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Education

Ph.D. ◊ Philosophy ◊ The University of Western Ontario, 2010
M.A. ◊ Philosophy ◊ The University of Western Ontario, 2002
Hon. B.A. ◊ Philosophy ◊ University of Toronto, 2001

Doctoral Dissertation

The Ethics of Humanitarian Intervention (Successfully defended on December 21, 2010)
Committee ◊ Samantha Brennan (Supervisor), Richard Vernon, Michael Milde
External Examiner ◊ Brian Orend, Department of Philosophy, University of Waterloo

Interests

Applied Ethics, Bioethics

Employment

Assistant Professor and Health Care Ethicist, Dalhousie University, 2018-Present
Policy Analyst, Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists, 2017-2018
Clinical Ethicist, Alberta Health Services (AHS), 2014- 2016 (Full-time), 2017-Present (Casual)
Professor, Department of Philosophy, Okanagan College, 2013-2014
Ethics Fellow, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care London, 2011-2012
Lecturer, Philosophy, The University of Western Ontario, 2003 and 2006-2012
Lecturer, Philosophy, Ryerson University, Summer 2011
Lecturer, Philosophy, McMaster University, Winter 2011 and Winter 2008
Research Assistant, Philosophy, The University of Western Ontario, 2003 and 2008
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, The University of Western Ontario, 2001-2006
Compliance Monitoring Officer, The Pay Equity Commission, Government of Ontario, 2000

Sample Presentations in Clinical and Organizational Ethics

“Everyday Ethics During COVID-19” Webinar, Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technicians (April 9, 2020)

“Teaching Ethics in the Clinical Setting” (co-facilitated with Marika Warren), Medical Residency Program, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie (February 18, 2020)

“Navigating Uncertainty in the ICU”, Nova Scotia Central Zone Critical Care Program, Nursing Education Days (Nov-Dec 2019)

“Living at Risk” Continuing Care Program, Western Zone Nova Scotia Health Authority (November 22 and 29, 2019)

Critical Care Ethics Rounds, Victoria General Hospital (various sessions between January 2019-May 2020)

Palliative Care Ethics Rounds, Victoria General Hospital (6 sessions between November 2018- May 2020)

“Introduction to Ethics Consultation” Workshop (co-facilitated with Marika Warren and Christy Simpson), Nova Scotia Health Ethics Network, Port Hawkesbury (October 2, 2018)

“Ethics Issues in Consent in Emergency Medicine” for IWK Medical Residents/ED rotation, IWK (August 1, 2018)

“Introduction to the Ethics Committee” Workshop (co-facilitated with Marika Warren), Nova Scotia Health Ethics Network, StFX University (June 26-27, 2018)

“Ethical Decision-Making” Prince Edward Island College of Pharmacists, Webinar (June 15, 2017), Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists, Zone meetings (June 19-22, 2017)

“Medical Assistance in Dying” AHS South Zone Home Care (June 27, 2016), Coaldale Health Centre (June 27 & 28, 2016), Long Term Care South Zone Management (July 13, 2016), Peter Lougheed Centre (July 14, 2016), South Zone Cancer Care Program (August 12, 2016), Foothills Medical Centre (September 8, 2016), Chinook Regional Hospital Unit 4C (September 9, 2016) Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council (September 19, 2016), Dying with Dignity Lethbridge Chapter (September 27, 2016), University of Lethbridge Nursing Program (September 28, 29 and October 3 2016), Community Programs Leadership (October 7, 2016), South Zone Renal Program (October 19, 25 & 26, 2016), Seniors Health Management (October 21, 2016), Nova Scotia Community College Pharmacy Technician Program (February 22, 2017)

“Ethics in Emergency Health Care” (Co-presented with Ward Eggli and Deb Branden) AHS Lunch ‘n’ Learn Series, Chinook Regional Hospital (October 20 & 21, 2016)

“Balancing Privacy and Transparency in the Use of Video Cameras in Care Facilities” Calgary Ethics Education Day (October 5, 2016)

“Ethical Challenges in Long Term Care” South West Long Term Care Managers (May 18, 2016)

“A Conversation About Mistakes” (co-presented with Dr. Mark Pijl Zieber) Lethbridge Fire and Emergency Services Leadership (April 14, 2016)

“Physician-Assisted Death” University of Lethbridge (April 4, 2014 & March 2, 2016)

“Addictions in the Workplace” (Co-presented with Laura Hahn) AHS Ethics Lunch ‘n’ Learn Series, Chinook Regional Hospital (March 10 & 11, 2016)

“The Ethics of Clinical Practice Errors” (co-presented with Dr. Mark Pijl Zieber) AHS Ethics Lunch ‘n’ Learn Series, Chinook Regional Hospital (January 21 & 22, 2016)

“Ethical Challenges in Implementing *Carter*” Dying With Dignity, Lethbridge (Jan.21, 2016)

“Ethics in Caring for Persons Who Are Trans” AHS South Zone Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Chinook Regional Hospital (December 18, 2015)

“Hutterites in Health Care: Promoting respect, understanding and cultural safety” AHS Ethics Lunch ‘n’ Learn Series, Chinook Regional Hospital (October 29 & 30, 2015)

“Moral Distress” Claresholm Centre for Mental Health and Addictions (October 2, 2015), Pediatric Unit, Chinook Regional Hospital (May 14, 2015), Access and Waitlist Management Centre (February 11, 2015), Palliative and Transitions Team, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital (September 10, 2014)

“Advance Care Planning” Patient Support Group, Chinook Regional Hospital (September 24, 2015)

“Clinical Ethics” Lethbridge Surgical Society, Galt Museum (June 3, 2016), PGY2 Ethics Education, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital (June 4, 2015), Lethbridge Home Care, Lethbridge Centre (April 17, 2015), Surgery Grand Rounds, Foothills Hospital (December 5, 2014)

“Ethical Challenges in Caring for Patients with Borderline Personality Disorder” Jack Ady Cancer Centre (May 29, 2015)

“Predictably Unpredictable: Ethical challenges in caring for persons with Borderline Personality Disorder” Dosseter Lunchtime Ethics Series, Lethbridge Centre (April 22, 2015)

“Professional Boundaries” Renal Program, Chinook Regional Hospital (Numerous sessions, 2015)

“Conflict and Compassion” South West Home Care Managers Team Retreat, Fort Macleod Health Centre (Feb. 3, 2015)

“Interventions at the End of Life” Geriatric Grand Rounds, Chinook Regional Hospital (January 23, 2015)

“Sterilization and Developmental Disability” AHS Ethics Lunch ‘n’ Learn Series, Chinook Regional Hospital (December 11 & 12, 2014)

“Feeding at the End of Life” AHS Ethics Lunch ‘n’ Learn Series, Chinook Regional Hospital (October 23 & 24, 2014)

“Who Gets Patient-Centered Care? Ethical Challenges in Caring for Patients who are Extremely Obese” Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care (June 18, 2012)

“Challenges in the Care of Geriatric Patients” Geriatric Grand Rounds, Parkwood Hospital (June 7, 2012)

“Is it Ethical to Try to Increase Scholarly Work Through Financial Incentives?” Victoria Hospital (June 7, 2012)

“Possible Conflict of Interest in Patient Education Materials” Health Care Ethics Committee of the Board of Directors, St. Joseph’s Hospital (May 1, 2012)

“Ethics in Long Term Care” School of Occupational Therapy, UWO (April 4, 2012)

“Ethics, Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide” Health Care Ethics Committee of the Board of Directors, St. Joseph’s Hospital (December 13, 2011)

Teaching

Guest Lecturer, Dalhousie University (various Departments)	Fall 2019-Present
Professor, Philosophy, Okanagan College	
Business Ethics	Winter 2014
Introduction to Philosophy II	Winter 2014
Introduction to Philosophy I	Fall 2013
Contemporary Moral Issues	Fall 2013
Lecturer, Philosophy, The University of Western Ontario	
Ethics and Value Theory (Distance Studies)	2008, 2009, 2010 & 2012
Business Ethics (Distance Studies)	Winter 2009, 2012
Early Modern Philosophy (Distance Studies)	Summer 2011
Gender and Sexuality	Winter 2009
Introduction to Environmental Philosophy	Fall 2007
Contemporary Political Philosophy	Summer 2007
Biomedical Ethics	2006-2007
Introduction to Philosophy	2003-2004
Lecturer, Women’s Studies, The University of Western Ontario	
Legal Issues Affecting Women	Fall 2011
Lecturer, Philosophy, Ryerson University	
Problems in Philosophy	Summer 2011

Lecturer, Philosophy, McMaster University	
Philosophy and Feminism	Winter 2011
Feminist Epistemologies	Winter 2011
Philosophies of War and Peace	Winter 2008

Certificates and Professional Development

<i>It's All About Communication</i> , Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie	(Oct. 2019)
<i>Disclosure and Apology After Medical Error and Adverse Events</i> , Institute for Professionalism and Ethical Practice	(Oct. 2018)
<i>Medication Incident Analysis</i> , Institute for Safe Medication Practices	(Oct. 2017)
<i>Human Factors</i> , Alberta Health Services	(Apr. 2016)
<i>Aboriginal Peoples and Communities Workshop</i> , Nechi Institute	(Aug. 2015)
<i>Disclosing Unanticipated Medical Outcomes</i> , Alberta Health Services	(Apr. 2015)
<i>Conflict Management and Negotiation</i> , Canadian Medical Association	(Jan. 2015)
<i>Crucial Conversations</i> , St. Joseph's Health Care London	(Winter, 2012)
<i>Cultural Competence Train the Trainer Workshop</i> (Sick Kids)	(Jan. 2012)

Committees and Policy Working Groups

Member, COVID-19 Contingency Plan Working Group, Nova Scotia Cancer Care Program (March 2020-Present)
Member, Rapid Exceptional Status Therapy Evaluation (RESTE) Team, Nova Scotia Cancer Care Program (August 2019-Present)
Member, Exceptional Status Medication Funding Working Group, Nova Scotia Cancer Care Program (August 2018-September 2019)
Member, Organizational and Clinical Ethics Committees, IWK (May 2018-Present)
Member, Ethics Collaborations Team, Dalhousie University (May 2018-Present)
Member, Nova Scotia Health Ethics Network Operations Team (May 2018-Present)
Member, Drugs and Therapeutics Committee, Nova Scotia Health Authority (May 2018-Present)
Member, Standards of Practice Committee, NSCP (January 2017-April 2018)
Member, Medical Assistance in Dying Policy Working Group, AHS (November 2015-2016)
Member, Visitation and Family Presence in Continuing Care Policy Working Group, AHS (January 2016-2016)
Member, Use of Audio and Video Recording Devices for Surveillance Policy Working Group, AHS (May 2015-2016)
Member, Continuing Care Living Options Exceptions Committee, AHS (October 2015-2016)
Member/Facilitator, South Zone Ethics Committee, AHS (December 2014- 2016)
Member, Resuscitation Status Policy Working Groups, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care London (2012)

Member, Health Care Ethics Committee of the Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Health Care London (2011-2012)

Member, Ethics Education and Consultation Committees for: St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkwood Hospital, and Regional Mental Health Care, London (2011- 2012)

Member, Women and Children's Healthcare Ethics Committee, London Health Sciences Centre (2011-2012)

Grad Student Representative, The Committee for Women's Concerns, Dept. of Philosophy, UWO (2003-2005)

Councillor, Society of Graduate Students, UWO (2003-2004)

Publications

Co-authored with Samantha Brennan. Entries on Virginia Held and Claudia Card, *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Donald Borchert, Macmillan Reference USA, 2005.

Conference Organizing

Lead Conference Organizer for Ethical and Legal Challenges in Capacity Assessment Conference, London, ON. (June 2012)

Referee and Conference Organizing Committee Member for The Ethics and History of Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, UWO (November 2006 and 2007)

Awards

UWO Graduate Alumni Award, \$500 in support of travel and research expenses (2008)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, \$15,000 (2005-2006, and 2006-2007)

Nominated for Graduate Student Teaching Award, UWO (2002-03, 2004-05, 2005-06)

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