

# SHAWN H.E. HARMON

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## Research Topics:

Health Law and Policy  
Legal and Medical Ethics  
Global and Community Health  
Life Sciences Innovation Governance

## Education:

BA (Saint Mary's University)  
LLB (University of New Brunswick)  
LLM (University of Edinburgh)  
PhD (University of Edinburgh)

## Bar Admission:

Nova Scotia, 1997

## Teaching:

Shawn Harmon has taught in the areas of health law and ethics, health innovation regulation (stem cells, prosthetics, medicines, devices), public health law and ethics, and human rights (with an emphasis on disability and cultural practices).

## Supervision:

Health Law and Policy, Medical Ethics Practice, Intellectual Property

## Research Interests:

Shawn Harmon is interested in a wide range of topics falling into the health and public law fields, with a particular interest in the use and operation of values and principles in regulatory frameworks. He often works at the intersection of law, policy and ethics, and he has a record of interdisciplinary research. He is currently interested in global health and justice, the regulation of health professions, and both life science and medical device innovation regulation.

## Selected Grants:

- 2018: Environmental Scan of NITAGs and Immunisation Programme Legislation and Governance: \$17,250 – Co-I (World Health Organization and IWK Health Centre)
- 2016-2017: Identity and Governance of Bodily Extensions: The Case of Prosthetics and Avatars: £49,995 – Co-I (Wellcome Trust; Seed Award in Humanities and Social Science Grant Ref UNS17486)



- 2015-2016: Arts+Ethics Research Group: £20,000 – PI (Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities; International Interdisciplinary Research Group Award)
- 2013-2016: EBISC Work Package 4 – Ethics and Governance: €700,000 – WP Leader (Innovative Medicines Initiative, European Commission; Award No. IMI2/OUT/2014-05151)
- 2012-2014: (In)Visible Difference: Dance, Disability & the Law: £470,000 – Co-I (Arts & Humanities Research Council; Standard Grant No. AH/J006491/1)
- 2012: Banking (On) The Brain: £27,555 – PI (Arts & Humanities Research Council; Responsive Grant No. AH/J011495/1)
- 2012-2014: Graphic & Novel: Law, Life Sciences and Medical Futures: £8,900 + £2,600 – PI (Challenge Investment Fund, UEDIN; KEI Grant, UEDIN)
- 2012-2014: Implanted Health Technologies: Trajectories, Tolerances & Regulation: £12,000 + £15,000 + £2,000 – Co-PI (ESRC Innogen Centre, UEDIN; Moray Fund, UEDIN; Innovation Grant)
- 2008-2010: Governing Emerging Technologies: Social Values and Stem Cell Regulation in Argentina: £93,000 – PI (Economic & Social Research Council; Standard Grant No. RES-000-22-2678).

#### Selected Awards & Honours:

- 2016: Research Team of the Year, Coventry University ((In)Visible Difference)
- 2014: ESRC Impact Case Study (School of Law REF 2014 Impact Case Study) (GET: Social Values)
- 2013: AHRC Highlight Project (Banking (On) The Brain)
- 2004: T.B. Smith Prize for Most Distinguished Scholar in the LL.M and MSc
- 2004: W.A. Wilson Prize for Best Dissertation in International Law
- 1994-1996: Honourable G.I. Smith Memorial Bursary; Petrie Richmond Goss Prize in Labour and Employment Law; Canada Law Book Prize in Contract Law; Maritime Law Book Prize in Legal Ethics
- 1993-1995: Law Foundation of New Brunswick Scholarships
- 1992-1993: SMU Scholarship; William J Dalton Political Science Scholarship; Gold Medal in Arts

#### Selected Publications:

##### Books

- S Whatley, C Waelde, S Harmon, et al. (eds.), *Dance, Disability and Law: InVisible Difference* (Bristol: Intellect Books, 2018).
- G Laurie, S Harmon, G Porter, *Mason & McCall Smith's Law & Medical Ethics*, 10th ed. (Oxford: OUP, 2016).

##### Chapters

- S Harmon, 'Genetics: Legal Issues' in J Wright (ed.), *International Encyclopaedia of the Social and Behavioural Sciences*, 2nd ed., vol. 9 (Oxford: Elsevier, 2015) 1001-1008.
- S Harmon, 'Not Answering and Not Foresighting: Exploring Bioethics Issues Through Graphic Fiction' in T Giddens (ed.), *Graphic Justice: Intersections of Comics and Law* (Oxford: Routledge, 2015) 71-88.

##### Sole Authored Papers

- S Harmon, 'Responsible Regulation in Action? Responsible Research and Innovation in the European Bank for induced pluripotent Stem Cells' (2018) 10(1) *Law, Innovation and Technology* 15-39.
- S Harmon, 'Abortion and Conscientious Objection: Doogan – A Missed Opportunity for an Instructive Rights-Based Analysis' (2016) 16(3-4) *Medical Law International* 143-173.
- S Harmon, 'In Search of Global Health Justice: A Need to Reinvigorate Institutions and Make International Law' (2015) 23(4) *Health Care Analysis* 352-375.
- S Harmon, 'The Invisibility of Disability: Using Dance to Shake from Bioethics the Idea of "Broken Bodies"' (2014) 29 *Bioethics* 488-498.
- S Harmon, 'Peering from the Shadows: Stem Cell Research and the Quest for Regulation in Argentina' (2012) 8(3) *Stem Cell Reviews & Reports* 640-646.

- S Harmon, 'Body Blow: Mature Minors and the Supreme Court of Canada's Decision in AC v. Manitoba (Director of Child & Family Services)' (2010) 4(1) *McGill Journal of Law & Health* 83-96.
- S Harmon, 'Consent and Conflict in Medico-Legal Decision-Making at the End of Life: A Critical Issue in the Canadian Context' (2010) 60 *University of New Brunswick Law Journal* 208-229.
- S Harmon, 'International Public Health Law: Not so much WHO as why, and not enough WHO and why not?' (2009) 12(3) *Medicine, Health Care & Philosophy* 245-255.
- S Harmon, 'Ethical Rhetoric: Genomics and the Moral Content of UNESCO's 'Universal' Declarations' (2008) 34(11) *Journal of Medical Ethics* e24.

#### **Jointly Authored Papers**

- S Harmon, A Brown, S Popat, S Whatley, R O'Connor, 'Body Extension and the Law: Medical Devices, Intellectual Property, Prosthetics and Marginalisation (Again)' (2018) 10(2) *Law Innovation & Technology* (Co-Author)
- M Morrison, C George, S Harmon, et al., 'The European General Data Protection Regulation: Challenges and Considerations for iPSC Researchers and Biobanks' (2017) 12(6) *Regenerative Medicine* 693-703. (Co-Author)
- S Harmon, G Haddow and L Gilman, 'New Risks Inadequately Managed: The Case of Smart Implants and Medical Device Regulation' (2015) 7(2) *Law, Innovation & Technology* 231-252. (Lead Author)
- G Haddow, S Harmon and L Gilman, 'Implantable Smart Technologies (IST): Defining the 'Sting' in Data and Device' (2015) *Health Care Analysis* 1-18. (Co-Author)
- S Harmon, C Waelde and S Whatley, 'Disabled Dance: Grounding the Practice in the Law of 'Cultural Heritage'' (2014) 20(3) *Web J Current Legal Issues* 370. (Co-Author)
- S Harmon and A McMahon, 'Banking (on) the Brain: From Consent to Authorisation and the Transformative Potential of Solidarity' (2014) 22(4) *Medical Law Review* 572-605. (Lead Author)
- A Brown, S Harmon and C Waelde, 'Do You See What I See? Disability, Technology, Law and the Experience of Culture' (2012) 43(8) *Int. Review of Intellectual Property & Competition Law* 901-929. (Co-Author)
- T Caulfield, S Harmon and Y Joly, 'Open Science Versus Commercialisation: A Modern Research Conflict?' (2012) 4(2) *Genome Medicine* 17. (Co-Author)
- G Laurie, S Harmon and F Arzuaga, 'Foresighting Futures: Law, New Technologies, and the Challenges of Regulating for Uncertainty' (2012) 4(1) *Law, Innovation & Technology* 1-33. (Joint-Lead Author)
- S Harmon and G Laurie, 'Yearworth v. North Bristol NHS Trust: Property, Principles, Precedents and Paradigms' (2010) 69(3) *Cambridge Law Journal* 476-493. (Lead Author)

#### **Service & Activity:**

- 2018-Present: Member, Board of Directors, Dartmouth Crossing Speed Skating Club
- 2017-Present: Member, Nova Scotia Research Ethics Board
- 2017-Present: Member, Nova Scotia Community Justice Society
- 2016-Present: Member, Board of Directors, Gardens of Grace
- 2012-2015: Edinburgh Law School Research Ethics Officer
- 2011-2017: Co-Editor in Chief, *Medical Law International*
- 2010-2018: Deputy Director, J Kenyon Mason Institute for Medicine, Life Sciences and Law
- 2010-2017: Member, ESRC Peer Review College
- 2007-2011: Editor in Chief, *SCRIPTed – A Journal of Law, Technology & Society*