Catalogue of Mary and Geoff Midgley Papers

Date range of material: 1940s-2010s, with some earlier family material within MID/G
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Preface

Creation of catalogue
Catalogued by Andrew Gray, with MID/A-E (Mary Midgley's philosophy papers) completed February 2018 and catalogue first uploaded at that stage (holding entries for MID/F-G also included). Minor additions, cross references and introductory sections added March 2018, including bibliography and arrangement details transferred from CLD.

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Introduction

Collection title: Mary and Geoff Midgley Papers
Reference code: GB-0033-MID
Dates of creation: 1940s-2010s, with some earlier family material within MID/G
Extent: 8 metres
Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections
Creator: Mary Midgley (born 1919) and Geoff Midgley (1921-1997)
Language of material: English

Contents and arrangement
Academic (and some personal) papers of moral philosopher Mary Midgley (born 1919) and of her husband (and philosopher) Geoff Midgley (1921-1997), including drafts, working files, published articles and correspondence
See Collection Level Description for biographical information, summary of philosophical themes and acquisition details
Papers of Mary and Geoff Midgley are arranged in the following sequence, with MID/A-G being papers of Mary Midgley, and MID/H-K of Geoff Midgley.

MID/A. Philosophy files: working papers for talks, articles and subjects, including drafts, notes, cuttings, articles by other people and Mary's letters to the press
MID/B. Newcastle University Philosophy Department: files relating to Mary's work at the department or accrued while working there
MID/C. Published or broadcast outputs: article offprints and final drafts, texts of radio broadcasts, newspaper articles/cuttings, reviews written by Mary and some earlier (unpublished) poetry, plays and fiction
MID/D. Publication files: administrative files in connection with publications, and published reviews of Mary's books
MID/E. Personal (academic and autobiographical): including awards of degrees and honours, interviews, references written by Mary and correspondence
MID/F. Personal (family and friends): chiefly letters (not listed but outline of contents within catalogue)
MID/G. Ancestors (family records): chiefly photographs with some letters and other papers (listed in summary only)
MID/H. Geoff Midgley's notes for lectures and on logic
MID/J. Geoff Midgley's essays
MID/K. Geoff Midgley's personal items and miscellaneous notes

Mary Midgley's papers have generally been retained within files reflecting their original storage/arrangement, with similar series kept together. The series and files have been arranged in the above order to reflect in part her own description of her working practice within The Owl of Minerva (2005) p.192-193. So notes for talks and on specific topics, with smaller interventions such as letters to the press and articles by other thinkers, are listed first (MID/A, effectively 'philosophy in progress'), with published articles and broadcasts following in MID/C, and files relating to publication and reviews of her books in MID/D. Geoff Midgley's papers make up a third of the total collection, but have not yet been listed: the arrangement outlined above is tentative and may change.

Conditions of access
Sections MID/A-E (and MID/G by arrangement) are open for consultation. Other series are not yet catalogued.
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Form of citation
The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-MID, or the collection name Midgley Papers, followed by the reference number. To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

Publications by Geoff Midgley


Published monographs by or for Mary Midgley


Mary Midgley, *Biological and cultural evolution* (Tunbridge Wells, Institute for Cultural Research, 1984)


Mary Midgley, *Conflicts and inconsistencies over animal welfare* (Fifth Hume memorial lecture delivered 1986, UFAW, 1987) [omitted from Kidd bibliography as below]

Mary Midgley, *Freeze Matters. Articles from the Guardian* (FREEZE, Bristol, 1987) [omitted from Kidd bibliography as below]


Mary Midgley, *Can't we make moral judgements?* (Bristol, Bristol Classical Press, 1991)


Journal articles by Mary Midgley - additions
See comprehensive bibliography by Ian Kidd within Science and the Self (as above, 2016) or online at Women in Parenthesis website. Articles omitted from that bibliography include the following. See also reviews by Mary Midgley at MID/C/1 and MID/C/109-189, which are not included within the following list.

as Mary Scrutton, “A little weary”, in Tamesis (University of Reading, vol.49, no.1, 1950) p.32-34

“The absence of a gap between facts and values”, in Supplementary volumes of the proceedings of the Aristotelian Society (1974)


Letter, “Why Darwin's theory is the fittest to survive”, in Guardian (8 December 1978)

“The notion of instinct”, in Cornell Review (Fall, 1979)


“Moral melodrama: Mary Midgley considers how our view of Darwin's ideas is more strongly influenced by primitive economic theories than we often realise”, in The Times Higher Education Supplement (16 April 1982) p.10


“Sex and personal identity: the Western individualistic tradition”, in Encounter 63 (1984) p.50-55

“Why the feminists cannot succeed if they try to go it alone”, in Guardian (4 Jan 1984) multiple contributions for column “Body and Soul”, in Guardian (1984-1988), as at MID/C/190

“How Darwin's theory of Evolution has been distorted by his 'disciples’”, in The New Statesman (2 November 1985), p.23-25


“Logic of disaster: the case for Philosophy”, in Times Higher Education Supplement (8 July 1988)

“A theory of economic gravity”, in Guardian (27 July 1988)
“A report of the Church & Society meeting in Brazil”, in *World Council of Churches Church and Society Newsletter* [1988]

“The ethics of modern debt” (under name ‘Mary Midgeley’), in *Credit Management: Journal of the Institute of Credit Management* (August 1988) p.33-35

“Competitive folk in procurement”, in *Guardian* (25 Nov 1988)


“Fancies about human immortality”, in *The month*, 2nd new series vol.23 no.11 (November 1990) p.458-466

“Try learning from Benjamin Franklin”, in *Guardian* (23 Mar 1993)

“Practical utopianism”, in Catherine Thick (ed), *The right to hope, global problems, global visions* (1995)


“Rights and wrongs”, in *Guardian* (16 Jan 1996)

“To do the decent thing”, in *Guardian* (2 Feb 1996)

“Away with superstition”, in *Guardian* (21 Mar 1996)


“The hunt faces death”, in *Guardian* (10 Apr 1997)

“The morality of creature comfort”, in *Times Higher Education Supplement* (11 July 1997)

“Drumcree and freedom”, in *Guardian* (10 July 1998)

“Defend which freedom”, in *Living Marxism* (no.115, November 1998)


Letter, “Why you can't lose with Darwin”, in *Guardian* (8 February 1999)

“Mind, matter and Gaia”, in *Gaia Circular*, vol.2, issue 1, spring 1999, p.9

“Intelligence, wisdom and folly”, in Stephen C. Barton (ed), *Where shall wisdom be found? Wisdom in the Bible, the church, and the contemporary world* (Edinburgh, 1999)

“Wickedness”, in *The philosophers’ magazine* (spring 2001 and autumn 2001): publication not confirmed


“At war over animals”, in *The Tablet* (17 Feb 2001), p.233-234


“What, if anything, is moral relativism”, in *Sofia* (Sea of Faith Network, no.73, 2005)


“Sorting out pseudo-Darwinisms”, in *The Bible in TransMission* (Bible Society, spring 2009)

“The mistake about Darwin”, in *Varsity* (2 October 2009)


“Against humanism”, in *New Humanist* (2010)


“Darwinism, purpose and meaning”, in *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* (vol.68, 2011) p.193-201

Letter, “He holds us with his glittering eye”, in *Guardian* (16 April 2011)

Letter, “Mystery of the mind”, in *Guardian* (9 March 2012)


Letter, “Going Erewhon fast”, in *Guardian* (30 August 2012)


Letter, “Mind and body”, in *New Scientist* (11 January 2014)
Letter, “Trade off”, in New Scientist (22 February 2014)
Letter, “Ininitely confusing”, in New Scientist (22 March 2014)
Letter, “False logic of those opposing assisted dying”, in Guardian (21 July 2014)

“Are You an Illusion? Why today's neuroscientists could do with a little more philosophical training”, in IAI News (11 August 2014)

“Devout Disbelief: Claims that we do not exist are based on a fundamentally outdated conception of the self”, in IAI News (7 May 2015)

“The mythology of selfishness”, in The Philosopher's Magazine (5 January 2016)

“Letter to a Young Philosopher” (original publication date and journal not traced, see MID/C/194)

Articles by Mary Midgley - reprints
Ian Kidd's bibliography excludes reprints, but the following have been identified from surviving drafts and correspondence among Midgley's papers. This list is far from complete, and omits most articles that have been substantially revised or reworked for later re-publication. Some of the chapters from Midgley's books mentioned here may also be included within The essential Mary Midgley: these reprints are also omitted from the list.


“Freedom and Heredity”, as chapter 2 of her Heart and Mind (Harvester Press, 1981)

“On Trying Out One’s New Sword on a Chance Wayfarer”, as chapter 5 of her Heart and Mind (Harvester Press, 1981)

“The Objection to Systematic Humbug”, as chapter 6 of her Heart and Mind (Harvester Press, 1981)

“Is 'Moral' a Dirty Word?”, as chapter 7 of her Heart and Mind (Harvester Press, 1981)

“Duties concerning islands”, in Robert Elliot and Arran Gare (eds), Environmental philosophy: a collection of readings (Open University Press and University of Queensland Press, 1983) p.166-181

“Duties concerning islands”, in Wesley Cragg, Contemporary moral issues (McGraw-Hill, 1983; also later editions)

“Selves and shadows” (originally as “Viewpoint” article in Times Literary Supplement, 30 July 1982), as chapter 5 of her Wickedness: a philosophical essay (Routledge, 1984)

“Duties concerning islands” (as “The vulnerable world and its claims on us”), as chapter 18 of her Evolution as a religion (Methuen, 1985)

“Duties concerning islands”, in Donald Van De Veer and Christine Pierce (ed), *People, penguins and plastic trees: basic issues in environmental ethics* (California, 1986) p.156-165


“Duties concerning islands”, in Peter Singer (ed), *Ethics* (Oxford, 1994) p.375-


“Philosophical plumbing”, as chapter 1 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Practical utopianism”, as chapter 2 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Homunculus trouble”, as chapter 3 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Myths of intellectual isolation”, as chapter 4 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“The use and uselessness of learning”, as chapter 5 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Sex and personal identity”, as chapter 6 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Freedom, feminism and war”, as chapter 7 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“The end of anthropocentrism?”, as chapter 8 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Persons and non-persons” (as “Is a dolphin a person?”), as chapter 9 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Sustainability and moral pluralism”, as chapter 10 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)

“Visions, secular and sacred” (as “Visions: secular, sacred and scientific”), as chapter 11 of her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996)


“Trying out one’s new sword”, in Dawn Elm and Kenneth Goodpaster, *Business Ethics* (Coursewise Publishing Inc, online access, ca.2000: this reprinting/republication unconfirmed)


“Reductive Megalomania”, as chapters 5-7 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Do we ever really act” [credited as “Do we even act”], as chapter 8 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Why Memes?”, as chapters 9-11 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Choosing the selectors”, as chapters 12-13 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“The soul’s successors”, as chapters 14-15 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Biotechnology and monstrosity: why we should pay attention to the ‘yuk factor’", as chapters 16-18 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Heaven and earth, an awkward history”, as chapters 19-20 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Are you an animal”, as chapters 21-23 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Beasts versus the biosphere”, as chapters 24-25 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“The problem of living with wildness”, as chapters 26-27 of her *The myths we live by* (Routledge, 2003)

“Is a dolphin a person?”, in Andrew Bailey (ed), *First philosophy: fundamental problems and readings in philosophy* (Broadview Press, 2004; also Concise Ed, 2006)

“Duties concerning islands”, in J. Baird Callicott and Clare Palmer (eds), *Environmental philosophy: critical concepts in the environment* (Routledge, 2005)

“Sorting out pseudo-Darwinisms”, in *Running Tide*, issue 19 (Amida Trust, autumn 2009)

“On being an anthrozoon”, online at marymidgley.wordpress.com (2012)
Mary Midgley
MID/A-G 1942-2017
Philosophical, personal and family papers of moral philosopher Mary Midgley. See start of catalogue for summary of arrangement, and Collection Level Description for biographical and philosophical introduction.
5 metres

Philosophy files
MID/A 1949-2014
Notes, drafts, talks and articles, by herself and others, mostly collated by Mary Midgley within topical files. These files reflect Mary's working practice, as described in her *Owl of Minerva* (2005) p.192-193, and could be described as 'philosophy in progress'. They show how specific themes have developed, the range of sources she has used to develop her ideas and some of the groups with which she has shared her thinking before committing talks to publication as journal articles or as books (for which see section MID/C).
1½ metres

Specific projects
MID/A/1-53 1969-2010
Drafts and notes in connection with specific books, articles, conferences, pamphlets etc by Mary Midgley
3 boxes
MID/A/1-10 [1969-1979]
Notes and drafts relating to *Beast and Man: the roots of human nature* (published 1979 but chiefly written 1976), and to earlier seminars for Newcastle University Adult Education Department and Cornell University. Original box marked 'Beasts - Bits' and 'Beasts - Old notes'
See also publication file at MID/D/1.
9 files
MID/A/1 [ca.1969]
Notes on various sources including Rousseau and Ashley Montagu, and including detailed summary for ethology seminars (original file marked 'BEASTS'). Includes programme for course on ethology, moral philosophy and moral theology taught for Newcastle University Department of Adult Education in 1969, under title “The nature of man” (see *Owl of Minerva* p.189)
MID/A/2 [ca.1976]
Notes on “continuity between man and beast”, and notes for seminars (original file marked “Colloquium. 'Human nature'”), relating perhaps to seminars at Cornell University in 1976 (see *Owl of Minerva* p.191, *Beast and Man* p.xi)
MID/A/3 April 1975
Manuscript and typescript notes on human nature and human needs, for 'HST colloquium', 30 f.
Notebook with brief lists of topics concerning beasts, reductionism and rationality, and outline of scheme (2 f.) for first two chapters (headed 'Beastliness paper', referring ? to paper in Philosophy no.184, 1973)

Manuscript notes on behaviourism, 5 f.

 Manuscript notes/draft for Introduction, 12 f.

Rough manuscript draft/notes for sections 1A and 2, sheets numbered with section/page numbers, 92 f.

 Typescript drafts for parts of foreward and (incomplete) sections on human cultures, innate behaviour and instinct, 36 f. (most written on back of scrap paper previously used for other notes or university purposes)

Manuscript notes, moreorless disordered, 14 f.


Heavily corrected typescript draft of article headed “Instincts”. Published as “The notion of instinct” (in Cornell Review, Fall 1979), and in shortened form within Midgley's *Heart and Mind* (1981): this draft perhaps relates to re-working for the 1981 publication. Mostly written on the back of scrap paper

Drafts and correspondence relating to *Animals and why they matter* (published 1983), taken from wallet file originally labelled 'A.A.W.T.M. - Bits'. See also publication file at MID/D/7.

 Typescript of 'summary', with some annotations, marked 'working copy', 20 f.

Draft/notes for first chapter ('Getting animals in focus'), with additional title “Across the species barrier”, with annotations, 11 f.

Copies of news cuttings with correspondence from Compassion in World Farming, chiefly relating to veal farming and specifically 'welfare veal' (reared in straw yards instead of crates). Includes copy of *Ag: the journal for non-violence in agriculture* (Compassion in World Farming, Petersfield), no.59, June 1980
MID/A/15  1985
Correspondence with London Weekend Television following Midgley's complaint that she had been misrepresented during an issue of the Credo programme on animals (“I loathe TV work in any case”)

MID/A/16  undated [1970s/80s]
Letter from Mary Midgley [to a newspaper], responding to a letter from John Skoyles denouncing 'animal rights philosophers', and supporting Tom Regan

MID/A/17-22  1984-1985
Drafts and notes for series of lectures given at the Centre for Philosophy and Public Affairs of the University of St Andrew's, on Thought and the world. Noted on original file cover, “Went into W.I.W.” [Wisdom, Information and Wonder: what is knowledge for, 1989: see p.ix]
6 files

MID/A/17  June 1984
Outline (MS) and synopsis (typescript) for lectures, latter with notes on possible respondents

MID/A/18  [1984-1985]
Lecture 1, “Thought and the world”: early and [final] drafts, typescript

MID/A/19  [1984-1985]

MID/A/20  [1984-1985]
Lecture 3, “Vast dilemmas and how we see them”: notes for lecture

MID/A/21  [1984-1985]
Lecture 4, “The personal and the political”: notes for lecture

MID/A/22  [1984-1985]
Lecture 5, “On not being too frightened of hypocrisy”: notes for lecture (in two versions)

MID/A/23  1983-1988
Letters written to Mary Midgley in response to her letter in New Scientist no. 1569 (16 July 1987, published under title “Paper chase”), requesting information on the proportion of papers printed in learned journals that are actually read With copies of her original letter (printed from Google Books), and of article, “Learning and the learned journals”, TLS (16 December 1983), p.1397-1402
1 file
MID/A/24  1985-1988
Letters from Richard Smith (editor) of Credit Management: journal of the Institute of Credit Management and draft article by Mary Mldgley, “The ethics of modern debt” [published August 1988]. With copies of articles by Smith and others, and other material apparently assembled by MIdgley when writing her article
1 file

MID/A/25  1986-1989
Correspondence and brochures with synopses, for Mary Midgley's Gifford Lectures at University of Edinburgh, under title “Science and Salvation” (subsequently reworked for publication in 1992 by Routledge as Science as Salvation: see file MID/D/17). Includes correspondence with and brochure for lectures by Mary Douglas, given in same year (“Claims on God”), and brochure for lectures by John Hick in 1986/87 (“An interpretation of religion”)
1 file

MID/A/26-30  1988-1989
Drafts and letters (chiefly from working group members), in connection with report published as, The value of 'useless' research, by the Council for Science and Society (chairman John Ziman)
4 files + outsize envelope

MID/A/26  15 December 1988
Typescript draft report ( On the problems of 'useless' research), with extensive annotations and comments by John [Ziman], February 1989

MID/A/27  15 December 1988
Typescript draft report ( On the problems of 'useless' research), with marginal comments and covering letter by Alec [Panchen] of Newcastle University, February 1989

MID/A/28  1988-1989
Typescript draft report (different from versions at MID/A/26-27), interleaved with blank sheets, with additional notes by Mary Mldgley, and letters with comments from Paul Davies (Newcastle University, School of Physics), Derek Davis (Bristol) and K[enneth] Mellanby, [January] 1989

MID/A/29  24 February 1989
Typescript 'final' draft, with letters from John Ziman and Jerome Ravetz (both of the Council for Science and Society), March-May 1989, and earlier letter from John Ziman, May 1988

MID/A/30  Original ring-binder file for MID/A/26-29, featuring design of circles annotated to form a picture of a pig, and titled Useless Knowledge...

MID/A/31-36  [1980s]
Drafts and offprints for collection of articles to be called On Mind-Changing (not published). These items were mostly stored together and marked with circled numbers apparently indicating chapters for the collection, which Mary Mldgley has confirmed she at one time considered.
6 files
MID/A/31  [1980s]

MID/A/32  1979-1980
Corrected typescript of “Gene-juggling” (published in Philosophy and Sociobiology examined, as MID/C/40)

MID/A/33
Heavily corrected typescript of “Utopias and science-fiction” (? unpublished)

MID/A/34
Correctyped typescript of “Ryle and Blake on visions” (? unpublished)

MID/A/35
Correctyped typescript of “How heroic is scepticism?” (? unpublished)

MID/A/36  1972-1978

MID/A/37  1993-1994
Letters and drafts/notes for lecture ( “Problems of an ethical primate”), at Dartington Conference (on theme 'Spirit and the world'), Schumacher College, Devon.
With copy of Schumacher College prospectus 1993-94, and letters from Colin Carr of St Dominic's Priory, Newcastle in connection with annual Las Casas Lecture in Oxford (November 1994), at which Midgley's lecture was titled, “Human freedom: trials of an ethical primate”
1 file

MID/A/38  [1995-1996]
Three drafts (corrected typescripts) for article “Practical Utopianism” (published in Catherine Thick (ed), The right to hope, global problems, global visions, 1995, and in Midgley, Utopias, Dolphins and Computers, 1996). One marked 'Manchester version' (apparently a conference paper), and another titled “The indispensability of Utopias” (corrected to “Ideals are practical”)
1 file

Drafts (all typescript or printed) with some notes for articles about the family, all co-authored with Judith Hughes, viz: “Trouble with families”, in Brenda Almond (ed), Introducing applied ethics (Oxford, 1995)“The view from Britain: what is dissolving families?”, in American Philosophical Association Newsletters vol.96 no.1 (1996), as MID/C/74“Are families out of date”, in Hilde Lindemann (ed), Feminism and families (London, 1997)
5 files
MID/A/39  [1995]
Two drafts (one with extensive and one with minor corrections) of “Trouble with families”

MID/A/40  [1995 x 1996]
Draft of “The view from Britain...”

MID/A/41  1995-1996
Two drafts (dated) and page proofs for “Are families out of date”

MID/A/42  [? 1990s]
Drafts for two unidentified articles, viz “Reading guide on the family” (short article outlining the history of philosophers' attitudes to family, and bibliography), and “Families and freedom” (on patriarchal family tyranny and individual personal freedoms)

MID/A/43  [ca.1990s]
Collection of quotations about the family and photocopied notes on William Godwin, *Enquiry concerning political justice and its influence on morals and happiness* (1798)

MID/A/44  1981-1982
Drafts and notes for series of lectures given at the Philosophy department of Trent University [Peterborough, Ontario, Canada], as part of the Gilbert Ryle lecture series, on *Wickedness*. These formed the basis for chapters 1-4 of Mary Midgley's book, *Wickedness: a philosophical essay* (Routledge, 1984), and were previously stored with her correspondence file relating to publication of the same at MID/D/10.
1 file

MID/A/45  2002
Drafts and notes for “Do we ever really act?”, in Dai Rees and Steven Rose (eds), *The new brain sciences: perils and prospects* (Cambridge, 2004) p.17-33. Includes:

- final drafts of text with diagrams and editorial comments
- six drafts of shortened versions (under titles, “Do we ever act?”, “What does action mean?” and “The many maps model”)
- two sets of notes and quotations relating to epiphenomenalism (“the steam-whistle theory of mind”): see also discussion in Midgley’s *Science and Poetry* (2001) p.107-
- two sheets of quotations (overhead transparencies), headed Souls, minds, bodies and planets
- printed programme for *The Engelsberg Seminar 2002: Consciousness, genetics and society* (Avesta, Sweden, June 2002), at which Mary Midgley spoke under the title, “The many maps model”: see also MID/A/150 for administrative file relating to this conference.
- emails concerning article for papers from same (published 2005 as “The many maps model: how scientific pluralism works”, see bibliography at start of this catalogue)

1 file
MID/A/46  2007-2010
Corrected draft for article, “Cold wars and God-shaped holes” (on apparent conflict between science and religion), apparently written for the journal Philosophy in 2007 (though this draft dated 2008), but not published at that time. With draft of re-worked article, “Purpose, meaning and Darwinism” (published as “Darwinism, purpose and meaning”, in Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement (vol.68, 2011) p.193-201) and email correspondence dated 2007 with Anthony O’Hear (Royal Institute of Philosophy). Original file note titled “Cold Wars Article (R.I.P.)”, written on back of APIS (Applied Philosophy Ideas Section) programme for Spring 1999.
1 file

MID/A/47  2007
Email correspondence (chiefly of David Midgley) concerning possible follow-up volume to Earthy realism: the meaning of Gaia (Exeter, 2007). Chiefly printed on back of paper previously used for other printing.
1 file

MID/A/48  2008
Draft for Templeton Essay article by Mary Midgley, “Does science make belief in God obsolete?”, with email invitation
Includes copy of article as published, printed from file available at archived copy of Templeton Foundation website (no longer available online).
1 file

MID/A/49  2008
Email correspondence and discussion with Mike Holderness concerning Mary Midgley’s contribution to a New Scientist special issue concerning Reason (published as issue 2666, 26 July 2008, with strapline “What’s wrong with reason?”), with draft of her article (“Reason's just another faith”). With notes and typescript articles under titles, “Cold war; scientism and anti-scientism”, “Is reason self-destructive?” and “Scepticism”.
1 file
Email invitations to contribute to Comment is Free: Belief section of Guardian website, with typescript drafts of articles contributed by Mary Midgley:

“Cold [wars] and God-shaped holes” (for first week of new section). Published as “Cold wars and grand conclusions”, 28 October 2008

“Down with anthropolatry!” (prompted by the question, What would you write to God). Published as “All too human”, 19 December 2008

“The limits of selectionism” (commemorating the bicentenary of Darwin’s birth). Published as “Selectionism can only take us so far”, 9 February 2009

“Beliefs and bibles” (on attempts to give a scientific proof to an existing world view). Published as “The abuses of science”, 12 June 2010 (also in “Face to Faith” column of same date, as “Is the evolutionary argument against God’s existence any stronger than Isaac Newton’s in favour”)

“Omnicompetence” (on claims that physical science is omnicompetent). Published as “Metaphysics and the limits of science” online, and in “Face to Faith” column in print, 28 August 2010. With printed response from Nicholas Humphrey (whose book Soul searching Midgley had quoted from)

Typescript drafts and published copies of Mary Midgley’s series on Hobbes, Leviathan, published in The Guardian, April-May 2009, viz:

part 1. “Strange selves”, 6 April
part 2. “Freedom and desolation”, 13 April
part 3. “What is selfishness?”, 20 April
part 4. “Selling total freedom”, 27 April
part 5. “The end of individualism”, 4 May
part 6. “Responses to readers”, 11 May
part 7. “His idea of war”, 18 May
part 8. “Can we ride the Leviathan?”, 25 May

With sheet of MS notes and newspaper cuttings on Ayn Rand. One draft of part 1 (marked 1A) is noted as “revised for book”: it was published in The solitary self: Darwin and the selfish gene (2010), p.117-120 (though not with the chapter number or title used in this draft).

Typescript drafts (most apparently incomplete) of article on self-deception or honesty
MID/A/53  1990-2010 and undated
Drafts of and notes for miscellaneous articles (or lectures) by Mary Midgley as
follows.

corrected typescript, 11 p., not as published in European journal of
education (1990) as MID/C/103/3

/2. “The need for philosophical plumbing”, [ca.1996]. Uncorrected typescript,
12 p. References her Utopias, Dolphins and Computers as “my latest book”
(p.10)

p. (printed on back of page proofs for The essential Mary Midgley).
Published as “Introduction - the not-so-simple earth”, in Midgley (ed.),

/4. Notes for [seminar or article on] “Science and realism” (apparently
incomplete, covering a range of theories relating to realism and
anti-realism), undated

1 file

Themed files

MID/A/54-88  1977-2013
Files on particular themes, created by Mary Midgley: her titles from original file covers
are in bold within the list below. Typically include drafts or papers by herself and
others (usually with some annotation or marking), conference programmes or notes,
newspaper cuttings, correspondence and other materials. Many of the drafts and
articles are printed single-sided on paper that has been previously used for other
printing.
3 boxes

MID/A/54  1993-1994
Sustainability. Includes:

brief paper by Strachan Donnelley of The Hastings Center NY, “Agenda
21 and the eclipse of nature”
Discussion questions with background papers for Seas At Risk Discussion
Group on Environmental Principles, August 1993
Invitation from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Ethics
Working Group, to take part in project and workshop to develop ethical
principles for uses of wild species, with set of papers (including Midgley's
“Who gets sustained”, August 1993, alongside papers by Foday Bojang,
Arthur Lindley, Finn Lyenge, Freya Mathews, Mari Thekaekara and Bryan
Midgley’s article is later reworked and published as “Sustainability and
moral pluralism” in Ethics and the environment vol.1 no.1 (1996), as below.
Letters from University of Georgia (Environmental Ethics Certificate
Program) concerning contribution for inaugural issue of journal with working
title Lectures in Environmental Ethics (journal later published as Ethics
and the environment), May-September 1994. See MID/C/72 for article as
printed.

1 file
MID/A/55  2010
Humanism. Includes drafts of Midgley's “Against humanism” (under working title “A different humanism”), published in New Humanist 25 October 2010 and available online, along with articles on Julian Huxley, Renaissance humanism, Erasmus, posthumanism, Auguste Comte and eugenics. Also email correspondence concerning public lecture at UEA, “What is humanism?”, 14 October 2010
1 file

MID/A/56  2007-2009
Atheism. Abstract and notes for Midgley's talk, “What's scientific about atheism?”, with selection of newspaper cuttings
1 file

MID/A/57  2007-2008
Intelligent Design. Includes:
- Website articles (from talkdesign.org)
- notes and talk for launch of 'ID pamphlet' [Intelligent design theory and other ideological problems, as MID/C/108]
- [final] draft of article “A plague on both their houses” [published in Philosophy Now 64 (2007) p.26-27]
- request for contribution to Metanexus Institute online publication Global Spiral
- correspondence, newspaper cuttings/printouts and notes from Michael Reiss for his and Midgley’s session at the BA (British Association for the Advancement of Science) Festival of Science in Liverpool, including text of her talk, “Should creationism be a part of the science curriculum?”. With her piece on Reiss' resignation from the Royal Society after his call for including discussion of creationism and intelligent design within science lessons
1 file

MID/A/58-61  1978-2010
A series of thematic files dealing with aspects of sociobiology and social Darwinism, and specifically with the work of Richard Dawkins. These files were created separately by Mary Midgley, but have been grouped together here for convenience and due to some overlapping content.
4 files

MID/A/58  [2000s]
Sociobiology and Social Darwinism. Includes:
- text of [talk at] Warwick, “Sociobiology and the paradox of egoism” (17 p., corrected typescript, apparently incomplete)
- list of quotations, chiefly from Richard Dawkins and Edward O. Wilson, headed “The expansive claims of sociobiology” (3 p.)
- other notes and quotations (12 p.)
1 file
MID/A/59  1978-2007
Dawkins. Includes:

Photocopy (with passages underlined) of Mark Ridley, “Infected with science”, in New Scientist, 25 December 1993/1 January 1994, p.22-24 (apparently responding to an article by Richard Dawkins)
Printouts from Richard Dawkins’ website and of his “In defence of selfish genes” (on The Royal Institute of Philosophy website), with text of letter from Mary Midgley to Dawkins objecting to his claim that she had not read The Selfish Gene before writing about it in Philosophy, 2007
Notes and quotations, chiefly from Dawkins and Darwin, variously headed, “Selfish genes”, “Dawkins vs Darwin”, “Quotes for talk on Darwinism and ethics” and “Darwin on the evolution of the moral faculties”

1 file
MID/A/60 1980-2010
'Selfish' and Selfish Genery (two original files, combined). Includes brief notes headed 'Spirit', 'Wonder' and '([Bishop] Butler' (2 p.), plus articles as follows:


Peter B. Stacey and Walter D. Koenig, “Cooperative breeding in the Acorn Woodpecker”, in *Scientific American*, August 1984

Adrian Barnett, “Female fox squirrels remove their ‘chastity belts’” (publication not stated), 24 October 1992

Sanjida O'Connell, “Meet my two husbands” (on polyandry in Tibet), from *Guardian Tabloid*, 4 March 1993

Laurence Frank, “When hyenas kill their own”, from *New Scientist*, 5 March 1994

Louise Barrett and Robin Dunbar, “Not now, dear, I'm busy” (on conflicts between parents and offspring), from *New Scientist*, 9 April 1994

Martin A. Nowak, “Five rules for the evolution of cooperation”, from *Science* vol.314, 8 December 2006 (printed on back of emails from Matthew Taylor of RSA concerning a talk and possible journal article by Mary Midgley, 2010)


Issue of *Nature* for 26 August 2010 (sub-titled “Social services: How standard natural selection explains the evolution of eusociality”)

Denis Noble, “Neo-Darwinism and selfish genes: are they of use in physiology?”, in *The Journal of Physiology* (commissioned article not yet submitted, September 2010)

section of “In Brief” column on the trematode parasite in banded killifish (publication and date not stated)
MID/A/61 1998-2000
Memes. Includes:

Letters from Mary Midgley, to Guardian 8 February 1999 (“Why you can’t lose with Darwin”), New Scientist 27 March 1999 (“Me and my memes”), Journal of Consciousness Studies online forum 20 May 1999 (“Of memes and witchcraft”, short article replying to Chris Nunn) and New Scientist 25 September 1999 (“Just so stories”, pasted onto back of letter to Foreign Secretary concerning East Timor)
Draft (printed with MS corrections) of “Why Memes?”, dated 17 December 1998 [published in Alas, poor Darwin arguments against evolutionary psychology, ed. Hilary Rose and Steven Rose, 2000]
Quotations concerning memes, 2 p.
Email from Ian Ground with advertisement for Journal of Memetics - Evolutionary Models of Information Transmission, vol.3, issue 2, [1999], as available online
Article by Jaron Lanier, submitted 4 January 1999 (Journal/website not stated), and debate on The Reality Club website (www.edge.org) between (chiefly) Mike Godwin and Jaron Lanier, December 1996-January 1997
Review of The meme machine as above, by Martin Gardner, in Los Angeles Times, 5 March 2000 (“Kilroy was here”), with email to Mary Midgley from Paul Rowntree
Photocopy of excerpt from William Croft, Explaining language change: an evolutionary approach (2000), p.1-41, with letter from Ricardo Bermúdez-Otero of Newcastle University (referencing also a lecture and discussion by Mary Midgley)

1 file

MID/A/62 [? 1980s]
Women. Typescript notes headed, “Philosophers on women: the record” (two copies, varying), a page of quotations and notes headed “Feminism and philosophy”
1 file
MID/A/63  1996-2013
Illusory selves. Includes:

Printout of William James lecture, “The present dilemma in philosophy” (part of series Pragmatism, published 1907)
Newspaper cutting on defeat of Gary Kasparov by IBM Deep Blue chess computer, [February 1996]
Review by Mary Midgley of Nicholas Humphrey, Soul dust: the magic of consciousness [published 2011], under title “The TV within” (? final draft, Journal not stated)
The Cambridge Declaration on Consciousness, July 2012 (on animal consciousness)
Page from the Guardian (Review section) 8 June 2013, including review by Marina Warner of The Faraway Nearby by Rebecca Solnit (under title, “Maps of the mind”)
Text for two undated talks by Mary Midgley under title “Illusory Selves: the irrepressible subject”, one marked “Hay” [Festival], the other marked “Souls” [? All Souls College, Oxford]. Latter is printed on back of another draft of same talk, and contains an apparent lacuna between p.5 and p.6.
See also file relating to publication of Midgley’s Are you an illusion, at MID/D/28.

1 file

MID/A/64-68  ca.1994-2005
Earth and Gaia. MID/A/64-65 originally filed together ( “Earth”), and MID/A/66-68 in single file “Gaia (mine)”.
See also correspondence from James Lovelock at MID/E/58.
5 files

MID/A/64  [ca.2002-2005]

News cutting from [Guardian] 2 February 2005 on creation of artificial chromosomes for robots (“Sex and the single robot”)
Letters page from New Scientist 12 March 2005, highlighting letter from Alexander Grigorov on taking to space to eliminate the problem of limited resources (“Unlimited space”)
Introduction to James Lovelock written by Mary Midgley, written for New Statesman, with email from editor, June 2003 [published as “Great thinkers - James Lovelock”, 14 July 2003]
[Final] draft for Darwin Lecture, “Taking the earth seriously”
Notes or drafts for talks at Birkbeck 2002 (“Taking the earth seriously”), Glasgow (“Reason and imagination in visions of a harmonious world”, “Visions and values”, “Earth intro”, all undated), Oxford 2002 (“The importance of imagery”), and the Soil Association (“Earth is not just dirt”, with news cutting about organic growing in Havana, Cuba, 2002). With sheet of “quotes illustrating talk on changing visions of the earth”, undated
MID/A/65  [2000s]

MID/A/66  1994-[2000s]
Two reading lists and collections of quotations, most headed “Quotes for Gaia” (two annotated to suggest use in Schumacher talks)
Notes by Mary Midgley for talks and seminars on Gaia, annotated with references to APIS (Applied Philosophy Ideas Section, which met at her house in Newcastle ca.1990s-2000s), Hastings, King's College, Café Scientifique [Newcastle], Schumacher [College, apparently twice], Birkbeck and Hay Festival
Article by Fred Pearce, “Gaia, Gaia: don't go away”, in *New Scientist*, 28 May 1994
Photograph of delegates at *Gaia and global change* [conference], Dartington Hall [Schumacher College], June 2004

MID/A/67  [2000s]
Drafts and copy of articles or lectures by Mary Midgley, most undated, viz:
“Gaia, genes and the planetary perspective”: abstract, corrected draft and slides for overhead projector
“Who is the earth?”: marked 'for Open University'
Gaia?
Gaia: biochemical solutions to social and moral problems: corrected draft with notes
*Gaia Circular*, vol.2 issue 1, spring 1999: with article by Midgley, “Mind, matter and Gaia” (noted as taken from a lecture at Linnean Society, London, 1998)
“What Gaia means”: noted as published in Guardian, 2001
“The fear of Gaia”: marked 'speech at launch' [? of *Gaia: the next big idea* 2001, or of *Earthy Realism* 2007]
“The roots of Gaiaphobia”: two versions, noted as published in *Guardian* supplement (described as a 'virtual pamphlet' by editor), March 2010, with email from editor December 2009

MID/A/68  [2000-2001]
Draft of “Individualism and Gaia” (published in revised forms by Demos as *Gaia: the next big idea* in 2001, also as “Individualism and the concept of Gaia” in *Review of international studies*, December 2000, as MID/C/87).
Marked “Jim's copy”, and with annotations by [James Lovelock]

MID/A/69-75  1977-1995
Physics and religion. Box of articles by others, collected together by Mary Midgley, plus some correspondence with Paul Davies (file 73) and her own notes and article (file 69)
7 files
MID/A/69  1990 (and undated notes)
Manuscript and typescript notes, chiefly quotations, with references to talks by Mary Midgley, “Evolution as a religion” and “Human immortality...?”. Notes headed variously “Pie in the sky”, “Dungeons and dragons” and “The supposedly lifeless, objective and value-free universe”.
Copy of *The month*, November 1990, with her article “Fancies about human immortality”: see library catalogue entry

MID/A/70  1977-1983
Articles as follows:

- Freeman J. Dyson, “Time without end: physics and biology in an open universe”, from *Reviews of modern physics*, vol.51 no.3 (July 1979), p.447-460
- John Weightman, “Somene up there” (review of Fred Hoyle, *The intelligent universe*), from *Observer* (18 December 1983)

MID/A/71  1983

MID/A/72  1986
Draft of John Hartung, *An argument in favor of eugenic engineering* (not apparently published in this version, but see online CV for similar articles), with covering letter (mentioning meeting Midgley at Mallorca, perhaps a reference to Simposio Modelos Biologicos de la Accion Humana at University de Palma de Mallorca, 1985, as in his CV)

MID/A/73  1984-1986
Articles by and correspondence with Professor Paul C. W. Davies (Theoretical Physics, University of Newcastle upon Tyne), including his article, “How the pioneers of the new physics have thrown more light on God” (newspaper or magazine not stated), and extracts from his *Superforce: the search for a grand unified theory of nature* (1984). Includes theatre programme for *The Genius* by Howard Brenton, performed at Newcastle Playhouse 1986 (with background article by Davies), letter concerning seminar hosted by the theatre company on the social and moral responsibilities of scientists (at which both Davies and Midgley spoke) and exchange of letters following the same
MID/A/74  1986-1990
Articles as follows:

[Publisher's] blurb for George S. Robinson and Harold M. White, Envoys of mankind: a declaration of first principles for the governance of space societies (1986)
Donald M. Mackay, “In what sense can a computer 'understand?'”, from Science and Christian belief vol.1 no.1 (April 1989), p.27-39
Tim Radford, “A time warp of ignorance” (on public understanding of science), from Guardian (6 July 1989)
Photocopied sheet of newspaper cuttings, including (asterisked), Edward Lucas, “Unwanted CFCs: the key to human life on Mars”, from Independent (18 December 1990)

MID/A/75  1991-1995
Articles as follows:

Tim Radford, The final theory (reporting on Steven Weinberg's support for the superconducting supercollider), from Guardian (7 January 1993)
Steve Nadis, “Mars the final frontier”, from New Scientist (5 February 1994)
John Gribbin, “Can of worms on the internet” (reporting Stephen Hawking's claim that computer viruses are a form of artificial life), from Guardian (5 August 1994)
Issue 26 of Science and Religion forum Reviews (February 1995), including reviews of Mary Midgley, Science as salvation (by Paul Avis) and of Frank J. Tipler, The physics of immortality: modern cosmology, God and the resurrection of the dead (by George Ellis)

MID/A/76-79  [1970s]-1993
Reductionism. A series of files relating to reductionism and to Mary Midgley's work on this topic, brought together here for convenience
4 files
MID/A/76  [1970s-1980s]
File marked “Beasts - Reduction”. Miscellaneous notes on reductionism, including references to Nietzsche, Hobbes and Hume, and more extensive notes on Freud (especially concerning instincts). Perhaps in connection with series of lectures preceding Midgley's *Beast and Man*, see also MID/A/1-10. Includes typescript draft (numbered p.50-67) on instincts, sex and power, with particular reference to Freud and Hobbes, for which a published version has not been identified.

MID/A/77  September 1982
Papers for Higher Education Foundation consultation on *Reductionism in Academic Disciplines (with special reference to biology, psychology and medicine)* (conference held at St Anne’s College, Oxford), including programme and abstracts of papers by Steven Rose (OU), Eileen Barker (LSE), D.A.J. Tyrrell (text of paper “Reductionism in Medicine”), Richard Gregory (Bristol), Donald MacKay (Keele), Cicely Saunders (London) and Gordon Wright (Cambridge). Mary Midgley is listed as a speaker (on biology and reductionism), but there is no abstract or notes for her paper. See COPAC catalogue entry for the papers of this conference, edited by Arthur Peacocke (Cambridge).

MID/A/78  [1992]
Notes, lists of quotations and drafts for lectures by Mary Midgley on reductionism, including “Reductivism in modern science and its consequences” (at ICA) and “Reductionist [or Reductive] Megalomania” (at *Science and Human Dimension* symposium, Jesus College, Cambridge, September 1992).

MID/A/79  1992
Printed items on consciousness research (originally from above file MID/A/78), viz:

MID/A/80  [1980s]
Brain hemispheres etc. Includes:

Typescript page headed, “The wilder shores of biological possibility” (on Dr Clark and 'supermantises', with reference to human morality and intelligence)
1 file

MID/A/81  1990
Pluralism. Includes:

1 file

MID/A/82-83  2003-2007
Behaviourists. Originally from same folder, viz:

1 file + 1 volume (boxed)

MID/A/84  1994-2004
Philosophy for Children. Includes:

'Mock-up' of The idea of restimulating education: a first report by members of the PER group (London, 1994), being the first yearbook of the Philosophical and Educational Renewal Group (of which Mary Midgley was an Hon. Vice President). Includes article by Midgley, “Can education be moral?”, later published in Prospero (1995), as MID/C/70
Issue of The SAPERE Newsletter (Society for Advancing Philosophical Enquiry and Reflection in Education, April 2002), including report of northern conference in Sunderland at which Midgley spoke
Email correspondence between Midgley and SAPERE about holding a possible course in the region (to be funded by the Geoffrey Midgley Memorial Fund), March 2004
1 file
MID/A/85A-B  2000-2002
Two files relating to animal experimentation, originally separate but brought together here for cataloguing purposes.

/85A. File titled “Drs Greek”. Overview (25 p.) and text of chapter 5 ( “Cancer, our modern day plague”, 35 p.) of C. Ray Greek and Jean Swingle Greek, Sacred cows and golden geese [published 2000], with covering letters from the authors and copy of article by same, “Searching for alternatives”, from Nature Biotechnology, vol.20 no.5 (May 2002)

/85B. Items originally filed with editors’ and publishers’ administrative correspondence at MID/D/29, being draft and cutting of article by Mary Midgley (draft titled “Why Huntingdon?”, published as “At war over animals”), in The Tablet (17 Feb 2001), annotated by [an officer of] RSPCA. Also articles apparently sent to Midgley by Tjard de Cock Buning (Department of Lab Animal Issues, Utrecht University), relating to animal ethics

2 files

MID/A/86      [1999-2000]
Utopias. Includes:

Letter from University of Durham Department of Psychology (Centre for the History of the Human Sciences), inviting Mary Midgley to give a public lecture on utopian thinking as part of their Utopia Now series, January 1999

Corrected and annotated typescript for [lecture], “Utopias and science fiction”, marked ‘Durham’

Final draft of article, “Utopias, dystopias and science fiction”, marked ‘as sent 14/11/00’ (publication not traced, but perhaps reworked from preceding lecture)

1 file
Ziman. Includes:


Mary Midgley, “No need for omnicompetence?” (draft for article); ? unpublished, possibly for proposed festschrift volume 1999/2000, though refers to “another seventy years of [Ziman]” (so ca.1995)

Letter from Joan Solomon with outline and request for contribution for volume edited by her (apparently never published), working title *Science is social*, in part a festschrift for John Ziman, [1999]

Emailed letter from Mary Midgley and John Ziman, inviting scholars to take part in a “peacemaking initiative” under the heading “Pluralism in science”, with draft statement on the subject and lists of scholars who have joined or been invited to join. With published version of statement from *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews*, 2001


“Science in the world”, introductory comment [by Mary Midgley] about John Ziman’s vision for science within wider culture; perhaps intended or published as a Foreward or short newspaper/magazine article

Text for obituary, apparently written by Midgley but ? not published, [2005]

Obituary from [Guardian], by Jerry Ravetz, “Physicist who was concerned with the social significance of science”, 2 February 2005

1 file
MID/A/88  1983-2006
Deterrence. Includes a sheet of notes and the following articles by Mary Midgley:

“Deterrence, provocation and the Martian temperament” (photocopy), from N. Blake and K. Pole (eds), *Dangers of deterrence: philosophers on nuclear strategy* (1983)
“Introduction: fatalism, fantasy and fear” (photocopy from unknown publication, after 1983)
“What kind of war?” (publication unknown, printout, 3 p.)
“What do we mean by security?” (publication unknown, corrected printout, 11 p.)
“Deterrence and provocation” (printout, 2 p., apparently incomplete)
“Fear, threat and provocation” (publication unknown, printout dated 2004, 2 p.)
“Provocation and the language of weaponry” (publication unknown, printout dated 2004, 2 p.)

Also newspaper cutting of *Guardian* article by Richard Norton-Taylor and Rosemary Collins, “Civil defence guide ignores nuclear winter”, 8 June 1985
Also printout of the following articles from Ken Booth and Frank Barnaby (eds), *The Future of Britain's Nuclear Weapons: Experts Reframe the Debate* (Oxford Research Group, 2006), as online, printed on the back of 'scrap' paper (chiefly page proofs for Midgley's *Owl of Minerva*):

Ken Booth, “Debating the future of Trident: Who are the real realists?” (Conclusion)
Frank Barnaby, “What is "Trident"? The facts and figures of Britain's nuclear forces” (under draft title, “Some characteristics of the British nuclear force”, Introduction)
Mary Midgley, “Can the retention of British nuclear weapons be justified ethically in today’s world?” (Debate 5) - two copies, one from online copy of publication and the other with revisions marked

1 file

Articles by other people
MID/A/89-114  1949-2010
Miscellaneous journal, book or newspaper articles, most collected together by Mary Midgley within a single sequence but not within the topical themed files at MID/A/54-88. The articles at MID/A/89-109 are mostly annotated by Midgley with the author’s name and have been sorted into alphabetical order by author for convenience. The newspaper cuttings at MID/A/110-113 have been roughly sorted by topic, with miscellaneous newspaper cuttings in MID/A/114.

½ box

MID/A/89  January 1958
Photocopy, annotated “Copy III. Phil[osophy] Dep[artment, Newcastle University]. Please return.”
MID/A/90A  January 1985
Issue no.1 of Theistic Evolutionist’s Forum [newsletter, “the only national periodical focusing on both fundamentalist and atheist distortions of science and faith, while providing a hearing for apologists of either side”], ed. E[dward] T. Babinski of Greenville, South Carolina

MID/A/90B  1994
Clare Campbell, “Greek plays and Gallup polls”, in Philosophy vol.69, p.102-105

MID/A/91  2008

MID/A/92  2 June 2005
Review by James Davidson of Alan Bray, The Friend (2003), published under title “Mr and Mr and Mrs and Mrs”, in London Review of Books

MID/A/93  June 2006
Temple Grandin, “Animal welfare audits for cattle, pigs and chickens that use the HACCP principles of critical control points”, printed from personal website

MID/A/94  1982
Evelyn Fox Keller, “Feminism and science”, from Keohane, Rosaldo and Gelpi (eds), Feminist Theory: [a critique of ideology], p.113-126

MID/A/95  1989

MID/A/96  1996
M. Kiley-Worthington and S.E.G. Lea, “Can animals think?”, from V. Bruce (ed), Unsolved mysteries of the mind: tutorial essays in cognition

MID/A/97  [ca.2008]
M. Kiley-Worthington, Equine and elephant cognition, ontology and consciousness (corrected draft: apparently published as Equine & Elephant Cognition, Subjectivity & Consciousness, from Centre d'Eco-Etho Recherche et Education website)

MID/A/98  [1949]

MID/A/99  July 1981

MID/A/100  [2000s]
Martin Lockley, “Red herrings and red heresies: is the 'Intelligent Design' debate intelligent? Implications for discussions of evolution, science and spirituality” (publication unknown, printed draft, on 'scrap' paper previously used for an article about the Oxford University Socratic Club and email correspondence with Horatio Murpurgo)

Donald M. MacKay, “Neural basis of cognitive experience” (publication unknown)


Anne Primavesi, “The Christian Gene”, from The Fourth R (Westar Institute, Minnesota), vol.14, no.3

Anne Primavesi, “What's in a name? Gaia and the reality of being alive in a relational world” (publication unknown, printout apparently dated March 2008)


Newspaper articles on NASA mistakes and disasters

Newspaper articles on the teaching of science and of the humanities, from the Independent and Times Higher Education Supplement (4 photocopies)

Newspaper (Guardian) articles about opposition from some Muslims to the publication of Salman Rushdie, The Satanic Verses, including extract of message from Ayatollah Khomeini, article by Shabbir Akhtar and “Face to Faith” column by Haider Reeve

Newspaper articles about cloning (including Dolly the sheep)
MID/A/113  2003-2004
Newspaper articles on artificial limbs and brain implants, brain scans and controls on their use by insurance companies, computers that can think for themselves and brain damage from nanoparticles, all from the Guardian (6 cuttings)

MID/A/114  [1986]-2010
Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings retained by Mary Midgley, most from the Guardian. Includes cutting headed “Guru’s catechism” for assessing safety of gurus (ca.1986), an article about the abolition of the verdict of suicide by the High Court in Dublin (annotated ‘blame’ by Midgley), a letter about Blake and the universities (1990), Ben Rogers on contemporary philosophy and the public (ca.1995), a story about a flying pig (2001), Michael Meacher on the ‘war on terrorism’ (2003), Tim Radford on the make-up of the universe, dark matter and dark energy (2004), John Gray on belief in human supremacy over other animals (2004), Ben Goldacre on bad science (2005), Paul Davies on colonising Mars (2009, with letter in response), John Gribbin on the Large Hadron Collider and multiverse theory (2009), and obituaries of Philippa Foot and Eva Ibbotson (2010)

Notes and drafts for talks
MID/A/115-136  [1980s-2000s]
See also files listed above at MID/A/54-88 for additional drafts of talks on specific themes.
½ box

MID/A/115  [2001-2010]
Notes and lists of quotations apparently in connection with talks about Midgley's own books (specifically, Science and poetry and Solitary self)

MID/A/116
Lists of quotations under the following headings:

/1. “Duties? The snags of social contract thought” (with additional list of groups/categories headed “Have we duties to.”)
/2. “Being scientific about our selves. Quotes”
/3. “Quotes for discussion of an apparent cold war” and “Is religion compatible with science?”
/4. “Quotes about evolutionary function etc” (with sheet of additional manuscript notes, referring to 'APIS' (Applied Philosophy Ideas Section: informal meetings of philosophers at Mary Midgley's home after closure of the Newcastle University Philosophy Department)

MID/A/117  [ca.1992]
Text of [talk], “Strange contest”. Typescript headed Sci[ence] & Rel[igion], with passages highlighted, 10 p. Not as published in Montefiore (ed.), The gospel and contemporary culture (1992) p.40-57, and reference to “this time of day” (p.4) suggests use for a talk rather than published article.

MID/A/118  25 May 1992
Text of [talk], “Scientism hurts science”. Typescript with minor corrections and annotated with date, 11 p. Compare “Can science save its soul?” (New Scientist, 1992), as MID/C/59. References to discussions “in my book” (p.11) and “in my recent book” (p.8) perhaps suggest use for a talk.
MID/A/119  April 1990
Text of [talk], “What about the biosphere?”, apparently from a lecture in Cardiff (also annotated Sophia). Uncorrected typescript, 8 p. Compare “Is the Biosphere a Luxury?” (Hastings Center Report, 1992), as MID/C/63 (and online via jstor).

MID/A/120  undated
Text headed, “Why literature matters”. Printout with (mainly) minor corrections, 22 p. + reading list, perhaps written for a lecture or (series of) seminar(s)

MID/A/121

MID/A/122
Notes headed, “What is a person?”, 3 p.

MID/A/123  March 1985

MID/A/124
Text of talk on “Determinism”, apparently delivered at Cawdor, 3 p.

MID/A/125
Notes for talk, “Animals in captivity”, apparently delivered at Glasgow, 3 typescript and 4 manuscript p.

MID/A/126
Notes (chiefly manuscript) for [talk], “What is leisure?”, 6 p.

MID/A/127
Manuscript notes (fair copy) for [seminar] (or perhaps series of classes), “Darwinism and decency”, 9 p.

MID/A/128  [? 2005]
Manuscript notes and printed draft for talk (perhaps to Jesmond Senior Men's Club in 2005 as programme online), “Agism and other Isms”

MID/A/129
ID (Intelligent Design): quotations and notes for [discussions] at APIS (as MID/A/116) and Nott[ingham]

MID/A/130  2005
Talk to Sea of Faith [Network], [2005 UK Conference], “What, if anything, is moral relativism?:” typescript lists of quotations, notes and annotated copy of talk (prepared for publication in Sofia, no.73, September 2005). See also version online at www.sofn.org.uk.

MID/A/131  [2000s]
Annotated printout of Heaven and earth, an awkward history (as published in Philosophy Now, issue 34, 2001/2002), with set of overhead transparencies and postcard of The Sleeping Lady (from Malta)
MID/A/132  [2000s]
Text for “Talk on science and poetry”, annotated “Hybrid” (apparently referring
to an organisation of that name), with reference to her book, *Science and Poetry*
(2001) and including a transcript of a question and answer session, involving
'MM' (Mary Midgley), 'SE' (?) and 'SM' (Sian). 10 p. (typescript)

MID/A/133  [ca.2013]
Text for talk, “Great minds: Bishop Butler” (3 p.). Written on back of scrap paper,
including email correspondence dated 2013 with Ian James Kidd concerning
festschrift volume (*Science and the Self*, 2016) and definition of scientism.

MID/A/134  [2000s]
Abstract, manuscript notes, annotated handouts and printout of overhead
projector slides (acetate slides not retained) for talk, “Is there cultural evolution?”

MID/A/135  [? 2009]
Notes for a lecture or seminar (or perhaps a foreward or introduction for a
festschrift or similar), in honour of Stephen Clark, headed “Clarkfest”. Suggested
by Clark that this may relate to a conference on his leaving employment with
Liverpool University, [2009, according to his CV online].

MID/A/136  17 May 1985
Notes on cultural relativism and moral judgments, apparently for [lecture at]
Anthropology Institute, headed “Further thoughts on Trying out one's new
sword”

Overseas conferences
MID/A/137-151  [1980s]-2009
Correspondence, programmes and some other papers in relation to conferences in
which Mary Midgley took part, all outwith the UK
Originally stored within a single Conferences file by Mary MIdgley (excluding last
two items), but sorted by date of conference within list below.
3 files

MID/A/137  undated [early/mid 1980s]
Invitation to present a paper at University of Wisconsin-Madison, sponsored by
their Institute for Environmental Studies (chair Jon Moline, [1974-1986])

MID/A/138/1-4  November 1981
Symposium at Smithsonian Institute, Washington, *How humans adapt: a
biocultural Odyssey*. Letters (January-May 1980) and printed program (including
Mary Midgley, “Toward a new understanding of human nature”). See also
MID/C/45 for reprint from published papers.

MID/A/139  21-26 September 1985
Letter relating to unspecified talk for University of Georgia (Department of
Philosophy)

MID/A/140/1-2  26-28 September 1985
Letter and typescript program for series of lectures at University of Chicago,
*Assessments of James M. Gustafson's Ethics from a theocentric perspective*,
including Mary Midgley, “The paradox of humanism"
MID/A/141/1-2  6-9 May 1986
Special Smithsonian Symposium, *Man and Beast Revisited*. List of participants and printed program, including Mary Midgley on “Interaction between humans and other animals” (discussion group), and “The fear of human nature” (panel discussion). See also published papers under same title.

MID/A/142  13 May 1986
Lecture on *Evolution as a religion: strange hopes and stranger fears*, at San Diego State University (Department of Biology). Poster and letters

MID/A/143  [early 1987]
Invitation letter to be Visiting Lecturer at University of Saskatchewan (Department of Philosophy)

MID/A/144/1-3  25 June - 2 July 1988
World Council of Churches consultation on *God, people and nature - one community*, at Sao Paulo, Brazil. Letters concerning arrangements and enclosing outline schedule.
See MID/C/192 for published article by Midgley arising from conference.

MID/A/145/1-4  19-23 June 1989
Letters from Mary Clark (professor of biology) with draft outline and printed program for conference on integrated interdisciplinary education at San Diego State University (College of Extended Studies), *Rethinking the curriculum*. Includes session by Mary Midgley, “Why smartness is not enough!”
With issue of *Current Issues in Higher Education: Writing across the curriculum* (American Association for Higher Education, no.3, 1983-84)
Conference reported in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, vol.35 no.43, 5 July 1989, p.A11-12 (available from ProQuest as in catalogue entry)

MID/A/146/1-6  March-April 1990
Conference at San Francisco State University, *Animal rights and our human relationship to the biosphere*, including addresses/sessions by Mary Midgley, “The vulnerable world and its claims on us”, “Animals and why they matter”, and “Women, animals and other awkward cases”. Letters, program and newspaper reports

MID/A/147/1-5  8-12 July 1991
Conference on Global History at Bellagio (Italy), organised by Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Letter, outline program and venue information, with typescript of paper by Mary Midgley, “Response to Neva Goodwin's paper, 'The rounding of the earth: ecology and global history'”

MID/A/148  2-3 March 1992
Workshop, *Philosophy of nature/animal biotechnology*, at Amsterdam, organised by The Hastings Centre. List of participants

MID/A/149/1-6  12-13 November 1992
*Environmental Ethics* meeting in Brno, Czechoslovakia, organised by The Hastings Center. Letter, synopsis for case studies, list of participants and papers relating to the Nové Mlýny dam conflict
MID/A/150 14-16 June 2002
Invitation letter with outline of programme, list of invitees and outline notes, for Engelsberg Seminar, *Consciousness, genetics and society*, held in Avesta, Sweden by the Ax:son Johnson Foundation. See MID/A/45 for further items from this seminar.

MID/A/151 26-28 May 2009
Email concerning arrangements for conference by European Commission Research Directorate, *Sustainable development: a challenge for European research*, at Brussels

UK talks and lectures (admin)
MID/A/152-159 1980-2012
Correspondence, emails and other administrative paperwork for talks and lectures given by Mary Midgley within the UK. See MID/A/115-136 for copies of and drafts for talks. ½ box

For talks to 1662 Society (London), Philosophy of Education Society (London), International Bioethics Institute (at Cambridge) and University of Glasgow (Department of Adult and Continuing Education)

MID/A/153 2002
For talks for BBC Radio (Science Unit), Soil Association, University of Hull Philosophy Society, Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, Templeton Foundation (at University of Kent), Oxford University (*Anglo-American Humans and Nature Forum*) and ? Gresham College (*Science and Human Agency: genes, drugs and behaviour conference*)

MID/A/154 2003
For talks at Liverpool John Moores University (*Gaia debate*), University of Cambridge (*Who twists the helix?* conference), King Alfred's College Winchester (*Mystics and scientists* conference), BBC Radio 4 (*Women's Hour* and *A Good Read*) and National Institute for Medical Research (Colston Lecture, “Taking the planet seriously”)

MID/A/155 2005
Talks for Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship (at Said Business School, Oxford), and launch of Gifford Lectures Online (at Edinburgh Book Festival). From www.giffordlectures.org, Mary Midgley gave the 1989/90 lecture at Edinburgh University, on “Science and salvation”.

MID/A/156 2006
Talks for Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Newcastle University (on Nussbaum, *Hiding from Humanity*), Serpentine Galleries (as MID/E/21), Food Animal Initiative, a conference at St Deiniol's and Edinburgh University Philosophy Society
MID/A/157 2007
Talks for Institute of Psychoanalysis, Durham University (Institute of Advanced Study, on *Race, religion and inheritance*), Science and religion forum (conference *Theology, evolution and the mind*), Science Café at Hay Festival, the BBC (on the Wilberforce/Huxley encounter and who said what to who about Iraq) and Newcastle Philosophy Society (on “Are we social animals?”). Last three undated but probably mid/late 2000s.

MID/A/158 2010
Talks for University of Liverpool (*Other ways of seeing*, in honour of Stephen R.L. Clark, as MID/A/135), BBC Radio 4 (*Start the week*) and the RSA (with Matthew Taylor)

MID/A/159 2012
Programmes for APIS (spring 2012, with William Charlton, Claire Lamont and Ian Ground), and *How the Light Gets In* (philosophy festival at Hay). Correspondence for talks to International Society for Anthrozoology (Cambridge), International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry (Nottingham) and Ponteland Senior Gentlemen's Club

Lists of talks available
MID/A/160 1985-1987 and 1995
Lists of talks offered by Mary Midgley, the 1980s lists including a brief note for each title
1 file
Letters to the press
MID/A/161 1978-2014
Letters written to the Guardian and New Scientist, either the text as submitted by Mary Midgley (or in one case her son), or a copy/cutting of the letter as printed. This file includes only a small proportion of Midgley's letters. They have been listed within this section rather than within the publications at MID/C, as they are more akin to interventions within a debate or discussion (philosophy in progress) than to final published outputs. Some are however included within the bibliography by Ian Kidd within Science and the Self (2016) or online

“Why Darwin's theory is the fittest to survive”, in Guardian, 8 December 1978 (on earlier anti-evolutionary letters): extract from newspaper
“Heat of animal passions”, in [Guardian], 29 March 1996 (on Charity Commission ruling concerning RSPCA campaigns): cutting (extract from related news article on reverse), with earlier letter from Chief Charity Commissioner
“Good god guide”, in New Scientist, 25 March 2006 (on Daniel Dennett and mimetics): text as submitted and photocopy as published
Reply to letter from Daniel Dennett in New Scientist, 29 April 2006 (“Misrepresenting memes”), apparently unpublished: text as submitted
“It's no miracle”, in New Scientist, 15 July 2006 (in response to review by Chris Nunn of Nicholas Humphrey, Seeing red: a study in consciousness): text as submitted
“Moral brains”, in New Scientist, 27 November 2010 (on rivalry between science and philosophy/religion, specifically Patricia Churchland on neurobiological explanations): text as submitted
“He holds us with his glittering eye”, in Guardian, 16 April 2011 (on memorising poems): cutting as published
“Existential issues”, in New Scientist, 10 September 2011 (with Peter Hacker, Jane Heal and Anthony O'Hear, on scientists and predictions of the future): text as submitted and cutting as published
Letter from Martin Midgley [son] to New Scientist (on use of statistics to predict human survival), submitted 5 March 2012 [? not published]
“Mystery of the mind”, in Guardian, 9 March 2012 (on consciousness studies and brain science, answering a comment piece by Barry Smith): text as submitted and cutting as published, with cutting of original comment piece
“Dresden, drones and victims of war”, in Guardian, 25 June 2012 (on use of drones in Pakistan): text as submitted
“Going Erewhon fast”, in Guardian, 30 August 2012 (on exam results and teaching to the test): cutting as published
“Choose free will”, in New Scientist, 1 September 2012 (on brain experiments by Benjamin Libet and consciousness): text as submitted
“The golden age of female philosophy”, in Guardian, 29 November 2013 (answering an article by Jonathan Wolff, “How can we end the male domination of philosophy?”, with cuttings of article, Midgley's letter as published, and a further letter from Joanna Hodge)
“Mind and body”, in New Scientist, 11 January 2014 (on consciousness and in response to Patricia Churchland): text as submitted
“Trade off”, in New Scientist, 22 February 2014 (on differences between humans and other animals): text as submitted
“Infinitely confusing”, in *New Scientist*, 22 March 2014 (on the theory of infinitely many universes): text as submitted

“False logic of those opposing assisted dying”, in *Guardian*, 21 July 2014: text as submitted and cutting as published

For some other letters, see: MID/A/23 (*New Scientist*, 1987), MID/A/61 (*Guardian* and *New Scientist*, 1999)

1 file

Newcastle University Philosophy Department

MID/B 1977-2001

Files relating to the work of the Philosophy Department at Newcastle University, or accrued while Mary Midgley worked there (1964-1980)

¼ metre

MID/B/1 1979-1980
Three letters from former students

MID/B/2 1978-1979 and 1984
Correspondence with Gerhard D[ietrich] Wasserman, particularly in relation to his interventions at, and request to address, the Royal Institute of Philosophy local branch. With 1984 letter to Jenny Teichman of New Hall, Cambridge. Original file cover marked (by Midgley), 'Paranoia corner'

MID/B/3 1978
Script for departmental pantomime, *Cinderella: a philosophical pantomime*, by Simon Thirsk (with corrections and note of cast)

MID/B/4 [early 1980s]

MID/B/5 [1970s/1980s]
Script for 'competition', viz parody of a multi-choice examination paper on a range of philosophical subjects (“...the right answers to the following questions have been determined on a basis of pure chance”)
MID/B/6  1977-2001
Miscellaneous items apparently sent to Mary Midgley at the Newcastle University Philosophy department. Most were kept in a box (since destroyed) marked ‘exhibits’.

/2. Advertising sheet for The Cosmoton by Dr Hubert Palm (“a cosmobiological therapeutic apparatus, a universal protector, a pendant”), undated
/3-5. Invitation to participate in the World assembly on law, justice and rehabilitation to be hosted by the World Government of the Age of Enlightenment in Seelisberg, Switzerland, with envelope and programme for Inauguration of a global initiative for invincibility to every nation, 1977-1978
/6. Booklet, Zero times infinity, 1977 (see library catalogue entry)
/7. Pamphlet, Why are there ‘gays’ at all?, 1978 (see library catalogue entry)
/8. Letter from James R. Spink formerly of Bigfoot Research Society, on reading Midgley’s Beast and Man, suggesting that she read books dictated by Jane Roberts for an incarnate spirit called Seth, annotated on back with names [of departmental staff members]
/9-14. Invitation with outline programmes and agenda for 11th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences to be held at Philadelphia (under title, The search for absolute values and the creation of the new world), from International Cultural Foundation Inc (founder Sun Myung Moon), 1982. Annotated with [tongue-in-cheek] proposal to send [a colleague]
/15. Newsletter of International Cultural Foundation, ICF Report, vol.1 no.1, April 1983
/17. Copy of poems from the New Scientist, “The philosopher” by M. Hammerton and “The psychologist” by John R. Morss (both based on W.S. Gilbert's I am the very model...), 1983
/19. Alleged text of a rejection slip from a Chinese economic journal, undated
/20. Postcard to Mary Midgley advertising 'noetic art' by Maryann Shores, forwarded on by department, 2001
MID/B/7  1985-1988
File "Defending philosophy 1986", concerning the campaign to retain a Philosophy Department at Newcastle University. Includes Mary Midgley's circular letter to fellow philosophers (June 1986, "we ought to do some public philosophizing"), with reply from Peter Strawson (photocopy and transcript). Also articles:

Two articles by Midgley for the Guardian (Body and Soul column), "Do not rip out essential plumbing" (19 June 1985) and "Thinking about it" (25 February 1987)
Letters to editors from Midgley, George MacDonald Ross (National Committee for Philosophy), Tony McWalter, Robin Attfield, Tony Allwright and others
Articles on the closure by Newcastle University of its philosophy department, from the Newcastle Evening Chronicle
Newspaper and journal articles by Lachlan Chipman (Canberra Times), R.M. Hare (Guardian), Michael Dummett ("Universities at risk", The Tablet, 30 May 1987), Simon Thirsk (Newcastle Journal) and Independent (leader article)
Includes note on origins and activities of the National Committee for Philosophy (by George MacDonald Ross, 1988), two typescript letters by Midgley on other matters (studying philosophy at Oxford during wartime and philosophy discussions at Nottingham University) and Philosophy graduates and jobs: a report prepared for the Royal Institute of Philosophy by Peter Ratcliffe and Martin Warner (Royal Institute of Philosophy and University of Warwick, 1986).

MID/B/8  2001
Notes, prospectus, correspondence and course outlines in connection with Philosophical Studies programme, led by Professor Milan Jaros within Centre for Research in Knowledge Science and Society at Newcastle University

MID/B/9  23 October 2007
Inaugural address of Chris Brink as Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, 3 p.
Sentence relating to the civic university and knowledge economy highlighted

Published and broadcast outputs
MID/C  1942-2012
The earlier items from 1940s-1960s (MID/C/1-24) were written or broadcast under Mary's birth name (Scrutton). From the 1970s (and for her philosophical work), articles and reviews are all published under her married name (Midgley). This series includes some unpublished fiction, poetry and plays as well as her published articles and reviews. See also bibliography at start of this catalogue and online.
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Related material in other DUL collections: For recorded or published interviews with Mary Midgley, see section MID/E/14-33. Drafts of articles (if retained) will generally be found within MID/A, along with copies of talks and lectures, and letters to the press are at MID/A/161.
See the following files for additional offprints or as-published copies of articles: MID/A/36 (Philosophy, 1974 and 1978), MID/A/67 (Gaia Circular, 1999), MID/A/69 (The Month, 1999), MID/A/85B (The Tablet, 2001), MID/A/88 (Dangers of Deterrence, 1983), MID/A/131 (Philosophy Now, 2001/2002)
For files relating to publication of her books (with some readers' reports and published reviews), see section MID/D.
early reviews
MID/C/1 1951-1963
News cuttings and galley proofs for reviews (chiefly of novels), all from *New Statesman and Nation* (from 1957/8 *New Statesman*). Published under the name Mary Scrutton (or variant spellings as stated). See MID/C/109-189 for later reviews.
1 folder

MID/C/1/1 [ca.1956]
Review, under the title “The push-me pull-you women”, apparently from *New Statesman and Nation* (incomplete fragment, similar printing to MID/C/1/2), of Alva Myrdal and Viola Klein, *Women’s two roles* (Routledge, [1956])
1f

MID/C/1/2 [ca.1957]
1f

MID/C/1/3 28 July 1951
2f

MID/C/1/4 30 October 1954
Reviews of following novels, under the title “New Novels”, from *New Statesman and Nation*: Kate Christie, *Smith* (Collins) Dorothy Charques, *The valley* (Murray) Antonia White, *Beyond the glass* (Eyre & Spottiswoode) Margaret Lane, *A crown of convolvulus* (Heinemann)
2f

MID/C/1/5 28 April 1956
1f

MID/C/1/6 26 May 1956
1f

MID/C/1/7 16 June 1956
Review, under the title “Outsiderismus”, from *New Statesman and Nation*, of Colin Wilson, *The outsider* (Gollancz)
2f
MID/C/1/8  [ca.1958]
1f

MID/C/1/9  18 February [1957]
1f

MID/C/1/10  19 November [1956]
1f

MID/C/1/11  16 July [1957]
1f

MID/C/1/12  11 November [1957]
1f

MID/C/1/13  [ca.1957]
Review, apparently under title “Mrs Dale, B.A.”, from [New Statesman] (galley proof, uncorrected, name written as May Souton), of [Judith Hubback], *Wives who went to College* ([Heinemann, 1957])
1f
25 March [1957]
1f

[ca.1963]
1f

radio scripts

1949-[1990s] (chiefly before 1957)
All scripts are typescripts, usually with minor corrections, and are either presumed or stated to be for the BBC Third Programme, except as noted. Broadcast under name 'Mary Scrutton', except as stated.
See also scripts published in *The Listener*, at MID/C/26. Her *Owl of Minerva* (p.180-181) includes references to appearing on BBC Radio programmes *Woman's Hour* (summer 1953) and *A Word in Edgeways* (? 1950s).
The British Library Sound Archive includes the following recordings featuring Mary Midgley:“Human & Animal Rights”, recorded at ICA, with Pat Caplin, Tim Ingold and Jean La Fontaine (10 November 1988), British Library refs C95/415 and F613“Planet of the apes”, broadcast on BBC Two as “The Exploratory”, with Roy Porter and others (22 February 1994), British Library ref V2870/02“The solitary self”, recorded at RSA, London, with Matthew Taylor (20 September 2010), British Library ref C494/1719“The self is not an illusion”, recorded at RSA, London, with Rob Newman (22 May 2014), British Library ref C494/2150

½ box

undated [1950s]
Script for review of Mrs Henry Wood, *East Lynne* [1861], under title “Free Fall”
9f

undated [1950s]
Script for talk “Rings & Books”, looking at the numbers of unmarried philosophers. According to *The Owl of Minerva*, this script was rejected by the Third Programme producer, Aniouta Kallin (p.181), and never broadcast.
9f

undated [1950s]
Two versions of scripts for “Spook Pictures” or “The Ghostly Gallery”, recounting a dream about an art gallery populated with exhibits by characters in fiction. Undated but references Dr Verwoerd [Hendrik Verwoerd, Prime Minister of South Africa 1958-1966 but politically active from 1948].
7f + 10f

[ca.1949]
Script for review of Whately Carington, *Mind, matter and meaning* [1949], under title ”What are we made of? or Don't shoot the psychical researcher”
10f

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MID/C/6  [ca.1950]
Script for review of Cecil Woodham Smith, Florence Nightingale [1950]
8f

MID/C/7  [1952]
Script for “Letter to posterity”, “to give ... the Woman’s Point of View”, and referencing birth of her son Thomas [born December 1950]
See MID/C/26 for copy of this talk as published in The Listener, 27 March 1952
10f

MID/C/8  [ca.1952]
Script for review of Angus Wilson, Hemlock and after [1952], under title “The price of hemlock” (producer Anna Kallin)
6f

MID/C/9  5 July 1952 (broadcast date)
Script for review of [Margaret Cole, ed.], Beatrice Webb’s diaries 1912-1924, for Third Programme (producer Anna Kallin)
6f

MID/C/10  18 August 1952
Two versions of scripts (both heavily corrected) for “Narcissus on Helicon”, or “The pursuit of one’s own image in prophecy and history”, one dated by Mary
11f + 6f

MID/C/11  8 January 1953 (broadcast date)
Script for review of (probably) E.R. Dodds, The Greeks and the irrational [1951], under title “Haunted Hellas” (producer Anna Kallin)
7f

MID/C/12  [? late 1950s]
5f (plus correction slip)

MID/C/13  9 August 1956
2f

MID/C/14  6 October 1956 (transmission date)
Script for review of Alan Pryce-Jones (ed), The new outline of modern knowledge (1956), for Third Programme (producer D.S. Carne-Ross)
9f

MID/C/15  21 November 1962 (transmission date)
Script for review of Samuel Richardson, Pamela, or virtue rewarded, for Network Three (series “Unread classics”, producer Arthur Langford)
19f

MID/C/16  July 1979
Script for “Sounding off” (on ‘stiffle’ at parties), heavily corrected, under name Mary Midgley
4f
MID/C/17A  13 April 1981 ( Recording date, noted as [broadcast] 5 May)
Script for review of Samuel Richardson, Clarissa, under name Mary Midgley
(series “What books I please”)
16f

MID/C/17B  24 January 2001
Printed draft for contribution to [BBC Radio 4], The Moral Maze, under title, “Has
science done more harm or good?” , under name Mary Midgley. Undated, but
date confirmed by BBC Moral Maze programme team.

poetry and plays
MID/C/18-21  [? chiefly 1942]
Unpublished poetry and scripts for plays, perhaps all written for Downe House school
ca.1942
¼ box

MID/C/18  [? 1942]
Two versions of “Fragment from a Clicheiad, in at least 25 books” (mock epic
poem), apparently written for the “Remove and Fourth forms”
2f

MID/C/19  [? 1942]
Script for play, “Workers’ playtime”, featuring a teacher and pupil from Downe
House school stranded at a secret wartime factory
9f

MID/C/20  [? 1942]
Script for play, “Gone away: a comedy of the Regency”, featuring characters
Charles James Fox, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Edmund Burke and others
9f plus covers

MID/C/21  [? 1942]
Script for play, “Olympian prejudice” (at least three copies, apparently partly
disordered)
84f

novel and short stories
MID/C/22-24  [late 1950s to 1963]
Unpublished novel (as Owl of Minerva p.182-183) and two short stories (with rejection
letters)
small box + 2 files

MID/C/22  [late 1950s]
Typescript of Wintersault: a novel, with rejection letter from Russell & Volkening
(literary agents, New York) dated 23 June 1980. Noted as written in the late
1950s in The Owl of Minerva p.182
209f (at least one page noted as lost) + title page, covered ring binder and letter
1f

MID/C/23  November-December 1962 (date of letters)
Typescripts for short story The Hobby (two copies, one heavily corrected), with
letters of rejection from Woman’s Journal and Woman’s Realm (both objecting
to the theme of tattooing within the story). One copy of the story is superscribed
Mary Scrutton, letters are written to her as Mrs Midgley.
19f + 20f + 2f
MID/C/24  9 January 1963 (date of letter)
Typescripts for short story *The official world* (three copies, one with corrections and one dated 23 February 1963), with letter of rejection (as “not suitable”) from *Woman’s Journal*. Typescripts are superscribed Mary Scrutton, letters are written to her as Mrs Midgley.
19f + 19f + 19f + 1f

journal articles 1950s
MID/C/25-33  1950-1959
All published under the name Mary Scrutton, chiefly in *The Twentieth Century* ¼ box
Other catalogues: Listed within the library printed catalogue, where they can be found by doing a shelfmark search.

journal articles from 1972
MID/C/34-102, 195-208  1972-2012
2 boxes
Other catalogues: Listed within the library printed catalogue, where they can be found by doing a shelfmark search.

Articles marked up for reprinting
MID/C/103  [ca.1996]
Set of articles marked up by Mary Midgley for reprinting. All but the last appeared as chapters within her *Utopias, Dolphins and Computers* (Routledge, 1996), as noted below, but in some cases were originally marked up with slightly different chapter numbers as noted. Whether this collection represents an earlier selection of articles for reprinting in *Utopias*..., or for another work (not published), is unknown. A set of page proofs for her “Reductive Megalomania” (published 1996 in John Cornwell (ed.), *Nature’s imagination*...) can be found in file MID/A/78, and is marked in a similar way with the number 10 (though not included within *Utopias*...).

/4. “Sex and personal identity”, originally published 1984 (*Utopias*... chapter 6, originally marked 5): photocopy, with minor annotations
/5. “Freedom, feminism and war”, originally published 1987 (*Utopias*... chapter 7, originally marked 6): extract, not corrected
/6. “Beasts versus the biosphere?” originally published 1992 (not reprinted, originally marked 9a): photocopy
1 folder
Other catalogues: Bibliographic details for the above articles can be found within the library printed catalogue, using a shelfmark search.
Monographs (pamphlets)
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Other catalogues: Listed within the library printed catalogue, where they can be found
d by doing a shelfmark search.

Related material in other DUL collections: These and other monographs (books) by
Mary Midgley are listed within the library catalogue: see links from the bibliography
at start of this catalogue.

Reviews by Mary Midgley
MID/C/109-189  1974-2012
For earlier reviews (published under the name 'Mary Scrutton'), see MID/C/1. For
reviews by other people of Mary's books, see section MID/D.

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Additional reviews by Mary Midgley which are not represented within her papers
include the following (this is not a comprehensive list): of Roderick Frazier Nash, The
Rights of Nature, published under title “What Rights Does a Seagull Have?” in
Commonweal (16 June 1989), p.376 of Hugo Anthony Meynell, Freud, Marx, and
Morals, of Francis Jeanson, Sartre and the Problem of Morality, of Ronald W. Clark,
Freud: The Man and the Cause, of John Cohen, The Lineaments of Mind, of John
Thorpe, A Defence Against Neurophysiological Determinism, of Walter J. Ong, Fighting
for Life and of Lawrence A. Blum, Friendship, Altruism and Morality, published under
title “On Facts & Values: How to deal with dragons” in Encounter (October 1981)
p.50-55 of Donald R. Griffin, Animal Thinking and L. Weiskrantz, Animal Intelligence,
published under title “Embarrassing Relatives: Humans & other intelligent animals” in
Encounter (March 1986), p.40-42

MID/C/109  [1974]
Review by Mary Midgley of John Passmore, Man's responsibility for nature
(1974), published under title “New books” (journal unknown), photocopy

MID/C/110  [1979]
Review by Mary Midgley of Irenäus Eibl-Eibesfeldt (transl. Eric Mosbacher), The
biology of peace and war: men, animals and aggression (1979), published
under title “Heart of darkness” in Inquiry (24 December 1979), p.27, corrected
typescript draft, apparently incomplete (typed onto scrap paper)

MID/C/111  Spring 1981
Review by Mary Midgley of Ben-Ami Scharfstein, The philosophers, published
under title “The mighty dead philosophers” in [New Universities Quarterly], cutting

MID/C/112  Summer 1981
Reviews by Mary Midgley of Martha Vicinus (ed), Suffer and be still: women in
the Victorian Age and A widening sphere: changing roles of Victorian women,
and of Janet Radcliffe Richards, The sceptical feminist, a philosophical enquiry,
published under title “Feminism without fantasy” in [New Universities Quarterly],
cutting

MID/C/113  19 November 1981
Review by Mary Midgley of Douglas R. Hofstadter and Daniel C. Dennett (eds),
The mind's I: fantasies and reflections on self and soul, published under title
“Lasers through the looking-glass” in New Society, photocopy
January 1982
Review by Mary Midgley of Uffe J. Jenson and Rom Harré (eds), The philosophy of evolution (1981), published under title “Non-genetic mutations” in [Times Literary Supplement], typescript draft with (mostly) minor corrections

[1982]
Review by Mary Midgley of Anne Coote and Beatrix Campbell, Sweet freedom: the struggle for women’s liberation, published under title “Which way is left?” in New Society, galley proof

12 March 1983
Review by Mary Midgley of Melvin Konner, The tangled wing: biological constraints on the human spirit, published under title “Readmitting the dark” in The Tablet, photocopy

[December] 1983

10 September 1983
Review by Mary Midgley of Bruno Bettelheim, Freud and man’s soul, published under title “Putting us right about Freud” in The Tablet, cutting

7 April 1984
Review by Mary Midgley of Colin Turnbull, The human cycle, published under title “Cultures in contrast” in The Tablet, cutting
Also review by Judith Hughes of Tom Regan, The case for animal rights, from same

May-June 1984
Review by Mary Midgley of Tom Regan, The case for animal rights, published under title “Moral map” in Resurgence, cutting

28 September 1984
Reviews by Mary Midgley of David Boucher, The feminist challenge, Hester Eisenstein, Contemporary feminist thought, and Juliet Mitchell, Women: the longest revolution, published under title “Crisis in the movement” in Times Literary Supplement, cutting

18-31 October 1984
Reviews by Mary Midgley of Barbara Harford and Sarah Hopkins (eds), Greenham Common: women at the wire, and of Freeman Dyson, Weapons and hope, published under title “Shouting across the gulf” in London Review of Books, extract

[1984]
Review by Mary Midgley of Nicholas Maxwell, From knowledge to wisdom: a revolution in the aims and methods of science (1984), published under title “Is wisdom forgotten?” (journal unknown), typescript draft with minor corrections

[April 1984]
Review by Mary Midgley of Sissela Bok, Secrets: on the ethics of concealment and revelation, published under title “Veils and violations” in [Times Literary Supplement], photocopy
MID/C/125  [December] 1985
Review by Mary Midgley of Robert Boakes, From Darwin to Behaviourism: 
psychology and the minds of animals, published in The British Journal for the 
Philosophy of Science, proof copy

MID/C/126  autumn 1986
Review by Mary Midgley of Nicholas Maxwell, From knowledge to wisdom: a 
revolution in the aims and methods of science, published under title “Is wisdom 
forgotten?” in Universities Quarterly: culture, education and society vol.40, no.4 
(whole issue of journal)

MID/C/127  5 February 1987
Review by Mary Midgley of Vicki Hearne, Adam's task: calling animals by name, 
published under title “Who did you say was dumb?” in London Review of Books, 
photocopy

MID/C/128  10 July 1987
Reviews by Mary Midgley of Hugh Miall, Nuclear weapons, who’s in charge?, 
of Roman Kolkowicz (ed), Dilemmas of nuclear strategy and of Robert 
Macnamara, Blundering into disaster: surviving the first century of the nuclear 
age, published under title “To what end?” in Guardian, cutting and corrected 
typescript draft (latter also covering Ann Pettit, D.I.Y. Detente: a guide to meeting 
people in the Soviet Union)

MID/C/129  [1987]
Review by Mary Midgley of Nicholas A. Rupke (ed), Vivisection in historical 
perspective (1987), publication date/source unknown, typescript draft

MID/C/130  29 September 1988
Review by Mary Midgley of Helga Kuhse and Peter Singer (eds), Bioethics 
vol.335, p.476 (photocopy)

MID/C/131  25 June 1989
Review by Mary Midgley of Yi-Fu Tuan, Morality and imagination: Paradoxes 
of progress, published under title “How I ought vs how I do” in The New York 
Times Book Review, extract

MID/C/132  18 May 1990
Review by Mary Midgley of Ivan Tolstoy, The knowledge and the power: 
reflections on the history of science, published under title “From chaos to ... 
chaos” in New Statesman and Society, proof copy

MID/C/133  [1990]
Reviews by Mary Midgley of Gordon E. Michelson, Jr, Fallen freedom: Kant on 
radical evil and moral regeneration (1990), and of John Kekes, Facing evil 
(1990), publication date/journal unknown, photocopy

MID/C/134  [1991]
Reviews by Mary Midgley of Rom Harré, Physical being (1991), and of Roy 
Bhaskar (ed), Harré and his critics (1990), under title “People and their bodies” 
(publication unknown), corrected typescript
MID/C/135 13 April 1992
Review by Mary Midgley of Bryan Appleyard, *Understanding the present: science and the soul of modern man*, published under title “Free from the monster of science” in *Life and Times* [part of *The Times* newspaper], photocopy

MID/C/136 21 November 1992
Review by Mary Midgley of Lewis Wolpert, *The unnatural nature of science*, published under title “Humanity under the white coat” in *Times*, cutting

MID/C/137 [1992]

MID/C/138 18 June 1993

MID/C/139 April 1993
Review by Mary Midgley of Mary Warnock, *The uses of philosophy*, published in *Philosophical Investigations*, vol.16 no.2 (whole issue of journal)

MID/C/140 October 1993

MID/C/141 24 March 1994

MID/C/142 [1994]

MID/C/143 26 May 1995

MID/C/144 4 April 1996

MID/C/145 1 June 1996
MID/C/146  25 October 1996
Review by Mary Midgley of Keith Ward, *God, chance and necessity*, corrected draft under title “Bizarre imperialism”, noted as published in *Tablet*

MID/C/147  [1996]
Review by Mary Midgley of Paola Cavalieri and Peter Singer (eds), *The great ape project: equality beyond humanity* (1996), draft printout under title “Who are they?” (publication unknown)

MID/C/148  1997

MID/C/149  [1997]

MID/C/150  [1997]
Review by Mary Midgley of Anthony O’Hear, *Beyond evolution: human nature and the limits of evolutionary explanation* (1997), draft printout (publication unknown)

MID/C/151  17 July 1998
Review by Mary Midgley of Edward O. Wilson, *Consilience: the unity of knowledge*, published under title “A well-meaning cannibal” in *Commonweal* (cutting)

MID/C/152  31 October 1998

MID/C/153  21 May 1999

MID/C/154  24 May 1999
Review by Mary Midgley of Marian Stamp Dawkins, *Through our eyes only? The search for animal consciousness*, published under title “Descartes' prisoners” in *New Statesman* (cutting)

MID/C/155  10 June 1999
Review by Mary Midgley of Michael Nichols and Jane Goodall, *Brutal kinship*, published under title “Apes and their place in our world” in *Nature*, vol.399, p.537 (photocopy)

MID/C/156  [? 4 July] 1999
MID/C/157  6 September 1999
Review by Mary Midgley of Steve Jones, _Almost like a whale: the origin of species updated_, published under title “Monkey business” in _New Statesman_ (cutting)

MID/C/158  13 March 2000
Review by Mary Midgley of Christopher Boehm, _Hierarchy in the forest: the evolution of egalitarian behavior_, published under title “Both nice and nasty” in _New Statesman_ (cutting)

MID/C/159  March-April 2000

MID/C/160  6 October 2000
Review by Mary Midgley of Raymond Tallis, _On the edge of certainty_, published under title “The correct change for life’s bus” in _Times Higher Education Supplement_ (cutting)

MID/C/161  October 2000
Review by Mary Midgley of Kenan Malik, _Man, beast and zombie: what science can and cannot tell us about human nature_, draft printout, noted as published in _Evening Standard_

MID/C/162  [2000]
Review by Mary Midgley of [John Ziman], _Real science: what it is and what it means_ (2000), publication not traced (draft printout, 8 p.)

MID/C/163  6 January 2001
Review by Mary Midgley of Mary Warnock, _A memoir: people and places_, published under title “Society's moral philosopher” in _The Tablet_ (cutting)

MID/C/164  10 February 2001
Review by Mary Midgley of Anne Primavesi, _Sacred Gaia: holistic theology and earth system science_, published under title “Taking the earth seriously” in _The Tablet_ (cutting)

MID/C/165  [February 2001]
Review by Mary Midgley of James Lovelock, _Homage to Gaia: the life of an independent scientist_, published in _Environmental Values_, vol.10, no.1, p.141-142 (draft printout as published plus shorter version with title “Standing up for the earth”)

MID/C/166  14 September 2001
Review by Mary Midgley of Philippa Foot, _Natural goodness_, and of Simon Blackburn, _Being good: a short introduction to ethics_, published under title “Reflecting in the house of moral mirrors” in _The Times Higher_ (cutting)
MID/C/167  12 April 2002
Review by Mary Midgley of Robert Nozick, *Invariances: the structure of the objective world*, published under title “ETs and a search for wobbly truths” in *The Times Higher* (cutting)

MID/C/168  21 June 2002

MID/C/169  21 September 2002
Review by Mary Midgley of Steven Pinker, *The blank slate: the modern denial of human nature*, published under title “It's all in the mind” in *Guardian* (cutting, with corrected draft printout under title, “Right diagnosis, wrong prescription”, and printed text for a different review headed “Psychology?”, publication unknown)

MID/C/170  8 August 2003

MID/C/171  1 March 2003
Review by Mary Midgley of Daniel C. Dennett, *Freedom evolves*, published under title “Fate by fluke” in *Guardian* (cutting)

MID/C/172  27 September 2003
Review by Mary Midgley of Charles Pasternak, *Quest: the essence of humanity*, published under title “Curiouser and curiouser” in *Guardian*, cutting

MID/C/173  [2003]
Review by Mary Midgley of John Dupré, *Darwin's legacy: what evolution means today* (2003), publication unknown (printout, 2 p.)

MID/C/174  January 2004

MID/C/175  13 February 2004
Review by Mary Midgley of David Lorimer, *Radical prince: the practical vision of the Prince of Wales*, published in *Times Literary Supplement* (draft printout)

MID/C/176  [14 April 2004]
Review by Mary Midgley of Clive D.L. Wynne, *Do animals think?*, and of Jeffrey Masson, *The pig who sang to the moon*, published under title “Us and them” in *[New Statesman]* (cutting, undated, plus draft printout annotated with publication details)

MID/C/177  5 June 2004
MID/C/178  September 2005

MID/C/179  27 January 2006
Review by Mary Midgley of Chris Nunn, *De La Mettrie's ghost: the story of decisions*, published under title “How to attain a free spirit” in *Times Higher Education Supplement* (cutting, annotated 'much altered', plus draft printout as sent)

MID/C/180  1 May 2006

MID/C/181  2006
Review by Mary Midgley of Niles Eldredge, *Why we do it: rethinking sex and the selfish gene*, published under title “Sex, speciation and selfishness” (though published version seems to swap Midgley's and Eldredge's titles) in *Heredity*, vol.96, p.271-272 (extract and draft printout as sent)

MID/C/182  1 September 2006
Review by Mary Midgley of Jonathan Balcombe, *Pleasurable kingdom: animals and the nature of feeling good*, published under title “Why shouldn't we expect the cat that got the cream to purr like a kitten? It feels, too” in *Times Higher Education Supplement* (cutting and draft printout)

MID/C/183  7 October 2006
Review by Mary Midgley of Richard Dawkins, *The God delusion*, published under title “Imagine there's no heaven” in *New Scientist* (cutting and draft printout)

MID/C/184  September/October 2009

MID/C/185  2009
Review by Mary Midgley of Iain McGilchrist, *The master and his emissary: the divided brain and the making of the Western world*, publication not traced (typescript, 2 p.)

MID/C/186  6 February 2010

MID/C/187  5 February 2011
Review by Mary Midgley of Nicholas Humphrey, *Soul dust: the magic of consciousness*, published under title “Mind and matter” in *Guardian* (extract)

MID/C/188  28 January 2012
Review by Mary Midgley of Rupert Sheldrake, *The science of delusion: freeing the spirit of enquiry*, published under title “With eyes wide open: we must find a new way of understanding human beings” in *Guardian* (cutting and printed draft)
Review by Mary Midgley of Raymond Tallis, *Aping mankind, neuromania, Darwinitis and the misrepresentation of humanity* (2011), publication not traced (printed draft, marked 'Sent 14 Dec', written on back of scrap paper containing an earlier draft of same review)

Newspaper articles

**MID/C/190-194**  1982-2011

Shorter articles (excluding book reviews, for which see MID/C/109-189), chiefly from the *Guardian* and some other newspapers or magazines. This series is far from a complete record of Midgley's newspaper articles: some others are listed within Ian Kidd's published and online bibliography.

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*Related material in other DUL collections:* For contributions to *Comment is Free: Belief* section of *Guardian* website (and some *Face to Faith* columns in print version of same newspaper), 2008-2010, see file MID/A/50. For series of articles on Hobbes, *Leviathan*, published in the *Guardian*, 2009, see file MID/A/51.

**MID/C/190**  1984-1988

Published articles from the "Body and Soul" column within the *Guardian*. Includes mix of cuttings (most mounted on scrap paper by Mary Midgley) and photocopies, in date order. A few include earlier articles which have inspired comment or response by Midgley. Included with her article "Creature Comfort" (14 May 1986) is a response from Nicholas Humphrey and a further letter in reply from Midgley. Includes letters from the editor inviting Midgley to contribute to "Body and Soul", 1984

**MID/C/191**  1984-2009

Other published articles from the *Guardian* (cuttings and photocopies, almost certainly an incomplete set), as follows:

- “Why the feminists cannot succeed if they try to go it alone”, 4 Jan 1984
- “A theory of economic gravity” [on 'trickle-down' theory], 27 July 1988
- “Competitive folk in procurement” [on nuclear weapons decision makers], 25 Nov 1988
- “The Peckham pioneers” [on the Peckham Pioneer Health Centre, with draft], 1 Dec 1989
- “Try learning from Benjamin Franklin” [on John Patten's proposals for moral education], 23 Mar 1993
- “Rights and wrongs” [on teaching of morals in schools], 16 Jan 1996
- “To do the decent thing” [on hypocrisy, with letters to Editor in response], 2 Feb 1996
- “Away with superstition” [on kinship with the rest of nature], 21 Mar 1996
- “Double Trouble” [on cloning], 25 Feb 1997
- “The hunt faces death”, 10 Apr 1997
- “Drumcree and freedom” [on Orange Order marches], 10 July 1998
- “The bankers' vision is limited” [on free trade], 24 Aug 2001
- “Enough is never enough” [on energy consumption], 28 Nov 2002
- “Proud not to be a doctor” [on PhD training], 3 Oct 2005
Published articles from other newspapers or magazines (excluding Guardian, for which see MID/C/191), viz:

“Viewpoint: selves and shadows”, in Times Literary Supplement, 30 July 1982
“Logic of disaster: the case for Philosophy”, in Times Higher Education Supplement, 8 July 1988
“A report of the Church & Society meeting in Brazil”, in World Council of Churches Church and Society Newsletter, [1988] (see also MID/A/144)
“The morality of creature comfort”, in Times Higher Education Supplement, 11 July 1997 (draft, titled Blowing up agribusiness)
“Why Clones?”, in Network [i.e. Network Review, journal of The Scientific and Medical Network] (Spring 2004)
“On the origin of creationism”, in New Scientist, no.2479, 25 December 2004 (with draft, titled Design Problems)
“Visions and Values”, in Resurgence, no.228, January/February 2005
“The mistake about Darwin”, in Varsity, 2 October 2009
“The selfish metaphor”, in New Scientist, no.2797, 29 January 2011

Drafts of articles, mostly undated but many (all?) published in the Guardian as files MID/C/190 and MID/C/191 (original file titled “Guardian Articles”)

A few short articles, for which original publication details have not been traced, all as printed drafts except:

cutting of “Letter to a Young Philosopher” (with “Letter to a Young Poet”, by Etel Adnan)
photocopy of an article about shock and astonishment (title cut away, ca.1985)

Additional journal articles and monographs, listed within the library printed catalogue and locatable using a shelfmark search.

Printed or digital copies of Mary Midgley's articles and broadcasts which are not included within her donated papers (within the preceding sections under MID/C), collated from e-journals or provided by publishers. This series is still being collated and not yet listed or available for research. Copies will be made available only in accordance with publishers' licence conditions and re-copying may not be allowed. [none yet available]
Publications: administration and reviews
MID/D 1975-2014
Mary Midgley's publication files generally consisted of two sub-files: one containing administrative correspondence with publishers in relation to the original publication or reprints, and the other containing reviews of the work. These parts have been listed separately below, in order of publication of her books. More general administrative files relating to publications are listed at the end of this series.
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Biographical information: See start of this catalogue for a full list of the monographs, and for links to an online bibliography of articles, with addenda.

MID/D/1 1975-1994
See files at MID/A/1-10 for drafts and notes relating to this book.

MID/D/2 1978-1980
Letters received from readers by Mary Midgley, after publication of *Beast and Man*. Includes (inter alia) substantial letters from Norman Richardson (Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania), Nick Dent (University of York), Rebecca West (Dame Cicely Isabel Fairfield, London SW7), Michael Brown of University of Sussex, Harold Himsworth (London NW8), Charles Harrison (Oxford), Peggy Lejeune (Surrey), Ashley Montagu (Princeton University), Konrad Lorenz (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Marjorie Grene (Tulane University), Graham Richards (North East London Polytechnic), Albert Van Eyken (Wells, Somerset), Dennis Fox (Trent Polytechnic), Börje Markman (Stockholm, Sweden), Dora Russell (Porthcurno, Cornwall)
See MID/E/46-67 for other correspondence with readers and philosophers.
Published reviews of *Beast and Man* (offprints, cuttings and photocopies from newspapers and journals, see also next file). Includes review notes from *Observer* and *New Scientist* for revised edition in paperback (1995 and 1997). Substantial reviews include:

- by Drew Christiansen in *Theological Studies* (Georgetown University, June 1979)
- by Phillip Johnson in *Williamette Valley Observer* (29 June 1979), under title “Debating the nature of human nature” (also reviewing E.O. Wilson, *On human nature*)
- by Marx W. Wartofsky (journal unknown) in *Universities Quarterly* (rough proof stamped 17 Jan 1980, publication date and author unknown), under title “Culture-building animal”
- by Ian Vine in *Journal of Moral Education* (vol.9 no.2)
- by Wallace I. Matson in *Reason* (December 1979), under title “Undercutting egalitarianism” (also reviewing Antony Flew, *A rational animal and other philosophical essays on the nature of man*)
- by George Graham in *Human Ecology* (vol.8 no.1, March 1980)
- by John Benson in *The Listener* (2 August 1979), under title “On being a good animal”. With letter in response from Mary Midgley
- by Stuart Sutherland in *Nature* (vol.279, 28 June 1979), under title “Basis for an ethical system”
- by Milton M. Gordon in *Contemporary sociology* (marked 'received December 8, 1980'), under title “A philosopher enters the sociobiology debate”
- by Rebecca West in *The Sunday Telegraph* (date unknown), under title “Learning from the wolves”
- by Jan Wind in *Journal of Human Evolution* (vol.10, 1981), under title “Review of some books on human sociobiology” (also reviewing 14 other books)
- by R.J. Doyle in *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* (Autumn 1980)
- by Vernon Pratt in *Philosophical Books* (as MID/D/4/3): typescript draft with galley proofs of Midgley’s reply, and covering letters

MID/D/4 1979-1980
Published reviews of *Beast and Man* (whole journal issues, see also previous file), as follows:

/2. *Books & Issues*, vol.1 no.2, 1979. Includes review by William McPherson at p.6-7 and 26-27 (“Between Beast and Angel”)
MID/D/5  1978-1979
Correspondence file relating to possible publication of a collection of essays by Cornell University Press, Chatto and Windus or others (subsequently published by Harvester Press as *Heart and Mind*, 1981). These were removed from file MID/D/1 and include some comments on the publication of *Beast and Man*.

MID/D/6  1981-1982
Published reviews of *Heart and Mind* (cuttings from newspapers and journals), with one accompanying letter from Harvester Press. Originally removed from file of *Beast and Man* reviews at MID/D/3.

MID/D/7  1980-1999
Correspondence file relating to publication by Penguin of *Animals and why they matter* in 1983, including letters from Ted Honderich of University College London. Also letters relating to publication of American edition by The University of Georgia Press in 1984, distribution of the American paperback edition within the UK from 1987, and use by the Open University in 1999
See files at MID/A/12-16 for drafts, correspondence and notes relating to this book.

MID/D/8  1983-1987
Published reviews of *Animals and why they matter*, chiefly cuttings from newspapers and journals. Longer reviews include:
  by J. Baird Callicott in *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* (vol. 5 no. 10)
  by Hugh Lehman in Dialogue: *Canadian Philosophical Review* (vol. 35 no. 3, autumn 1986)
  by Peter Singer in *The New York Review of Books* (17 Jan 1985), under title “Ten years of animal liberation” (also reviewing other books)
  by Jay Mechling in *Chronicles of Culture* (August 1985), under title “Animals and 'other awkward cases’” (also reviewing Rollin, *Animal rights and human morality*).
  by Judith Hampson in *New Scientist* (5 Jan 1984), under title “Conduct unbecoming”
  by S.G. Kiriakoff in an unnamed journal (in Dutch)
  by Priscilla Cohn in *Journal of Social Philosophy* (vol. 18 no. 3, fall 1987)
  by George Macpherson, transcript of book talk for BBC [Radio], August 1983, apparently sent to Mary Midgley by John King
Correspondence file relating to publication by Weidenfeld and Nicolson of Women's choices: philosophical problems facing feminism in 1983. Includes notes on possible titles by Mary Midgley, request by Princeton University Press to co-publish this and Animals and why they matter in the US [American editions in fact published by St Martin's Press and University of Georgia Press respectively], editorial report by Wayland Young [Lord Kennet, then Chief Whip for Social Democratic Party within House of Lords], and copy of dust jacket. With reviews by Mary Warnock in Blackwell's Book Review, [end 1983/early 1984], under title “A witty and valuable book”, and by Brenda Jones in Cosmopolitan (September 1983), under title “Launch into the new female logic” (apparently incomplete)

Correspondence file relating to publication by Routledge & Kegan Paul of Wickedness: a philosophical essay in 1984 (memorandum of agreement and letters from third parties only). Also includes:

- letter from Routledge & Kegan Paul's Boston, MA office discussing Wickedness, but also changes within Routledge that caused Midgley to publish [Evolution as a religion] with Methuen
- two letters from readers, including James Hemming (discussing [Alfred] Adler and mentioning his own Instead of God?), 1985
- letter concerning Routledge Classics edition (published 2001) with text for new preface by Mary Midgley

For file on Gilbert Ryle lectures that formed the basis of part of this book, see MID/A/44.

Published reviews of Wickedness: a philosophical essay, chiefly cuttings from newspapers and journals. Longer reviews include:

- by Paul Seabright in London Review of Books (15 Nov - 6 Dec 1984), under title “Why are we bad?”
- by Philip P. Hallie in Hastings Center Report (Dec 1985), under title, The evil that men think - and do (also reviewing books by Judith Shklar and Ronald Milo)
- by Benjamin Gibbs in Philosophy (vol.61, 1986), under title “New books” (also reviewing Ronald Milo, Immorality)
MID/D/12 1984-1993 and 2002

MID/D/13 1986
Published reviews of *Evolution as a religion: strange hopes and stranger fears*, chiefly cuttings from newspapers and journals. Longer reviews include:

- by Antony Grey in *The Freethinker: secular humanist monthly* (vol.106, no.8, August 1986: whole issue)
- by Pietro Corsi in *Times Literary Supplement* (14 March 1986), under title, “Rat race and superman”
- by Harry Stopes-Roe in *New Humanist* (undated photocopy), under title, “Evolution and religion”
- by Robert M. Young, under title “Science and selfishness” (title and date of newspaper unknown)
- 3-page typescript review, no name or publication details


Includes draft of parts, under title *Science, Specialization and the Soul*, with editorial notes and annotations by a reader. See files at MID/A/17-22 for the lectures that formed the basis of this book.

Published reviews of *Wisdom, information, and wonder: what is knowledge for?*, chiefly cuttings from newspapers and journals. Longer reviews include:

- by Lawrence Osborn in *Science & Christian Belief* (vol.3 no.1)
- by Patrick Mackenzie (date and journal not stated)
- by Lucy Frith in *Explorations in Knowledge* (vol.8 no.2, 1991)
- by John Loudon in *Parabola: the magazine of myth and tradition* (date not stated)
- by David E. Cooper in *Times Literary Supplement* (11-17 August 1989), under title, “The need for better thought” (with corrected draft)
- by Edmund L. Pincoffs in *The Social Science Quarterly* (date not stated: printed draft)

printed draft, under title, “Philosophy for a post-modern academy” (date, author and journal not stated)
MID/D/16  1989-1993 and 2003
Correspondence file relating to publication by Bristol Classical Press of *Can't we make moral judgements?* in 1991. Includes letters relating to acquisition of Bristol Classical Press by Duckworth in 1991, and to Duckworth's administration in 2003 With reviews by Francis Kane in *New York Times Book Review* (4 Aug 1991) and by Strachan Donnelley (printed draft, date and publication not stated)

MID/D/17  1990-1994
Correspondence file relating to publication by Routledge of *Science as salvation: a modern myth and its meaning* in 1992, with letter relating to proposed Italian publication in 1994. See also file for the Gifford Lectures which formed the basis of this publication, at MID/A/25.

Published reviews of *Science as salvation: a modern myth and its meaning*, chiefly cuttings from newspapers and journals. Longer reviews include:

- by W. Jones in *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* (vol.9 no.2, 1995)
- by Frank Palmer in *The Philosophical Quarterly* (draft printout, due for publication 1993/1994)
- by Don Cupitt in *New Statesman and Society* (8 May 1992), under title “The dogma of reason” (also reviewing Bryan Appleyard, *Understanding the present*)
- by Steve Connor in *The Independent on Sunday* (31 May 1992), under title “The dogma of reason and the big picture”
- by Garth Barber in *Theology* (May/June 1993, also reviewing Bryan Appleyard as above)
- by Paul Helm in *Times Higher Education Supplement* (5 June 1992), under title “Transcending religion”
- by Stuart Sutherland in *Nature* (vol.357, 18 June 1992), under title “Getting an ought from an is?”
- by Andrew Clifford in *New Scientist* (30 May 1992), under title “The meaning of life”
- by Edward L. Schoen in *Philosophy of Religion* (vol.34, 1993)
- by Noel Malcolm in *Sunday Telegraph* (19 April 1992), under title “Why physics and metaphysics don't mix”
- by Jackie Leach Scully in *Feminist Theology* (no.4, September 1993)
- by Steven Rose in *Times Literary Supplement* (4 December 1992), under title “Murdering to dissect” (also reviewing Lewis Wolpert, *The unnatural nature of science*, and Joseph Schwartz, *The creative moment*)
- by Bryan Appleyard in *Times* (16 April 1992), under title “Boffins blinded by science”

For review by Paul Avis in *Science and Religion forum Reviews* (1995), see MID/A/75.
File relating to publication by Routledge of *The ethical primate: humans, freedom and morality* in 1994 (agreement, notes by Mary Midgley and copy of dust jacket, with very little correspondence)
Also includes the following reviews:

- by Peter Aspden in *Financial Times* (22 Oct 1994), under title “False prophets confounded”
- by Stephen Clark in *New Scientist* (24/31 Dec 1994), under title “A modern Stoic takes on the reductionists”
- by Adam Zeman in *The Times* (8 Dec 1994), under title “Moral biology”
- by Margaret Atkins in *The Tablet* (29 Apr 1995), under title “Grace through nature”
- by J.M. Kerr in *Times Higher Education Supplement* (10 Feb 1995), under title “Are we computerised meat?”
- by Piers H.G. Stephens in *Exploration in Knowledge* (printout, due for vol.12 no.2)

MID/D/20  1995-2002
Correspondence file relating to publication by Routledge of *Utopias, dolphins and computers: problems of philosophical plumbing* in 1996 (working titles including *Philosophical plumbing and other curious practices*), including Spanish edition in 2002 (proposed title, *Dolphins, gender and computers: twelve essays to bring philosophy to the streets*)
Also review by Ray Monk in *The Sunday Telegraph* (27 Oct 1996), under title “The practical philosopher”

Correspondence file relating to publication by Routledge of *Science and poetry* in 2001
MID/D/22  2000-2001
Published reviews of *Science and poetry*, chiefly cuttings from newspapers and journals. Longer reviews include:

- by Janet Martin Soskice in *The Tablet* (31 Mar 2001), under title “A feisty David takes aim against science’s Goliaths”
- by Kenan Malik in *Times Literary Supplement* (2 Mar 2001), under title “Minding about things” (with letter to editor from Patrick Curry in response)
- by Philip Clayton in *Nature* (vol.409, 22 Feb 2001), under title “In search of unity”
- by Bryan Appleyard in *Sunday Times* (10 Dec 2000), under title “Life beyond Darwinism”
- by A.C. Grayling in *Literary Review* (Dec 2000/Jan 2001), under title “A vital debate”
- by John Peck in *Third Way* (April 2001), under title “Rhyme and reason”
- by Raymond Tallis in *Times Higher Education Supplement* (6 Apr 2001), under title “Life is too big for atomic minds”
- by Colby Dickinson in *[Research News: Bookends]* (June 2001), with review by Shaun C. Henson of *Science and salvation* (“A retrospective loko at Midgley’s Gifford lectures”), and article by Mary Midgley (“Science as salvation? Mary Midgley calls for recovery of the spiritual”)

See also interview by Andrew Brown, at MID/E/15.

MID/D/23  2002-2003 and 2010
Correspondence file relating to publication by Routledge of *The myths we live by* in 2003, with draft of revised introduction for *[Routledge Classics]* edition, 2010
Includes the following reviews:

- by Jon Turney in *The Guardian* (16 Aug 2003), under title “Against simplicity”
- by Edward Skidelsky in *New Statesman* (7 July 2003), under title “The quiet sceptic”
- by Christopher Howse in *The Tablet* (27 Sep 2003), under title “Down with science fiction”

MID/D/24  2001-2005
With letters following publication from Colin Strang, Jane [Heal], Peter Strawson, John [?] 
Includes reviews, the most substantial ones being:

- by John Haldane in *The Scotsman* (24 Sep 2005), under title Consolation of philosophy (also reviewing Roger Scruton, Gentle regrets)
- by Raymond Tallis in *Times Literary Supplement* (28 Apr 2006), under title “Early in her thinking”
- by Simon Blackburn in *New Scientist* (26 Nov 2005), under title “When the girls ruled philosophy”
- by William Charlton in *The Tablet* (5 Nov 2005), under title “Mellow wisdom”
- by David Lorimer (publication not stated: emailed text from author, 2005)
MID/D/25 2003-2005
Correspondence file relating to publication by Routledge of *The essential Mary Midgley* (ed. David Midgley, with foreword by James Lovelock) in 2005. Includes Mary Midgley's outline of her thought (Map of Midgleyana) and David Midgley's draft proposal, also drafts for the latter's "Introduction" and contents pages (longer than as finally published).

MID/D/26 2006-2007
File relating to publication by Imprint Academic of *Earthy realism: the meaning of Gaia* in 2007: contracts only from publisher, with email correspondence with Horatio Morpurgo concerning his review in *Resurgence* (published in issue 245, Nov/Dec 2007, under title "Whole planet re-think"), and between contributors and David Midgley on a possible follow-up volume

MID/D/27 2009-2011
Correspondence file relating to publication by Acumen of *The solitary self: Darwin and the selfish gene* in 2010 (working title, *Darwin, Hobbes and the Solitary Self*, as the first title in Acumen's *Heretic* series), with draft outline by Midgley
Includes reviews as follows:

- by Andrew Davison in *Church Times* (4 Mar 2011), under title “No salvation in Darwin misused” (also reviewing Nelson Rivera, *The earth is our home*)
- by Edward James in *Network Review* (journal of The Scientific and Medical Network, online at www.scimednet.org, Spring 2011), under title “The Gene Delusion” (also reviewing Fodor and Piatelli-Palmarini, *What Darwin got wrong*): printout of review, as available online
- by Anthony Kenny in *The Tablet* (15 Jan 2011), under title “On the origins of a theory”
- by Sameer Rahim in [*The Telegraph*] (19 Nov 2010 on website), under title “How selfish are selfish genes?”
- by Willem B. Drees in *Times Higher Education* (10 Dec 2010): printout from review online

See also file of notes titled "Illusory selves", at MID/A/63.

MID/D/28 2013-2014
Correspondence file relating to publication by Routledge of *Are you an illusion?* in 2014 (working title, *The illusory self*), with outline by Midgley under title, “Has science proved the self is an illusion?”
Includes reviews as follows:

- by Jane O'Grady in *Standpoint* (May 2014), under title “Don't blame the neurons” (available online)
- by Stephen Cave in *Financial Times* (21 Mar 2014), under title “Me, myself and I”
- by Paul Kieniewicz in *Network Review* (journal of The Scientific and Medical Network, Spring 2014), under title “Hollow materialism”
MID/D/29  1979-2007
Correspondence with publishers relating to articles, chapters and reviews written by Mary Midgley (file originally titled “Writing, small jobs”), as recorded within the online bibliography, addenda at start of this catalogue or reviews at MID/C/109-189, plus untraced articles and additional work as follows:

“Price of Knowledge” (possibly on animal experimentation/research), supplied in 1980 for possible publication within Hastings Center Report (apparently unpublished)

paper given to the Science and Religion Forum for possible publication within Zygon (in US) and Epworth Review (in UK), 1980 (? never published)

“Towards a humane view of the beasts”, due for publication by Smithsonian Institution within [Michael H. Robinson and Lionel Tiger (eds)], Man and Beast: Revisited, [not included within final publication], [1986-1991]. See also file relating to conference of same name, with link to published papers, at MID/A/141.

“Little Review” (?), in a [ca.1998] issue of Common Knowledge (University of Texas at Dallas)

letter from Greg Mulhauser, apparently written to those who had contributed articles for his, Evolving Consciousness [not published, except perhaps as Mind out of matter: topics in the physical foundations of evolving consciousness, Kluwer Academic], 1998

20 minute audio cassette programme on environmental ethics for Open University course, Philosophy and the human situation, 1998

letter from Scientific and Medical Network concerning possible publication of a shortened form of Midgley’s, “Being scientific about our selves” [not apparently published by the Network], 1999

review of Steven Rose, Lifelines, for Behavioral and Brain Sciences (vol.22 no.5, Oct 1999)

participation in round table discussion “Science versus philosophy”, with David Papineau, Raymond Tallis and Lewis Wolpert, hosted by Philosophy Now, March 2000

invitation to write commentary on lead article in journal Neuro-Psychoanalysis: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Psychoanalysis and the Neurosciences, issue on the ‘Self’ [vol.4 no.1, 2002: article by David Milrod, “The Concept of the Self and the Self Representation”, as published online without a response by Midgley]

extract from interview with Rebecca Flietstra, edited by Karl Giberson for publication in Research News (Templeton [Foundation]), 2001 (with text of extract)

refusal by Midgley to review George Steiner, Grammars of creation (2001), for Times Literary Supplement

Includes letters from Ashley Montagu and Michael Kammen relating to publication of Midgley’s article, “Rival fatalisms” (first given at a conference of The Society for the Humanities 1979, but published in Montagu (ed), Sociobiology examined 1980, along with a reprint of Midgley’s “Gene-juggling”)

Also text of “Foreword: can peace be declared?”, to Alex Bentley (ed), The Edge of Reason? Science and Religion in Modern Society [London: Continuum, 2008; re-copied as original printed on scrap paper containing personal information]
MID/D/30  1988-2005
Requests for permission to reprint articles, addressed to publishers and/or Mary Midgley as author, with some associated correspondence. Reprints identified within this file are all recorded within the bibliography at start of this catalogue.

MID/D/31  1981-2003
File relating to finance and in particular royalties from publishers. Some similar material is included within book-specific files within series MID/D. With publishers’ letters relating to publication of some of Mary Midgley's works as ebooks.

Personal (academic and autobiographical)
MID/E  1947-2017
Correspondence with other philosophers and academics, autobiographical material and miscellaneous personal awards
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Awards and honours
MID/E/1-10  1985-2011
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MID/E/1-2  1985-1986
Gambrinus-Mazzotti Prize for Literature dedicated to mountaineering, exploration and ecology (3rd edition), awarded jointly to Mary Midgley (for her *Animals and why they matter*, translated as *Perché gli animali*) and Konrad Lorenz (for his *Der Abbau des Menschlichen*, translated as *Il declino dell’Uomo*).

/1. Letters to Midgley (who could not collect the prize in person), with biographical notes and awards booklet
/2. Ceremony for same prize in November 1986, awarded to Paul Guichonnet (which Mary and Geoff Midgley attended): letter, invitation, awards booklet, biographies and brochures for hotel and restaurant in Conegliano and Treviso

2 files

MID/E/3-4  13 May 1995
University of Durham honorary degree (Doctor of Letters), awarded to Mary Midgley at a Special Congregation marking the centenary of the charter allowing the university to award degrees to women.

/3. Brochure for Congregation, with cutting from [Durham First, issue 2], biographies of honorary graduands, orator’s address for Mary Midgley and four photographs
/4. Degree certificate in presentation folder

file + presentation folder
Terracotta sculpture of Mary Midgley's head and neck by Jon Edgar, as part of The Environment Triptych (2008, with Richard Mabey and James Lovelock).

/5. Letters relating to sitting for sculpture, November 2006, with 'in progress' images, views of Jim Lovelock's terracotta and images of sculptures by Ronald Rae. Also postcards of Jon Edgar's work including the Environment Triptych, and CD with images of same


1 file plus 1 book

University of Newcastle upon Tyne honorary degree (Doctor of Civil Law), awarded to Mary Midgley:

/7. Degree certificate and photograph with covering letter

/8. Bound copy of orator's speeches (for all honorary graduands)

1 file plus 1 book

Email correspondence with Ian Kidd concerning his proposed Festschrift in honour of Mary Midgley and possible contributors (Science and the self, ed. Ian James Kidd and Liz McKinnell, 2016)

1 file

Letters concerning an honour, apparently refused by Mary

2 f.

Letter from Somerville College Oxford, inviting Mary to accept an Honorary Fellowship (apparently accepted, see list online)

1 f.

Letter from University of Manchester, informing Mary of her appointment as Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Philosophy and the Environment in the Department of Philosophy, for 1996-1999

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Correspondence with organisations

File and agenda papers for Directors' Meeting of Nuclear Weapons FREEZE, Bristol. See also her file on deterrence at MID/A/88 and Midgley's Freeze Matters at MID/C/105.

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MID/E/12  18 June 1996
Letters (without additional papers) from the following organisations:

Institute for Cultural Research (advertising lecture tour by Dr Robert Ornstein, 1985)
Centre for Applied Ethics, University of Wales College of Cardiff (proposed Routledge Journal of Feminist Philosophy, [1987x1993]
Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (invitation card for reception and lecture, 1996)
Downe House school, Berkshire (request to name Mary Midgeley [sic] Prize for Philosophy and Theology, 2011)

1 file

MID/E/13  2001-2003
National Committee for Philosophy: meeting papers and issue of The Gadfly (newsletter), vol.2, no.3, December 2001, specifically with reference to establishment of British Philosophical Association. These papers were previously filed by Mary Midgley with papers relating to the campaign to prevent the closure of Newcastle University's Philosophy Department, at MID/B/7.

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Interviews

MID/E/14-33  1984-2014
Published and recorded interviews with Mary Midgley. See also email correspondence with Luke Allan at MID/E/46.

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MID/E/14  1984
Article arising from conversation between Mary Midgley and Ann Shearer, “To sin is human”, from The Guardian (“Society Tomorrow” section), 12 September 1984

MID/E/15  1995
Introduction to Mary Midgley, The ethical primate by, and interview with, Anthony Freeman, published in Journal of Consciousness Studies, vol.2, no.1, p.67-75 (offprint)

MID/E/16A  13 January 2001
Profile piece by Andrew Brown for Guardian, under title “Mary, Mary, quite contrary” (cutting)

MID/E/16B  3 November 2001
Interview with Liz Else, published under title “Mary, Mary quite contrary”, in New Scientist (photocopy)

MID/E/17  2005
Short biography by and interview with Thomas Ryan, published under title “Interview with Mary Midgeley” [sic], in Animals Today (Australian and New Zealand Federation of Animal Societies), vol.13, no.2, p.23 (cutting)

MID/E/18  20 September 2005
Interview with John Crace, published in Guardian under title, “Moral missionary”
Article by Geraldine Bedell, “The third-agers”, published in The Observer, featuring a short commentary on aging by Mary Midgley *inter alia*

List of pieces of music selected for [BBC Radio 4], *Desert Island Discs*, as broadcast available online

Transcript (printed onto scrap paper) of interview by [Hans Ulrich Obrist] as part of Serpentine Galleries 'Interview Marathon' event. See Serpentine Galleries website for event details, and youtube for video recording of interview.

Emailed questions and typescript of answers for online interview by Chris Bateman for his blog site onlyagame.typepad.com, as available online under title “Midgley on Philosophy”

Short interview about aging by Liz Else, published under title, “One minute with ... Mary Midgley. Why would anyone want to live forever, asks the nonagenarian philosopher”, in *New Scientist* (cutting)

Interview by Andrew Anthony for Observer, under title, “Late stand for a thinker with soul” (available online as, “Mary Midgley: a late stand for a philosopher with soul”)

Interview with Matthew Reisz in *Times Higher Education*, published as “I am more than the sum of my parts”

Conversation with Rob Newman at The RSA, under title “The self is not an illusion”, as detailed on RSA event page online, and available as both online video and podcast (audio): email correspondence (including with a friend [in Durham] with extracts from Rob Newman and RSA websites

Interview by Andrew Brown in *Church Times*, under title, “A mind over matter” (website printout)

Response to questions asked by Dr Gregg Caruso for *Science and religion: 5 questions* (Copenhagen, 2014): email request and text of Midgley responses

Transcripts of first two (out of three) interviews with Tom Wakeford [Coventry University Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR)], in each case with corrections. Podcasts (audio) are available online for all three interviews, under titles “Science and the imagination”, “Selfish genes and other myths” and “Gaia - thinking about the whole”.
MID/E/30-33  [early 2000s]
3 cassettes and 1 CD

Autobiographical materials

MID/E/34-38  1947-2017
Notes for bibliographies, personal website, CV, autobiography and similar items
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MID/E/34  ca.1983-2001
Folder of draft CVs and brief biographies, all apparently written by Mary Midgley

MID/E/35  ca.1997-2007
Folder of bibliographies, chiefly apparently compiled by Mary Midgley. Includes email to Google Books, ca.2005
For more comprehensive lists, see bibliography by Ian Kidd within *Science and the Self* (2016) and additions as noted within bibliography at start of this catalogue, or list online at Women in Parenthesis website.

MID/E/36  [1947]-2004
File collated by Mary Midgley and marked ‘autobiog materials’, containing:
- Postcard from Dean of Somerville College, Oxford (Vera Farnell) concerning appropriate dress for women, [1947-1948]
- Poems written by Mary Scrutton/Midgley, viz *Rhapsody on Isaiah 58:11* (“I dwelt in a lodge in a garden of cucumbers...”) and *Stone Arthur* (“On a hill above Grasmere, Arthur lies...”)
- Letters from Mary Midgley to [fellow academics] and from A.J. Ayer to *Times*, concerning threats to university philosophy departments, 1986 (see also file on campaign to save Philosophy at Newcastle University, MID/B/7)
- Letter from Mary Midgley (1998, apparently photocopied 2004 from original in Iris Murdoch archives) and extract from *Mary Warnock: a memoir* [2000], concerning [Edouard] Fraenkel, with reminiscences about the latter’s tutorials, specifically with Iris Murdoch and Frank Thompson

MID/E/37  ca.1998-2006
File collated by Mary Midgley and marked ‘website’, containing printouts of three websites, viz:
- Nick Matzke’s webpage on Midgley, ca.1998
- An expanded version of the same website (“The increasingly official Mary Midgley webpage”), 2001, including email correspondence between Nick and Mary
- Wikipedia entry, 2006
MID/E/38  1966-2017
Miscellaneous items, chiefly collected together by Mary alongside the above files, viz:

Article on Gilbert Murray by Honor Balfour, published under title “A great man”, in Leader Magazine, 7 December 1966 (see Midgley's account of her work for Gilbert Murray in Owl of Minerva, p.XXX)
Article on Mary Midgley by Roger Scruton as published in Standpoint (under column “Underrated Thinkers”, January 2009), and email correspondence with Ian Christie (The OWL Enterprise for Sustainability, inter alia), March 2009
Printout of verse titled Late Returns (“Colossal upheavals at eighty plus...”), initials of lines highlighted (spelling Carpe Diem)
Printed business card for Mary Midgley (‘Free-lance philosopher’)

Academic references
References written by Mary Midgley in support of other philosophers, researchers or practitioners. Stored within a single file by Mary, sorted here into A-Z order by name.
In each instance, supporting CVs and application forms completed by the applicant and supplied in confidence by the awarding institution concerned have been destroyed, with only covering letters and Mary’s reference retained.
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MID/E/39  2001-2002
Reference written by Mary Midgley for Professor Robin Attfield, in connection with award of title Distinguished Research Professor by Cardiff University

MID/E/40  2000
Reference written by Mary Midgley for Professor Stephen Clark, in connection with Chair of Rhetoric at Gresham College, London

MID/E/41  2000-2003
References written by Mary Midgley for Marthe Kiley-Worthington, in connection with her M.Phil thesis ( Right in front of our minds; equine and elephant epistemology) [Lancaster University, 2000], Research Fellowship at Clare Hall, Cambridge (2001) and Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship (2003), the latter two with letters from MKW to MM. Also email correspondence with literary agents concerning publication of her thesis and incomplete reference (possibly a Foreward for a book or similar), both undated
Article and reviews in connection with nomination of Nicholas Maxwell (see profile at philpapers.org, or From Knowledge to Wisdom website) for an unspecified award. Mary's involvement with this nomination is uncertain, but she had collected the following papers within her file of academic references:

- her review of Nicholas Maxwell, *From Knowledge to Wisdom: a revolution in the aims and methods of science*, as at MID/C/126 (1986)
- article by Nicholas Maxwell, “Two great problems of learning”, in *Teaching in Higher Education*, vol.8, no.1, 2003

Reference written by Mary Midgley for Dr Anne Primavesi, in connection with her work for the Lokahi Foundation

Reference written by Mary Midgley for Dr Kate Rawles, in connection with a Leverhulme Research Fellowship or Grant

Reference written by Mary Midgley for Professor Graham Douglas Richards, in connection with a Leverhulme Research Fellowship or Grant

The first three files include single letters from (or a single exchange of correspondence with) individuals sorted alphabetically. Remaining files are for more extensive correspondence with the individuals named.

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Letters from correspondents A-E:

Ethan Akin of City University of New York, 1987 (after reading *Evolution as a religion*, discussing the relationship of people with machines/artificial intelligence and that of people with animals)


Ove Arup of Highgate, London, 1987 (after reading Midgley's “The flight from blame”, as MID/C/54, with an account of his own philosophical reflections and a Christmas card)

Michael Asher of Nairobi, 2008 (welcoming Midgley's membership of the Royal Society of Literature, commenting on her books, desert nomads within the Sudan, Gaia theory and Dawkins)

Patrick Bateson of University of Cambridge, 1980 (on scientism, genetics and Dawkins)

Nicholas Beale of Sciteb Ltd, 2010 (recommending papers by Martin Nowak and Denis Noble on kin selection and the 'selfish gene')

Donald Bligh of Dundee, 1987 (on the RSA and rights to information)

Sissela Bok of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1984 (after reading *Animals and why they matter* and recommending an article by Madame d'Epinay)

Robert Boylan of Wigan, undated [?1980s/90s] (thanking Mary for her teaching and with personal news)

Michael Britter of London, 1982 (after reading “Moral Melodrama”, in *Times Higher Education Supplement* [16 April 1982], commenting on Hull University Philosophy department where Mary spoke to the Philosophical Society, and on his own poetry)

Karl Britton of Northumberland [formerly Newcastle University], 1979 (after reading *Beast and man* and referring to his own teaching and his own article in *Philosophy* [? “Symbolic Actions and Objects”, in vol.54, p.281-291])


Lynne Broughton of Cambridge (later Lincoln Theological College, later Ely Diocese), undated [ca.1988-1989] (comments on *Beast and man* and recommending Peter Brown, *The body and society*)

Berenice Carrington of Department of Environment and Climate Change, Australia, 2008 (on a moral dimension in government, referring to the Australian parliament's apology to the Aboriginal peoples)

Ian Christie of Surrey County Council and University of Surrey, 2004 (recommending John Carroll, *The wreck of western culture*, and Ben Rogers, ed, *Is nothing sacred*)

Scott Cohen of New York, undated [ca.2001-2002] (proposing a collaboration on a theater/theatre project, alongside Helen Epstein and U.G. Krishnamurti)
David Cooper of University of Durham, Department of Philosophy, undated [ca.1990-1992] (refers to his review of her book for *Times Literary Supplement* [? unpublished], and work on [Cooper and Palmer (eds), *The environment in question*, 1992])

Cid Corman of Kyoto, Japan, 1984 (after reading *Beast and man*, commenting on ethologists and anthropomorphism and referring to his own poetry)

Christopher Corrfoad of Cambridge, 1989 (referring to forthcoming book by John Francis Phipps, [published as *The politics of inner experience*, 1990])

Patrick Curry of London, 2008 (with copy of his article “Nature post-nature”, from [*New Formations*, Vol.64, p.51-64])

Ellen Dissanayake of Papua New Guinea university, department of dentistry, 1983 (with news cutting on her lectureship at the New School in New York)

Terry Eagleton of Bellarena, Ireland, [ca.2010] (after receiving *The solitary self*, commenting on St Paul's views about body and soul)

Michael Edwards of London, 1988 (commenting on C.S. Lewis' *Out of the silent planet*, and referring to his article “Biting the hand?”, with a summary of his own CV)

Dorothy Mary Emmet of Cambridge (formerly of Newcastle University, lecturer in philosophy), 1989 (on a forthcoming departmental party)

Single letters only except as noted: see later files within this series for letters from John Cozens-Hardy
Letters from correspondents G-O:

Robert Gibson of Centralia College, Washington state, 1988 (after reading *Beast and Man*, on ethnolinguistics and language as symbolic)
Jay Gold of Medical College of Wisconsin, 1990 (after reading *Wisdom, Information and Wonder* and debates on euthanasia and abortion)
Trudy Govier of The Netherlands, 1988 (after Dubrovnik conference, possible visit to UK)
Sonia Gregor of Crewe, 2010 (her essays on Ernst Cassirer and symbols, and a U3A course *Selves and Species*)
Armin Haas of Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, 2010 (2 emails, after reading *Owl of Minerva*, with extensive comments on it)
Andrew Harrison of GFA Consulting and Learning Studio, Birmingham, 2011 (email exchange, after Midgley's talk at Hay, with her comments on articles by [Wilfred] Bion and Gregory Bateson)
Roy [Holland] of Leeds [University], 1988 (visit, identified by reference to Leeds University obituary)
Michael Jawer, 2012 (email exchange, on his *The spiritual anatomy of emotion* [2009], with Midgley's comments)
Andrew Johnson of Scarista House, Harris, [ca.1999] (after reading James Gleick, *Chaos: making a new science*)
Mary Kelly (and Linda Holler) of San Diego State University, Department of Women's Studies, 1989 (after reading Midgley's "Paradox of Humanism" [as MID/A/140])
Marian Kester of Washington, 1986 (on a review by Midgley of *Animal intelligence*, a gift copy of *Envoys of mankind* and her own article on animal experimentation)
Ian James Kidd of Durham University, Department of Philosophy, 2011 (email exchange, on Oswald Spengler, *Man and technics*, and Midgley's lecture for [local branch of] Royal Institute of Philosophy)
John Lloyd of University of Keele, Department of Biological Sciences, 1987 (Midgley articles and Donald MacKay)
Don Locke of Wellington, New Zealand, 2008 (after reading *Owl of Minerva*, with comments on Newcastle University Philosophy department, and on philosophy in general)
Konrad Lorenz of Austrian Academy of Sciences, 1979 (after reading "Gene Juggling", with comments on Dawkins: see also letter in response to *Beast and Man* at MID/D/2)
Mike McNameee of Leeds University, Physical Education department, 1989 (on his PhD research in philosophy of education and approach of Julius Kvesi)
Donald McNeile of Oxford, 2001 [or 2007] (fan mail)
Moez Masoud of Acamedia Foundation in Cairo, 2015 (email introduction from Rupert Sheldrake, concerning publication of his and Midgley's works in Arabic, as announced on Moez Masoud Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Education website)
James Moore of The Open University, 1986 (referencing his review of Ruse)
David Murphy of Kirksville, Missouri, 1990 (Midgley's Gifford lecture and invitation to speak at Northeast Missouri State University)
Anthony O'Hear of Royal Institute of Philosophy, 2007 (after seeing [Intelligent design theory and other ideological problems] and recommending Christian de Duve, Vital dust)
Robert Ombres of Blackfriars, Oxford, 1992 (fan mail, and referring to Aquinas Day lecture by Mary Midgley)
Lavinia Orde of Northumberland, 1990 (on animal experimentation and the Charltons [of Lee Hall], and referencing an article by Mary Midgley in the [Newcastle] Journal)
Sidney Orlov of Ornex, France, ca.1988 (wedding to Yuri Orlov and arrival at CERN, Switzerland)

Single letters only except as noted: see later files within this series for letters from Carole George, Iris Gillespie, Jane Goodall, Sarah Greenleaf, Marthe Kiley-Worthington, Brian Klug, Ephrem Lash, Benjamin Lipscomb, James Lovelock, Nicholas Maxwell and Iris Murdoch
Letters from correspondents P-Z:

Salamah Pope of Universitas Nasional, Jakarta (Center for Futures Studies), 1989 (invitation to stay during International Philosophical Congress in Indonesia)

Anne Primavesi, 2012 (part of email from Mary Midgley, with her comments on enclosed extracts of Primavesi, *Exploring earthiness*)

Rivera Nelson, 2005 (email exchange, asking for Mary’s views on her own books and discussing reductionism)

Dorothy Rowe of North Lincolnshire Health Authority, 1985 (after reading Midgley’s review of Rowe’s *Living with the bomb*, published under title, “Blame it on fate / Reaction to article by Dorothy Rowe on the psychological causes of ‘nuclear depression’”, in The Guardian, 14 August 1985)

Sue Rutter (?) of Stockport, 1988 (thanking Mary for comments on thesis, with comments on [Royal Institute of Philosophy] Council meeting)

Ben-Ami Scharfstein of Tel-Aviv University, Faculty of Humanities, 1981 (commenting on Beast and Man, inviting comment on a chapter of his ‘art book’ [? published as *Of birds, beasts, and other artists: an essay on the universality of art*, 1988] and requesting advice on reviewers for his, *The Philosophers*)

Vic Seidler of University of London, Goldsmith's College, Sociology Department, 1986 (recalling Midgley’s talk at Goldsmith’s and after publication of Seidler, *Kant, respect and injustice*)

Becky Sigmon of University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, 1989 (after reading *Toward a new understanding of human nature* as MID/C/45, invitation to attend symposia in Prague and Canada or USA, “Foundations for different approaches to the study of human evolution”)

Peter Singer of Monash University, Australia, 1984 (evidence to Australian National Farmers’ Federation on factory farming and animal experimentation)

[Suzanne Sklar], [ca.2011] (proposal for second book, provisionally *Naked Beauty: William Blake's Culture of Peace*)

Jeff Stebbins of Omaha, Nebraska, 1989 (after reading *Evolution as a religion*, on C.S. Lewis and christianity)


Jim Stockton of Boise State University, Idaho, Department of Philosophy, 2012 (letter with email reply from Midgley, on the Oxford Socratic Club, including papers by Geoff Midgley to it and memories of Stella Aldwinkle)

Judith Suissa of Institute of Education, London, 2005 (email exchange, after reading *The Ethical Primate*, with comments on current academic 'research')

Ivan Tolstoy of Castle Douglas, 2014 (while reading *Are you an illusion*, with comments on dualism and mathematics)

Frederick Tomlin of London, 1984 (thanking Midgley for her foreward to his *Psyche, culture and the new science: the role of PN*)
Maurice Wilkins of King's College London, 1987 (on value of science and value-laden science, originally with enclosures)
Patricia Williams of University of Guelph, Ontario, Department of Philosophy, 1988 (summarising her dissertation on determinism)
Heathcote Williams of Saltash, Cornwall, 1989 (requesting permission to quote from Beast and Man in his forthcoming book Sacred Elephant)
Elizabeth Wolgast of Berkeley, California, 1985 (personal news and her writing plans)

Single letters only except as noted: see later files within this series for letters from David Pocock, Dora Russell and Kate Tait, Blanca and Thomas Ryan, Brenda Shrensky, Alison Stallibrass and Paul Winstanley

MID/E/49 2009 and 2012
Letter from and two email exchanges with John Cozens-Hardy of Benissa, Spain, with discussion by both him and Midgley on forthcoming second edition of Robert Hinde, Why gods persist. Also comments by Midgley on articles in The Tablet, 14 and 21 January 2012, by Jack Mahoney (on Dawkins, altruism, original sin et al) and reviewing Krauss, A universe from nothing (on the multiverse)
12 f.

MID/E/50 2009-2012
Three letters from Carole George of Le Berceau, Orange, Virginia. Enclose sermons by David Brown of St Andrew's University [formerly Durham Cathedral], comments on her own work [Layers of concord and The Lambs]
10 f.

MID/E/51 1988-1989
Three letters from Iris (I.S.) Gillespie of Alston referring to her research and publishing articles, especially those in Encounter"Mishima and the green snake: archaism vs the 'economic miracle'” (May 1989), “A suitable case for treatment: Wagnerphobia” (December 1989) and “No need for tigritude: the holy anger of Wole Soyinka” (March 1990)]
3 f.

MID/E/52 1986-1989
Three letters from Jane Goodall of Tanzania (Gombe Stream Research Centre), on fundraising in USA, laboratory animals, mysterious death of a chimpanzee at Gombe, speaking to group of AIDS researchers, chimpanzees rescued in Spain by [Simon and Peggy] Templar
4 f.

MID/E/53 February-August 1989
Three letters and postcard from Sarah Greenleaf of Lafayette, Colorado. Discussing treatment of evolution and nature within children's literature, including her paper on the portrayal of wolves within children's books
15 f.
MID/E/54  [1980s]-2011
Postcard, three letters and two emails from Marthe Kiley-Worthington of Devon and France (Eco Etho Research & Education Centre at La Combe). News from [Mull?], Devon, France and South Africa
6 f.

MID/E/55  January-August 1987
Three letters from Brian Klug of The University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought. Comments on Midgley's and his papers, especially in relation to animal welfare and applied philosophy
4 f.

MID/E/56  [1979-1984]
Memo and letter from Symeon [Lash, later Ephrem Lash], discussing creation, time and [divine] waters, and quoting Aquinas and Origen. With copy of obituary from Telegraph website.
3 + 3 f.

MID/E/57  2009-2014
Letter from and email exchanges with Benjamin Lipscomb of Houghton College, New York State. Writing a group biography of Mary Midgley, Iris Murdoch, Philippa Foot and Elizabeth Anscombe. With drafts from the book. Email from Lipscomb of 31 January 2011 has been printed on paper also used for email from New Scientist with a response to Midgley's article "The selfish metaphor: Conceits of evolution", in issue 2797 (29 January 2011)
37 f.

MID/E/58  1996-2005
Correspondence with James Lovelock, from original file marked 'Lovelock - Gaia - Correspondence' and kept with file 'Gaia - mine' now at MID/A/66-68. Includes:

- letters on Gaia theory and the wider scientific community, and from Philip George of Gaia: The society for research and education in earth system science in relation to its events, 1996-1999
- Letter concerning article written [by Mary Midgley and Anne Primavesi] for The Tablet (not traced), with comments on biologists, geologists and the USA, September 2003
- Exchange of letters about complexity theory, October 2004
- Correspondence (including Anne Primavesi) concerning nuclear energy (Lovelock's support and Midgley's opposition), 2004-2005. Includes drafts for some letters and copy of paper by Susan Canney [? for Gaia Network]
40 f.

MID/E/59  1988 and 2011
Letter from and email exchange with Nicholas (Nick) Maxwell of University College London (see also From Knowledge to Wisdom and Friends of Wisdom websites). 2011 exchange discusses his draft autobiography
6 f.
MID/E/60  [1980s-1990s]
6 letters and card from Iris Murdoch, mostly undated (from Steeple Aston and Oxford), with brief review or ‘blurb’ for (?) *Beast and Man*. Include comments on Midgley's books and moral philosophy, and on Ireland and Ian Paisley.
10 f.

7 f.

Letter from Dora Russell after reading *Evolution as a religion* and comments on America and western capitalism, January 1986. Two letters from Kate Tait (née Russell), following her brother's (John's) death and commenting on guilt, 1988. See also MID/D/2 for letter from Dora Russell on reading *Beast and Man*.
4 f.

MID/E/63  1999-2011
7 f.

MID/E/64A  1988-[1997]
Four letters from Brenda Shrensky of Canberra, Australia [formerly apparently of Newcastle University]. News of her and her husband's work in philosophy and communications research and of the Australian National University
11 f.

MID/E/64B  1997
Three letters and a card from Arend Smilde of Utrecht, Netherlands. Midgley's views on C.S. Lewis and Smilde's translation of *The ethical primate* into Dutch [published as *Mens, moraal en vrijheid: over goed en kwaad bij een denkende primaat*, 1998]
With copy of further correspondence between Smilde and Midgley relating to C.S. Lewis, as published at lewisiana.nl/marymidgley/
5 f.

MID/E/65  1989-1990
Two letters from Alison Stallibrass of Petersfield, Hampshire, requesting (and thanking) Mary Midgley for review of her *Being me and also us: lessons from the Peckham Experiment*, with draft prologue from book
11 f.
Letter and postcard from Paul [Winstanley] of Limerick and New Zealand, with personal news and comments after reading *The ethical primate* 3f.

MID/E/67
Two unidentified letters (one from a teacher at Winchester College school, 1988, and about the Charity Commission’s suppression of the RSPCA’s booklet on animal-human relationships, undated) 2f.

Plotinus (PhD thesis)
MID/E/68-71
Typescript essays (with manuscript corrections), in relation to Mary Midgley’s (then Mary Scrutton’s) work on Plotinus (for an unfinished D.Phil thesis, as *Owl of Minerva*, p.XXX) [to be added]

MID/E/68  1 December 1948

MID/E/69  [1948 x 1949]
Untitled paper on theories about perception in the philosophy of Plotinus 26f.

MID/E/70  4 May 1949
“Consciousness & Personality in Plotinus” 33f.

MID/E/71  [1948 x 1949]
“Individuation in Plotinus” 57f. (numbered to page 61 but numbers 8, 38, 49, 53 not used)

Personal (family and friends)
MID/F
These papers have not been listed and are not yet available for research. In outline, they include the following groups:

Letters from Geoff Midgley to Mary Scrutton/Midgley, 1930s-1950s (1 box)
Letters from immediate family members (including children and brother Hugh), Jewel Smith (*Owl of Minerva* p.135), Jean Rowntree (about Mary’s trip to Vienna 1938, as *Owl of Minerva* p.81-84), early friends and at school, 1930s-1990s (1 box)
Letters relating to the estate of Geoff Midgley’s father (marked ‘Bexhill’), 1969-1970 ½ metre

Biographical information:
Ancestors (family records)
MID/G
These papers have not been numbered or fully listed, and a summary of the family members and groups of papers only is available here. They can be made available with sufficient prior arrangement. See chapter 2 ("Ancestors") of Mary Midgley, *The Owl of Minerva* (2005) for background information.

¾ metre

MID/G/
Photographs and portraits as follows

Scrutton family portrait photographs (small album), including (down to) Fred Scrutton [brother of Thomas Edward Scrutton]
Thomas Edward (Ted) Scrutton (1856-1934, from 1910 Lord Justice Scrutton, Mary Midgley's grandfather): chiefly photographs in judicial attire, plus one framed photograph as a young man, and two small photographs with his brother Fred as a young man and as a boy; also portraits by Charles Ambrose, Ape Junior for Vanity Fair (two copies, one signed by T. E. Scrutton), and another
Other Scrutton and Burton members: Thomas Scrutton (grandfather of above), Mary Burton Scrutton (wife of above, Mary Midgley's grandmother), Jane Scrutton, Samuel Burton, William Spelman, Sarah Spelman, Mary Burton
Hay family members (Mary Midgley's mother's family), including postcard of Flimwell Grange
Mary Midgley's parents: Evelyn Lesley Scrutton (née Hay) and Tom Burton Scrutton (plus one with Margaret, ? his second wife as in *Owl of Minerva* p.195)
Family photograph album marked "Scruttons 1920-30s" (including Mary Midgley and her brother)

1 box + loose items

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MID/G/ 1880s
Georgina M. Hay (Mary Mldgley's 'great aunt Jeanie'): education certificates
1 roll (boxed with above photographs)

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MID/G/ [late 19th/early 20th century]
Thomas Edward (Ted) Scrutton (1856-1934, from 1910 Lord Justice Scrutton, Mary Midgley's grandfather):

- Volume of lecture notes, 1880s
- Envelope of letters sent to T.E. Scrutton (plus three written by him to his parents, 1860s)
- Smaller envelopes of press cuttings (chiefly relating to his campaign as a Liberal candidate in Tower Hamlets, and after his death), book reviews and some other items
- Travel journal for Grand Tour 1875-76, with some transcriptions and notes [in preparation for possible publication] (4 folders)
- Copy will, legal tributes and record of admission to Privy Council
- Correspondence and lists relating to loan of items for copying or display in new Rolls Building, 2001-2012

1 box
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MID/G/ 1970-1971
Evelyn Lesley Scrutton (née Hay, Mary Midgley's mother): letters and tribute book after her death
1 envelope
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MID/G/
Tom Burton Scrutton (father): miscellaneous photographs (some as a young man), copy of Challenge (Anglican Pacifist Fellowship newsletter) with obituary, family photographs (including his sister Janet and brother Hugh), papers relating to his service as an army chaplain in WW1 (with some letters following his death and other papers, collected by his son Hugh)
3 envelopes
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MID/G/ 1914-1916
Hugh Urquhart Scrutton (Mary Midgley's uncle): chiefly letters from WW1 (he was killed in action 1916)
1 envelope
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MID/G/
Hugh Scrutton (recte Thomas Hugh Scrutton), Mary Midgley's brother: letters sent to him by Mary and by her father, miscellaneous photographs (including some other family members), diary for 1933, photograph album 1930s ("Hugh's Photos - 30s")
2 envelopes and 2 volumes (boxed)
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MID/G/
Published accounts of the engineering firm Mott, Hay and Anderson (founded by Basil Mott and David Hay, the latter Mary Midgley's grandfather), and of the building of the Mersey Tunnel
2 volumes (boxed)
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MID/G/
Family history research notes and papers compiled by Janet Scrutton (Mary Midgley's aunt, apparently called Jane Scrutton in *Owl of Minerva*)
1 envelope
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Geoff Midgley

MID/H-
Papers of philosopher Geoffrey Midgley, not yet listed and not currently available for consultation.
Also volume of essays edited by David Midgley, [February 2018], with introduction
2 metres (plus 1 metre scanned copies)