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Profile of the Month

Yolonda Yvette Wilson, PhD



Yolonda Yvette Wilson is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Howard University (Washington, DC). Professor Wilson's work centers on race and gender justice, particularly in health care. Her recent article, "Intersectionality in Clinical Medicine: The Need for a Conceptual Framework," is a consideration on applying intersectionality's intellectual approach in the clinical environment. Presently,

Professor Wilson is working on a monograph, *Black Death: Racial Justice, Priority-Setting, and Care at the End of Life*. Additionally, Professor Wilson's public scholarship on issues of bioethics, race, and gender has appeared in The Hastings Center's Bioethics Forum and *The Conversation* and republished in outlets such as *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, Salon.com, and *The Philly Voice*. Her media appearances include outlets such as Al Jazeera English and The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Radio. Professor Wilson has been named a 2019-2020 fellow of the National Humanities Center (Durham, NC USA).

Short statement on the role of intersectionality in bioethics: A response to those who argue that intersectionality is political.

One of the fundamental tenets of bioethics is a concern for health justice. Taking health justice seriously requires understanding how race and gender, for example, converge and shape how to understand justice. Intersectionality provides a conceptual framework for a more expansive view both of how to think about health justice and what health justice requires. To that extent, thinking through intersectionality is consistent with the task that bioethicists take ourselves to be fulfilling. Broadening one's view of health justice with the use of a conceptual framework like intersectionality is not incorporating politics into bioethics. Politics are already there. Decisions about, for example, how to distribute health resources are inherently political decisions. To challenge decision-makers to consider the very real ways that race, gender, and class affect access to health resources is not to introduce politics. Rather, it is to re-frame the terms of an already political discussion.

Selected Publications:

1. Yolonda Wilson, Amina White, Akilah Jefferson & Marion Danis (2019) Intersectionality in Clinical Medicine: The Need for a Conceptual Framework, *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 19:2, 8-19, DOI: 10.1080/15265161.2018.1557275
2. "Dying While Black: Perpetual Gaps Exist in Health Care for African Americans." *The Conversation*. February 5, 2019. <https://theconversation.com/dying-while-black-perpetual-gaps-exist-in-health-care-for-african-americans-110657>

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Events and Announcements

[Montreal Health Ethics Seminar Series](#)

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 March:

When: April 18th, 2019, 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: Chantal Caux (Université de Montréal) "La sensibilité éthique et la santé au travail: des liens à explorer"

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/>

The Ethical Implications of Improvement Science Research and Practice: Developing a Research Agenda - ONE DAY SYMPOSIUM

Monday 29th April 2019 10.00 – 18.00 (with networking drinks afterwards), Finsbury Square, London.

This symposium will explore the ethical aspects of improvement science. It will consider the current landscape and relationship between improvement science and ethics, if and how this relationship needs to be developed, and set the ground work for a research agenda to bring normative, philosophical and evaluative questions about the social world into the discipline of improvement science. This will be an inter-disciplinary symposium and be of interest to medical practitioners, medical students, health service researchers, medical ethicists, social scientists and the wider improvement science community (see flyer).

Speakers: Dr Lucy Frith, Professor Vikki Entwistle (National University of Singapore; Professor Alan Cribb, Kings College London; Professor Stacy Carter, University of Wollongong; Professor Justin Waring, University of Nottingham; Dr Paula Baraitser, Improvement science fellow, the Health Foundation; Dr Zoe Fritz, University of Cambridge; Dr Anna Chiumento, University of Liverpool; Dr Holger Langhof University Medicine Berlin.

Venue: The Liverpool University London Campus, 33 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AG

Cost: £15 for the day (includes refreshments, lunch and networking drinks)

To book go to: <https://payments.liv.ac.uk/short-courses/cpd/institute-of-population-health-sciences/health-sciences-research>

[Qualitative Health Research Conference - Call for Abstracts](#)

QHR is a three day annual conference focused on qualitative research in health disciplines and is held in various Canadian cities every October. This year the conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Conference Features:

- Oral, Poster, and Alternative Scientific Presentations
- Interactive Discussion Sessions
- Evening Networking and Graduate Student Events
- Pre-Conference Workshops (two days)
- All presented abstracts to be published in the [International Journal of Qualitative Methods \(IJQM\)](#)

[Harvard Medical School - Annual Bioethics Conference - Registration Open](#)

"Controlling death? The policies, practices and ethics of choosing when we die"

Date: April 11-12, 2019

The Harvard Medical School Annual Bioethics Conference convenes leaders in the field to explore ethical questions and concerns in healthcare. Held each April, this conference facilitates conversations among experts, and supports members of ethics committees, health care professionals, bioethicists, administrators, attorneys and others who are interested in addressing ethical issues.

This two-day conference will explore ethical, legal, and clinical aspects of evolving practices of euthanasia and physician-assisted death. How ought we to think about the choices of determining the time and manner of death for our loved ones, our patients, and ourselves? How should the health and legal professions respond to these rapidly evolving practices and choices?

[Postdoctoral Fellow - The Pragmatic Health Ethics Research Unit - Call for Applications](#)

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.

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until the position is filled.

[Postdoctoral Research Fellow - University Health Network - Toronto, Canada](#)

A Postdoctoral Research Fellow position is available in the DATE Lab at the KITE-Toronto Rehab Research Institute. The position will involve research related to the use of technology to support ageing well using mixed methods approaches.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will take leadership in the direction of research projects, participate in grant applications, and develop their own research interests congruent with that of a leading research lab focusing on the use of technology to support optimal aging. The lab has a particular focus on supporting people to live well with dementia and we encourage applicants with an interest or experience with this population. The incumbent will exercise their expertise in the development of research protocols and REB submissions and develop relationships with internal and external partners to support the execution of projects. The Postdoctoral Fellow will represent the lab in meetings with external partners and in disseminating research findings at academic and professional conferences and other venues; will have responsibility for preparing and submitting scientific manuscripts for publication; will work within project funding timelines and support the on-boarding of new personnel and students.

[Clinical Ethics Fellowship - Call for Applications](#)

Children's Minnesota invites applications for a 2 year clinical ethics fellowship. The training program will consist of 24 months of rotations divided between Pediatric and Adult inpatient healthcare facilities. The pediatric rotation will consist of:

- Rounding - follow for 4 months; solo for 5 months
- Attending all ethics committees and subcommittee meetings
- Staff meeting participation
- Shadow on consultation, possible supervised consults
- Scholarly project with 2 articles submitted to professional journals; 1 each year

Deadline: Wednesday May 1st, 2019.

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