

**The Department of Philosophy
and
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present**

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What is a Relational Virtue?

Most of us, if not all, have people who share intimate personal relationships with us (for example, family members and close friends.) What makes a personal relationship a good one of its kind? I suggest that a good personal relationship is one in which each participant has the corresponding 'relational virtue' (for example, filial piety and the virtue of friendship). The aim of this talk is to argue that the nature and value of intimate relationships are best understood in terms of relational virtue. After explaining what I mean by 'relational virtue,' I show why it is a virtue and in what sense it is a distinctive kind of virtue. I then introduce some characteristic features of relational virtue and discuss their implications on important ethical issues.

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