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## Profile | Profil



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**Statement on Neuroethics:** I believe that neuroethics should progress towards a better understanding of consciousness, the crucial phenomenon for morality which still is the “black box” of the human brain.

### Selected Publications:

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## Announcements | Annonces

### Invitation for Survey Participants: Research Study on Autism Service Preferences

We would like to invite you to participate in a research study about your thoughts and feelings about autism services. We are looking for people with autism and their families to take an online survey about how you think and feel about different services you may have used. If you would like to participate, please click on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N2LZ5J5>. The survey can be completed in English, French, Italian, or German. To thank you for taking part in this survey, you will be given the opportunity to enter your email into a drawing for one of five 100\$(CAD) Amazon gift cards. Your email address will not be linked to your survey responses and we will not keep your email address after the drawing has been completed – it is only going to be used to select gift card winners.

Feel free to forward this invitation to anyone else you think might be interested. If you have any questions, please write us at [ariel.cascio@ircm.qc.ca](mailto:ariel.cascio@ircm.qc.ca) (Ariel Cascio) or [eric.racine@ircm.qc.ca](mailto:eric.racine@ircm.qc.ca) (Eric Racine). Thank you!

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### Call for Applications: Research Assistant, University of Oxford

We wish to appoint a full-time Research Assistant to work on the strategic development of a global ethics initiative in neuropsychiatric genetics. You will be located within the Neuroscience, Ethics and Society (NEUROSEC) Team. Led by Professor Ilina Singh the NEUROSEC team has an international reputation for its work in neuroscience and psychiatric ethics. The post is for a fixed-term (funded to 31 December 2018).

You will work with Professor Ilina Singh and members of the team to develop the Oxford project infrastructure; this will include day-to-day administration and development of a long term strategy for the project (requiring expertise in bioethics and global (mental health). You will be working with researchers and health professionals in Oxford and the USA; and will travel to meet with key collaborators in Africa and other regions of the world.

**Application Deadline:** May 15

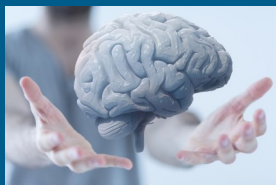
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### Call for Applications: Bioethics Instructor/Assistant Professor, New York University School of Medicine

The Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (<https://med.nyu.edu/child-adolescent-psychiatry/>) at NYU Langone Medical Center and the Division of Medical Ethics in the Department of Population Health of NYU School of Medicine (<https://med.nyu.edu/pophealth/divisions/medical-ethics>), seek to recruit an Instructor or Assistant Professor for a non-tenure track position beginning September 1, 2017. The primary appointment will be in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry/ NYU Langone Child Study Center with a secondary appointment in Medical Ethics by mutual agreement.

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### Call for Abstracts: International Neuroethics Society, 2017 Annual Meeting

*The International Neuroethics Society (INS) invites researchers around the world to submit abstracts for presentation at our 2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting will feature a wide range of exciting scientific lectures, discussions, and numerous networking opportunities with experts, researchers, and up-and-coming leaders in the field of neuroethics.*

*Share your neuroethics research with international colleagues who are actively aligning ethics, law, society, and policy with advances in neuroscience. We welcome abstracts of both an empirical and philosophical nature related to the field of neuroethics. Investigators at all career stages are encouraged to submit one or more abstracts.*

**Deadline:** June 15

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### Call for Proposals: Workshops and Symposia, Brocher Foundation

*The Brocher Foundation is inviting junior and senior researchers to submit proposals for a 2 to 3 day multidisciplinary workshop project on the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of new medical developments. The Brocher Foundation will host the event on the following periods: between 1 November and 14 December 2018, or between 9 January and 26 January 2019 at the Brocher Centre. Excepted the travel reimbursements which will be directly arranged by the organizers, the Brocher Foundation will be responsible for all the logistics, according to its standard.*

**Deadline:** May 7

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## Events | Événements

### 28th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bioethics Society - Falling Through the Cracks: Equity, Ethics and the Challenges of Vulnerability

*The 2017 Annual Conference of the Canadian Bioethics Society will address the theme of intersecting vulnerabilities in all its complexity; from conceptual foundations to the need for practical responses. An important challenge for bioethics today is how to help individuals who are at risk of "falling through the cracks" especially when health and social service programmes targeting disenfranchised populations are struggling.*

**Date:** May 24-26, 2017

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Montreal | Montreal, QC

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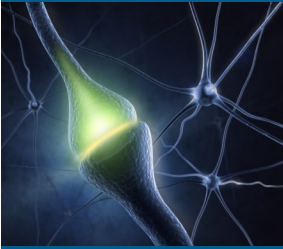
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[International Neuroethics Society](#)

[Neuroethics Research Unit / L'Unité de recherche en neuroéthique](#)

[Journal of Ethics in Mental Health](#)

[Novel Techethics](#)

[Neuroethics at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics](#)

[Berman Institute of Bioethics' Program in Ethics and Brain Sciences](#)

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