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Profile of the month

Lucy Frith, PhD



Lucy Frith is Reader in Bioethics and Social Science at the University of Liverpool, UK. Her research focuses on the social and ethical aspects of improving healthcare delivery, policy and regulation, with a particular interest in empirical ethics and the inter-section between ethics and social science. She has published widely on a range of issues in bioethics and carried out research on pregnancy and childbirth; research ethics (clinical trials and public

involvement and cross-cultural issues in consent); the organisation and funding of health care provision (priority setting and use of resources); and has a long-standing interest in the social and ethical aspects of reproductive technologies. She is strategic lead for public involvement in the North West NIHR research design service.

Short Statement: I am developing an interest in public involvement and how it is used in both research and health service delivery and how it relates to understanding and addressing health inequalities. My work in this area has two components. I am interested in public involvement as a research topic and I am working on a project on understanding how diversity is theorised in public involvement. This considers the concerns that current public involvement practice does poorly at involving conventionally excluded groups, and this lack of diversity has been highlighted as a key policy challenge for this community. Questions remain, however, over what kind of diversity is important and what kind of benefits a more diverse, inclusive decision making process brings. This work brings together bioethics, political philosophy and health service research to approach these issues from an interdisciplinary perspective.

I am also interested in public involvement as a practice and how we can improve and strengthen current ways of involving people. A key focus is how it can be used as a tool to address health inequalities by involving more diverse groups in healthcare. I have been involved in a number of projects with INVOLVE (a national organisation in the UK that supports patient involvement in research): designing a website to increase knowledge and resources about public involvement, and working on an INVOLVE project on ethics in public involvement – to consider and develop frameworks for ethical practice in this area.

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<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/psychology-health-and-society/staff/lucy-frith/>

<http://lucyfrith.net/>

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lucy_Frith

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Events and Announcements

[Montreal Health Ethics Seminar Series](#)

The Montreal Health Ethics Seminar Series had a successful launch on October 18th 2018, with an engaging presentation by Dr. Kathryn Weaver from the University of New Brunswick. The seminar series is a bilingual monthly seminar/webinar series aimed at bringing people together to think about and discuss issues in health ethics. Our aim is to promote health ethics through seminars that foster dialogue between groups of participants with different perspectives (e.g., academics, clinicians, patients, community members). These seminars will appeal to audiences both within and outside of academia and healthcare settings with the goal of increasing mutual awareness about health ethics and promote interdisciplinary and community reflections on various cross-cutting health ethics topics.

Join us for our next seminar/webinar in November:

When: November 29th, 2018, 12-1PM

Where: Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (110 avenue des Pins Ouest, Auditorium Jacques Genest) OR livestreamed through our [YouTube page: Pragmatic Health Ethics](#)

What: Dr. Annie Janvier, "Moral Distress: Evidence and New Horizons".

All conferences are free and require no registration!

Visit our website or email us for more information about where seminars will be archived for future viewing or educational use (e.g., journal clubs, classroom, continued education):

<http://www.pragmatichealthethics.ca/outreach/montreal-health-ethics-seminar-series/>

[Social Sciences & Health Innovations: Multiplicities - 2019 - Call for papers and](#)

[abstracts](#)

The search for an adequate response to contemporary health problems continues to be high on the agenda. But how can these solutions be made to work and why is it that many do not? One inspiring way of approaching these questions starts from acknowledging the need to engage with multiplicities. While species, bodies, diseases, and knowledges are multiple, the notion of multiplicity is mostly avoided in health care, governance, and sciences, where the strive for uniformity and best practices sometimes comes at the expense of applicability in specific local settings, and of sensitivity to the uncertain consequences of decisions and interventions. This conference invites participants to discuss the notion of multiplicity and to engage with a diverse range of multiplicities that are too often bracketed in attempts to understand and address health problems. How can multiplicity be conceptualized? How can concepts of multiplicity inspire productive ways of dealing with health problems? How can we account for and engage with the complexes of many species living together? How can novel health technologies relate to the multiple realities where diseases are practiced differently?

Both individual paper proposals and proposals for closed thematic panels are welcomed.
Submission deadline: December 15, 2018.

[Tenure-Track Faculty Position - Open Rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in Bioethics](#)

The Biomedical Ethics Unit, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in the field of Bioethics. If the successful candidate satisfies the specific eligibility conditions of the program, the candidate may be supported by the University for nomination to a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Bioethics, which provides protected time for research within a full-time academic appointment.

Application deadline: November 6, 2018.

[The Harold T. Shapiro Postdoctoral Fellowship in Bioethics - Call for Applications](#)

The Princeton University Center for Human Values invites applications for the Harold T. Shapiro Postdoctoral Fellowship in Bioethics for a possible opening in September 2019. The Shapiro Fellowship supports outstanding scholars studying ethical issues arising from developments in medicine, the biological sciences, or population health. We particularly encourage proposals focusing on problems of practical importance that have broader theoretical interest. The Shapiro Fellow will spend from one to three years at Princeton conducting research and teaching the equivalent of one course each year (subject to sufficient enrollments and approval by the Dean of the Faculty). He or she will participate in

the Ira W. DeCamp Seminar in Bioethics and will be invited to participate in other activities of the University Center for Human Values including a year-long research seminar for visiting fellows and Center faculty.

Application deadline: December, 6, 2018.

[Pragmatic Health Ethics Research Unit - Call for Applications - Postdoctoral Fellowships or Graduate Student Scholarship](#)

The Pragmatic Health Ethics Research Unit is seeking TWO (2) postdoctoral fellows or graduate students to work on two main projects.

The first project examines the ethical and social implications of health care transitions for youth with chronic conditions, including rare diseases. The second project examines the ethics of registry-based type-1 diabetes research.

[Columbia University - Post-Doctoral Researcher in Ethical, Legal and Social Implications \(ELSI\) of Genetics - Call for Applications](#)

The Columbia University *Centre for Research on Ethical, Legal & Social Implications of Psychiatric, Neurologic & Behavioral Genetics* and The Hastings Center jointly announce the availability of a two-year post-doctoral research position to begin summer 2019. The goal of the position is to develop research skills on the ethical, legal, and social implications (ELSI) of genetics, with a special focus on psychiatric, neurologic, and behavioral genetics. Applicants should have recently completed a terminal degree (e.g., PhD, MD, JD) in the social or behavioral sciences, genetics or other basic sciences, epidemiology, nursing, medicine, law, or one of the humanities. The researcher will be an employee of the Columbia University Irving Medical Center, with an annual salary of \$47,500, plus benefits. For further information, please contact the Training Director, Ruth Ottman, PhD: ro6@columbia.edu.

Application deadline: Monday, December 3, 2018.

[University of Washington - Research Associate in Bioethics and Neuroethics - Call for Applications](#)

The University of Washington is delighted to announce a call for applications for two research associates in bioethics/neuroethics. Both positions are full-time, with a 12-month service period. One position is sponsored by the Center for Neurotechnology (CNT) and will involve conceptual, normative and empirical bioethics research related to Neurotechnology as well as education and service to the CNT. The second position is funded by an NIH grant focused specifically on ethical issues related to brain-computer interface technology. Both research associates will become part of our multi-disciplinary neuroethics research team.

Review of applications will begin on October 23, 2018 and will continue until the positions are filled. For further information, please contact Sara Goering (sgoering@uw.edu) or Eran Klein (kleineuw@uw.edu).

[Columbia University - Associate Research Scholar/Postdoctoral Scholar/Scientist - Call for Applications](#)

The Center for Science and Society at Columbia University invites applications for a postdoctoral research scholar/ associate research scholar/scientist position to begin July 1, 2019. Columbia University is pleased to announce up to three interdisciplinary postdoctoral positions in the Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience program for researchers who have earned doctorate, or its equivalent, in (1) a humanities, arts, or social science discipline - such as psychology, psychiatry, public health, law, history, economics, literature, political science, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, journalism, music and the arts - and who have extensive acquaintance with, and critical understanding of, neuroscience research; OR (2) neuroscience or a related discipline in the natural sciences and who have extensive acquaintance with, and critical understanding of, another discipline in the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

Review of applications will begin on November 26, 2018 and will continue until the positions are filled.

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