FELICIA NIMUE ACKERMAN: CURRICULUM VITAE 2026

EDUCATION:

A. B., Cornell University, summa cum laude in philosophy, with distinction in all subjects and first in class, 1968.

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1976.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Present: Bioethics, philosophy in literature, moral psychology.

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PERMANENT APPOINTMENT:

Professor of Philosophy, Brown University

VISITING APPOINTMEMNTS:

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, winter and spring quarters 1976.

Visiting Honorary Lecturer in Logic and Metaphysics, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, January - June 1983.

Senior Fulbright Lecturer in Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January - June 1985.

Adjunct Professor, Korea University, Summer 2007.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Senior Fulbright Lecturer in Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January-June 1985.

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences/National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, 1988-9.

Short story in *Prize Stories 1990: The O. Henry Awards* (Doubleday).

An article about me (consisting entirely of quotations from me except for a one-sentence editorial note),which appeared in the July/August 2018 Brown Alumni Magazine, won a 2019 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) award.

Winner in *Lighten Up Online* biolimericks competition, March 2024.

PUBLICATIONS:

a. Chapters in books:

1. Articles on bioethics, philosophy, or literature:

"Natural Kinds, Concepts and Propositional Attitudes," in P. French, et al. (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy V: Studies in Epistemology* (University of Minnesota Press, 1980): 469-86.

"Thinking About an Object: Comment on Pollock," in P. French, et al. (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy V: Studies in Epistemology* (University of Minnesota Press, 1980): 501-8.

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"Essential Properties and Philosophical Analysis," in P. French, et al. (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy XI: Studies in Essentialism* (University of Minnesota Press, 1986): 305-13.

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"Content, Character, and Nondescriptive Meaning," in J. Almog, et al. (eds.), *Themes From Kaplan* (Oxford, 1989): 5-21.

"A Vagueness Paradox and its Solution," in P. French, et al. (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy XIV: Contemporary Perspectives in the Philosophy of Language II* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1989): 395-8.

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"Analysis and Its Paradoxes," in E. Ullman-Margalit (ed.), *The Scientific Enterprise: The Israel Colloquium Studies in History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science*, vol. 4 (Kluwer, 1992): 169-78.

"Philosophical Knowledge," in J. Dancy and E. Sosa (eds.), *A Companion to Epistemology* (Basil Blackwell, 1992): 342-5.

"Paradoxes of Analysis," in J. Dancy and E. Sosa (eds.), *A Companion to Epistemology* (Basil Blackwell, 1992): 326-29.

"Does Philosophy Only State What Everyone Admits? A Discussion of the Method of Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*," in P. French, et al. (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy XVII: The Wittgenstein Legacy* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1992): 246-54.

"Acquaintance," in J. Kim and E. Sosa (eds.), *A Companion to Metaphysics* (Basil Blackwell, 1994): 1-3.

"Analysis," in J. Kim and E. Sosa (eds.), *A Companion to Metaphysics* (Basil Blackwell, 1994): 9-11.

"How Does Ontology Supervene on What There Is?" in U. Yalcin and E. Savellos (eds.), *Supervenience: New Essays* (Cambridge University Press, 1995): 264-72.

"Pity as a Moral Concept/The Morality of Pity," in P. French, et al. (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy XX: Moral Concepts* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1995): 59-66.

"Be Reasonable and Do It My Way: Advocacy in the College Classroom," in P. M. Spacks (ed.), *Advocacy in the Classroom: Problems and Possibilities* (St. Martin's, 1996): 283-92.

"Flourish Your Heart in This World: Emotion, Reason, and Action in Malory's *Le Morte D'Arthur*," in P. French and H. Wettstein (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy XXII: The Philosophy of Emotions* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1998): 182-226.

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" 'For Now Have I My Death': The 'Duty to Die' vs. the Duty to Help the Ill Stay Alive," in P. A. French and H. K. Wettstein (eds.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, *XXIV*: *Death* (Blackwell, 2000): 172-85, reprinted in B. Steinbock, et al. (eds.), *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine*, 6th edition (McGraw-Hill, 2002): 426-34, 7th edition (McGraw-Hill, 2008): 521-29, and 8th edition, (McGraw-Hill, 2012): 493-501, and in Hugh LaFollette (ed.), *Ethics in Practice*, 5th edition (Wiley-Blackwell, 2020).

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"Patient and Family Decisions about Life-Extension and Death," in R. Rhodes, et al. (eds.), *The Blackwell Guide to Medical Ethics* (Blackwell, 2007): 52-68.

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"'In my harte I am [not] crystynde': What Can Malory Offer the Non-Religious Reader?" in D. Thomas Hanks Jr. and Janet Jesmok (eds.), *Malory and Christianity: Essays on Sir Thomas Malory's Morte d'Arthur* (Medieval Institute Publications, 2013): 180-90.

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"The Twentieth Century's Most Underrated Novel," in Russ Davidson, ed., *George Orwell: His Enduring Legacy* (University of New Mexico Honors College / University of New Mexico Libraries, 2019): 46-52.

"Transhumanism: Is It a Step Forward?" in Michael Boylan (ed.), *Ethics in the AI, Technology, and Information Age* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2022):

"What, if Anything, Should Count as Elder Abuse?" in Michael Boylan (ed.), *International Public Health Policy and Ethics*, 2nd ed (Springer, 2023): 309-18.

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2. Short stories

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b. Publications in journals, newspapers, or blogs:

1. Articles on bioethics, philosophy or literature:

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"Why I Am an Atheist; Spurning Theological Holdovers," *American Atheist*, First Quarter 2023: 28-29.

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"Imaginary people and real bias in bioethics," *The Providence Journal*, October 28, 2008: B7.

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"What are liberal professors liberal about?" *The Providence Journal*, February 24, 2009: B7.

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ORAL PRSENTATIONS:

a. Invited talks

Commentator in symposium on papers by Fred Feldman and William Lycan on Kripke and materialism, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1974.

Commentator in colloquium on paper by Richard Grandy on private languages, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, March 1975.

"Proper Names and Propositional Attitudes," read at philosophy department colloquium at Wesleyan University, April 1975.

"Propositional Attitudes and the Causal Theory of Names," read at philosophy department colloquium at UCLA, January 1976.

Commentator in colloquium on paper by Randolph Carter and Richard Nagle on rigid designators and epistemic possibility, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, March 1976.

Commentator on invited paper by Robert Sokolowski on the phenomenology of naming, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1976.

"Reference and Propositional Attitudes," read in four-person symposium at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, April 1977.

"Proper Names, Propositional Attitudes, and Nondescriptive Connotations," read at philosophy department colloquium at The University of Alberta, August 1977.

Commentator in symposium on paper by Alvin Plantinga on the Boethian compromise, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, March 1978.

"Proper Names, Essences, and Intuitive Beliefs," read at philosophy department colloquium at The University of Nebraska, March 1978.

"Proper Names, Essences, and Intuitive Beliefs," read at philosophy department colloquium at The University of Massachusetts at Amherst, May 1978.

"Wittgenstein, Rules, and Origin-Privacy," read at philosophy department colloquium at The University of Alberta, August 1978.

Commentator in colloquium on paper by Lawrence Roberts on Kripke's version of the referential-attributive distinction, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1978.

Commentator in symposium on paper by John Pollock on thinking about an object, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, March 1979.

Commentator in colloquium on paper by Robert Richardson and P. William Bechtel on evolutionary perspectives on the mind-body problem, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1979.

"Natural Kinds, Concepts, and Propositional Attitudes," read at philosophy department colloquium at The University of Connecticut at Storrs, February 1980.

"Natural Kinds, Concepts, and Propositional Attitudes," read at philosophy department colloquium at Syracuse University, April 1980.

Commentator in colloquium on paper by David Johnson on what makes some information visual, American Philosophical Eastern Division Meetings, December 1980.

Commentator in symposium on paper by John Searle on intentional causation, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meetings, March 1981.

"Philosophical Analysis and Philosophical Discovery," invited paper read at American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1981.

"Philosophical Analysis and Philosophical Discovery," read at philosophy department colloquium at New York University, April 1982.

"Plantinga's Theory of Proper Names," read at Smith College propositional attitude discussion group, December 1982.

Commentator in colloquium on paper by Rod Bertolet on Ackerman, Leibniz's Law, and propositional identity, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1982.

"Proper Names and the Propositional Attitude Principle," read at conference on perspectives on meaning, sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, January 1983.

"Wittgenstein, Rules, and Origin - Privacy," read at conference sponsored by Calcutta University and Indian Council of Philosophical Research, January 1983.

"Proper Names and the Propositional Attitude Principle," read at philosophy department colloquium, University of Dundee, Scotland, February 1983.

"Proper Names and the Propositional Attitude Principle," read at philosophy department colloquium, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, April 1983.

Brief comments on John Biro's colloquium paper on propositional attitudes and the semantics of proper names (presented for me in absentia by Ernest Sosa), American Philosophical Association Western Division Meetings, April 1983.

"Proper Names and the Propositional Attitude Principle," read at philosophy department colloquium, University of Stirling, Scotland, May 1983.

"Proper Names and the Propositional Attitude Principle," read at philosophy department seminar, Lehigh University, November 1983.

"Analysis in Philosophy," read at Philosophy Club, Lehigh University, November 1983.

"Proper Names, Essences, and Propositional Attitudes," read at philosophy department colloquium, Temple University, October 1984.

"Proper Names, Essences, and Propositional Attitudes," read at philosophy department colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 1985.

"Philosophical Analysis and Philosophical Discovery," read at philosophy department colloquium, Bar-Ilan University, May 1985.

"Analysis and its Paradoxes," read at 1985 Israel Colloquium for the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation, June 1985.

Commentator in colloquium on paper by Steven Mandelker on referential and attributive definite descriptions; a new version of Donnellan's distinction, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December 1986.

"Have an After Eight Mint" and "And Yet Another Transparent Plea for Help," read at Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, November 1988.

Talk on ethical issues on fiction writing given at philosophy and literature class, Wheaton College, April 1990.

"The 'Right to Die' Controversy: An Enhanced Civil Libertarian Perspective," read at conference on life and death after Cruzan, New Orleans, April 1992.

"Access to Health Care: Charity and Virtue," read at conference on access to medical care, Jupiter Beach, Florida, February 1995.

"Be Reasonable and Do It My Way: Advocacy in the College Classroom," read at conference on advocacy in the classroom, Pittsburgh, June 1995.

"Dialogue in *Le Morte D'Arthur*: Difference in Sameness," read at 33rd International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 1998.

"Death, Dying, and Dignity," read at invited session on philosophy, death, and dying, XXth World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August 1998.

"The Warrior, the Captive, and the Matter of Assimilation," read at roundtable on philosophical themes in the writings of Jorge Luis Borges, XXth World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August 1998.

"Flourish Your Heart in This World," read at conference on cloning, Emerson College, March 1999.

"'Lat us complayne aythir to other': Pity and Self-Pity in Malory's World," read at U.S. Naval Academy, March 2000.

Guest lectures on Malory in four classes at U. S. Naval Academy, March 2000.

"'Break, Break, Break': A Short Story as a Vehicle for Teaching Ethics," read at Tenth Annual Meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, March 2001.

Guest lectures on Malory in four classes at U. S. Naval Academy, March 2001.

Talk on Malory to Law, Ethics, and Leadership faculty, U. S. Naval Academy, March 2001.

"'Break, Break, Break': A Short Story as a Vehicle for Teaching Ethics," read at Western Michigan University, May 2002.

Opening Remarks for Roundtable on Sympathy in the Middle Ages, 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2005.

"'The Forecasting Game': A Short Story About Not Going Gentle into That Good Night," readat Rocky Mountain Brown Club, August 2005.

"'The Forecasting Game': A Short Story About Not Going Gentle into That Good Night," read at Vail Symposium, August 2005.

"In Praise of Fairy Godmothers: A Limited Defense of Medicalization," read at symposium at meeting of American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 2006.

"In Praise of Fairy Godmothers: A Limited Defense of Medicalization," read at symposium at meeting of American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, October 2006.

"Nature vs. the Tragedy of Emma Faust Tillman's Death," read at Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science, March 2007.

"'Flourish Your Heart in This World' and Environmental Philosophy," read at Boston University philosophy class, March 2007.

"'He sente for a philozopher': Teaching Malory from a Philosophical Standpoint," read at session sponsored by The International Arthurian Society-North American Branch at 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2008.

"'Your charge is to me a plesure': Manipulativeness in Malory's *Morte Darthur*," read at session honoring Bonnie Wheeler, 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2009.

"Bioethics and the Tragically Short Life of Emma Faust Tillman," read as invited speaker at the First Annual James D. Brody Memorial Symposium, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, January 2008.

Interview by Immortality Institute, November 29, 2009, http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/2675382

Invited participant in roundtable discussion on using fiction to teach ethics/philosophy, Nineteenth Annual Meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 6, 2010.

"Nature vs. the Tragedy of Emma Faust Tillman's Premature Death," invited talk given at Inamori Center for Ethics and Excellence, Case Western Reserve University, April 16, 2010.

"Must You Go Gentle Into That Good Night?" University of Wisconsin Seniors Summer School, August 24, 2012.

"Malory for Moderns: The Timeless Relevance of Arthurian Legend," University of Wisconsin Seniors Summer School, August 28, 2012.

"'I trust she will have pity upon me at the last': Emotional Charity in Malory's World and Ours," talk given at Aesthetics and Morality Mellon Workshop, April 16, 2013.

"Hide Your Unread Magazines!" University of Wisconsin Seniors Summer School, August 2014.

"How Much Should You Care About the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker?" University of Wisconsin Seniors Summer School, August 2014.

"Longer Living Through Technology: In Favor of Life-Prolonging Biomedical Technology for Old People," Eighth International Conference on Ethics in Biology, Engineering, and Medicine, April 2015.

"I had lever die than to be so shamed:' Contempt in Arthurian Society and Ours," read at workshop on contempt, Brown University, April 2016.

"Dale's Song," poem read at *Options* Magazine benefit, May 2018.

"Coronavirus Is a Curse / Discrimination Makes It Worse: Allocating Lifesaving Resources in a Pandemic," Keynote Speaker at Rhode Island Philosophical Society Meeting, October 2020.

"Cracking the Code," Central Connecticut State University, March 8, 2021.

Contributor to podcast on death, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, November 16, 2021.

Invited talk on *Nineteen Eighty-Four* to philosophy club, Poly High School, Long Beach, CA, February 16, 2022

"Imaginary People and Real Truths," presentation in "Invisible Philosophy: Leveraging the Content of Other Subjects to Reach New Students," 2023 meeting, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division.

"Teaching the Twentieth-Century's Most Underrated Novel," talk given to The Orwell Society, October 15, 2023.

Invited talk on writing letters to newspapers, given at a class at Columbia University, March 5, 2024.

"The Maxims of Nineteen Eighty-Four," talk given to The Orwell Society, April 19, 2026.

b. Papers read

"'Every Man of Worshyp': Emotion in Malory's *Morte Darthur*," read at Twelfth Biennial New College Conference on Medieval/Renaissance Studies, March 2000.

"'Every Man of Worshyp': Emotion and Characterization in Malory's *Morte Darthur*," read at 35th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2000.

"What Would You Like to Know?" read at Twentieth-Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville, February 2001.

"'Never to do outerage nothir mourthir': Some Philosophical Comments on Malory's Round Table Oath," read at 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2001.

"For the Loved Ones in Your Life," read at Twentieth-Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville, February 2002.

"'Not This Time': A Short Story as a Vehicle for Teaching Ethics," read at Eleventh Annual Meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, March 2002.

"'I may do no penaunce': Sloth in Malory's *Morte Darthur,"* read at 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2002.

"Not This Time," read at Twentieth-Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville, February 2003.

"'Thou to love that lovyth nat the is but grete foly': Chivalry and Unrequited Love in Malory's World," read at 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2003.

"'Entertain the Thought': A Short Story as a Vehicle for Teaching Ethics," read at Thirteenth Annual Meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 2004.

"'Lat me lye downe by you and wayle also': A Philosophical Look at Pity and Self-Pity in Malory's *Morte Darthur,* " read at 39th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2004.

"'Have an After Eight Mint: A Short Story as a Vehicle for Teaching Ethics," read at Fourteenth Annual Meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 2005.

"'I love nat to be constrayned to love': Emotional Charity and Malory's World," read at 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2005.

"'For the Loved Ones in your Life': A Short Story as a Vehicle for Teaching Ethics," read at Fifteenth annual meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2006.

"'In my harte I am [not] crystynde': What Can Malory Offer the Non-Religious Reader?" read at session on Malory and Christianity, 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2006

"'We Gather Together': A Short Story as a Vehicle for Teaching Ethics," read at 16th annual meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 2007.

"'Goode and fayre'--and Abandoned and Forgotten: Isoud la Blanche Mains as Outsider," read in session on Insiders and Outsiders in Malory's *Morte Darthur*, 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2007.

"'How vertuously she was chaunged': Disconsolate Fasting and Penitential Fasting in Malory's *Morte Darthur*," read in session on Philosophical Themes and Issues in Malory's *Morte Darthur*, 45th International Congress on Medieval Studies. May 2010.

"'Hit is ever worshyp to a knyght to refuse that thynge that he may nat attayne': The Ethics of Effort in Malory's *Morte Darthur*," read in session on Philosophical Themes and Issues in Malory's *Morte Darthur,* 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2011.

"'They wene that every man be as they bene': Excesses of Trust in Malory's *Morte Darthur,*" read in session on Excess and Scarcity in Malory's *Morte Darthur,* 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2012.

" 'I wyll with a good wyll shew you my lyff': The Examined Life and the Unexamined Life in Malory's *Morte Darthur,"* read in session on Philosophical Themes and Issues in Malory's *Morte Darthur*, 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2013.

"'I toke none hede to your wordys,': Self-Control in Malory's World," read in session on Philosophical Themes and Issues in Malory's *Morte Darthur*, 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2014.

"'And allwayes I offir me to be her presoner': Neediness, Insecurity, and Desperation in the Great World of Sir Thomas Malory," read in session on Philosophical Themes and Issues in Malory's *Morte Darthur*, 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2015.

"You see now that it is at any rate possible": Fiction, Philosophy, and Insight," read at 25th annual meeting, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 2016.

"He that hath a prevy hurte is loth to have a shame outewarde," Privacy and Shame in Malory's World, read at 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2016.

"'I've Been Bad': Using Light Verse in Teaching Philosophy," read at Eastern Division Meeting of The American Society for Aesthetics, April 2017.

"Than may a presonere say all welth ys hym berauffte': Cycles of Hope and Despair in Malory's World," read in session on Hope and Despair in Malory's *Morte Darthur*," 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2017.

"'Better to be counceyled'? Giving and Receiving Counsel in Malory's *Morte Darthur*." read on session on leaders and followers in Malory's *Morte Darthur*, 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2018.

"Coronavirus Is a Curse / Discrimination Makes It Worse: Allocating Lifesaving Resources in a Pandemic," paper read at Aging and Social Change, Tenth Interdisciplinary Conference, September 2020 and Association for Bioethics and the Humanities, 22nd Annual Conference, October 2020.

"'He laye as he had smyled' vs. 'But it was all right, everything was all right, the struggle was finished': Moral Transformation in *Le Morte D'Arthur* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*," 56th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2021.

"God sende me good delyveraunce" vs. "We shall meet in the place where there is no darkness": Imprisonment in *Le Morte Darthur* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four* , 57th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2022.

"The fayrest woman that ever he sye"(C Bk. XI ch. 7, p. 200, V 486) vs. "That is her style of beauty": Physical appearance in *Le Morte Darthur* and *1984,* , 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2023.

EDITORIAL WORK:

Guest editor, *Arthuriana* 11.2
Editorial board, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2003-

Editorial board, *Arthuriana,* 2015-

Advisory board, "What's Wrong?" in the past

Advisory Board, *The Once and Future Classroom* in the past

Occasional referee for various journals and presses.

RECENTLY TAUGHT COURSES:

Ethical Themes in the Contemporary American Short Story

Fiction as a Vehicle for Considering Ethical Issues in Education

Ethics in the Novel

Love, Loyalty, Language and Politics in George Orwell's Writing

Bioethics Through Fiction: Disability, Illness, and Death