



Health Ethics Symposium

Disability Ethics: Within and Beyond a Canadian Context

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C. Dalrymple-Fraser, PhD is a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto. Their primary research explores disabled and 2SLGBTQIA+ exclusion and discrimination in healthcare, with related research interests in disability's places in suicidology, public health, research ethics, and horror media.



Isabel Grant, FRSC, LL.M. is a Professor at the Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia. Isabel specializes in criminal law responses to violence against women with a particular interest in women with disabilities, and has published extensively in areas including sexual assault, murder, criminal harassment, HIV nondisclosure and most recently medical assistance in dying (MAiD). Isabel has been a long-time volunteer for Inclusion Canada as chair of the Strategic Litigation Committee. It was through this work that she became involved in Bill C-7 and the expansion of MAiD. She has testified on the subject before the Senate and the AMAD Joint Committee and has recently published two papers on MAiD, one focusing on the constitutional dimensions of Track 2 MAiD and the other looking at the intersections of feminism and ableism in the expansion of MAiD. Isabel has worked pro bono on multiple interventions in appellate courts and at the Supreme Court of Canada for disability and feminist organizations. She is a member of the B.C. bar and has appeared before the Court of Appeal for British Columbia in a number of criminal law cases. Isabel was elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2021.



Nancy Hansen, PhD is a Professor and Director of the Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Disability Studies at the University of Manitoba. Nancy obtained a PhD (Human Geography) from the University of Glasgow. and her research interests in disability studies are varied including; disability in spaces of culture education, literacy social policy, employment healthcare MAiD, COVID-19, access and experiences of disabled and LGBTQ communities in post-conflict areas. She is co-editor of the *Routledge History of Disability* and *Untold Stories: A Canadian Disability History Reader*. In addition, Nancy has written numerous book chapters and contributed to various international academic journals.



Heidi Janz, PhD is an Associate Adjunct Professor with the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre. Heidi specializes in Disability Ethics. She is also active in disability rights advocacy at a national level. In her "other life," Heidi is a writer/playwright and filmmaker. Her creative work focusses on making the experiences of people with disabilities accessible to audiences made up of both people with disabilities and people who are temporarily able-bodied.



Marghalara Rashid, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta. Marghalara's focus is on cultural competency inclusion specifically exploring the experiences of health professionals and trainees from marginalized groups such as indigenous communities, visible minorities, and people with disabilities to promote Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization (EDII). She also focusses on developing educational interventions that will assist educators and learners in gaining the cultural competencies required to provide appropriate care to patients from diverse groups. In particular, a philosophical approach to critical theory, intersectionality and decolonizing framework has played a significant role in informing study design, research questions, and the ensuing trajectory of her research projects.



Joel Michael Reynolds, PhD, MA is a Senior Research Scholar in the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and Associate Professor of Philosophy and Disability Studies at Georgetown University, Faculty in the Department of Family Medicine and the Pellegrino Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University School of Medicine/Georgetown University Medical Center, Senior Bioethics Advisor to The Hastings Center, and Faculty Scholar of The Greenwall Foundation. At Georgetown, Joel is also Director of the Disability Studies Program, Faculty in the Medical Humanities Initiative, and Director of graduate placement in the Department of Philosophy. They are the author or co-author of over sixty articles and chapters in philosophy and biomedical ethics in outlets including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *AMA Journal of Ethics*, *JAMA Health Forum*, *Nature Biotechnology*, and the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Joel is also author or co-editor of six books, including *The Disability Bioethics Reader* and *Disability Justice in Public Health Emergencies*, and founder of *The Journal of Philosophy of Disability* and co-founder of the book series *Oxford Studies in Disability, Ethics, and Society*.



Sebastian Straube, PhD holds degrees in Medicine and Physiological Sciences from the University of Oxford where he also did his DPhil (PhD). After clinical work and research at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals, Sebastian joined the University Medical Center Göttingen (Germany). There he completed his Habilitation (German postdoctoral qualification) and his postgraduate medical training in Occupational Medicine. Sebastian took up his current post in the Division of Preventive Medicine of the University of Alberta's Department of Medicine in 2014. He was appointed as Division Director for Preventive Medicine in 2016 and promoted to Full Professor in 2019.



Michael van Manen, MD, PhD, FRCPC(Peds, NICU, CIP) Endowed Chair in Health Ethics is the Director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. Michael also has a clinical practice as a physician in neonatal-perinatal medicine with the Stollery Children's Hospital. His research is primarily concerned with relational ethics, situated within the tradition of phenomenology. Michael is considered an international expert in qualitative health research. His research projects relate to ethical decision-making, the experiential life of the fetus/newborn, the use of medical technologies in clinical encounters, and patient-family experiences of hospital care.



Gregor Wolbring, PhD, a lifelong wheelchair user, has been trained as a biochemist in Germany (University of Tuebingen, Max Plank Institute for Biophysics, Frankfurt) and the UK (University College London and London Biotechnology Ltd) and worked as a benchwork biochemist at the University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine from 1992-2008. Gregor is now a tenured Full Professor at the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine, Community Health Sciences, Program in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies and the academic director (disability and accessibility) at the University of Calgary Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. He is also a member of the Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis (ITAS), Karlsruhe, Germany and a senior fellow of the Institute for Science, Society and Policy, University of Ottawa, Canada. Examples of Gregor's former appointments include the President of the Canadian Disability Studies Association and a member of the executive committee of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.