

Lucy McDonald

Philosophy Building, King's College London,
Strand, London, WC2R 2LSS 🏠
Lucy.1.mcdonald@kcl.ac.uk ✉️
lucymcdonald.co.uk 🌐

Employment

Aug 2023– Lecturer, King's College London

Oct 2020–Jul 2023 Title A Fellow, St John's College, University of Cambridge

Education

Oct 2017–Jul 2020 PhD in Philosophy, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge (no corrections)
Thesis: 'Speech, Sex, and Social Norms'
Supervisors: Rae Langton and Clare Chambers
Examiners: Sally Haslanger and Richard Holton

Oct 2015–Jul 2017 BPhil in Philosophy, St Peter's College, University of Oxford

Oct 2012–Jul 2015 BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (1st class), St Peter's College, University of Oxford

Research Areas

Ethics, feminist philosophy, philosophy of language, political philosophy

Publications

Journal Articles

1. 'Making Sense of Emoji', *Philosophy*, forthcoming
2. 'Communicative Gaslighting', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming
3. 'Two-Faced Compliments', *Analysis*, 82 (2022): 255–263
4. 'Reimagining Illocutionary Force', *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 72 (2022): 918–939
5. 'Cat-Calls, Compliments, and Coercion', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 103 (2022): 208–230
6. 'Please Like This Paper', *Philosophy*, 96 (2021): 335–358
- Winner of 2020–21 Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize
7. 'Your Word Against Mine: The Power of Uptake', *Synthese*, 199 (2021): 3505–3526
8. 'Shaming, Blaming, and Responsibility', *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 18 (2021): 131–155

Book Chapters

9. 'Context Collapse Online', for *Conversations Online*, edited by S. Goldberg, J. Saul, and P. Connolly, Oxford University Press, forthcoming

10. 'Dehumanising Speech', for *Harmful Speech and Contestation*, edited by M. Popa-Wyatt, Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming
11. 'Language in Social Construction', with Rae Langton, for the *Oxford Handbook of Social Ontology*, edited by S. Haslanger, B. Epstein, H.B. Schmid, and S. Collins, Oxford University Press, forthcoming
12. 'Feminism and Gender', with Clare Chambers, for *Issues in Political Theory* (5th edition), edited by R. Jubb and P. Tomlin, Oxford University Press, forthcoming
13. 'Flirting', in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Sex*, edited by C. Chambers, B. D. Earp, and L. Watson, Routledge, 2022

Replies and Reviews

14. 'The Trouble with Bubbles: Reply to Xin', *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 2024
15. Review of *An Intersectional Feminist Theory of Moral Responsibility* by Michelle Ciurria, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2022

Public Writing

16. 'The Magic of the Mundane', *Aeon*, 2024
17. 'Identity Crisis', *The Times Literary Supplement*, 2023
18. 'Context Needed', *Open for Debate*, 2022
19. 'The Return of Humpty Dumpty', *Oxford University Press Blog*, 2022
20. 'Limits of an Examined Life', *The Times Literary Supplement*, 2022
21. 'Death by a Thousand Cat Calls', *Public Ethics Blog*, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, 2021
22. 'Blame Without Shame', *The Times Literary Supplement*, 2021
23. 'Reading is Fundamental' [about LGBTQ+ slang] in *RuPaul's Drag Race and Philosophy*, edited by H. Kempt and M. Volpert, Open Court Press, 2019

Work in Progress

1. A paper on promising
2. A paper on sexual violence
3. A paper on love
4. A paper on gaslighting
5. A paper on double binds
6. A review of *Begetting* (Mara van der Lugt), *Nativity* (Jennifer Banks), and *What Are Children For?* (Anastasia Berg and Rachel Wiseman) for the *Times Literary Supplement*
7. 'Power and Personal Relationships' for the *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Personal Relationships*

Talks

Keynotes

- 2024 [TBC], The Language of Moral Repair Conference, Lund University, Sweden
 'Love and Lies', Graduate Political Theory Conference, London School of Economics

- 2023 ‘Intimacy and Abuse’, Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews
 ‘Intimacy and Abuse’, Open Minds Conference, University of Manchester

Invited Talks

- 2025 [TBC], UCLA
- 2024 [TBC], Ethical Dating Online Workshop, University of Leeds
 [TBC], Conference on *Attitudes of the Heart* by Stephen Darwall, LMU Munich
 ‘Love and Lies’, Department Symposium, UCL
 ‘Normativity and Speech’, Speech and Normativity Workshop, University of Cambridge
 ‘Love and Lies’, Research Colloquium, LMU Munich
 ‘Love and Lies’, Senior Seminar, Glasgow University
 ‘Art and Intimacy’, National Gallery
 ‘Love and Lies’, Cardiff University
 ‘Love and Lies’, Open University
- 2023 ‘Context Collapse Online’, Wright Center for Computation and Just Communities, Dartmouth College
 ‘Context Collapse Online’, Digital Harms and Rebuilding Trust Workshop, University of Manchester
- 2022 ‘Making Sense of Emoji’, Online Speech Workshop, King’s College London
 ‘Please Like This Talk’, Interact!: New Forms of Social Interaction with Intelligent Systems Seminar, Ruhr University Bochum
 ‘Gaslighting and Speech’, ArgLab Research Colloquium, NOVA University Lisbon
 ‘Context Collapse Online’, Office for Statistics Regulation
 ‘Gaslighting and Uptake’, The Nature of Uptake Workshop, University of Vienna
 ‘Context Collapse Online’, Conversations Online Book Workshop
 ‘Dehumanising Speech’, Lecture Series on Hate Speech, University of Hamburg
 ‘Why Pornography Matters’, Philosophy Society/Self Defence Society, Kings College London
 ‘Intimacy: A Closer Look’, Guest Seminar, Queen’s University, Belfast
- 2021 ‘Intimacy: A Closer Look’, Visiting Speaker Session, University of Reading
 ‘Intimacy: A Closer Look’, Peterhouse Perne Club, University of Cambridge
 ‘Cat-Calling and Coercion’, Arché Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory Seminar, University of St Andrews
 ‘Reimagining Illocutionary Force’, New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
 ‘Reimagining Illocutionary Force’, Mark of the Mental project, San Raffaele University
 ‘Your Word Against Mine: The Power of Uptake’, Philosophy of Language Graduate Seminar, Humboldt University of Berlin
 ‘The Philosophy of Flirting’, Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge
 ‘How to Woo Things With Words’, Oppressive Speech, Societies & Norms, ZAS Berlin
- 2020 ‘The Philosophy of Flirting’, Peterhouse Theory Group, University of Cambridge
 ‘Pinning Down Uptake’, Speech Acts, Expression, and Social Context Workshop, University of Szczecin (postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2018 ‘Catcalls and Compliments’, Just Words: Early Career Workshop, UCL

Invited Comments

- 2024 Art, Imagination and Morality, University of Oxford
2023 Guilt, Shame, and Regret, University of Oxford
Narrative and Testimony, University of Oxford
2022 Workshop on Bernard Williams, University of Oxford

Refereed Talks

- 2021 ‘Policing Speech’, Hate Speech: What It Is and How It Works, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
2019 ‘Cat-Calls and Accommodation’, Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Oxford
‘Online Speech’, Sixth International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, University of Lodz
‘Shaming Speech’, The Social Institution of Norms Conference, University of Vienna
2018 ‘Shaming Speech Acts’, Speech As Action Conference, University of Trieste
‘Sluts and Slurs’, Context, Cognition & Communication Conference, University of Warsaw
2017 ‘Hermeneutical Resources’, Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Oxford
2016 ‘Revenge Pornography’, Open Minds Conference, University of Manchester
‘Bathroom Bills’, Centre for Gender Studies Biennial Gender Research Conference, University of Hull

Teaching

King’s College London

[4: first year courses, 5: second year courses, 6: third year courses, 7: MA courses]

Module Tutor	4AANA002 Ethics 4AANA102 Introduction to Philosophy I: Ethics 5AANA005 Ethics IIA 6AANA038 Philosophy of Love 7AAN6009 Ethics I
Postgraduate Supervision	MA, MPhilStud, PhD

University of Cambridge

[IA: first year courses, IB: second year courses, II: third year courses]

Lecturing	IA Meaning: Intention and Convention II Political Philosophy: Topics in Feminism
Undergraduate Supervisions (1–4 students)	IA Meaning (Philosophy of Language and Logic) IA Set Texts (Mill and Descartes) IA Ethics and Political Philosophy

	IB Ethics IB Political Philosophy II Political Philosophy II Ethics II Dissertations in Aesthetics, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Race, Political Philosophy
Undergraduate Discussion Groups (8–15 students)	IA Metaphysics IA Ethics and Political Philosophy IB Political Philosophy
Postgraduate Supervisions (1 student)	Aesthetics, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Race, Political Philosophy
Outreach Workshops	I led numerous workshops on hate speech for the University Outreach Programme, for groups (20–100) of secondary school students. Events included KS4 Visit Days, HE+ Early Application Residentials, Cornish Schools Residentials, and the Insight Programme.

Academic Service

2019–	Referee for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Analysis</i> , <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> , <i>Hypatia</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , <i>Inquiry</i> , <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> , <i>Social Theory and Practice</i> , <i>Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Practical Ethics</i> , <i>Journal of Value Inquiry</i> , <i>Metaphilosophy</i> , <i>Feminist Philosophy Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophia</i> , <i>Grazer Philosophische Studien</i> , <i>Journal of Pragmatics</i> , <i>The Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Organon F</i> , <i>Dialectica</i> , <i>Kriterion</i>
2024–	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>
2024–	Member of Ethical Dating Online Network, Inter-Disciplinary Ethics Applied (IDEA) Centre, University of Leeds

King's College London

2023–	Moral, Legal and Political Research Cluster Lead
2023–	Department Diversity and Inclusion Lead
2023–	Undergraduate Personal Tutor
2023–	Postgraduate Personal Tutor

University of Cambridge

2022–2023	Co-convenor of CRASSH Research Network, 'Illuminating Friendship'
-----------	---

2022	Co-organiser of ‘Speech Acts: Between Philosophy and Linguistics’ Conference, October 2022
2022–2023	Director of Studies in Philosophy at King’s College (2022–2023), Jesus College (Lent 2022)
2022	Co-organiser of ‘Love, Intimacy, and Relationships’ Conference, June 2022
2022–2023	Co-organiser of St John’s Pre-Dinner Lecture Series
2022–2023	Disciplinary Committee, St John’s College
2021–2022	Library and Records Committee, St John’s College
2021–2022	Co-convenor of Intimacy and Relationships Reading Group
2021–2023	Undergraduate examining (IB and II Political Philosophy, II Ethics, IB and II General Paper)
2020–2023	MPhil examining (moral philosophy, legal philosophy, political philosophy, philosophy of language, aesthetics)
2018–2023	Convenor of Philosophy of Language Reading Group
2018–2019	Moral Sciences Club Secretary
2018	Lead on official evaluation of ‘Breaking the Silence’, a University programme for preventing sexual misconduct
2018	Undergraduate exam invigilator, Trinity Hall
2017–2022	Philosophy undergraduate admissions interviewer (Trinity Hall 2017, Fitzwilliam 2018, Downing 2019, St John’s 2020/21/22, Jesus 2021/22)
2017–2018	MCR Women’s Officer, Trinity Hall
2017–2018	Graduate Delegate, Staff-Student Committee, Faculty of Philosophy
2017–2020	Session Leader, Outreach Programme

University of Oxford

2017	Student Support Worker, Disability Advisory Service
2017	Workshop Leader, Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, Brasenose College
2016, 2017	Reviewer for Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference
2016–2017	Women’s Graduate Representative, Department of Philosophy
2015	Philosophy and Theology undergraduate admissions interviewer, St Peter’s

Grants and Awards

2022	Cambridge Faculty of Philosophy funding for ‘Speech Acts: Between Philosophy and Linguistics’ Conference, October 2022
2022–2023	CRASSH Research Network Funding, for Illuminating Friendship network, co-organised with Susan MacDougall (Anthropology), £1,500
2021	Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize
2020	Junior Research Fellowship, St John’s College, University of Cambridge
2017, 2018, 2019, 2020	Travel Awards, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge
2017	Cambridge AHRC Full DTP Studentship
2015	MCR Award, St Peter’s College, University of Oxford