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Sharon Batt is an independent scholar and an adjunct professor in the Department of Bioethics at Dalhousie University. She is an affiliate adjunct professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and a research fellow at PharmedOut, a project to advance evidence-based prescribing based at Georgetown University's Medical Center. She collaborates with researchers at Common Sense Oncology, based at Queen's University. Her work in pharmaceutical policy and health politics integrates scholarly research, public education, and social change activism. Her latest book, *Health Advocacy Inc.: How Pharmaceutical Funding Changed the Breast Cancer Movement* (UBC Press, 2017) is an insider analysis of the alliances between patient groups and the pharmaceutical industry and the implications for health policy, social fairness, and democracy.

She is currently a co-investigator on a research project to study disparities in access to precision oncology drugs across Canada, led by oncologists at Queen's University and funded by the Terry Fox Research Institute. Projects with PharmedOut include the 2024 book-length report, *What Needs to Change at the FDA? Protecting and Advancing Public Health*, funded by Arnold Ventures. Recent publications include a co-authored opinion on overall survival as the relevant endpoint for cancer trials, a commentary in *HealthcarePapers* on patient advocacy to shape Canada's policies on drugs for rare diseases, and an investigative journalism article on patient advocacy group leaders and their ties to the pharmaceutical industry.

At Dalhousie, she contributes to regular meetings in the Department of Bioethics, participates in an annual class on advocacy for students in the Faculty of Medicine, and has served on thesis and dissertation committees in the Department of Political Science. Academic exchanges/collaborations include visits to PharmedOut at Georgetown University, the Mario Negri Institute in Milan, Concordia University, and a course on pharmaceutical regulation at Osgoode Hall Law School. Public and community engagement includes participation in national consultations on mammography screening, on regulations to control the price of patented medicines in Canada, and in the community organizations Independent Voices for Safe and Effective Drugs, and the Nova Scotia Health Coalition.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Interdisciplinary (specialization in Bioethics), Dalhousie University
- M.A. Psychology, University of British Columbia
- B.A. Psychology (Honours), Carleton University

EMPLOYMENT

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Affiliate Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (May 2023-present).
- Adjunct Professor, Departments of Bioethics (2017-present) and Department of Political Science & Department of Graduate Studies (2018-2023), Dalhousie University.
- Liliane Robinson Visiting Scholar 2017, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia, University, Montreal
- Seminar Co-Tutor, Professional Competencies II, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University (September 2012 - May 2013; September 2013-May 2014)

- Research Assistant, National Network on Environments and Women's Health, York University, Toronto (April 2009 to March 2010)
- Elizabeth May Chair in Women's Health and the Environment; Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University (2001- 2003)
- Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies; Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University (1999-2001)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT (NON-ACADEMIC)

- Co-founder and president of Breast Cancer Action Montreal (*BCAM*) (1991-1999)
- Policy analyst and researcher, Canadian Breast Cancer Network (1996)
- Consultant to Health Canada's National Forum on Breast Cancer (1993-1994)
- Editor, *Protect Yourself Magazine*, Quebec Consumer Protection Office, Montreal (1985-91)

GRANTS and AWARDS

- Disparities in access to precision oncology drugs across Canada, grant awarded to Queen's University by the Terry Fox Research Institute. Co-investigator. Jan. 2025-Dec. 2025.
- Research on improving the FDA, PharmedOut, Georgetown University, 2022-2024.
- Pharmaceutical Policy Research Collaboration (PPRC) Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2012-13.
- Doctoral Thesis Award, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Dalhousie University: Outstanding doctoral thesis in the Humanities and Social Sciences (2011-2012)
- Cancer Research Training Program Travel Grant, September 2011, the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute, Dalhousie University.
- Competition winner, Thirteenth Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality: Health Politics in an Interconnected World, *Irmgard Coninx Foundation*, Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and the Humboldt-University Berlin. Berlin, Germany, December 1-5, 2010.
- Dalhousie Graduate Studies Travel Award to present at the Society for Medical Anthropology meeting, Yale University, New Haven, September 2009.
- Norah Stephen Oncology Scholar, 2008 Summer Research Studentship. Awarded by Cancer Care Nova Scotia to Sharon Batt (PhD Candidate) and Janice E. Graham (Supervisor).
- Doctoral Support (2007), from Janice Graham's CIHR grant, Risk and Regulation of Novel and Therapeutic Products (MOP 74473).
- Student Abstract Award, Canadian Bioethics Society (2004)
- Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) Doctoral Fellowship in Research Ethics and Health Policy (2003-2009)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND UNIVERSITY TEACHING

TEACHING AND THESIS SUPERVISION

- Guest Lecturer, course on Pharmaceutical Regulation (Law 6859), Summer 2022 and Fall 2023, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto.
- Guest Panelist, Physicians and Advocacy. Professional Competencies II, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, Winter 2020-2025.
- PhD Thesis Committee Member, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, for Julia Rodgers, July 2020 to 2023.
- Honours Thesis Examiner, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, for Noel Guscott, April 2020.
- Invited lecture, "Feminist Advocacy and Shifting Health Systems" in Women's Bodies, Women's Health (course session and public lecture), University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, March 9, 2020.

- Invited lecture, “Is the Pharmaceutical Industry Corrupt?” Ethics and Health Care (course session and public lecture), St. Paul’s University, Ottawa, March 7, 2017.
- Invited lecture, “Industry Funding and Patient Groups,” class in Pharmaceutical Policy, University of Toronto, October 4, 2016.
- Professional Competencies II, Co-tutor, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University 2012-13 and 2013-2013
- Women’s Health and the Environment, Graduate Seminar, Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University, 2001-2003
- Women’s Health and the Environment, Introductory Course, Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University 2001-2003
- The Politics of Women's Health, Senior Seminar, Department of Women’s Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University 1999-2001
- A Feminist Approach to Women's Health Policy, Senior Seminar, Department of Women’s Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University 1999-2001

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- Batt, S., Judy Butler and Adriane Fugh-Berman. *What needs to change at the FDA? Protecting and Advancing Public Health*. Washington DC: PharmedOut, March 2024.
- Batt, S. *Health Advocacy, Inc.: How pharmaceutical funding industry changed the breast cancer movement*. Vancouver: UBC Press, June 2017.
- Batt, S. *Patient No More: The Politics of Breast Cancer*, Charlottetown: Gynergy Books, and London, UK: Scarlet Press 1994.
 - Australia and New Zealand edition, Melbourne: Spinifex, 1996.
 - French translation: *À bout de patience: les enjeux de la lutte au cancer du sein*, Montréal: Remue-ménage, 1998.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Gyawali B. and Batt S. Why overall survival should be the oncology trial endpoint. Commentary, *Medscape*. January 23, 2025.
- Batt, S. Competing values, competing claims: Diversity among patient advocates who intervene to shape policies on drugs for rare diseases. *HealthcarePapers*, special issue on expensive drugs for rare diseases. 2023, 21(1):52-58. doi: 10.12927/hcpap.2023.27995.
- Lexchin J, Batt S, Goldberg D, Shnier A. A cross-sectional study of national patient groups in Canada to examine their disclosure of relationships with the pharmaceutical industry. *BMJ Open* 2022,12: e055287 doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2021-055287
- Batt S. Interpretive sufficiency: where evidence in journalism and ethnography meet, *Politics, Groups & Identities* 2021, 9(4): 841-50. Dialogue contribution to “Misunderstanding Ethnography” doi: [10.1080/21565503.2021.1960868](https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2021.1960868)
- Batt, S. On being heckled at a National Health Technology Conference: Patient participation and democratic discourse. *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*. March, 2020. doi:10.20529/IJME.2020.027.
- Batt, S., Butler J., Shannon, O., Fugh-Berman, A. Pharmaceutical Ethics and Grassroots Activism in the United States: A Social History Perspective. *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 17:49-60 (March 2020), Available: <https://rdcu.be/b4vJp>
- Batt, S. 2019. Unhealthy Partnerships and Public Health: Breaking Free of Industry. Review of *The Perils of Partnerships* by Jonathan H. Marks. *The Hastings Center Report*. 2019; 49(6): 39-40.
- Batt, S. and A. Fugh-Berman 2018 (March 2). Disclosing corporate funding is not nearly enough. *Chronicle of Higher Education*: 64(25).

- Batt, S. 2017. Revisiting New Zealand's "Unfortunate Experiment": Is medical ethics ever a thing done? *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*. Epub: December 2017.
- Batt, S. 2016. Review essay: Pharmaceutical company corruption and the moral crisis in medicine. *The Hastings Center Report*. doi: 10.1002/hast.575
- Batt, S. 2014. Who will support independent patient groups? *BMJ*, October 15, 2014, 349:g6306.
- Batt, S. 2007. Limits on Autonomy: Political meta-narratives and health stories in the media. *American Journal of Bioethics* 7(8): 23-25.
- Fugh-Berman, A. and S. Batt. 2006. 'This may sting a bit!': Cutting CME's ties to pharma. *AMA Journal of Ethics*. 8(6): 416-419.
- Kasper, A. and S. Batt. Arguing breast cancer: The feminist views of two women's health activists. *Women's Studies Quarterly*. Women, Health and Medicine: Transforming Perspectives and Practice. Spring/Summer, Vol. XXXI, 1&2, 2003.
- Waller, M. and S. Batt. 1995 (March 15). Advocacy Groups for Breast Cancer Patients, *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 152 (6).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Batt, S. 2018. Activist cheque-mate? A look back at Canada's breast cancer movement. In *Personal and Political: Stories from the Women's Health Movement*, Lorraine Greaves and the Feminist History Society (eds.). Toronto: Second Story Press.
- Batt, S. 2015. A community fractured: breast cancer activism, pharmaceutical company funding and science-related advocacy in Canada. In *The Public Shaping of Medical Research: patient associations, health movements and biomedicine*. P. Wehling, W. Viehöver, and S. Koenen (eds). Routledge.
- Batt, S. and A. Lippman. 2010. Preventing disease: Are pills the answer? In Anne Rochon Ford and Diane Saibil, Eds. *The Push to Prescribe: Women & Canadian Drug Policy*, Toronto: Women's Press/Canadian Scholars' Press.
- Batt, S. 2010. Who pays the piper? Industry funding of patients' groups. In Anne Rochon Ford and Diane Saibil, eds. *The Push to Prescribe: Women & Canadian Drug Policy*, Toronto: Women's Press/Canadian Scholars' Press.
- Batt, S. 2010. Full Circle: Drugs, the Environment and Our Health, in Anne Rochon Ford and Diane Saibil, eds. *The Push to Prescribe: Women & Canadian Drug Policy*, Toronto: Women's Press/Canadian Scholars' Press.
- Chapters anthologized from *Patient No More*:
 - Batt, S. "Perfect people: Cancer charities, in *Women and health: Power, technology, inequality and conflict in a gendered world*, Kathryn Strother Ratcliff, Ed., Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 2002.
 - Batt, S. Stolen conflicts: A feminist revisioning, in *For women only: Your guide to health empowerment*, Garry Null and Barbara Seaman, Eds. NY: Seven Stories Press, 1999.
 - Batt, S. Perfect people: Cancer charities" in *The politics of women's bodies: sexuality, appearance and behavior*, Rose Weitz, Ed. NY: Oxford University Press, 1998.
 - Batt, S. Thrown: An encounter with the health care system, in *Health and Canadian society: Sociological perspectives*, 3rd Edition, David Coburn, Carl D'Arcy and George Torrance, Eds., Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1998.
- Batt, S. 2000. Making it happen. In *Made to measure: women, gender and equity*, Volume 3 of the *Women in Atlantic Canada Trilogy*, Published and edited by the Maritime Centre for Excellence in Women's Health.
- Batt, S. 1984. Our civil courts: Unused classrooms for education about rape", *The CRIAW [Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women] Papers*, No. 7.

BOOK REVIEWS AND BLOGS

- Batt, S. Cancer Patients Deciding on Research Questions? Finally! *Network Voices*, Marathon of Hope Cancer Centres. In Press, January 2025.
- Batt, S. The Horne Trial and Medicine's Bullying Problem. *Impact Ethics Blog*, November 9, 2017
- Fugh-Berman, A. and Batt, S. EpiPens and the Sale of Fear, *Hastings Center Bioethics Forum*, October 7, 2016.
- Batt, S. and Fugh-Berman, A. EpiPen Furor: Patient Groups Take the Money and Stay Mum, *Hastings Center Bioethics Forum*, August 29, 2016.
- Batt, S. 2015. Branding the Barricades. Review of *Protest Inc.: The corporatization of activism*, by P. Dauvergne and G. LeBaron. *The Literary Review of Canada*, April 2015.
- Batt, S. 2009. Giving meaning to the stark facts of breast cancer. Review of *Not Done Yet: Living through breast cancer*, by Laurie Kingston, in *CMAJ*, September 1, 2009 181: E97-E98.
- Batt, S. 2003. Prescriptive politics. Review of *The truth about hormone replacement therapy*, by the National Women's Health Network, in *CMAJ*, 4 February, 2003.
- Batt, S. 2002. Radical ideas. Review of *The Breast Cancer Wars: hope, fear and the pursuit of a cure in twentieth-century America*, by Barron H Lerner, *CMAJ*, 14 May 2002; 166(10).
- Batt, S. 2001. Social Disease. Review of *Breast cancer: Society shapes an epidemic*, edited by Anne S. Kasper and Susan Ferguson, in *The Women's Review of Books*, Vol. XVIII, No. 6/March 2001, p. 14.
- Batt, S. 1996. Review of *The Gift of Death: Confronting Canada's Tainted Blood Tragedy*, by André Picard, in *The Gazette* (Montreal), March 2, 1996.
- Batt, S. 1995. Review of *The Truth About Breast Cancer* by Claire Hoy, the *Gazette* (Montreal), March 1995.
- Batt, S. 1991. Review of *In the Company of Strangers*, by Mary Meigs, the *Gazette* (Montreal), October 12, 1991.
- Batt, S. 1991. Beyond demystification, review of *Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book*, by Susan M. Love with Karen Lindsay, in the *Kingston Whig-Standard*, Jan. 5, 1991.

REFEREED POSTERS

- Batt, S. 2017. Pharmaceutical Policy, Patient Views, and Funding Models for Patient Advocacy Organizations. Presented at *CADTH Symposium 2017*, April 23-25, 2017, Ottawa, Ontario.
- Batt, S. 2013. Leading Canadian pharmaceutical companies' disclosure of donations to patient organizations: an assessment of compliance to Rx&D policy. Presented at *Pharmacare 2020*, February 26-27, 2013, Vancouver, B.C.
- Batt, S. 2008. Pharmaceutical company funding of breast cancer groups and implications for cancer care in Nova Scotia. Presented at the *Nova Scotia Cancer Symposium*, November 5, 2008, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Batt, S. 2007. How patients' advocacy groups perceive funding from the pharmaceutical industry: Ethics, realities, and impacts on Policy. School of Pharmacy Research Day, Dalhousie University, September 20, 2007.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, CONFERENCE TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- Batt, S. Panel presentation, "Diagnosing what ails the FDA" for the panel, *Make the FDA Great Again!* PharmedOut Conference, Georgetown University, Washington DC, June 15, 2023.
- Batt, S., Fugh-Berman A. *What Needs to Change at the FDA?* White Paper. Washington, D.C.: PharmedOut, Georgetown University, September 2022.

- Batt, S. Webinar panelist, “How Pharma Grooms Patients and Advocacy Groups to Sell Drugs.” PharmedOut, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington D.C., February 3, 2022. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PD_tBqHDouY
- Batt, S. Webinar panelist, “Misunderstanding Ethnography: Evidence in law, journalism and political ethnography,” in the series *Interpretation, Method, and Critique* (IMC) Network and Research Cluster, at Australian National University, Canberra, October 29, 2021.
- Batt, S. Invited panelist at the International Women’s Day event – Three Perspectives on Breast Cancer. Women and Gender Studies, University of Windsor, March 9, 2020.
- Batt, S. Invited panelist, “Commodifying Bodies.” Research Roundtable: Talking Across Silos in Canada’s Health Movements. St. Paul’s University, Ottawa, November 30th-December 1, 2018.
- Batt, S. Invitational workshop on patient engagement and pharmaceutical policy. Mario Negri Institute, Milan, Italy, October 25, 2018.
- Batt, S. Invited talk: “Patient Groups and Pharma Partnerships in Health and Research Decisions: Challenging the Logic of Choice.” Mario Negri Institute, Milan, Italy, October 24, 2018.
- Batt, S. Panel participant: Misunderstanding Ethnography: Evidence in Law, Journalism & Political Ethnography. American Political Science Association annual meeting, *Democracy and its Discontents*, Boston, September 1, 2018.
- Batt, S. Invited presentation, Through a Glass Darkly: Transparency and the Pharma Funding of Patient Advocacy Groups. At the *Transparency: Policy Gain or Confidence Game?* Workshop, Dalhousie University, Halifax, July 4, 2018.
- Batt, S. Invited presentation, The pharma-funding factor and discourses on democracy in cancer patient organizations. At the *Commercializing Academic Science* workshop, Dalhousie University, Halifax, March 21-23, 2018.
- Batt, S. Patient Voices: Whose voices are missing? Why? And so what? * *CADTH Annual Symposium*, Halifax, April 17, 2018. (*Paper not delivered because of audience heckling.)
- Batt, S. Invited panel participant. Patients, Patient Groups and Patient Engagement: Blockbuster or Boondoggle? *CADTH Annual Symposium*, Halifax, April 16, 2018.
- Batt, S. Invited panelist: Pharma Funded Patient Advocacy Groups. *PharmedOut* Conference, Georgetown University, June 15 and 16, 2017.
- Batt, S. Beyond Resistance: Forging a Renewed Vision of Feminist Health Activism. *Café Feministe*, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, March 6, 2017.
- Batt, S. with Adriane Fugh-Berman. “Patient Advocacy in the Drug Regulatory Process in Canada and the US.” *Health Law Public Lecture Series*, Dalhousie University, January 20, 2017.
- Invited participant. *Drug Pricing Scenarios Project*: workshops to develop scenarios to combat unsustainable drug prices. Sponsored by the Belgian Healthcare Knowledge Centre and the Dutch Health Care Institute. Amsterdam, March 17-18, 2016; April 13-14, 2016.
- Batt, S. 2016. “Solidarities and fractures within Canada’s Breast cancer movement,” presented on the panel, *Solidarities and the politics of cancer advocacy*. CASCA/SANA annual conference, 2016, Halifax, N.S.
- Batt, S. 2015 (October 15-16) “Patients Voice(s) in the Healthcare Debate: Are the Dice Loaded?” Meeting 1 of the *Medicine, Markets and Morals Network*: Setting the Agenda, Birmingham, U.K.
- Batt, S. 2013. Where pharmaceutical companies and patients’ groups meet: New structures and discourses about drug treatment technologies and health care. Invited panel presentation at the 11th Annual Interdisciplinary “*Health Care, Technology and Place*” Symposium, University of Toronto, March 2013.
- Batt, S. 2013. Leading Canadian pharmaceutical companies’ disclosure of donations to patient organizations: An assessment of compliance to Rx&D policy. Paper presented at the *Pharmaceutical Policy Research Collaboration* meeting, Vancouver, February 2013.

- Batt, S. 2012. Patients' groups and funding from the pharmaceutical industry: Policy implications for costs, quality and equity in prescription drugs. Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) meeting: *Innovations for Health System Improvement: Balancing Costs, Quality and Equity*. Montreal, May, 2012.
- Batt, S. 2012. Patient compliance: Pharmaceutical company funding and breast cancer advocacy under Canada's neoliberal regime, at the invitational meeting, *Patient organizations, health movements and medical research: Varieties, effects and future of civil society engagement in science, technology development and research policies*. University of Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany, May, 2012.
- Batt, S. 2011. Patients groups, pharmaceutical company funding, and renegotiated meanings of 'The public interest.' Presentation on panel, Tracing the future: Lines of difference and possibility in medical technology. *American Anthropological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, November, 2011.
- Batt, S. 2011. Messages of hope: Interrogating survivorship. Presented at workshop *Critically interrogating cancer survivorship*. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, July 2011.
- Batt, S. 2011. On being the 7th Nancy's Chair. Invited presentation at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, N.S., March 6, 2011.
- Batt, S. 2010. Patients' groups, pharmaceutical company partnerships and the negotiated meanings of 'What patients need' in Canada. Presentation at the 13th Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality, *Health politics in an interconnected world*, Berlin, December 1-5, 2010.
- Batt, S. 2009. Triple helix redux: Canada's neo-liberal policy regime as shadow co-constructor in 'pharma' partnerships with Canadian breast cancer patient groups. Paper presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology 50th anniversary conference, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., September 24-27th, 2009.
- Batt, S. 2008. Constructing and contesting visions of citizenship: Identities, networks and pharma funding of patients' groups in Canada." Invited presentation at the workshop, *Constructing/contesting mobilizations: Biopolitics, activism and identity*, Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen), Lancaster University, Lancaster, England, June 27th, 2008.
- Batt, Sharon. 2008. "Pharmaceutical company funding and breast cancer groups in Canada." Invited presentation at the workshop, *The science and politics of breast cancer*, Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen), Lancaster University, Lancaster, England, June 26th, 2008.
- Batt, Sharon. 2008. Two cultures and a wedding? Interdisciplinary boundaries in bioethics. Paper presented at the conference, *Breaking Boundaries, Forging Connections: Feminist Interdisciplinary Theory and Practice*, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS. April 11-13, 2008.
- Batt, Sharon. 2007. Ethnography through the looking glass: Bioethics as a lens for examining particularism debates in the study of justice. Paper presented on a panel at the *American Anthropological Association Annual Conference*. "Difference, (In)equality and Justice". Washington DC, November-December 2007.
- Batt, Sharon. 2007. Epistemological partners or sugar daddies? The contested legitimacy of Pharma funding and patient advocacy groups on a panel at the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) annual meeting, *Ways of Knowing*, Montreal, Quebec. October 2007.
- Batt, Sharon. 2005. Changing boundaries: Using qualitative methods to study ethics and patient advocacy movements. Panel presentation at the *Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference*, Halifax, N.S., October 2005.
- Batt, S. 2005. Multi-sited ethnography in a global wired village. Paper presented on a panel at the CASCA/SANA/UADY *Tri-national anthropology conference on translocality*, Merida, Mexico, May 2005.

- Batt, Sharon. 2004. The ethics of easier access to pharmaceutical drugs: Beauchamp and Childress re-examined. Conference paper, *Canadian Bioethics Society* annual conference (Student Abstract Award winner). Calgary Alberta, October, 2004.
- Batt, Sharon. 2002. Women's health and the environment: A vision for the new century. Luncheon address, *Elizabeth May Chair in Women's Health and the Environment*, IWK Health Centre, Halifax, January 2002.
- Batt, Sharon. 2000. Genetic therapies for breast cancer," plenary address, National Strategic Workshop, *The Canadian Biotechnology Strategy: Assessing its Effects on Women and Health*, York University.
- Batt, Sharon. 1999. Making it Happen, Panelist at the national symposium, *Made to measure: Designing research, policy and action approaches to eliminate gender inequality*, Halifax.

PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS AND MEMBERSHIPS

JOURNAL PEER REVIEWS

- CMAJ (2025, 2023); Social Science and Medicine: SSM-Mental Health (2024) Health Policy (2022); Social Science and Medicine (2020, 2016)

GRANT REVIEW

- Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Insight Grant Reviewer (2024)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Knowledge Translation Strategies for Health Research, Grant Review Panelist (2003)
- Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative, Breast Cancer Etiology, Grant Review Panelist (2002)
- Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative, Streams of Excellence, Grant Review Panelist (2001)
- National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC) Grant Review Panelist (1995)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS (CURRENT): Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S); Pharmaceutical Policy Research Collaborative (PPRC); Nova Scotia Health Coalition, 2019-present board member; The Writers' Union of Canada (TWUC); Common Sense Oncology.

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

- Batt, S. How Big Pharma hijacked patient groups to keep drug prices high. *The Breach*, November 26, 2022. Translated to Spanish and Portuguese in *Boletim FÁrmacos*, March 2023.
- Batt, S. *The Big Money Club: Revealing the Players and their Campaign to Stop Pharmacare*. Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions report, March 2019.
- Batt, S. Breast Cancer awareness also includes who's paying for campaigns. *Toronto Star*. October 11, 2017.
- Batt, S. Fall/Winter 2008/2009. Pharmaceutical drugs in the environment and women's health. *Network Magazine* (the Canadian Women's Health Network, Winnipeg). Health and the environment issue.
- Batt, S. 2003. Hormone therapy: Health protection lessons from the Women's Health Initiative. *Centres of Excellence for Women's Health Research Bulletin* (Special Issue on Women and Health Protection), Vol. 3, No. 2. Vancouver, Spring: 4-6.
- Batt, S. 2002. It's time to demedicalize breast health" *Health Professions Newsletter*, Halifax: Dalhousie University. Vol. 10, No. 2.

- Batt, S. 2002. *Preventing disease: Are pills the answer?* New Debates series. Montreal: Women and Health Protection and DES Action Canada, Fall.
- Batt, S. 2002. Breast cancer advocacy and pharmaceutical funds. *BCAM Bulletin Montreal: Breast Cancer Action Montreal*, Fall.
- Batt, S. 2002 You, Your Breast Cancer Group and Prescription Drug Ads. *CBCN Network News*, Spring: 6-7.
- Batt, S. 2002. Public health *versus* chemoprevention, *Research Bulletin for the Centres of Excellence in Women's Health*, Winter.
- Batt, S. 2001. At risk: Public health approach to disease prevention, *DES Action Canada Newsletter*, Winter: 1-3.
- Batt, S. 2000. The new genetic therapies: The case of Herceptin for breast cancer", Proceedings of a National Strategic Workshop, *The Gender of Genetic Futures: The Canadian Biotechnology Strategy, Women and Health*, NNEWH Working Paper Series, York University, Toronto. February 11.
- Batt, S. 2000. What light through yonder window wrecks: Report on the U.S. National Action Plan on Breast Cancer, workshop on circadian rhythms, *Breast Cancer Action Newsletter*, San Francisco, September/October 2000.
- Batt, S. 2000. Misleading drug ads hazardous to your health. Op-ed, *Halifax Chronicle Herald* and the *Mail-Star*, May 30.
- Batt, S. 1999. Politicizing cancer, in *Sweeping the earth: Women taking action for a healthy planet*, Miriam Wyman, Ed., Charlottetown: Gynergy Books and Friends of the Earth.
- Batt, S. and Gross, L. 1999. Cancer Inc: Environmental chemicals and breast cancer, in *Sierra Magazine*, San Francisco, September/October.
- Batt S. 1998. Tamoxifen and the Healthy Woman: That ol' black medicalization that we know so well. *HAI-LIGHTS*, HAI-Europe, December, 3(3).
- Batt, S. 1998. A series of articles on tamoxifen as a preventive for breast cancer in: *La revue du réseau d'échange d'information du Québec sur le cancer du sein*, (vol. 4, No 1, 1998); *DES Action Canada Newsletter* (Fall 1998); *Canadian Women's Health Network*, Summer 1998; *DES Action Canada Newsletter* (Spring, 1998); and *The Gazette* (Montreal), op-ed Comment, April 21, 1998.
- Batt, S. 1996. *Beyond early detection: A new look at breast cancer*. Forty-page booklet published by DES Action Canada. Published in French as *Au-delà du dépistage précoce: Nouveau regard sur le cancer du sein*.
- Batt, S. 1992. The debate about mammography, Op-ed, *The Gazette*, Montreal, November 28. (also published in *the Ottawa Citizen*)
- Batt, S. 1992. Beyond bravery: Acting up over breast cancer *This Magazine* May.
- Batt, S. 1991. Smile, you've got breast cancer! In *One in three: Women with cancer confront an epidemic*, Judith Brady, Ed., Cleis Press.
- Batt, S., Krull, A. and Shukyn, M. 1991. The recycled paper chase, *Protect Yourself*, March: 26-32. Also published in *Protégez-Vous* as *Le vraie nature du papier recyclé*.
- Batt, S. 1989. Cancer victims can learn from AIDS sufferers, Op-Ed, the *Montreal Gazette*, July 4, 1989. Also published in the *Kingston Whig-Standard*, Aug. 5, 1989 and *The Edmonton Journal*, Aug. 21, 1989.
- Spector, Malcolm and Sharon Batt. 1983. *Toward a More Active Victim*. Report for the Federal Department of Justice Task Force on Victims of Crime.
- Batt, S. 1984. Affirmative action in the federal public service and the private sector in Canada. Ottawa: Report for Status of Women Canada.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

RESEARCH PROJECTS, WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

- Co-investigator, “Disparities in access to precision oncology drugs across Canada.” Lead investigator Dr. Bishal Gyawali (Queen’s University); funded by the Terry Fox Research Institute, Jan. 2025-Dec. 2025.
- Scientific Advisory Committee on Health Products for Women, Health Canada, Core committee member (January 2019-July 2024).
- Nova Scotia Health Coalition, board member (2018); executive board member (2019-2020), Secretary (2020-present).
- Canadian Deprescribing Network (CaDeN), Member, Public Awareness Committee (2018-2020)
- Women and Health Protection, Steering Committee (1998-present)
- Visiting Professor in Medical Citizenship, Steering Committee (2013-2017)
- Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA, formerly CBCRI), Research Advisory Committee (2002-2004)
- Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance Working Group on Knowledge Translation, Member (2002-2004)
- Prevention First: an Independent (US/Canada) Health Coalition, Steering Committee (1999-2004)
- United States National Action Plan on Breast Cancer. Etiology Working Group, Member (1999-2000)
- United States National Action Plan on Breast Cancer Member, Advocates’ Committee on Medical Uses of Ionizing Radiation and Breast Cancer. (1997-1998)
- *Réseau d’Information du Québec sur le Cancer du Sein*, Steering Committee. Member of the sub-committee to review material resources on breast cancer (1994 - 1999)
- McGill University, Community Member, Institutional Review Board (Research Ethics Board) (1994-1997)
- Canadian Breast Cancer Network, Board of Directors (1994-1995)
- Editorial board member, Report on the National Forum on Breast Cancer, Health Canada (1993-1994)
- Scientific Advisory Committee, National Forum on Breast Cancer, Health Canada (1993)
- Breast Cancer Action Montreal (1991-1999)
- Centre for Investigative Journalism (1984-1991)

PRESENTATIONS (COMMUNITY-BASED)

- Batt, S. “The role of patient groups in health policy,” invited Conversation panelist, International Society to Improve the Use of Medicines, online, April 18, 2023.
- Batt, S. “Strange Bedfellows: Patient Groups and Big Pharma.” Nova Scotia Health Coalition workshop on Health and Privatization. January 19, 2019.
- Batt, S. “Health Advocacy and Pharmaceutical Funding.” Research Presentation to the N.S. Advisory Council on the Status of Women, April 27, 2018.
- Batt, S. 2018. *Health Advocacy Inc.: A Reading*. Toronto Reference Library, Toronto, March 14th, 2018.
- Batt, S. 2018. Ethical dilemmas inside the breast cancer movement: When big pharma comes knocking. Breast Cancer Action Quebec and ACT Project, (Concordia University) Montreal, March 7, 2018.
- Batt, S. Book launch, *Health Advocacy Inc.* Halifax Public Library, Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University, Halifax, January 30, 2018.

- Batt, S. 2017. Patients need a national pharmacare plan. Friends of Medicare Conference, Edmonton Alberta, September 28, 2017.
- Batt, S. 2017. Silencing the Critical Voices, Café Rencontre, sponsored by Breast Cancer Action Quebec, Montreal, March 2, 2017.
- Batt, S. 2003. HRT and breast cancer: Science, policy and politics, Keynote address, Life 2003 conference: Breast health for women, Moncton Business and Professional Women's Club, Moncton, April 12, 2003.
- Batt, S. 2002. The precautionary principle and women's health" Luncheon address, Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Women, Halifax.
- Batt, S. 2002. Constant gardeners or pharma partners? Pharmaceutical funding of breast cancer groups," Paper presented at the Third World Conference on Breast Cancer, Victoria, BC 2002.
- Batt, S. 2002. Environmental triggers for breast cancer: Research and policy implications. Keynote speaker at An Evening Celebration of Women's Health, sponsored by The Maritime Centre of Excellence for Women's Health: St. John's, Fredericton, Charlottetown and Halifax.
- Batt, S. 2001. Vision of the Canadian strategy for cancer control: Advocate's perspective, Plenary panelist, Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control Consultation Conference, Ottawa.
- Batt, S. 2001. Five key women's health issues for the next five years. Invited speaker, Board Members Retreat, Atlantic Centre of Excellence and Women's Health, Stanley Bridge, P.E.I.
- Batt, S. 2000. Consumer reports and drug safety: Lessons from the women's health movement", Invited plenary address at the conference Consumer Reports on Medicines, sponsored by KILEN, Sigtuna Sweden, September, 2000.
- Batt, S. 1999. Breast cancer advocacy in Canada. Keynote address to the Canadian Breast Cancer Network's Consultation and Group Leaders Workshop, Montreal.
- Batt, S. 1999. Breast cancer advocacy and the cost of cancer drugs. Plenary address at the World Conference on Breast Cancer, Ottawa.
- Batt, S. 1998. Breast cancer advocacy: The Canadian experience. Plenary address at Australia's first National Breast Cancer Conference for Women, Canberra, Australia.
- Batt, S. 1998. Environmental factors in breast cancer. Featured speaker, The Grail Conference on Health and the Environment, Loveland, Ohio.
- Batt, S. 1998. Breast cancer and the environment. Keynote address, Provincial conference on breast cancer: Issues of prevention and self-help, Halifax, N.S.
- Batt, S. 1997. Advocacy perspective, invited presentation at the Medical Ionizing Radiation Workshop of the Etiology Working Group, National Action Plan on Breast Cancer, Washington, D.C.
- Batt, S. 1997. Breast cancer and the environment, Plenary speaker, First World Conference on Breast Cancer, Kingston. July 1997.
- Batt, S. 1997. Building diverse networks, Workshop speaker, First World Conference on Breast Cancer Advocacy, Brussels.
- Batt, S. 1996. Why do we forget palliative care? Plenary address, Third Annual Forum, Ottawa-Carleton Regional Palliative Care Association, Ottawa.
- Batt, S. 1996. An ounce of prevention: Women's health and the environment. Panelist, with Devra Lee Davis and Ana Soto. Sponsored by the Vancouver Women's Health Collective. Vancouver, B.C.
- Batt, S. 1996. Breast cancer and our environment, Panelist with Dr. Susan Love and Rosalie Bertell, Teaching to promote women's health, International Multidisciplinary Conference, University of Toronto.
- Batt, S. 1995. The politics of breast cancer. Conference on breast cancer, sponsored by the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Consumers for Ethics in Research (CERES), London, England, 1995.

- Batt, S. 1995. Issues in the breast cancer advocacy movement. Fifth Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for HIV Research, Winnipeg.
- Batt, S. 1995. Patient Advocacy. Plenary address at the conference, Critical choices: ethical, legal and socio-behavioral implications of heritable breast, ovarian and colon cancer.
- Batt, S. 1995. Breast cancer matters: an activist woman's approach, Plenary address, Women's Health Matters conference, McGill, Montreal.
- Batt, S. 1995. Breast cancer research: academics and activists. Invited address, sponsored by the McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, McGill University, Montreal.
- Batt, S. 1995. Breast cancer and prevention. Panelist, with Ross Hume Hall and Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Ottawa.
- Batt, S. 1995. Gender and the politics of breast cancer" Guest speaker, Annual General Meeting of the Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, St. John's.
- Batt, S. 1995. Plenary Speaker, Quebec regional meeting of the Canadian Breast Cancer Network, sponsored by Health Canada, Montreal.
- Batt, S. 1994. Breast cancer advocates: What is our role? Plenary speaker, founding meeting of the Canadian Breast Cancer Network, Toronto.
- Batt, S. 1994. Patient no more. Plenary address at the conference, Breast Cancer: Quality of Life, Toronto.
- Batt, S. 1993. The role of breast cancer advocates in cancer research, Plenary address, National Forum on Breast Cancer, Montreal, November, 1993.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

- 2001. Gathering forces: the Corporatization of Medicine and Women's Health. Conference sponsored by the Nancy's Chair, MSVU, and Women and Health Protection. Chair of planning committee.
- 1998-1999. Second World Advocacy Conference on Breast Cancer, Brussels. Member, International Planning Committee.
- 1997. First World Conference on Breast Cancer, Kingston, Special Advisor to the Planning Committee.
- 1991. Canadian Association of Journalists' Annual Meeting, Ottawa: Panel on Medical Reporting. Organizer and Chair.
- 1987. Centre for Investigative Journalism Annual Convention, Montreal: Panels on Libel, Journalists and the Charter, Women in Journalism, Alternative Press. Organizer.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

- Brenda Sabo, Sharon Batt, Karyn Perry, Erna Snelgrove-Clarke, Tina Ruel and Deborah McLeod. 2013. Challenging the philanthropic myth. Educational modules created for the National Film Board of Canada documentary, *Pink Ribbons, Inc.* March 2013.
- Janice Graham, Sharon Batt, Barbara Mintzes, Doug Sinclair, Charles Hsuen. 2009. Elevator Ads Saga, a collaborative video on academic activism, January 2009. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5JG7rtHAY>
- Janice Graham, Sharon Batt, Christina Holmes, Mavis Jones, Elizabeth Toller. October 21, 2008. Two segments of TRRU's team presentation to Health Canada's Atlantic Regional Office: "Pharma flush: Pharmaceutical drugs, the environment and health policy," and "Pills, pressure, policy: breast cancer groups and funding from the pharmaceutical industry."
- Sharon Batt. 2009. Pharmaceutical drugs in the environment and women's health. *Network Magazine* (published by the Canadian Women's Health Network, Winnipeg). Special health and the environment issue Fall/Winter 2008/2009.
- Sharon Batt, Ingrid Jenkner, Heather Anderson and Jessica Bailey. *Ad/Vice*, an exhibition and zine-style catalogue on Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs. Collaborative project of the Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies and the Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery. March-June 2001.

PUBLIC ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH

PUBLIC TESTIMONY, BRIEFS, OP-EDS, LETTERS TO EDITOR

- 2024 Brief to the House Standing Committee on the Status of Women (FEWO) regarding Breast Screening for Women Aged 40. October 31, 2024.
- 2024 Brief to the House Standing Committee on Health (HESA) and Health Minister Mark Holland regarding the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care’s draft Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines. June 17, 2024.
- 2024 “A national pharmacare plan should cover what’s best for patients, not what’s new.” *The Hill Times*, Opinion, with Colleen Fuller, April 3, 2024.
- 2023 “Can biotechnology put patients’ needs ahead of profits?” *The Hill Times*, Sept. 11, 2023.
- 2023. Invited presentation to the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board and Management Team, June 7, 2023.
- 2023. Response to Health Canada’s call for submissions on proposed agile regulations for health products. April 26, 2023.
- 2023. Response to Health Canada’s *Guidance on Promotional and Non-promotional Messages and Activities*, submitted with Janice Graham, January 30, 2023.
- 2022. Submission to the Patented Medicines Price Review Board consultation on new draft guidelines. Submitted on behalf of Independent Voices for Safe and Effective Drugs, with Colleen Fuller, December 5, 2022.
- 2021. Presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) studying the Patented Medicines Price Review Board. House of Commons, June 4, 2021. Available at: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/43-2/HESA/meeting-41/evidence>
- 2021. “Pharmacare, Patient Groups, and the Need for Open Discourse.” *Hill Times* and *Hill Times Research – Health*. Feb. 8, 2021.
- 2021. “Big Pharma and the Covid Vaccines.” (Letter) *New York Times*. January 7, 2021.
- 2020. “The Politics of Patient Advocacy Groups and the PMPRB Regulations and Guidelines.” Submission to the Standing Committee on Health, on behalf of Breast Cancer Action Quebec. November 6, 2020.
- 2020. “Will the government seek independent patient input on drug policy?” *Hill Times*, Feb. 3, 2020.
- 2017. “Health Committee ought to put Canadians’ needs first, not big pharma’ *Hill Times* (letter), with Keith Newman, December 13, 2017.
- 2017. Rejoinder to the Parliamentary Health Committee on a National Pharmacare Plan (HESA): Best Medicines Coalition: Conflicts of Interest, Cause for Concern, Sharon Batt (IVSED) with Keith Newman, Canadian Health Coalition, November 22, 2017.
- 2016. Brief to the Parliamentary Health Committee on a National Pharmacare Plan (HESA), from Independent Voices for Safe and Effective Medicines (IVSED), Ottawa, October 2016.
- 2003. Testimony to the Committee on Community Services on Breast Cancer and Pharmaceutical Policy Issues, Nova Scotia House of Assembly, Halifax, April 24.
- 2001. Letter in response to André Picard’s article, “Charities ‘Thank God’ for drug firms’ money” *Globe and Mail*. January 15, 2001.
- 2001. Brief to the Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Public Hearing on Health Care Issues and Options, Halifax.
- 1998. Testimony on the request to approve the drug tamoxifen as a preventive for breast cancer, FDA hearing, Washington, DC.
- 1995. Testimony on compassionate access to drugs, Parliamentary Committee on HIV-AIDS, Ottawa.

- 1991. Testimony on political issues affecting women with breast cancer, Parliamentary Hearings on Breast Cancer, Ottawa.
- 1977. Batt, S. Brief to Alberta Culture on magazine publishing in Alberta, Edmonton.

COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- 2000. Maritime outreach on women's health protection. A media and community outreach project on health protection policy issues affecting women. (2000)
- 1997 – 1999. Consultant to the *Projet de soutien et d'accompagnement pour les femmes en attente de diagnostic* (Support and accompaniment project for women awaiting diagnosis), a collaborative community-based outreach, research and support project coordinated by Breast Cancer Action Montreal in collaboration with the community group ACCESSS. Funded by the Quebec department of health and social services (\$95,000 grant over 1.5 years)
- 1996-1997. *Coordinator, Community involvement breast cancer pilot project*. A community-based research, training and outreach project to improve and broaden the participation of women in breast cancer advocacy, funded by Health Canada (\$95,000 grant over 8 months).

POLICY CONSULTATIONS

- 2019 Invited Delegate, PMPRB Consultation on new regulations to control drug prices, Ottawa, December 10, 2019
- 2018. Invited Delegate, 2018 National Stakeholder Summit on Medication Safety for Older Men and Women, Canadian Deprescribing Network, Montreal.
- 2011. Invited Delegate, National invitational symposium on patient engagement, Health Council of Canada, Toronto.
- 2005. Invited Delegate, Round table on environmental assessment regulations, Health Canada and Environment Canada, Ottawa.
- 2002. Invited Delegate, Information session for the environmental assessment regulations Project, Health Canada, Ottawa.
- 2000. Invited Delegate, The international patient-centred round-table on cancer and public policy at the International Congress on Anti-Cancer Treatment. Organized by the National Coalition on Breast Cancer, Paris.
- 2000. Invited Delegate, Circadian disruption as endocrine disruption in breast cancer. Etiology Working Group of the U.S. National Action Plan on Breast Cancer, Washington, D.C.
- 2000. Invited Delegate, Day of dialogue: Exploring issues in breast cancer. Etiology Working Group of the U.S. National Action Plan on Breast Cancer, Washington, D.C.
- 1999. Invited Delegate, The women's health and new genetics consultation on Canada's biotechnology strategy, Winnipeg.
- 1999. Invited Delegate, Workshop on the role of tissue architecture in the development of breast cancer. Etiology Working Group of the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer (NAPBC) Washington, D.C.
- 1998. Invited Delegate, Workshop on breast cancer clusters. Boston, Mass. Sponsored by the US Public Health Service's Office of Women's Health.
- 1998. Invited Delegate, Key informants' workshop on the proposed Canada Health Space, Toronto. Sponsored by the Office of Health and the Information Highway, Health Canada.
- 1998. Invited Delegate, Workshop on breast cancer and the environment. Washington, DC, sponsored by the (US) National Breast Cancer Coalition.
- 1994. Member of the NCIC/CCS ad hoc committee on the breast cancer gene, constituted by the National Cancer Institute of Canada, Toronto.
- 1994. Invited Presentation: advocacy perspective on breast cancer research, Workshop for the Breast Cancer Research Initiative, National Cancer Institute of Canada, Toronto.

- 1993. Chair of the Support, Advocacy and Networking (SAN) sub-committee of the National Forum on Breast Cancer.

MEDIA RECOGNITION AND COMMENTARY

DOCUMENTARY FILM APPEARANCES

- *Exposure: Environmental links to breast cancer* Butterfield and Zuckerman Productions, 2000; *Tears are not enough: Living with breast cancer* Sisyphus Productions, 1995; *Beyond the Tears* Sisyphus Productions, 1995.

MEDIA

- *Appearances on CBC's Information Morning, TVO's The Agenda, CBC's the Sunday Edition, Health Matters, This Morning, Cross-country Check-up, The Health Show, CBC Commentary, Canada AM, Skylight, Straight from the Hip, The National, Vancouver Community Radio, Epoca Magazine (Brazil), CKUT's OWL, News 957's The Sheldon MacLeod Show and others.*

HONOURS and RECOGNITION

- *Health Advocacy Inc* named a *Hill Times'* top 100 policy-related books of 2017.
- Best Dissertation Award (Arts and Humanities), Dalhousie University (2012).
- Canadian Environmental Award (Silver) in Environmental Health (2005)
- Endowed Chair in Women's Health and the Environment, Dalhousie (2001- 2003)
- Endowed Chair in Women's Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University (1999 –2001)
- The Helen Prize, "A Prize in Praise of Bolder Women", Montreal (2000)
- Laura Jamieson Award for best feminist book published in Canada, 1995, for *Patient No More*, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW).
- QSPELL finalist for best non-fiction book in English by a Quebec writer, 1995, for *Patient No More: the Politics of Breast Cancer*.
- Canada Council Arts Grant, Nonfiction Creative Writing (1993)
- Canada Council Arts Grant, Creative Writing (1992)
- Ontario Arts Council Grant, Creative Writing (1991)
- *Association québécoise des éditeurs des magazines*, finalist, Consumer Article of the Year (1991)
- Major Armstrong Award, first prize for Excellence in Radio Broadcasting, (documentary category), awarded by Columbia University (1991) for *The Cancer Personality*.
- National Media Awards Competition, first prize for Excellence in Health Reporting, for *The Cancer Personality*, awarded by the Canadian Nurses' Association (1991)