

TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGES OF SELF

SPRING 2025 DAVID NORTON MEMORIAL LECTURE

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Transformative changes of self happen. They can be chosen or unchosen, wanted or unwanted, good or bad. They can occur as part of ordinary life transitions, as when one becomes a parent, marries, emigrates, or divorces, and they can occur in extraordinary circumstances, such as when one experiences a war, a serious physical accident, an invasive neurosurgical procedure, or cognitive change due to Alzheimer's. I will develop a conceptual framework for these kinds of changes and explore some of their implications, with a special focus on how they relate to our understanding of big life choices and the ways we construct our lives.