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Areas of Specialization: Applied Ethics; Bioethics; Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Ancient Philosophy; Theoretical Ethics;
Environmental Philosophy

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, York University (2015 - 2020)

Dissertation: *The Social & Political Dimensions of the Ethics of PrEP for HIV Prevention Among MSM*

Committee: Alice MacLachlan (Supervisor), Duff Waring & Regina Rini

Expected Defence Date: Spring 2020

MA, Philosophy, Western University (2012 - 2013)

Major Research Project: *Synchronizing the Olympics & Paralympics: Equality, Disability & Sports*

Supervisor: Samantha Brennan

BA, Honours, Philosophy, University of Manitoba (2007 - 2012)

PUBLICATIONS

Andrew D. Eaton, Soo Chan Carusone, Shelley L. Craig, Erin Telegdi, John W. McCullagh, David McClure, Walter Wilson, Leonardo Zuniga, Kevin Berney, Galo F. Ginocchio, Gordon A. Wells, Michael Montess, Adam Busch, Nick Boyce, Carol Strike, Ann Stewart. (2019). "The ART of conversation: Feasibility and acceptability of a pilot peer intervention to help complex HIV-positive people transition from hospital to community". *BMJ Open*.

Andrew D. Eaton, Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Shelley L. Craig, Soo Chan Carusone, Michael Montess, Gordon A. Wells & Galo F. Ginocchio. (2018). "A Blended Learning Curriculum for Training Peer Researchers to Conduct Community-Based Participatory Research". *Action Learning: Research and Practice*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Assessing the Risk of PrEP for HIV Prevention: Values and Value Assumptions", Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Banff, AB, May 2019

"The Problem of Anthropocentrism in the Ethics of Climate Change", Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Calgary, AB, October 2018

"Challenging the Anthropocentrism in the Ethics of Climate Change", Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Montreal, QC, June 2018

"Comparing PrEP for HIV Prevention Among MSM and the Birth Control Pill: Sex, Power & Social Justice", Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Halifax, NS, May 2018

"Increasing Sexual Freedom for MSM through PrEP", Community Based Research Centre Conference, Vancouver, BC, November 2017

"Using PrEP for HIV Prevention for MSM: Risks, Relationships & Responsibility", Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Montreal, QC, May 2017

"The Ethics of PrEP for HIV Prevention: Serostatus, Stigmatization & Sexual Freedom", Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Calgary, AB, May 2016

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

"Comparing PrEP & the Birth Control Pill: Sexual Freedom, Empowerment & MSM", Canadian Association for HIV Research Conference, Vancouver, BC, April 2018

"A Blended Learning Curriculum for Training Peer Researchers to Conduct Community-Based Participatory Research" with Andrew D. Eaton, Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Shelley L. Craig, Soo Chan Carusone, Gordon A. Wells & Galo F. Ginocchio, Canadian Association for HIV Research Conference, Vancouver, BC, April 2018

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Non-human Rights and Mind-Reading: Empathy, Moral Agency & Personhood”
York University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Toronto, ON, April 2016

“The Ethics of the MSM Blood Donation Ban”, Western University Philosophy Graduate
Student Association Colloquium Series, London, ON, October 2012

“Blood, It’s In You To Give?: The Ethics of the Gay Blood Ban”, Centre for Professional
and Applied Ethics Student Colloquium Series, Winnipeg, MB, March 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

York University, Course Instructor
Ancient Philosophy: Love and Friendship, Winter 2019

York University, Guest Lecturer
Feminist Philosophy (Graduate) for Lorraine Code, Fall 2017
The Meaning of Life (Undergraduate) for Kristin Andrews, Winter 2017

York University, Teaching Assistant
Modes of Reasoning: Social Issues (online) with Hillary Davis, Summer 2019
Ancient Philosophy: Plato & Aristotle with Stefan Rodde, Fall 2018
Ancient Philosophy: Plato & Aristotle with Gerard Naddaf, Winter 2018
Theoretical Ethics with Julie Allen, Fall 2017 & Summer 2016
Modes of Reasoning: Social Issues (Online) with Jason Robinson, Summer 2017
The Meaning of Life with Kristin Andrews, Winter 2017 & Fall 2015
Applied Ethics with Shyam Ranganathan, Fall 2016
The Meaning of Life with Hilary Davis, Winter 2016

Western University, Teaching Assistant
Global Justice & Human Rights with Andrea White, Winter 2013
Media Ethics with Ryan Robb, Fall 2012

University of Manitoba, Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Philosophy with Patrick Walsh, Winter 2015 & Fall 2011
Business Ethics with Patrick Walsh, Winter 2014
Critical Thinking with Esa Diaz-Leon, Winter 2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

SSHRC Insight Grant, Research Assistant, Summer 2018

“Civility and Solidarity” with Alice MacLachlan (York University)

AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), Research Assistant, 2017 - 2018

“The ART of Conversation: Developing a Peer Telephone Support Program for People Living with HIV Who Use Substances and are Facing Challenges with Antiretroviral Adherence Following Hospitalization” with Andrew Eaton (University of Toronto)

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Editor

“Brainwandering: A Blog Written and Maintained by the York University Public Philosophy Outreach Initiative”, York University, Fall 2017 - Present

Conference Organizer

“Bioethics & Applied Philosophy: York University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference”, York University, April 2018

Committee Member

Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Representative, 2018 - 2019

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), York University, 2016 - 2018

Diversity Committee, York University, 2015 - 2018

Adjudication Committee, York University, Winter 2018

Search Advisory Committee, University of Manitoba, 2010 - 2011

AWARDS

York University

Provost Dissertation Scholarship 2019 - 2020

York Graduate Scholarship, 2015 - 2020

Kitty and Lou Newman Memorial Graduate Scholarship, 2015 & 2016

Western University

Western Graduate Research Scholarship, 2012 & 2013

Dean's Entrance Scholarship, 2012

University of Manitoba

Gold Medal in Philosophy, 2012
University of Manitoba Students Union Scholarship, 2012
Dean's Honour List, 2008 - 2011
President's Scholar Scholarship, 2008
Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship, 2007
University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship, 2007

WORKSHOPS

"Preparing to Enter the Field: An Advanced Data Collection Skills Workshop",
Canadian Association for HIV Research, Toronto, ON, February 2018

GRADUATE COURSES

York University

PhD Research Seminar (Alice MacLachlan & Kristin Andrews), Fall 2018
PhD Research Seminar (Kristin Andrews & Regina Rini), Fall 2017 - 2018
Applied Ethics: Philosophy of Love (Alice MacLachlan), Winter 2017
Feminist Philosophy: Ecological Thinking (Lorraine Code), Fall 2016
Ancient Philosophy: Hellenistic Philosophy (Stefan Rodde), Fall 2016
Philosophy of Cognitive Science: Animal Minds (Kristin Andrews), Winter 2016
Theoretical Ethics: Autonomy (Susan Dimock), Fall 2015
Applied Ethics: Family Ethics (Alice MacLachlan), Fall 2015 - 2016
First Year Seminar (Muhammad Ali Khalidi & Michael Giudice), Fall 2015 - 2016

Western University

Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Dialogues (Devin Henry), Winter 2013
Ancient Philosophy: Presocratic Philosophy (John Thorpe), Winter 2013
Political Philosophy: Grotius & Hobbes (Dennis Klimchuk), Winter 2013
Philosophy of Law (Andrew Botterell & Dennis Klimchuk), Fall 2012
Applied Ethics: Egalitarianism (Samantha Brennan), Fall 2012
Epistemology: Trust (Carolyn McLeod), Fall 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association (APA)
Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)
Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR)
Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS)

LANGUAGES

French (Intermediate)
German (Intermediate)
Ancient Greek (Beginner)
Latin (Beginner)

REFERENCES

Alice MacLachlan (Supervisor)
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Duff Waring (Committee)
Associate Professor
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Regina Rina (Committee)
Assistant Professor
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Samantha Brennan
Dean, College of Arts
University of Guelph
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Kristin Andrews (Teaching Reference)
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