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Ph.D. English Literature, UC Berkeley, 1995  
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## About

Blakey Vermeule's research interests are neuroaesthetics, cognitive and evolutionary approaches to art, philosophy and literature, British literature from 1660-1820, post-Colonial fiction, satire, and the history of the novel. She is the author of *The Party of Humanity: Writing Moral Psychology in Eighteenth-Century Britain* (2000) and *Why Do We Care About Literary Characters?* (2009), both from The Johns Hopkins

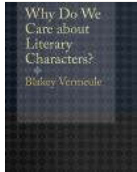
University Press. She is writing a book about what mind science has discovered about the unconscious.

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