press, 2014.

“Interacting with Animals: A Kantian Account”

In *The Oxford Handbook of Animal Ethics*, edited by Tom Beauchamp and R. G. Frey, Oxford University Press, 2011.

On Having a Good”

*Philosophy*, the Journal of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, Volume 89, Issue 3, pp. 405-429. July 2014.

“The Relational Nature of the Good”

*Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Volume 8, edited by Russ Shafer-Landau. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Reflections on the Evolution of Morality”

The Amherst Lecture in Philosophy 5 (2010): 1-29.

<http://www.amherstlecture.org/korsgaard2010/>

“Natural Motives and the Motive of Duty: Hume and Kant on our Duties to Others”

*Contemporary Readings in Law and Social Justice*, 1(2), 2009, pp. 8-35.

“The Activity of Reason”

*Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, Volume 83, Number 2: November 2009.

“Just Like All the Other Animals of the Earth”

(A paper on Hume and Kant’s attitudes about animals as evidenced in their moral and religious thought.)

*Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Volume 36, No. 3 (Autumn 2008).

“Fellow Creatures: Kantian Ethics and Our Duties to Animals”

in *The Tanner Lectures on Human Values: Volume 25: 2005*, ed. Grethe B. Peterson. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2005; and on the Tanner Lecture website at

[http://tannerlectures.utah.edu/documents/a-to-z/k/korsgaard\\_2005.pdf](http://tannerlectures.utah.edu/documents/a-to-z/k/korsgaard_2005.pdf)

## Other Publications

Questions about *The Sources of Normativity* Answered From Andrea Staiti’s Class

*Rethinking the Sources of Normativity in Ethics*, special issue of *Etica e Politica*, edited by A. Funke and R. Redaelli, 2021

“Précis of Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to the Other Animals”

For a book symposium on *Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to the Other Animals, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. Volume 1, Issue 5, July 2022.

“Valuing Animals, Valuing Nature, and Valuing Our Own Animal Nature: A Reply to MacLean, Schapiro, and Wallace.” For a book symposium on *Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to the Other Animals, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. Volume 1, Issue 5, July 2022.

“Introduction” to *Animals: Ethics, Agency, Culture*  
*The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, 2018.

“Rationality”

in *Critical Terms for Animal Studies*, edited by Lori Gruen. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2018.

“It’s a Wonderful Life (1946): The Good Life and the Examined Life.”

Contribution to “I watch, therefore I am: seven movies that teach us key philosophy lessons” *The Guardian*,

April 14, 2015.

<http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/apr/14/force-majeure-films-philosophy-memento-ida-its-a-wonderful-life>

“Collective Action and Responsibility”: A Response to Barbara Fried in a symposium called “Beyond Blame”

*The Boston Review*, July/August 2013

<http://www.bostonreview.net/forum/beyond-blame/christine-korsgaard-blame-derives-conflicting-ideologies>

“Natural Goodness, Rightness, and the Intersubjectivity of Reason: A Reply to Arroyo, Cumiskey, Molan, and Bird-Pollan.”

Responses to papers given at a symposium on my work at the Northern New England Philosophy Association meetings in October 2009. *Metaphilosophy*, July 2011.

“Does Moral Action Depend on Reasoning?”

An Essay for the Templeton Foundation’s Big Questions series, published on the web at

<http://www.templeton.org/reason/>

“What’s Wrong with Lying?” (an undergraduate-level essay)

In *Philosophical Inquiry: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, edited by Catherine Elgin and Jonathan Adler. Hackett Publishing Company, 2007.

Shortened version reprinted as “Is there a moral justification for paternalistic lies?” on the website *ABC Religion and Ethics*, February 2020

“John Rawls”

*The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, Volume XI, Spring 2003.

“Motivation, Metaphysics, and the Value of the Self: A Reply to Ginsborg, Schneewind, and Guyer” for a Symposium on *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*. *Ethics* 109 (October 1998): pp. 49-66.

*Introduction to Kant's Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals.*

For the edition translated and edited by Mary Gregor in the series Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998, pp. vii-xxx.

Second edition with the translation modified by Jens Timmerman, 2012.

“Rawls and Kant: On the Primacy of the Practical”

*Proceedings of the Eighth International Kant Congress, Memphis 1995*, edited by Hoke Robinson. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 1995: pp. 1165-1173.

“A Note on the Value of Gender-Identification”

*Women, Culture, and Development: A Study of Human Capabilities*, edited by Martha Nussbaum and Jonathan Glover. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1995: pp. 401-404.

*The Standpoint of Practical Reason* (Dissertation, 1981)

Published in Garland's *Distinguished Harvard Dissertations* series, 1990.

### **Shorter Pieces on Animals**

“Should We Use the Other Animals as Means to Our Ends?” published in *Die Zeit*, in Sin & Verstand, in German Translation, March 11, 2021

“The Status of Animals”

Philosophy Bites Interview transcribed for Women of Ideas, forthcoming from Oxford University Press, 2020.

“On the Value of People and Animals” *The Philosopher*, Winter 2020.

“Medical Research on Animals and the Question of Moral Standing” forthcoming in *The Harvard Medical School Bioethics Journal*, 2019.

“Personhood, Animals, and the Law”

*Think: Philosophy for Everyone*. Volume 12, Number 34. Summer 2013.

“Getting Animals in View”

*The Point*, Issue 6, Winter 2013.

<http://www.thepointmag.com/2012/metaphysics/getting-animals-view>

“Exploiting Animals: A Philosophical Protest”

*AV Magazine*, the magazine of the American Anti-Vivisection Society, Fall, 2009.

“Facing the Animal You See in the Mirror”

A contribution to panel called “Facing Animals,” *The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, 2009.

### **Published Commentaries**

Commentary on a discussion between Bernard Williams and A. Phillips Griffiths on Kant,

Utilitarianism, and Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*

“Published” on the Open University's Digital Archive as an accompaniment to the filmed conversation between Williams and Griffiths.

“Eternal Values, Evolving Values, and the Value of the Self”

Comment on Ian Morris’s Tanner Lectures, *Foragers, Farmers, and Fossil Fuels: How Human Values Evolve*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015.

“Self-Constitution and Irony”

Comment on Jonathan Lear’s Tanner Lectures, *Irony and Identity*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2011.

“Autonomy and the Second Person Within”

Written for an Author-Meets-Critics Session on Stephen Darwall’s *The Second-Person Standpoint*. *Ethics* vol. 118, No. 1: pp. 8-23, October, 2007.

“Morality and the Distinctiveness of Human Action”

(A commentary on Frans De Waal’s Tanner Lectures) in *Primates and Philosophers: How Morality Evolved*, by Frans De Waal with commentary by Robert Wright, Christine M. Korsgaard, Philip Kitcher, and Peter Singer. Edited by Stephen Macedo and Josiah Ober. Princeton University Press, 2006. De Waal’s book with the commentaries is translated into German where my commentary appears as “Moral und das Besondere am menschlichen Handeln.”

“Morality and the Logic of Caring: A Commentary on Harry Frankfurt,”

(A commentary on Harry Frankfurt’s Tanner Lectures) in *Taking Ourselves Seriously & Getting it Right*, by Harry G. Frankfurt, with commentary by Christine M. Korsgaard, Michael Bratman, and Meir Dan-Cohen, edited by Debra Satz. Stanford University Press, 2006.

“The Dependence of Value on Humanity”

(A commentary on Joseph Raz’s Tanner Lectures) in *The Practice of Value*, by Joseph Raz with commentary by Christine M. Korsgaard, Robert Pippin, and Bernard Williams, edited by Jay Wallace. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2003.

“Commentary on Amartya Sen’s ‘Capability and Well-Being’ and Gerald Cohen’s ‘Equality of What? On Welfare, Goods, and Capabilities’”

*The Quality of Life*, edited by Martha Nussbaum and Amartya Sen. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993: pp. 54-61.

**Encyclopedia Articles**

Theories of the Good (1996; updated version 2009)

Teleological Ethics (1996)

*The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by Edward Craig. London: Routledge, 1998.

Conscience (pp. 110-111)

Formalism (pp. 220-221)

*Philosophy of Education: An Encyclopedia*, edited by J. J. Chambliss. New York: Garland Publishing, 1996.

Immanuel Kant (pp. 664-674)

Richard Price (pp. 1010-1012)

John Rawls (pp. 1070-1075); 2<sup>nd</sup> edition article co-authored with Samuel Freeman.  
*The Garland Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Lawrence C. Becker. New York: Garland Publishing, 1992.

Second Edition published by Routledge.

## Interviews

Interview with Michel Segal for Dehak Magazine, May 2019

Mini-Interview on the Philosophy of Action with István Zárdai  
<http://www.philosophyofaction.com/in-conversation-with>

Interview with the *Dualist*, Stanford's Undergraduate Philosophy Journal

Interview with Emilian Mihailov on Animal Ethics  
Published in Romanian translation on the University of Bucharest Center for Research in Applied Ethics  
and picked up by the Romanian online news platform "Smart Woman"  
Published in English on the Oxford Uehiro Center Ethics blog.  
<http://blog.practicaethics.ox.ac.uk/2015/04/interview-with-christine-m-korsgaard-on-animal-ethics-by-emilian-mihailov/#more-11084>

Philosophy Bites Interview on the Moral Status of Animals:  
<http://philosophybites.com/2015/02/christine-korsgaard-on-the-status-of-animals.html>  
Published in *Women of Ideas*, edited by Suki Finn. Oxford University Press, 2021.  
Translated into Catalan for *Filosofia, Ara! Revista per a pensar*, 2021

Interview by Tobias Kuehne and Christian Mott for the Yale Philosophy Review, forthcoming

"Treating People as Ends in Themselves"  
Interview by Richard Marshall for 3 am Magazine.  
<http://www.3ammagazine.com/3am/treating-people-as-ends-in-themselves/>  
Reprinted in *Philosophy at 3:AM: Questions and Answers with 25 Top Philosophers*, edited by Richard Marshall. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 2014.

"Christine M. Korsgaard." An interview by Julian Baggini for *The Philosopher's Magazine*, 2012

Interview for *Sapere Aude: The Wooster Journal of Philosophical Inquiry*, a student philosophy journal at the College of Wooster, 2012.

Interview by Katrien Schaubroeck for the Newsletter of the Institute of Philosophy in Leuven, 2009.

Contributions to an Interview on Kant. *100 Et'udov o Kante*. In: *Istoriko-Filosofsky Almanach*, Vipusk 1. Moskva: Sovremennie Tetradi, 2005, SS. 3-116.

"Ethics at the Intersection of Kant and Aristotle: an Interview with Christine M. Korsgaard by Ana Marta González".  
Interviewed by Ana Marta González for *Anuario Filosófico*, XXXVI/3 (2003) pp. 775-794.



“Internalism and the Sources of Normativity”

A transcribed oral interview with Herlinde Pauer-Studer. Translated into German, in Herlinde Pauer-Studer, *Konstruktionen praktischer Vernunft. Moralphilosophie im Gespräch*. Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp Verlag, 2000, pp. 35-66. Published in English in *Constructions of Practical Reason*, ed. Herlinde Pauer-Studer. Stanford University Press, 2002.

**Blog Posts**

Questions about Fellow Creatures Answered on Erich Grunewald’s Blog, May 2021

“The Philosophical Necessity of Animal Rights”

An account of the argument of *Fellow Creatures*  
Prospect Magazine, July 4, 2018

Mini-Interview on the Philosophy of Action

[http://www.philosophyofaction.com/18-christine-m -korsgaard-harvard](http://www.philosophyofaction.com/18-christine-m-korsgaard-harvard)

“Ethics Retrospective: Discussion with Christine Korsgaard and Tamar Schapiro on Themes from Korsgaard’s “Aristotle and Kant on the Source of Value”,”

Pea Soup: A Blog Devoted to Philosophy, Ethics, and Academia, August 4-6, 2015

<http://peasoup.typepad.com/peasoup/2015/08/final-ethics-retrospective-discussion-with-christine-korsgaard-and-tamar-schapiro.html>

“Provisional Rights and the State”

Philosophy, October 17, 2014

<http://politicalphilosopher.net/2014/10/17/featured-philosophy-her-christine-m-korsgaard/>

“Treated like Animals”

The Uehiro Center Practical Ethics Blog, January 5, 2015

<http://blog.practicaethics.ox.ac.uk/2015/01/treated-like-animals-guest-post-by-christine-korsgaard/>

Translated into Romanian by Emilian Mihailov for a blog in Budapest:

Tratati ca niste animale

<http://www.ccea.ro/tratati-ca-niste-animale/>

Reprinted in *Philosophers Take on the World*, edited by David Edmonds. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

And in *Critical Thinking: An Introduction to Reasoning Well*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition by Jamie Carlin Watson and Robert Arp., Bloomsbury Publishing Co, 2015

**Co-Editor**

*Reclaiming the History of Ethics: Essays for John Rawls*, edited by Andrews Reath, Barbara Herman, and Christine M. Korsgaard. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

**Work in Progress**

*The Natural History of the Good*

*Right Action, Good Action*

### **Papers Presented and Planned since 2020**

TBD: To the University of Pittsburgh, on the occasion of the presentation of the Rescher Prize,  
February 3, 2023

Commentary on Barbara Herman's *The Moral Habitat*.  
Author Meets Critics session at the Pacific APA in Vancouver. April 13-16, 2022

"Thinking in Good Company." The Dewey Lecture. Eastern APA, January 5-8, 2022.

Session on Chapter 2 "Animal Selves and the Good"  
at Katja Koyt's Workshop on Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy, via Zoom

Commentary on Sabina Bremner's "On Moral Ideas, or Kantian Virtue" for a NAKS "Choose Your  
Ideal Commentator" Zoom Event (with Barbara Herman) October 6, 2021

"Being Good and Being Good-For Someone"  
For the British Academy, via Zoom, September 28, 2021

Author Meets Critics session on *Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to the Other Animals*. Eastern  
Division APA, January 10, 2020. With Gary Watson and Hilary Bok commenting.

"Practical Implications of Kant's Categorical Imperative" at the meetings of the North American  
Kant Society at the Eastern Division APA, January 9, 2020.