OUR MISSION

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre endeavors to promote ethical engagement, mutual respect and critical reflection on matters of moral concern in health care. We aim for excellence in four interdependent domains of activity: interdisciplinary scholarship, clinical ethics, health policy consultation, and professional and public health ethics education. Compassion and social justice are cross-cutting themes in all that we do.
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OPENING MESSAGE

Welcome to the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre’s 2009-2010 Annual Report.

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre is an interdisciplinary centre at the University of Alberta committed to work in health ethics. In 2009-2010 the Centre made many contributions in discovery, interpretation and dissemination of knowledge in the area of health ethics. We reached out to scholars, students, health care practitioners, clinical ethics committee members, health care administrators, patients and their families, media and the general public.

This past year was particularly busy. Among our many activities some of our achievements were: 1) hosting a sixth annual, successful Health Ethics Symposium, ETHICS EDUCATION: Minding the Gaps; 2) hosting two successful Health Ethics Workshops on the New Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act; and 3) continuing with established events such the Health Ethics Seminar Series, Health Ethics Week and publishing the newsletter, Health Ethics Today. Our health ethics seminars, workshops and symposia were presented to full capacity attendance.

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre has 5 core faculty members with highly esteemed qualifications and expertise who are committed to addressing and promoting health care ethics. Their many accomplishments and contributions in health ethics teaching, research and community engagement are reported within this document.

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre’s goal is to continue to uphold and cultivate our commitment of academic excellence in health care ethics through established and ongoing development of support, collaborations, and linkages.

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre would like to thank everyone who supports the Centre. We are extremely grateful for this support which shows the importance of promoting health care ethics in academia, the health care system and community.
### STAFF

**Director**

*Dick Sobsey*, EdD  
Professor  
Faculty of Education  

*Dr. Sobsey* is a Professor of Educational Psychology and serves as Director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, and Associate Director of the J.P. Das Developmental Disabilities Centre at the University of Alberta. Dr. Sobsey has worked to improve health care, educational opportunities, and social conditions for people with disabilities and their families since 1968. He is particularly interested in human rights and violence prevention. His current research areas include positive changes in families of children with disabilities, long-term outcomes for babies born to mothers who experience severe trauma during pregnancy, crimes against people with developmental disabilities, and historical research on the eugenic family studies.

**Faculty**

*Wendy Austin*, RN, PhD  
Canada Research Chair  
Professor  
Faculty of Nursing  

*Dr. Austin* is Professor in the Faculty of Nursing with a joint appointment to the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta. Dr. Austin holds a Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care. She is an Adjunct Foreign Professor with the University of Malmö, Sweden and serves on the Boards of the Health Law Institute, University of Alberta and the International Academy of Law and Mental Health. She is a former Senior Scientist with the International Institute of Qualitative Methodology and a former member of the *Canadian Nurses Association* Ethics Committee. A founding Co-Director of the University of Alberta’s PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre in Nursing and Mental Health, she has been an advisor in mental health to the International Council of Nurses and the president of the Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses. Her research encompasses identifying and exploring relational ethics issues in mental health care, developing a relational ethics perspective on research ethics, and exploring ways to better prepare healthcare practitioners and researchers for ethical practice.
Dr. Byrne was born in Ireland and attended medical school at University College in Dublin, receiving his MB, ChB degree in 1976. He immigrated to Kingston, Ontario in 1981 for further Pediatric training, receiving his FRCP and FAAP in Paediatrics in 1983 and completed a Neonatal Fellowship in London, Ontario. In 1985 he joined the University of Alberta’s Department of Paediatrics and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and was NICU Director 1988 -1997. Dr. Byrne was Co-Director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre 1997-1999 and Interim Director 2002-2006. Dr. Byrne teaches clinical ethics to health care professionals and students, undertakes ethics consultations at the University of Alberta and Stollery Children’s Hospitals and has ongoing research projects focusing on ethical decision-making in perinatal care.

Dr. Leier earned his PhD from the Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta in 2002. He is currently the Clinical Ethicist for the University of Alberta Hospital, Stollery Children’s Hospital and Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Leier is presently doing research in collaboration with Drs. Paul Byrne and Wendy Austin on the topics of pediatric best interest, moral distress, end-of-life decision-making, transplant ethics, compassion in the practice of medicine, risk and decision-making.
Dr. Shanner is an Associate Professor of Health Ethics at the School of Public Health and John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre at the University of Alberta. Her primary interests include ethical issues in reproduction and genetics, public health ethics, gender issues in health, and ethical assessment of health policy and law. Currently a board member of the Alberta Public Health Association, a member of the Alberta Provincial Advisory Committee on Tobacco, and a member of the Stem Cell Advisory Committee for the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, she has also served as an expert consultant to multiple Health Canada policy development committees and the Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee. Dr. Shanner is a former co-chair of the International Network for Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, a former board member of Friends of Medicare (Alberta), and has worked in the U.K., Australia and the U.S. as well as Canada. Before coming to Alberta, Dr. Shanner held the I’Anson Assistant Professorship in Interdisciplinary Studies (Bioethics) at the University of Toronto, and has taught bioethics at the Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University. She earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy-Bioethics from Georgetown University and the Kennedy Institute for Ethics (1994). Her publications have spanned books and journals in philosophy, women’s studies, law, comparative theology, and experimental sciences.

Staff
Carol Nahorniak, BSc
Centre Administrator

Stacy Cabral, BA
Information Officer

Postdoctoral Fellow
Heidi Janz, PhD
Post-Doctoral Fellow

Research Assistant
Wanapa Intaprasert

Graduate Students
Katherine Duthie, MA
Michael van Manen, MD, FRCPC
Since its beginnings in 1985 the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre has provided scholarly excellence in health care ethics research, education and community service to students, faculty and staff at the University of Alberta, health care practitioners and members of Alberta Health Services, other health care agencies and the general public.

**Graduate courses** taught in the 2009-2010 calendar year were INT D 570 (Health Care Ethics), PHS 709 (Ethics in Health Care Organizations) and PHS 543 (Public Health Ethics, Law and Policy).

**Research** continued in the areas of: Clinical Practice, Compassion, Disability Ethics, Emerging Technologies, Gender Issues, Health Policy, Human Rights, Mental Health, Moral Distress, Neonatal-Perinatal Ethics, Public Health, Relational Ethics, Risk and Reproductive Ethics.

**Service** took place as:
- Clinical consultation
- Health Ethics Today (newsletter)
- Health Ethics Seminar Series
- Health Ethics Week
- Health Ethics Symposium
- Health Ethics Workshops
- Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds
- Media requests
- Participation/Membership on
  - Ethics Committees with Alberta Health Services
  - International Academy of Law and Mental Health
- Providing Health Policy Consultation in Assisted Reproduction, CACL Task Force, CHA Home Care, Disclosure, End of Life, Stem Cell, Organizational Ethics, Pandemic and UNICEF
## OPERATING BUDGET
### 2009 - 2010

### REVENUE
- Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry: $84,266.00
- Health Sciences Council: $53,500.00
- External Revenue – Other Internal Revenue (Alberta Health Services): $15,794.00
- External Revenue – Symposium Non-Credit Fees: $2,333.34
- UofA Conference Fund: $1,000.00
- UAH Hospital Foundation (2008-2009 allocation): $3,408.00
- UAH Hospital Foundation (2009-2010 allocation): $2,189.00
- Ethics Research Videos: $66.67
- Buy out for Director (currently between HSC and Educational Psychology): $44,000.00

**TOTAL REVENUE**: $206,557.01

### EXPENDITURES
- Support Staff Salaries: $90,158.62
- Benefits: $15,635.60
- Supplies, Services & Sundries: $11,668.87
- Health Ethics Today Newsletter (publishing, printing & distribution): $8,986.80
- Communications: $3,754.93
- Course Registrations: $1,279.50
- Travel & Associated Expenses: $3,669.48
- Credit Card Fees/Discount Fees: $160.00
- Repairs & Maintenance: $134.46
- Rentals & Leases: $2,172.43
- Capital Equipment (computers, printers, HDTV): $6,858.81
- Buy out for Director (currently between HSC and Educational Psychology): $44,000.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**: $188,479.50
RESEARCH FUNDING

Funding to the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

University of Alberta Conference Fund, Health Ethics Symposium – Ethics Education: Minding the Gaps – $1,000 (2009)
Principal Investigator: Dick Sobsey, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta.

Research Funding and Awards to Faculty of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

Community-University Research Alliance Program – From Archives to Activism – $1,000,000 (2010 – 2015)
Principal Investigator: Rob Wilson, University of Alberta, Co-Investigator: Dick Sobsey, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Research Grant – Defining Disability Ethics Sustainable Family Care for Children with Severe or Profound Disabilities – $199,604 (2009 – 2011)
Principal Investigator: David McConnell University of Alberta, Co-Investigator: Dick Sobsey, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta.

Principal Investigator: Michael van Manen, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta and Co-Investigators: Wendy Austin, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta and Paul Byrne, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta.
Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) – *Addressing Disparities in Maternal Health Care in Pakistan: Gender, Class and Exclusion – $452,000 (2009-2014)*

Principal Investigator: Zubia Mumtaz, University of Alberta, Co-Investigators: S. Hamid, L. Laing, University of Alberta, S. Salway, Laura Shanner, School of Public Health, University of Alberta and S. Zaman.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Health Services and Policy – *Ethics Catalyst Grant – $81,122 (2008 – 2012)*

Principal Investigator: Dick Sobsey, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Research Development Initiative Grant – *Defining Disability Ethics – $38,865 (2008 – 2011)*

Principal Investigator: Dick Sobsey, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Standard Research Grant – *“Compassion Fatigue” As Experienced By Canadian Health Professionals – $155,000 (2007 – 2011)*

Principal Investigator: Wendy Austin, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta and Co-Investigator: Brendan Leier, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta.


Principal Investigator: Wendy Austin, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta.


Co-Investigator: Dick Sobsey, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta.
AWARDS

Wendy Austin

**Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care (2008 – 2013)**

“Dr. Austin's research program centers on exploring the core elements of relational ethics and their application in particular healthcare environments. The aims of this research program include identifying and exploring relational ethics issues in mental health care (including from a global perspective); developing a relational ethics perspective on research ethics; exploring ways to better prepare healthcare practitioners and researchers for ethical practice; and advancing the theoretical basis of relational ethics.”

Paul Byrne

**Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry Excellence in Humanism Award (2009)**

“Dr. Byrne is widely recognized and respected as a clinical educator, particularly with respect to modeling excellent end-of-life decision-making and communication skills in the NICU environment.”
Dr. Janz was selected by the Canadian Disability Studies Association to be the recipient of the 2010 Tanis Doe Award for Canadian Disability Study and Culture. According to the Canadian Disability Studies Association:

“This award honours an individual who dares to “speak the unspeakable” in advancing the study and culture of disability, and who has enriched through research, teaching, or activism, the lives of Canadians with disabilities.”
PUBLICATIONS

JOHN DOSSETOR HEALTH ETHICS CENTRE

Health Ethics Today, 2009, Volume 18(1)

The newsletter, Health Ethics Today, has a circulation of approximately 9,000, which includes distribution to all medical doctors across Alberta, health care professionals, scholars, students, members of the Canadian Bioethics Society, Provincial Health Ethics Network and friends of the Dossetor Centre. Health Ethics Today is posted on the Dossetor Centre’s website (http://www.ualberta.ca/BIOETHICS).

STAFF PUBLICATIONS

Wendy Austin

Books

Chapters


**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**


**Abstracts and Non-peer Reviewed Articles**


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**Paul Byrne**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**


**Non-peer Reviewed Articles**

**Byrne, P.** (2009). Can We Do It? – Yes We Can! – (but Ought We?). *Health Ethics Today, 18*(1), 9-11.
**Heidi Janz**

**Chapters**  

**Non-Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**  


**Brendan Leier**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**  

**Laura Shanner**

**Non-peer Reviewed Articles**  

**Dick Sobsey**

**Chapters**  


**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**


**Published Proceedings**


**Book & Media Reviews**


**Non-Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**


PRESENTATIONS

JOHN DOSSETOR HEALTH ETHICS CENTRE

Health Ethics Symposium, ETHICS EDUCATION: Minding the Gaps:

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre hosted a one-day symposium on ethics education. Ethics education should be more about the process of exploration than the content of the ethics curriculum.

PRESENTATIONS:

Where Ethics Education Begins
CBC Newsword: Passionate Eye Documentary, “Children Full of Life”

Educating the Educators
- Laura Shanner, PhD

Ethics and the Interdisciplinary Team
- Wendy Austin, RN, PhD
  CRC, Relational Ethics in Health Care

Minding the Gaps in Healthcare Ethics
- Brendan Leier, PhD

Educating the Public
- Richard Sobsey, EdD
Health Ethics Workshop, New Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act:

New Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act

Monday, November 16, 2009
Time: 8:30 am—2:30 pm

Workshop Location:
Room 2-07 Heritage Medical Research Centre, University of Alberta

Agenda

8:30—9:45 am  Conceptual and Ethical Issues in Guardianship
Dick Sobsey, Director, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre
Brendan Leier, Clinical Ethicist, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

9:45—10:00 am  Break

10:00 am—Noon  Alberta's New Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act
Brenda Lee Doyle, Provincial Director, Office of the Public Guardian
Shirley Peleshky, Public Guardian, Edmonton Regional Office

Noon—12:30 pm  Lunch

12:30—1:00 pm  Brief question and discussion period

1:00—2:30 pm  Guardianship and the Law
Tracey Bailey, Executive Director, Health Law Institute

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The *New Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act Workshop* held on 16 November 2009 was extremely successful and presented to full capacity attendance. Due to wide interest, the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre had a repeat offering of workshop on January 29, 2010 in Bernard Snell Hall, Walter MacKenzie Health Sciences Centre. Through collaboration with Alberta Health Services the workshops were teleconferenced to health care facilities across Alberta.

**Health Ethics Seminars:**

Each academic year, the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre invites speakers to present as part of its Health Ethics Seminar series. The seminar series is open to scholars, students, health care practitioners, clinical ethics committee members, health care administrators, patients and their families, media and the general public. Most of these seminars are teleconferenced to health care facilities across Alberta.

18 September 2009  
**CIHR’s Guidelines for Health Research Involving Aboriginal People: implications for funding, reviewing and training**  
Malcolm King, PhD, Scientific Director  
CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples’ Health and Professor, Pulmonary Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta

11 December 2009  
**Use of Digital Media as a Means of Promoting Reflection on Ethical Issues in the First Year Medicine Patient Centred Care Course**  
Pamela Brett-McLean, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry  
Co-Director, Arts & Humanities in Health & Medicine Program, University of Alberta

22 January 2010  
**Disability, Parenting and the Rights of the Child**  
David McConnell, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy,  
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine,  
University of Alberta

26 February, 2010  
**Newborn Screening…Just because we can?**  
Victoria Seavilleklein, PhD  
Ethicist & policy Director,  
Provincial Health Ethics Network

19 March 2010  
**Ethical Issues in Organ Donation: Views of Recent Immigrants & Healthcare Professionals**  
Erika Goble, MA, PhD Student  
Research Coordinator for Relational Ethics in Healthcare Research  
Faculty of Nursing  
Julija Kelecevic, MD, PhD(c)  
Bioethicist, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and Collaborative Group
Health Ethics Week 2010:

2 March 2010  
**Addressing Moral Distress in Caregiving at the End of Life**  
Eric Wasylenko, MD, BSc  
Palliative Care Physician  
Executive Director, Clinical Ethics for Alberta Health Services and  
Co-Founder Foothills Country Hospice

5 March 2010  
**Relational Ethics and Hope: Examining responsible caring when hope is challenged**  
Denise Larsen, PhD, R. Psych  
Associate Professor,  
Department of Educational Psychology and  
Director of Research, Hope Foundation of Alberta, University of Alberta

Grand Rounds:

5 October 2009  
**On the Lost Virtue of Hospitality or Whose Home is this Hospital?**  
Brendan Leier, PhD  
Clinical Ethicist  
University of Alberta and Stollery Children’s Hospital,  
Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute and  
John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

JDHEC FACULTY

Wendy Austin:

28 April 2009  
**Nurses’ Experience of Compassion Fatigue**  
Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses.

30 April 2009  
**Ethics and the Interdisciplinary Team**  
John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre – Health Ethics Symposium,  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB.

29 April 2009  
**Supporting Relationships Between Family and the Healthcare Team in Traditional Continuing Care Settings**  
Alberta Association of Gerontology, Edmonton, AB.

21 May 2009  
**Ethical Issues in Organ Donation: The Views of Recent Immigrants and Health Professionals**  
4th World Bioethics Conference, Gijon, Spain.
28 May 2009

*Relational Engagement: The Challenge of Contemporary Nursing Practice*

Canadian Advanced Practice Nurses in Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow, Lake Louise, AB.

1 June 2009

“The Nurse I Used To Be”: Systemic Effects on the Professional Self

Annual General Meeting of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Mu Sigma Chapter, Edmonton, AB.

30 June 2009

*What were they thinking? How appalling acts can spring from good intentions*

Congress of the International Academy of Law And Mental Health, New York City, New York.

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**Heidi Janz:**

25 - 26 May 2009

*Darwin’s Lethal Legacy: 21st-Century Eugenics*

Canadian Disability Studies Association Conference, Ottawa, Ontario.
(with Nancy Hansen and Dick Sobsey)

25 - 26 May 2009

*Director's cut: Portrayals of pain and surgery in the Ashley X Case* & *The unkindest cut of all: Portrayals of pain and surgery in the Tracy Latimer Case*

Canadian Disability Studies Association Conference, Ottawa, Ontario.
(with Dick Sobsey)

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**Brendan Leier:**

30 April 2009

*Minding the Gaps in Healthcare Ethics*

John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre – Health Ethics Symposium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

29 June – 4 July 2009

*Compassion*

Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, New York City, New York.
5 October 2009

**On the Lost Virtue of Hospitality or Whose Home is this Hospital?**

Grand Rounds - University of Alberta and Stollery Children’s Hospital, Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute Clinical Ethics Committee

16 November 2009

**Conceptual and Ethical Issues in Guardianship**

Workshop by John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre
New Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB.
(with Dick Sobsey)

18 January 2010

**Understanding the New Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act**

Workshop by Provincial Health Ethics Network
Rockyview Hospital,
Calgary, AB.
(with Dick Sobsey)

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30 April 2009

**Educating the Educators**

John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre – Health Ethics Symposium,
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB.

13 August 2009

**Tips, Tricks, and Insights for Teaching and Learning Bioethics**

Workshop for high school science teachers.
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Heritage Youth Research Summer Program

17 August 2009

**Aha! Moments and Open Moral Spaces**

Public Health Summer School (APHA, UA, UC, UL)
Calgary, AB.

16 October 2009

**Teaching Global Citizenship: Health Sciences and Ethics**

Pedagogical Provocations Series panel discussion
University of Alberta

Laura Shanner:

February 2010

**Health Care Reform: Hope, Hype, and Having Enough**

International Week
University of Alberta
Dick Sobsey:

30 April 2009

*Educating the Public*
John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre – Health Ethics Symposium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

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(with Brendan Leier)

February 2010

*Intimate Partner Violence Against People with Disabilities*
Keynote, Workshop on Domestic Violence.
Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre and Calgary Social Services Calgary, AB.
Core members of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre contribute to teaching ethics across many faculties at the University of Alberta, as well as outside of the University.

**Wendy Austin:**
INT D 570 – *Healthcare Ethics*  
Winter 2010

**Paul Byrne:**
Co-instructor for a number of academic half-days per year (12-20) which amounts to **medical sub-specialty ethics teaching**. These days are directly related to ethics content requirements for accreditation in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.  
(with Brendan Leier)

**Brendan Leier:**
Co-instructor of all the **undergraduate ethics and law curricular requirements** for medical students in yrs 1-4.  
(with Tracey Bailey, Health Law Institute)

5 and 10 ethics electives per year, which are either 12 hour or two week directed education sessions for medical students

Tutor and facilitator for the Arts and Humanities in Health and Medicine Program content for the last two years.

Co-instructor for a number of academic half-days per year (12-20) which amounts to **medical sub-specialty ethics teaching**. These days are directly related to ethics content requirements for accreditation in the Faculty of Medicine.  
(with Paul Byrne)

Ethics Education for Alberta Health Services, Caritas and Provincial Health Ethics Network
Laura Shanner:

PHS 709 – Ethics in Health Care Organizations Fall 2009

PHS 543 – Public Health Ethics, Law and Policy Winter 2010

Co-instructor for Public Health 3420, Public Health Ethics, University of Lethbridge

Curriculum Co-Chair, Public Health Summer School (APHA, UA, UC, UL), Calgary AB

Incidental Guest Lecturer:

PHS 541 – Population Health (Soc Determ)

PHS 510 – Chemistry, Partitioning and Transformation of Environmental Contaminants

MED 515 – Community Health

HPS 501 – Social & Behavioral Foundations in Promoting Health

Occupational Medicine Ethics Half-Days (residency program)

PHS 500 – Introduction Health Systems and Policy

PHS 596 – Epidemiology Methods 1 (2 sections)

PHS 505 – Fundamentals of Public Health (Intro PH)

PHS 696 – Advanced Epidemiology

PHS 631 – Program Evaluation

Lunch and Learn: Ethics Across Cultures

INT D 600 – Ethics in Maternal-Fetal Research

MED 650 – Gender, Ethnicity and Vulnerability in Research
Dick Sobsey:
Co-instructor for CMPUT 605 – Ethics in the Software Development Life-Cycle: A Case Study of Health Informatics Systems

Incidental Guest Lecturer:
PTHER 525 – Professional Issues II – Health Care, Ethics and Medical-Legal Issues
MED 526 – Patient-Centred Care Part II
DDS 520 – Patient-Centred Care
PHARM 362 – Pharmacy Laws & Ethics
EDPY 456 – Collaboration and Consultation in Education
EDPY 546 – Hope and the Helping Relationship


**GRADUATE STUDENT and POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW SUPERVISION**

*Wendy Austin:*

**SUPERVISION, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS**

Nina Erfani, April 2009 – April 2010

Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Research Project “Compassion Fatigue” As Experienced by Canadian Health Professionals

**SUPERVISION, DOCTORAL DEGREES**

**Supervisor (in progress):**

Diane Kunyk, Nursing, 2007 - *Nurses’ Experience of Addictions*
Nicole Snow, Nursing, 2006 - *Community Mental Health Ethics*
Cheryl Webster, Nursing, 2003 - *Depictions of Psychiatric Nursing in Film*
Cindy Peternelj-Taylor, Nursing, 2002 - *Ethics, Engagement & Forensic Nursing*

**Co-Supervisor (in progress):**

Jocelyn Dye-Grech, Nursing, 2003 - (Co-Supervisor with Paul Byrne) *The Lived Experience of IVF & Selective Reduction/Abortion of Infertile Couples*
Julija Kelecevic, Forensic Anthropology, 2001 - (Co-Supervisor with Owen Beattie) *Situating Forensic Anthropology: Ethical and Professional Issues*
Anne Marie Creamer, Nursing, 2002 - (Co-Supervisor with Judy Mill) *Stigma*

**Supervisory Committee Member:**

Jodie Oosman, Medicine, (University of Calgary), 2006 - (Supervisory Committee) *Community Treatment Orders*
Catherine Thibeault, Nursing, (McGill University), 2005 - (Supervisory Committee) *The Relational Experience of Hospitalized Persons with Acute Mental Illness and their Nurses*
Rebecca Porter, Nursing, (University of Iowa), 2003 - (Supervisory Committee) *Futility*

**Completed:**

Danielle Leigh Fullerton, Educational Psychology, 2004 – 2009 (Supervisory Committee) *Well-Being of Female Academics*
SUPERVISION, MASTERS DEGREES

**Supervisor (in progress):**
Sara Calderon, Nursing, 2006 -
Dawn Kocuper, Nursing, 2005 - *Ethical Decision Making*
Duncan (Stewart) MacLennan, Nursing, 2005 - *Care Relationships with Incarcerated Youths*

**Co-Supervisor (in progress):**
Michael van Manen, Neonatology-Perinatology Subspecialty Resident, Pediatrics, 2010 - (Co-Supervisor with Paul Byrne) - *Parents’ lived relational moral experience of direction-of-care decisions in the NICU*
Katherine Fisher, Nursing, 2007 -

**Completed:**
Robyn Sacks, Health Promotion Studies, 2009 - *Processes of Participant Engagement with Edmonton Drug Treatment Court: A Grounded Theory* (Examining Committee Member)
Dawn Pepper, Nursing, 2006 – 2009 (Co-Supervisor) - *Ethical Decision Making for Parents in the NICU*

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**Paul Byrne:**

SUPERVISION, DOCTORAL DEGREES

**Co-Supervisor (in progress):**
Jocelyn Dye-Grech, Nursing, 2003 - (Co-Supervisor with Wendy Austin) *The Lived Experience of IVF & Selective Reduction/ Abortion of Infertile Couples*

**Supervisory Committee Member:**
Katherine Duthie, School of Public Health, 2008 - (Supervisory Committee)
  *Organizational Influences on the capacity for Ethical Clinical Practice in the NICU*

SUPERVISION, MASTERS DEGREES

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Administrative support for the Clinical Ethicist and the consultation service of the University of Alberta Hospital, Stollery Children’s Hospital and Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute’s Clinical Ethics Committee is provided by the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre. Requests for ethics consultation by patients, family and healthcare professionals are received and coordinated by the Centre. This involves obtaining the information and then forwarding it to the Clinical Ethicist and may involve assembling a team from the UAH ethics committee to respond to the request. On average the committee receives 7-8 detailed ethics consultations per month in addition to many telephone and 'corridor' consultations. Through the clinical ethics service the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre has created a partnership with Alberta Health Services for an ethical delivery of health care in the community.
The Library in the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre contains a wide range of books and journals in the area of health ethics including, clinical ethics, end-of-life issues, women’s issues (feminist bioethics), philosophy, psychology, technology and ethics, law and medicine, transplantation, ethics education, reproductive issues, relational ethics, nursing ethics, and ethical theory. In addition, the Library has a variety of health ethics video tapes and CDs. University faculty members, students, Alberta Health Services staff, as well as the public are welcome to utilize the facility by appointment.

**Some of the more current journals available:**

- ACTA Bioethica (2000-2001)
- Bioetica Informa (1999-2002)
- Bioethics Examiner (1997-2007)
- Bulletin of Medical Ethics (1988-2006)
- Journal of Clinical Ethics (1990-2010)
- Journal of Medical Ethics (1989-2007)
- Nursing Ethics (1997-2003)
The faculty of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre responds to a variety of health ethics inquiries from academics, health care professionals, the general public and the media. The responses have appeared as feature articles in local (Edmonton Journal and the University of Alberta’s Express News) and national (Globe and Mail, CTV and CBC Radio and TV) media on a variety of health ethics issues. Some examples:

**Wendy Austin:**
CBC Radio “White Coat Black Art” on the topic of Compassion Fatigue

**Laura Shanner:**

CBC Ideas “From Here to Maternity” 2-part program on assisted conception, interviewed by Alison Motluk and aired repeatedly; 1st air dates 15-16 June 2009.

Edmonton Journal “Transgender Case Goes to Reconciliation” 15 October 2009

CBC Radio “Ethical Issues in H1N1 Response” 20 November 2009.

**Dick Sobsey:**
CBC-TV “Interview on the Death of Bay Isaiah” CBC News.


Globe & Mail “Legal fight has child's life in the balance” 26 January 2010.

Folio “Provincial eugenics archives awarded one of two U of A SSHRC awards” interviewed by M. Brown 12 February 2010.


Alberta Primetime Interview on “Health Ethics” 31 March 2010.

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