

Women of Distinction



Martha Kneale

Co-author of a major history of the development of logic; former tutor at Lady Margaret Hall

Mary Warnock

Moral philosopher and public intellectual; formerly tutor at Lady Margaret Hall and St Hugh's College

Philippa Foot

Renowned moral philosopher and co-founder of OXFAM; former fellow of Somerville College

Dorothy Edgington

Emerita Waynflete Professor of Metaphysics; the first woman to hold one of the named chairs in philosophy at Oxford

Kathy Wilkes

Philosopher of mind who helped foster the free study of philosophy in communist Europe; former fellow of St Hilda's College

Susan Hurley

First woman to be elected a fellow of All Souls College; noted for her contributions in philosophy of mind, ethics, and political philosophy

Many people who have spent time at the Philosophy Faculty will be familiar with the Faculty's gallery of portrait photographs. First put together at our previous home at 10 Merton Street, the collection comprises portraits of noted Oxford philosophers, including two particularly well-known images, of Gilbert Ryle (seated in a deckchair) and of Peter Strawson (smoking contentedly).

In 2015, the Faculty will add to the collection six more portraits of women philosophers who have worked with distinction both at Oxford and in the wider world. The addition of these portraits represents a long overdue recognition of the contribution made to our community by women.

Those portrayed show philosophical strength across a range of fields, and three made significant contributions in the wider, public world. All are inspiring figures that today's young Oxford philosophers can look to for testament and for inspiration.

The Faculty expresses warm gratitude to those who have helped us find and produce the portrait photographs.