

# Colloquium Series



Thursday,  
January 16  
4:00 p.m.

Watson Hall  
Room 517



*Welcome the biscuit  
tin to Canada!*

## NOTES FROM A BISCUIT TIN

Poetry and Philosophy in Conversation

*On the Theme of 'Children'*



Helen Humphreys  
Poet



Christine Sypnowich  
Philosopher

**Notes from a Biscuit Tin** is a year-long celebration of Mary Midgley's philosophical vision. On what would have been Mary's 100th birthday, her biscuit tin (gifted to Rachael Wiseman and Clare Mac Cumhail by her family after her death) will begin a 12-month round-the-world voyage. From this tin Mary dispensed wit, wisdom and ginger snaps to her visitors over many decades. At twelve stops a poet and a philosopher will meet to share a conversation on a theme from Midgley's work. The conversation will begin with the poet reading a commissioned poem on the theme.

Poet Helen Humphreys and philosopher Christine Sypnowich will be participating in a special session of the Queen's Department of Philosophy weekly colloquium series to welcome the biscuit tin to Kingston, its only stop in Canada. They will be discussing the theme of Children within Midgley's work. Biscuits/cookies will be provided! The event is free, open to the public and no tickets are required.

Catch up on the meeting and follow the tin's journey around the world here:

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