

Department of Philosophy

Dr. David Ross Boyd Colloquium Series



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“Becoming Bad: Aristotle on Habituation into Vice”

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Reception to follow

Aristotle’s ethical works include only scattered remarks about moral badness or vice [kakia], and they are puzzling. Badness is a condition of the nonrational soul; but it somehow depends on the corruption of reason. And like virtue, vice is produced by habituation — it is something we *learn*, through repeated action, just as we do a craft. This paper attempts to make sense of these claims, and to present Aristotle’s account as coherent, plausible, and perhaps unnervingly familiar.

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