

## MARY MARGARET ANNE McCABE

**Date of birth** 18<sup>th</sup> December 1948.

**Marital status** Married, two children, two grandchildren

### **Education:**

Newnham College, Cambridge: B.A. (Classics) 1970; M.A. 1973; Ph.D. 1977

Oxford High School for Girls, 1959-66

### **Permanent employment**

Professor of Ancient Philosophy Emerita, Dept. of Philosophy, King's College London, 2014-

Professor of Ancient Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, King's College London 1998-2014

Head of Department, Dept. of Philosophy, King's College London, 1998-2003

Reader in Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, King's College, London, 1992-8

Lecturer in Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, King's College London, 1990-2

Fellow in Classics, Tutor, New Hall [Murray Edwards College], University of Cambridge 1981-90

### **Visiting and honorary appointments**

2016-7 Sather Professorship of Classical Studies, University of California Berkeley

2015 (Fall) Visiting Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Yale University

2015 (Spring) Senior Research Fellow in the Humanities, Dept. of Philosophy, Princeton University

2014-17 Bye-Fellow, Newnham College, Cambridge

2014-17 Keeling Scholar in Residence, Honorary Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, University College London

1997-8 Visiting Scholar, New Hall, University of Cambridge

1987 (Fall) Junior Research Fellow in the Humanities, Dept. of Classics, Princeton University

1984-5 Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington D.C.

1984-5 Fulbright Travel and Research Award

1976-7 Research Fellow, Depts of Classics and Philosophy, Harvard University

## **Awards, grants and other distinctions**

- 2017- Fellow, British Academy
- 2017 Sather lectures, University of California Berkeley, 6 lectures, 'Seeing and Saying: Plato on Virtue and Knowledge'
- 2016-7 President, Mind Association
- 2009-14 Wellcome Trust Major Research Centre in the Humanities and Health (one of eight co-applicants from KCL) £1.9m. PI (with David Papineau) of Philosophy strand, 'Concepts of Health and Disease', collaboration between philosophers and health professionals.
- 2009-12 President, British Philosophical Association
- 2006-16 Together with Verity Harte, Yale, I ran 10 workshops on Plato's *Republic*, meeting annually in either Yale or KCL, including both senior scholars and graduate students, funded variously by King's College London, Yale University, and an anonymous donor.
- 2005-8 Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship: 'Self-Knowledge in Plato, Aristotle and the Stoa'.
- 1997-8 British Academy/ Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship, 'Plato's *Euthydemus*'.
- 1996 W.B. Stanford Memorial Lectures, Trinity College, Dublin, 3 lectures
- 1972-3 Sarah Smithson Research Studentship, Newnham College, Cambridge
- Various named lectures and keynotes, including recent and future:
- 2019 Keeling Lecture, University College London
- 2018 Ackrill Lecture, University of Oxford
- 2017 Sainsbury Lecture, King's College London
- 2016 George Macdonald Ross Lecture, London.

## **Administration and service to the profession**

Departmental Administration included:

- Head of Department 1998-2003 [2001: QAA inspection (24/24) and RAE (5\*A)]

College Administration included:

- Academic Board 1991-3, 1994-2000, 2003-5

University Administration included:

- Subject Panel in Philosophy 1990-2010
- Subject Area Board in Humanities (SAB (E)) 2001-5

Other service:

- Founder, Chair and Trustee, Philosophy in Prison, Charity reg. 1177805 2018-

- Vice-President, Mind Association, 2015-16
- External assessor, Professorial Appointment Committee, Kingston University 2014-17
- Wellcome Trust Medical Humanities Committee 2013-16
- Elector, Laurence Professorship in Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge, 2013
- Cumberland Lodge, Academic Consultative Committee 2012-15
- Executive Committee, Council for the Defence of British Universities, 2012-13
- AHRC Peer Review College, 2010-15
- International Plato Society, Advisory Board, European representative 2010-16
- University of Oxford, Literae Humaniores Final Schools External Examiner in Philosophy 2009-11
- University of Aberdeen, External Assessor, Regius Chairs in Philosophy 2006
- British Philosophical Association Executive Committee 2004-12
- British Philosophical Association Committee for Women in the Profession 2010-12
- Warburg Institute Advisory Board 2004-10
- University of London PhD appeal panel Chair 2003
- University of Cambridge Examination Appeal Panel 2002-5
- Homerton Hospital NHS Trust Ethics Committee 2001-8
- Member of Council, Society for Promotion of Hellenic Studies 1992-6, 2000-2, 2008-11
- Member of Council (school governor), Cheltenham Ladies College 1986-93
- Regular PhD examining, recently for Oxford, Cambridge, Trinity College Dublin, Durham, Exeter, Birmingham, Warwick, Flinders.
- Regular refereeing for professional journals and university presses, esp. OUP and CUP.
- Tenure reviews, recently at Oxford, Berkeley, Cornell, Yale, Toronto, Harvard, Colorado, Arizona, Dartmouth.

Membership of Professional Bodies etc.

- British Philosophical Association
- Mind Association
- Aristotelian Society
- International Plato Society
- Council for the Defence of British Universities
- Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies
- Cambridge Philological Society
- Life Friend, Bodleian Library, Oxford
- British Museum Society
- Amnesty International
- Fabian Society

## **Editorial**

1. Studies in the Dialogues of Plato (Cambridge University Press).

A series of commissioned monographs, under my general editorship. The purpose of the series is to produce new studies of individual dialogues of Plato, each aimed to give an account of the dialogue as a whole, as well as the separate arguments therein. The first three books of the series have appeared (*Cratylus*, by D.N.Sedley; *Lysis* by T.Penner and C. Rowe; *Meno*, by D. Scott), and more are on the way, including my own contribution.

2. Editorial Board, British Journal of the History of Philosophy 2010-

3. Editorial Board, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews 2006-

4. Editorial Board, Journal of Hellenic Studies 2005-10

5. Editorial Board, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie 1993-2008

6. Editorial Board, Dialogos 1994-2007

7. Editorial Board, Mind 1990-2000

8. Editor, Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society, 1982-90

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

(as M.M.Mackenzie) Plato on Punishment (University of California Press: Berkeley 1981) pp. x + 278. Paperback edition 1985

Plato's Individuals (Princeton University Press, 1994) pp. xiii + 339, reissued in paperback 1999

Plato and his Predecessors: The Dramatisation of Reason (The Stanford Lectures, Trinity College Dublin, 1996) (Cambridge University Press 2000) pp. 318+viii

Platonic Conversations (a collection of 15 of my essays, published and unpublished, with an extended introduction)(Oxford University Press 2015) pp. 401+x

In preparation: Plato's Euthydemus (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in the Dialogues of Plato – guest editor David Sedley, completion 2018).

In preparation: Seeing and Saying: Plato on the Virtues of Knowledge (Sather Lectures: University of California Press).

In preparation: Know Thyself: self-knowledge in Plato, Aristotle and the Stoa (Oxford University Press)

### **Edited and contributed**

(as M.M.Mackenzie) Images of Authority : Essays presented to Joyce Reynolds. eds.

M.M.Mackenzie and C.M.Roueche. (Cambridge Philological Society Supplement: Cambridge 1989) pp. 228.

Form and Argument in Late Plato. A collection of articles, specially commissioned, eds. C.Gill and M.M.McCabe (Oxford University Press 1996) pp. xii + 345, reissued in paperback 2000.

Perspectives on Perception: a collection of essays. eds. M.M.McCabe and Mark Textor. Ontos Verlag, 2007.

Aristotle and the Stoics reading Plato, eds. V. Harte, M.M.McCabe, R.W. Sharples, A. Sheppard, Institute of Classical Studies Supplement, 2010.

### **Articles:**

(as M.M.Mackenzie)

1. 'The Tears of Chryses: Retaliation in the Iliad ', Philosophy and Literature, 1978, 3-22
2. 'A Pyrrhic Victory: Gorgias 474b-477a', Classical Quarterly, 1982, 84-88
3. 'Parmenides' Dilemma', Phronesis, 1982, 1-12
4. 'Paradox in Plato's Phaedrus', Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society, 1982, 64-76
5. 'Plato's Moral Theory', Journal of Medical Ethics, 1985, 88-91
6. 'Putting the Cratylus in its Place', Classical Quarterly, 1986, 124-150
7. 'The Moving Posset Stands Still: Heraclitus fr. 125', American Journal of Philology, 1987, 542-551
8. 'Impasse and Explanation: from the Lysis to the Phaedo', Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, 1988, 15-45
9. 'Heraclitus and the Art of Paradox' (Loeb Lecture, Harvard University, March 1985), Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy, 1988, 1-37
10. 'The Virtues of Socratic Ignorance', Classical Quarterly, 1988, 331-350
11. 'Aristotelian Authority', in Images of Authority, eds. Mackenzie and Roueche, 150-170

12. 'Socrates and Politics', Omnibus, 1989
13. 'The Sophists and Contradiction', Omnibus, 1990

(as M.M.McCabe)

14. 'Arguments in Context: Aristotle's Rhetoric and the Platonic challenge', in Aristotle's Rhetoric: Philosophical Essays (Proceedings of the Symposium Aristotelicum 1990: Princeton 1994) eds. A.Nehamas and D.Furley, 129-165
15. 'Myth, allegory and argument in Plato', in The Language of the Cave, eds. M. Warner and A. Barker, Apeiron 1993, 47-67
16. 'Persistent Fallacies', Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society 1993, 73-9
17. 'Forms, Forms and Reform', review article of R.Kraut, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Plato, Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy 1994
18. 'Unity in the Parmenides: The Unity of the Parmenides', in Form and Argument in Late Plato, eds. Gill and McCabe, 5-48 (see above, Books)
19. 'Chaos and Control: reading Plato's Politicus', Phronesis 1997, 94-115
20. 'Measuring Sincerity', Dialogos, 1998, 40-64
21. 'Téléologie et Autonomie dans le Philèbe de Platon', in La fêlure du plaisir. Etudes sur le Philèbe de Platon, vol. I, (Vrin, 1999) ed. Monique Dixsaut, 223-243
22. 'Silencing the Sophists: The Drama of Plato's Euthydemus', Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy 1998, 139-168
23. 'Indifference readings: Plato and the Stoa on Socratic Ethics', in Classics in Progress: Essays on Ancient Greece and Rome ed. T.P. Wiseman, British Academy 2002, 363-398
24. 'Developing the good: prolepsis or critique in the Euthydemus?' in Plato: Electronic Journal of the International Plato Society 2, 2001.
25. 'Extend or identify: two Stoic accounts of altruism' in R. Salles, ed., Metaphysics, Soul and Ethics: Festschrift for Richard Sorabji (Oxford University Press 2005) 413-45.
26. 'Out of the labyrinth: Plato's attack on consequentialism' in C. Gill, ed., Virtue, Norms and Objectivity (Oxford University Press 2005) 189-215.
27. 'Does your Plato bite?' in J. Dillon and M. Dixsaut, eds., Agonistes: Festschrift for Denis O'Brien (Ashgate 2006) 107-21.
28. 'The dialogue form' for H.H. Benson, ed., Blackwell Companion to Plato (Blackwell, 2006)
29. 'Is dialectic as dialectic does? The virtue of philosophical conversation', for The Virtuous Life in Greek Ethics, Festschrift for Dorothea Frede, ed B. Reis (CUP 2006) 70-99.
30. 'Irony in the soul: should Plato's Socrates be sincere?' in M.Trapp, ed., Socrates (Ashgate 2007)

31. 'Looking inside Charmides' Cloak' for Maieusis, essays for Myles Burnyeat, ed. D.Scott (OUP 2007) 1-19
32. 'Perceiving that we see and hear: Aristotle on Plato on judgement and reflection' in Perspectives on Perception, eds. McCabe and Textor (see above, Books) 143-77
33. 'Plato's Ways of Writing' for Oxford Handbook to Plato ed. G. Fine (OUP 2008)
34. 'Protean Socrates: mythical figures in the Euthydemus', for P. Remes and J. Siivola, eds. Ancient Philosophy of the Self, Springer 2008
35. 'Escaping one's own notice knowing: Meno's paradox again' Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society 2009, 233-56.
36. 'Banana skins and custard pies: Plato on comedy and self-knowledge' Proceedings of the Symposium Platonicum on the Philebus, 2010, 194-204.
37. 'Some conversations with Plato: Aristotle, Metaphysics Z. 13-16' for Aristotle and the Stoics Reading Plato, eds Harte, McCabe, Sharples and Sheppard (see above, books) 73-101.
38. ' "It goes deep with me": Plato's Charmides on knowledge, self-knowledge and integrity' For C. Cordner, ed., Philosophy, Ethics and Common Humanity [Raimond Gaita Festschrift] Routledge 2011, 161-81
39. 'With mirrors or without: self-perception in EE 7.12' for The Eudemian Ethics on the Voluntary, Friendship and Luck (the Keeling Colloquium 2006) ed. F. Leigh, Brill 2012, 43-75.
40. Interdisciplinary Workshop on Concepts of Health and Disease: Report, E. Kingma, B. Chisnall, M.M.McCabe, Journal of the Evaluation of Clinical Practice 2011.
41. 'From the cradle to the cave: what happened to self-knowledge in the Republic?' for Keeling Colloquium 2010, Brill 2014.
42. Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity: Report, E. Kingma, M.M.McCabe, Journal of the Evaluation of Clinical Practice 2012.
43. Interdisciplinary Workshop on Death: Report, S. Wagner, E. Kingma, M.M.McCabe, Journal of the Evaluation of Clinical Practice 2012.
44. 'Socrates' in Philosophy Bites Back, eds. D. Edmonds and N. Warburton OUP 2012.
45. 'Waving or drowning? Socrates and the sophists on self-knowledge in the Euthydemus' in The Platonic Art of Philosophy (Festschrift for Christopher Rowe) eds. G. Boys-Stones, D. El Murr, C. Gill. Cambridge University Press 2013.
46. 'The Stoic sage in the original position' for Politeia (Festschrift for Malcolm Schofield) eds. V. Harte and M. Lane. Cambridge University Press 2013.
47. 'Seven characters in search of a teacher: change in Plato's Euthydemus', for Revue de metaphysique et morale, special number ed. Catherine Collobert, 2013.
48. 'Thinking outside the frame: Plato, Quinn and Artaud' in Damien Freeman and Derek Matravers, Figuring Out Figurative Art, Durham: Acumen, 2014.

49. 'Talking together, talking to ourselves: Socrates and the Crisis of the universities', Valedictory lecture, King's College London, 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C3C2Ti5m1o>
50. 'Virtue, ageing and failing' for the *Palgrave Companion to Ageing*, ed. G. Scarre, Palgrave, 2016 (George Macdonald Ross lecture 2016)
51. 'The unity of virtue: Plato's models of philosophy' *Supplement to the Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 2016 (Mind Association Inaugural Lecture 2016)
52. 'First Chop your Logos' focus article for *Australasian Philosophical Review*, ed. G. Oppy, special editor Fiona Leigh. 2018.
53. 'Ridicule and protreptic: Plato, his reader and the role of laughter in inquiry' for *Comedy*, eds. Franco Trivigno and Pierre Destrée, Oxford University Press.

**Sather lectures: 'Seeing and Saying, Plato on virtue and knowledge'**

1. No word in vain: Reading Plato's dialogues (again)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcxjZTYppAo>
2. The wandering 'we'  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yr-TqT55Y-8>
3. Parsing vision  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58PsS9SfqGc>
4. Rereading Glaucon's challenge: Plato's distinctions in goodness  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPRgFFrCQxw>
5. Plato's lexicon of *logos*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFQS90rx7hs>
6. Giving and taking an account: Plato on the language of conversation  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIFozyhcezY>

Various general reviews and journalism, e.g. *TLS*, *THES*, *Guardian education*, *\*HE Research*.  
*Los Angeles Review of Books* Interview on *Platonic Conversations* Summer 2018  
Website and occasional blog [www.marymargaretmccabe.com](http://www.marymargaretmccabe.com)

**Broadcasts include:**

[Ancient Greece Declassified](#) podcast on Platonic conversation Spring 2018  
'In our time' on Plato's *Republic*, BBC Radio 4, June 2017



'The Chain', BBC Woman's Hour, January 2017

'The state of philosophy' for BBC Radio 3 Free thinking, March 2016

'Socrates' for Resonance FM 2012.

The History of Philosophy without any Gaps podcasts: on Heraclitus; on Plato; on Aristotle as a reader of Plato.

Night Waves Radio 3, on Parmenides 2011; on Mathematics and Plato 2011.

Philosophy Bites podcast: The Socratic Method 2008

Philosophy Bites podcast: Meno's paradox 2008

The Essay: Plato BBC Radio 4 2008

'The death of Socrates', BBC Radio 3, 90 minute devised play 2008 (academic advisor).

'The Trial and Death of Socrates', Night Waves, Radio 3, 2008.

BBC Woman's Hour discussion with Joan Bakewell, September 2006.

'Plato' in the series Philosophy Figures, Radio 4, 1995, reprised on 'Pick of the Week'.

'Heraclitus' in the series First Philosophers, Radio 3, 1994, reprised on 'Pick of the Week'.

'Words and Things - Plato's response to Socrates and the Sophists' Open University, 1988

'What is Justice?' Forum Television, broadcast on Channel 4 TV 1987, repeated 1990.