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## AREAS

Specialization Clinical Ethics, Bioethics, Normative Ethics  
Competence Social and Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Applied Ethics

## EMPLOYMENT

2022-Present **Assistant Professor**, University of Louisville, Department of Philosophy  
**Clinical Ethicist**, Norton Healthcare

## EDUCATION

2020-2022 **Post Doctorate, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, USA**  
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Researcher and Clinical Fellow  
HEC-C Certified 2022

2014-2020 **PhD Philosophy, York University, Toronto, Canada**  
Dissertation: “The Ethical Justification for Banning Gamete Donor Anonymity”

2013-2014 **MA Philosophy, Western University, London, Canada**  
Thesis: “The Ethics of Paid Kidney Donation in Canada”  
Supervisor: Barry Hoffmaster

2007-2013 **BA with Honours in Philosophy & BA with Honours in Anthropology**  
**University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada**  
Thesis: “Understanding the Buddhist Notion of Suffering”  
Supervisor: Christopher Framarin

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2023-2024 Bingham Fellowship, Commonwealth Center for the Humanities and Society  
2016-2019 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (SSHRC) \$105,000

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2023            **Olivia Schuman**, “Should Bionormativity Be a Concern in Gamete Donation?”  
*International Journal of Feminist Bioethics*, Forthcoming
- 2022            **Olivia Schuman**, “Why Donor Conception Does Not Violate Human Dignity,”  
*Bioethics*, 1-7.
- 2022            Laura Kolbe, **Olivia Schuman**, Joelle-Roberston Preidler, Ryan Nelson, “The  
Ethics of Visual Representations: Assessing the Appropriate Use of Video Calls to  
Influence Surrogate Decisions at the End of Life,” *American Medical Association  
Journal of Ethics*
- 2022            Christi J. Guerrini, Jill O. Robinson, Whitney Bash Brooks, Stacey Pereira, Mary  
Majumder, Brianne Kirkpatrick, Stephanie M. Fullerton, **Olivia Schuman**, Amy L.  
McGuire, “Family secrets: Experiences and outcomes of participating in  
direct-to-consumer genetic relative-finder services. *The American Journal of  
Human Genetics*, 109(3), 486-497.
- 2022            Andrew Childress, Trevor Bibler, Bryanna Moore, Ryan Nelson, Joelle  
Roberston-Preidler, **Olivia Schuman**, Janet Malek, “From Bridge to Destination?  
Ethical Considerations Related to Withdrawal of ECMO Support over the  
Objections of Capacitated Patients.” *American Journal of Bioethics*, 2002 May  
26:1-13.
- 2022            **Olivia Schuman**, Joelle Robertson-Preidler, Trevor, Bibler, “COVID-19  
Vaccination Status Should Not Be Used in Triage Tie-breaking” *Journal of Medical  
Ethics*, 0:1-3.
- 2021            Trevor Bibler, Ryan Nelson, **Olivia Schuman**, Susan Miller, “Caring for  
Unvaccinated Patients with COVID-19: Beyond Frustration, Toward Better  
Relationships,” *Critical Care Explorations*, 3, no. 12. pp. 1-4.
- 2020            **Olivia Schuman**, Paula Chidwick, Angel Petropanagos, Jill Oliver, Marina Salis,  
Gurwinder Gill, Sula Kosacky and Michelle Miller Burnett, “Responding to  
Hospital Staff’s Paranormal Experiences of the Medical Assisted Dying Room,”  
*Canadian Journal of Bioethics*, 3, no.1. pp.172-4.

2019 **Olivia Schuman**, “Sexual Citizenship and Reproduction: Do Children have a Right not to be Conceived via New Reproductive Technologies (NRTs)?” in Serena Petrella (ed.), *Erotic Subjects and Outlaws*, Brill Publishing, 38-60.

## **REFEREED PRESENTATIONS, Selection**

- June 2023 “Considerations for Quoting Patients in Chart Notes,” International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation (ICCEC), Rome
- Oct 2022 “Should Clinical Ethicists Use Direct Quotations in Chart Notes?” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Portland (ASBH)
- Oct 2021 “Road to Nowhere: Ethical Considerations Related to Withdrawal of ECMO Support Over the Objections of Capacitated Patients” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), Virtual
- Oct 2021 “Does Viewing the Dying Body Inform or Manipulate?” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), Virtual
- Sept 2021 “The ForenSeq Project: Assessing Public Preferences and Policy Options for Investigative Genetic Genealogy” International Symposium of Human ID, Virtual
- June 2021 “Is Human Dignity Violated by the Use of Anonymous Gamete Donors?” Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary
- March 2021 “Bionormativity: What is in the Best Interests of Donor-Conceived Individuals?” Reproductive Ethics, University of Texas Medical Branch
- Feb 2021 “Who’s Your Daddy? Evolutionary Explanations for the Desire to Know your Donor” American Philosophical Association Central, Virtual
- June 2020 “Crafting and Creating Human Beings: How to Respect Human Personhood” Canadian Bioethics Society, Toronto [COVID-19 Cancellation]

## CLINICAL PRESENTATIONS TO CLINICAL STAFF/FACULTY

- Feb 2023 “Addressing Moral Distress and Ethical Issues Through Consultation” Ethics Symposium, Norton Healthcare
- January 2023 “Cultural and Religious Challenges in Pediatric Care,” Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Fellows Seminar, Norton Healthcare
- April 2022 “Ethicist Burnout,” Marketplace of Ideas, Unconference at Wellstar, Atlanta
- April 2022 “Schizophrenia and Dialysis Refusal” Clinical Case Conference, BCM
- March 2022 “Informing or Manipulating? Using video-calls ethically” Grand Rounds, BCM
- Nov 2021 “Responding to Miracle Language” SLICU Unit education, Houston Methodist
- 2021-2022 “Ethics in the Hospital” Nursing Residents, Houston Methodist, Monthly

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Academic Course Director

- Spring 2023 Clinical Ethics, Phil 505, Phil 684, Beth 684
- Fall 2022 Social Justice and Healthcare, Phil 582, Phil 682, Beth 682
- Fall 2017 Introduction to Bioethics, York University, Phil 3575

## SERVICE

- 2022-Present Member, ECMO Ethics Guidance Workgroup
- 2022-Present Member, Norton Health Ethics Council
- 2020-2022 Member, Houston Methodist Hospital Bioethics Committee

### Journal Reviewer

- 2023 Journal of Medical Ethics (JME)
- 2022 American Journal of Bioethics (AJOB), Journal of Medical Ethics (JME)
- 2021 Bioethics Journal of History and Philosophy of Life Science,
- 2020 Bioethics, Journal of Bioethical Inquiry