

# Essays in Collective Epistemology

EDITED BY

Jennifer Lackey

**OXFORD**  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

# Contents

<i>Contributors</i>	vii
Introduction <i>Jennifer Lackey</i>	1
<b>Part I. The Debate between Summativists and Non-Summativists</b>	
1. Social Process Reliabilism: Solving Justification Problems in Collective Epistemology <i>Alvin I. Goldman</i>	11
2. When Is There a Group that Knows? Distributed Cognition, Scientific Knowledge, and the Social Epistemic Subject <i>Alexander Bird</i>	42
3. A Deflationary Account of Group Testimony <i>Jennifer Lackey</i>	64
<b>Part II. General Epistemic Concepts in the Collective Domain</b>	
4. How to Tell if a Group Is an Agent <i>Philip Pettit</i>	97
5. The Stoic Epistemic Virtues of Groups <i>Sarah Wright</i>	122
6. Disagreement and Public Controversy <i>David Christensen</i>	142
<b>Part III. Individual and Collective Epistemology</b>	
7. Social Roots of Human Knowledge <i>Ernest Sosa</i>	167
8. Belief, Acceptance, and What Happens in Groups: Some Methodological Considerations <i>Margaret Gilbert and Daniel Pilchman</i>	189

**Part IV. Collective Entities and Formal Epistemology**

9. Individual Coherence and Group Coherence	215
<i>Rachael Briggs, Fabrizio Cariani, Kenny Easwaran, and Branden Fitelson</i>	
10. When to Defer to Supermajority Testimony—and When Not	240
<i>Christian List</i>	
<i>Index</i>	251