



Disability History and Awareness Month 2023

Shelley Tremain

Shelley Tremain is well known within the philosophical community for her pioneering work in disability studies and her political and feminist approaches to breaking down the barriers and inequities in academics and abroad. Holding a Ph.D. in Philosophy and having taught in the U.S., Canada, and Australia, Tremain's work has received several awards, including the 2016 Tobin Siebers Prize for Disability Studies in the Humanities and the Tanis Doe Award for Disability Study and Culture in Canada.



Disabled herself, some of Tremain's most recent and influential work has been her 'Dialogues on Disability,' a series of groundbreaking interviews with disabled philosophers at various academic and professional stages to broaden the scope of disabled voices contributing to the literature on disability. Uplifting disabled voices has been a personal and professional passion in Tremain's life to help inform on and combat what she believes to be unseen inequities in education that unfairly slight disabled people's voices. Tremain finds incredible insight in allowing different perspectives in conversation, political spaces, and academics. She has continued to make that belief a central part of her research and further contributions to philosophy.

If you want to learn more about the various contributions various disabled scholars have made towards a more robust understanding of disability, you can find several entries and interviews on Tremain's Dialogues on Disability blog.

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