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[Nouvelles de l'Unité de recherche en éthique pragmatique de la santé](#)

Une soutenance de thèse complétée avec succès!

[Ariane Quintal](#), candidate au doctorat en bioéthique et membre de l'équipe depuis plusieurs années, a soutenu avec brio aujourd'hui (1er juin) sa thèse intitulée « Une recherche-action participative abordant les situations moralement problématiques vécues par les adultes atteints de maladies rares ».

- Félicitations, Ariane!

Sainte-Justine en neurochirurgie et en éthique!

Bergeron D, Iorio-Morin C, Bonizzato M, Lajoie G, Orr Gaucher N, Racine É, Weil AG. Use of Invasive Brain-Computer Interfaces in Pediatric Neurosurgery: Technical and Ethical Considerations. *J Child Neurol*. 2023 Apr 28;8830738231167736. doi: 10.1177/08830738231167736. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37116888.

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Reportage sur les robots d'assistance sociale paru dans les nouvelles de l'IRCM!

Ce reportage intitulé "Robots d'assistance auprès des personnes souffrant de démence : des questions à se poser" met de l'avant des enjeux clés émergeant d'une publication scientifique de l'équipe parue au cours de l'année 2023.

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Monthly profile

Georgina Morley, PhD, MSc, RN, HEC-C

Georgina Morley is Nurse Ethicist and Director of the Nursing Ethics Program at the Cleveland Clinic. Georgina received a BA in Philosophy from King's College London and went on to train as a nurse, receiving a Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Nursing and a Masters of Science in Nursing from King's College London. After working clinically in major trauma, Georgina was inspired to research moral distress and completed her doctoral studies at the University of Bristol, Centre for Ethics in



Medicine. Georgina's PhD, a feminist empirical bioethics project funded by a prestigious Wellcome Trust Society and Ethics Fellowship for Healthcare Professionals, informs her current work in which she develops moral distress interventions. Georgina is recognized as an international expert on moral distress, has been invited to speak on the topic in Europe, North and South America, and Australia, and has published broadly.

Approaches to Mitigating the Sub-Categories of Moral Distress

Moral distress is a pervasive phenomenon in healthcare, contributing to healthcare

research and clinical ethics practice continues to be focused on clarifying the concept of moral distress, developing, and testing interventions to address the negative repercussions of moral distress. Following empirical work in the UK and the US, I have argued that we ought to move away from a purely constraint-based definition, and recognize the occurrences of moral distress that arise due to moral uncertainty, moral conflict and moral tension. I believe that if we can move away from associating moral distress with 'knowledge' of the right action that we can actually deepen our moral understanding by engaging in genuine curiosity about others moral perspectives.

In a systematic literature review that we conducted in 2021, we found that ethics education was a promising approach to addressing moral distress, and in my most recent paper (in press), that peer support may also be critical. As a result of this work, we launched 'Moral SPACES: Seeking Perspectives to Advance Clinical Ethics Skills' at the Cleveland Clinic. This is an education-based pilot project in which nurses are provided with ethics education and peer support skills to provide them with the tools of ethical analysis to mitigate moral distress. The nurses are mentored by Nursing Ethics Program Faculty and provided with the opportunity to shadow clinical ethicists. The first cohort will graduate in August, and we aim to have a publication in press next year to share our innovative approach with others.

Selected publications:

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Events and announcements

The Montreal Health Ethics Conference Series

The Montreal Health Ethics Conference Series is an annual series of bilingual conferences / webinars that aims to bring together clinicians, academics, patients, politicians, public figures, students, and community members to think about and discuss issues in health ethics.

interdisciplinary reflection as well as foster new ways of thought that better assemble the larger public.

2023 THEME: Participatory, inclusive, and eco-social health: How to innovate and build bridges between democracy, environment and our health care systems?

More than ever, the interconnections between health and the environment are recognized and represent a burning issue for citizens. But the power to influence social and natural environments depends closely on the existence of democratic institutions that make room for the voices of individuals and groups. To address these questions, this new series of conferences will address the links between, on the one hand, democracy and its institutions and, on the other hand, the development of sustainable health. Together, we will discuss marginalization and inclusion in the context of women's health, the links between sustainable health and prevention, access to green spaces and spaces for citizen voices and their impact on health, democratic reform of health systems, and many innovative experiments aimed at democratizing health and creating citizen spaces. Because thinking about health is also working to improve it for everyone.

Next conference:

Green Bioethics: Sustainable Health Care

June 22, 2023 – 12 PM to 1 PM (EDT), online event

Speaker: [Cristina Richie](#), PhD, Lecturer, TU Delft; Joint editor, Global Bioethics; Head of the Netherlands Unit (Rotterdam) of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics; Fellow, Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity at Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL).

To register, [click here](#).

[Call for applications: Fall 2023 - Department of Equity, Ethics and Policy Internship Program](#)

School of Population and Global Health, McGill University

This Internship trains and develops the next generation of leaders to catalyze solutions that benefit population health and welfare. Interns spend 10 hours per week on research work in collaboration with their faculty supervisor. This research is supplemented by a weekly workshop series that exposes interns to a variety of disciplines and provides training in research, communications, and policy-relevant skills.

Deadline for application: June 21, 2023

To learn more, [click here](#) and [sign up](#) for the info session at 10 AM (EDT) on June 13, 2023.

To apply, [click here](#).

Conférences de Montréal en éthique de la santé


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La santé participative, inclusive, écosociale : comment innover et créer des ponts entre démocratie, environnement et nos milieux de soins de santé ?

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[VOIR SUR YOUTUBE](#)

Janvier

26 / **HYBRIDE**
 Isabelle Pélissier, chercheuse, Centre de recherche et d'études sur l'innovation et le Québec (CREIQ)
 La réforme de la santé en Québec : quelles leçons pour le Québec ?

Février

23 / **VIRTUELLE**
 Pierre Lussier, enseignant, professeur | Le grand défi
 Pierre Lussier
 La prévention, la voie de la pérennité

Mars

30 / **HYBRIDE**
 Les Médias, communication et médias
 Visage de la Chaire de recherche du Canada en système adaptatif en santé et services sociaux
 Essai narratif d'autoévaluation publique
 Un système de santé adaptatif et inclusif ?
 Le cas d'un réseau interactif de soins
 au service des personnes atteintes
 en Écote

Avril

20 / **HYBRIDE**
 Laurence Blais, professeure titulaire
 Chaire de recherche en éthique
 Université de Montréal
 La santé d'aujourd'hui en matière de
 consultation publique de la Ville de
 Montréal : action collective et démocratie
 directe

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25 / **VIRTUELLE**
 Anne Bourdele, chercheuse, communication en matière de santé, patiente
 patiente
 Adaptation, inclusion et partenariat

Juin

22 / **VIRTUELLE**
 Daniela Malin, Lecturer, TU Delft, Jelle van
 Gennip, directeur
 Green Bioethics: Sustainable Health Care

Septembre

14 / **HYBRIDE**
 Amélie Ennis, professeur agrégé
 Chaire de recherche du Canada en éthique
 et génétique épigénétique, département de
 pédiatrie, Université de Québec à Montréal
 UQAM
 Vers la justice spatiale dans la
 recherche avec les personnes atteintes

Octobre

5 / **VIRTUELLE**
 Daniel Jodanis, directrice scientifique, Fonds de
 recherche du Québec Santé
 Quand la santé devient épidémie
 santé participative, inclusive et éco-
 sociale: mythes d'actions des agences
 subventionnaires

Novembre

9 / **HYBRIDE**
 Juste Melo, psychologue communautaire,
 professeur en développement de programme de
 travail et titulaire de la Chaire de recherche sur la
 réduction des inégalités sociales de santé
 Institute des Inégalités sociales de santé
 Quels brèves avons-nous pour agir ?

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30 / **HYBRIDE**
 Benoît D'Angelo, coordonnateur de recherche,
 directeur en éthique de l'innovation, Institut de
 recherche en santé de Montréal (IRCSM McGill)
 Matière sur pied des laboratoires vivants
 en santé au Québec : expériences et
 réflexions

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In collaboration with CAPHE-ACCES – Canadian Association of Practicing Healthcare Ethicists – Association Canadienne des éthiciens en soins de santé

International webinar – June 22, 2023, from 5 PM to 6:30 PM (CET)

This event will be moderated by [Kevin Reel](#) and will feature four presentations: 1)

“Documenting clinical ethics consultations” by [Amanda Porter](#); 2) “Clinical ethics consultations documentation in the era of open notes” by [Gregory Abel](#); 3) “Decluttering the ethics closet: Enhancing the utility, transparency and elegance of ethics consultation documentation” by [Andrea Frolic](#) (co-author Winnifred Badaiki); 4) “Options and means to document the results of clinical ethics support” by [Gerald Neitzke](#). Small group sessions to meet the speakers will be held after the four presentations. The event is organized by [Marie-Ève Bouthillier](#), [Rouven Porz](#) and [Jan Schildmann](#).

Please register beforehand with a short email to rouven.porz@insel.ch

To join the webinar, [click here](#). Meeting-ID: 856 1641 2025, Code: 712274

[Call for applications: Assistant Professor or Associate Professor in the Non-tenure Line \(Research\)](#)

Stanford Center of Bio-Medical Ethics- NTLR

The Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics in the Department of Pediatrics at Stanford University seeks an Academic Scholar with a record indicating scholarly activity in any areas related to Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues in Genetics, Genomics, or Precision Medicine to join the Department as Assistant Professor or Associate Professor in the Non-tenure Line (Research) faculty line. Interested candidates should submit their curriculum vitae and a brief letter with optional diversity statement.

To learn more, [click here](#).

To apply, [click here](#).

[Call for registration – 15th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law](#)

The International Chair in Bioethics

October 16-19, 2023 – Porto, Portugal

The World Conference offers its participants an international platform for fruitful scientific discourse on more than 70 topics and subtopics in the fields of bioethics, medical ethics, and health law. Moreover, it is an excellent opportunity to create professional and personal connections with those who lead the field of bioethics in the world.

To learn more, [click here](#).

To register, [click here](#).

[Call for applications: Clinical ethicist position](#)

Providence Health Care, Vancouver, Canada

Full time position. Reporting to the Director, Ethics Services, the Clinical Ethicist is accountable for aiding in developing, planning, and implementing ethics related services. The position has four areas of emphasis including: Clinical Ethics; Education; Policy Review, Development and Implementation; and Administration. The Clinical Ethicist builds organizational capacity for sound ethical decision-making by engaging physicians, staff and volunteers in appropriate forums. The position also provides leadership on ethical issues by

To apply, [click here](#).

[Call for applications: Dana Foundation Fellow in Neuroscience & Society](#)

Dana Foundation

The Dana Foundation seeks two Dana Fellows in Neuroscience & Society for a two-year fellowship experience. The Dana Fellows will have the exciting opportunity to assist in the planning, coordination, and execution of Dana Foundation grant programs, meetings, and public outreach activities. Please submit a cover letter describing your qualifications, a brief bio (200-word limit), and your curriculum vitae to the Dana Foundation's Director of Human Resources, Pat Mangini: pmangini@dana.org

Application deadline: July 15, 2023 – 5 PM EDT

To learn more, [click here](#).

[Announcement: Next INS Annual Meeting will be April 2024 in Baltimore](#)

International Neuroethics Society (INS)

Hybrid event - April 17-19, 2024, in Baltimore, MD, USA.

The meeting will include the latest neuroethics research and feature a set of sessions and activities on music, the arts, and the humanities as part of the meeting theme: 'Expressing Wonder, Making Meaning: Neuroethics Engages the Arts.' The location of the Spring meeting in downtown Baltimore will be finalized in the coming weeks. The virtual event in October will be held on Zoom. For the latest announcements, [sign up to get email updates](#) about the INS meeting and associated calls for proposals, talks and posters.

To learn more, [click here](#) or contact Robert Beets rbeets@neuroethicssociety.org

[Literature](#)

Interdisciplinary foundations of health ethics

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