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Alice Dreger is a mainstream writer, an historian of medicine and science, and a journalist. An award-winning scholar, teacher, and writer, Dreger's best-known book is *Galileo's Middle Finger: Heretics, Activists, and the Search for Justice in Science*, which argues that the pursuit of evidence is the most important ethical imperative of our time. Funded by a Guggenheim Fellowship and published by Penguin Press, the book has been praised in many venues including *The New Yorker*, *Nature*, *Science*, *Forbes*, *New York Magazine*, and *Salon*. It was named an "Editor's Choice" by *The New York Times Book Review*. The *Chronicle of Higher Education* has called her a "star scholar" and, in a feature on her career, described Dreger's writing as "reliably funny and passionate and vulnerable."

Dreger earned her Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University and has been faculty at various midwestern institutions, most recently Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in the Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program. She has delivered over 200 public lectures, including many keynotes. Her TEDx lecture, "Is Anatomy Destiny?", has been viewed over 1.2 million times and was included on a special Netflix compilation.

She has authored and edited many books, including for Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press, the Association of American Medical Colleges, Amazon Kindle Singles. Her peer-reviewed research has been published in *Human Nature*, *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, *Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology & Metabolism*, *Gay & Lesbian Quarterly*, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, the *AMA Journal of Ethics*, and elsewhere.

Known especially for her work on sex and gender (especially intersex), medical ethics, free speech, local journalism, and "cancel culture," Dreger has bylines in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *WIRED*, *Slate*, *The Guardian*, *New Statesman*, *Aeon Magazine*, *Quillette*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Atlantic*, and more. She has appeared as a guest expert on hundreds of media programs, including on *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, and *NPR*, and in many original documentaries, including for *A&E*, *ABC*, *Discovery*, *PBS*, and *HBO*.

Her awards include the inaugural Courage Award from the Heterodox Academy, the Society of Midland Authors Literary Award for Best Nonfiction, the Outstanding Leadership Award in Comprehensive Sexual Education from SIECUS, Planned Parenthood, Advocates for Youth, GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network), and Healthy Teen Network. Norton has included her work in *Best Creative Nonfiction*, *Utne Reader* named her a "visionary," and the American Philosophical Association calls her a "Philosopher of Note."

Dreger divides her time between East Lansing, Michigan, and Hyde Park, Chicago, where she loves to swim in the open waters of Lake Michigan just off Promontory Point. Find more at her website: alicedreger.com