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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 and
cross-appointed Clinical Ethicist at Norton Healthcare, HEC-C Certified 2022

EDUCATION

- 2020-2022 **Post Doctorate, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, USA**
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Researcher and Clinical Fellow
- 2014-2020 **PhD Philosophy, York University, Toronto, Canada**
Dissertation: “The Ethical Justification for Banning Gamete Donor Anonymity”
Supervisors: Alice MacLachlan and Regina Rini
Certification: Graduate Diploma in Value Theory
- 2018 Visiting Scholar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science,
University of Cambridge, Supervisor: Tim Lewens
- 2016 Graduate, Sherwin B. Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics, Yale University
- 2013-2014 **MA Philosophy, Western University, London, Canada**
Thesis: “The Ethics of Paid Kidney Donation in Canada”
- 2007-2013 **BA (Honors) Philosophy & BA (Honors) Anthropology**
University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada
Thesis: “Understanding the Buddhist Notion of Suffering”

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2020 Dissertation Fellowship \$9,800
2018-2019 Travel Scholarship (SSHRC) \$6,000
2016-2019 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (SSHRC) \$105,000
2015-2016 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) \$15,000
2013-2014 Western University Graduate Research Scholarship \$3,700

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming Laura Kolbe, **Olivia Schuman**, Joelle-Roberston Preidler, Ryan Nelson, “Is a video worth a thousand words? Assessing the Appropriate Use of Video Calls to Influence Surrogate Decisions at the End of Life,” *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*
- 2022 **Olivia Schuman**, “Why Donor Conception Does Not Violate Human Dignity,” *Bioethics*, 1-7.
- 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.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2022-2022	Clinical Ethics Fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), Houston
2020-2022	Clinical Ethics Observership, 2 weeks, Weill Cornell, New York City
2020-2022	Clinical Ethics Observership, 4 weeks, Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, Houston
2018-2019	Clinical Ethics Internship, William Osler Health Systems (WOHS), Brampton
2017-2018	Volunteer with Residents, Belmont Long-term Care Home, Toronto
2011-2013	Triage Assistant, Sheldon-Chumir Urgent Care Centre, Calgary

RECENT REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

^ Denotes co-presentation *Denotes a poster presentation

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]
Feb 2020	“Does Donor-Anonymity Violate Human Dignity?” University of Arizona Feminist Graduate Conference, Tucson

- Aug 2019 “Western Re-interpretations of Wabi-Sabi” European Network of Japanese Philosophy, Nagoya
- May 2019 “Responding to Hospital Staff’s Paranormal Experiences: a Case Study of the Medical Assistance in Dying Room” Canadian Bioethics Society, Banff
- May 2019 “What We Can Learn from Space Babies: IVG and Genetic Relatedness” Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver
- March 2019 “Japanese Philosophy and its Influence on Popular Culture” The Kyoto School Today, University of Western Ontario, London
- Dec 2018 “Space-Age Embryos” Centre for Applied Philosophy and Ethics, Kyoto
- June 2018 “Degrees of ‘Knowing’ a Gamete Donor” Society for Applied Philosophy, Utrecht
- June 2018 “An Analysis of the Right to Know in Sperm Donation” International Medical Ethics, Oxford University
- June 2018 “How Banning Donor Anonymity Harms Donor-Conceived Individuals” * Clinical Ethics and Consultation International Conference, Oxford University
- May 2018 “Theories of Justice in Gamete Donation” Canadian Bioethics Society, Dalhousie University, Halifax
- Feb 2018 “Loving Friendships and Friendly Romances” * Eastern American Philosophical Association, Chicago
- Jan 2018 “Knowing a Gamete Donor: Rights and Interests” Central American Philosophical Association, Savannah
- May 2017 “Why Genetic Resemblances Don’t Matter” Canadian Society for Practical Ethics, Ryerson University, Toronto
- May 2017 “Five Associations Between a Donor and a Donor-Conceived Individual” The Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto
- May 2017 “Vulnerable: Donor-Conceived Individuals or Intended Parents?” Canadian Bioethics Society, Montreal

CLINICAL PRESENTATION TO PHYSICIANS/FACULTY

- 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
- Feb 2021 “Ethical Attention to Performative Medicine.” Weill Cornell & BCM Consortium
- Sept 2021 “What’s So Bad About Cloning? Comparing New Reproductive Technologies with Cloning” Big Topics in Ethics and Policy, BCM
- Aug 2021 “Case Analysis: Responding to Patients with Delusions,” Clinical Case Conference, BCM
- May 2021 “Suffering without Pain,” Research Project Presentation, Weill Cornell & BCM Consortium
- May 2021 “Case Analysis: Family Objections to Organ Donation,” Weill Cornell & BCM Consortium
- May 2021 “Assessing the Appropriate Use of Video Calls to Influence Surrogate Decisions at the End of Life,” Weill Cornell & BCM Consortium
- Oct 2020 “Case Analysis: Overriding Patient Objections to Dialysis,” Texas Medical Center Hospital Presentation to System Hospitals

TEACHING

Course Director

Fall 2017

Introduction to Bioethics, York University, Phil 3575

Academic Tutorial Leader

York University

Winter 2019

Introduction to Philosophy of Science, Phil 2110

Meaning of Life, Phil 1100

Fall 2018, Winter 2017

Introduction to Ethics, Phil 2070

Winter 2016, Fall 2015

Introduction to Philosophy, Phil 1000

Winter 2015, Fall 2014

Western University

Introduction to Ethics, Phil 1020

Winter 2014, Fall 2013

Clinical Seminar Leader or

April 2022

March-April 2022, weekly

March 2022

Nov 2021

Sept 2021, semi-annually

August 2021, monthly

June 2021

March-April 2021, weekly

Jan-June 2021, quarterly

Feb 2021, semi-annually

Sept 2020, semi-annually

April 2018

Co-Leader

Bioethics Intensive, BCM, Role Play and Case Analysis

Case Analysis with Ethics Pathway Medical Students

Group Leader for Engineering-Medicine on Professional Boundaries

Responding to miracle language, SLICU Unit education

Informed Consent and Autonomy, Seminar for Medical Students

Elite, Ethics for Nursing Residents

Death and Euthanasia, Tutorial Leader for Clinical Ethics Interns

Case Analysis for Ethics Pathway Medical Students

Informed Consent and Moral Distress for Nurses

Ethics, Spirituality and Religion for Genetic Counselors

Clinical Ethics Issues for Speech Language Pathologists

Patient Consent for “Medically-Assisted Death” for Interpreters

Clinical Mentor

May 2022

March 2022

Sept and Oct 2021

Summer 2021

Shadowed, 1 week, 2 clinical ethics interns

Shadowed, 4 times, 2 first-year medical students

Shadowed, 1 month, 6 fourth-year medical students

Mentored clinical ethics interns

