



Department of Philosophy

A.C. Reid Professorship Inaugural Lecture

“What’s the Matter with Mental Illness?”

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Tolstoy famously claimed that all unhappy families are unhappy in their own individual way. A similar point might be made for persons with mental illness. Mentally ill people seem to be ill in their own individual way. Some suffer from anxiety disorders, others schizophrenia, and still others clinical depression.

In this lecture I advance the following thesis: No matter the differences between mental illnesses, each and every mental illness shares similarities. Mentally ill people are ill in the same general way. What’s that way? What’s the matter with persons when they suffer from mental illness? I propose to answer that question.

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Reception to follow
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