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Lancement de la Série de conférences de Montréal en éthique de la santé 2024!

Nous avons eu le plaisir de lancer la Série 2024, sur le thème « Éthique et cultures organisationnelles dans le milieu de la santé » avec une première conférence intitulée « Apprentissage organisationnel en santé et services sociaux : approche et mécanismes » qui nous a été offerte par [Audrey L'Espérance, PhD](#), Professeure adjointe en gestion de la santé et des services sociaux à l'École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP).

Pour écouter cette conférence sur notre chaîne YouTube, [cliquez ici](#).

Poste ouvert – Assistant.e de recherche technique (temps partiel)

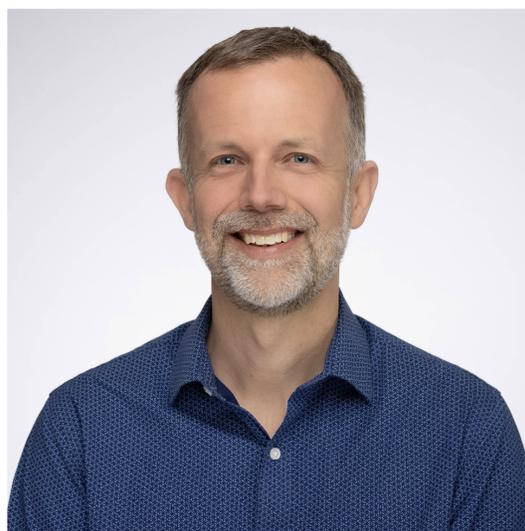
Nous sommes à la recherche d'un.e assistant.e de recherche technique souhaitant se joindre à l'Unité de recherche en éthique pragmatique de la santé à temps partiel. Les tâches incluent l'organisation de groupes de travail, la préparation de réunions de recherche, les dépôts au comité d'éthique de la recherche, le codage et l'analyse de données, la révision d'articles, la réalisation de revues de littérature, ainsi que la préparation et le formatage de manuscrits. Poste d'une durée d'un an, avec possibilité de renouvellement pour une deuxième année. Le.a candidat.e aidera à établir des projets collaboratifs novateurs en éthique de la santé.

- Pour consulter l'offre d'emploi, [cliquez ici](#).

Monthly profile

Matthew Hunt, PT, PhD

Matthew Hunt is a professor at McGill University's School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, and a researcher at the Centre for Research on Ethics and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation. He leads the ethics axis of the Quebec Population Health Research Network. After working as a physiotherapist in Montreal, Kosovo and North Africa, Matthew completed his PhD at McGill and post-doctoral training at the University of Montreal and McMaster University focusing on bioethics. He has also been a clinical ethics consultant at four hospitals in Montreal. Matthew conducts health ethics and equity research focusing on two main areas of inquiry: rehabilitation care and institutions, and humanitarian action. Current projects include the [LEVIER](#), a recently launched living laboratory situated in a rehabilitation hospital in Montreal that adopts a living ethics approach, an exploration of ethical considerations arising during the closure of humanitarian projects, and research related to disability inclusion in contexts of disaster and climate change. Matthew is co-lead of the [Humanitarian Health Ethics Research Group](#).



Rehabilitation as healthcare strategy: what implications for rehabilitation ethics?

Rehabilitation has been described as a health strategy aiming to “enable people with health conditions experiencing or likely to experience disability to achieve and maintain optimal functioning in interaction with the environment.” ([Stucki, Cieza, Melvin, 2007](#)). There is lively discussion and rich analysis about ethical issues and concerns arising in rehabilitation care, and what is at stake ethically for people receiving and providing rehabilitation services. One

of the lines of reflection that I have embarked upon (with colleagues including Anne Hudon and Marie-Josée Drolet) is to step back and to ask how these rehabilitation ethics issues are shaped by the nature of rehabilitation as a healthcare strategy. I'll briefly highlight here four features of the definition that I see as central to a rehabilitation ethics. The core aim to *enable people* suggests an orientation of rehabilitation “with” rather than rehabilitation “on” or “to” people. Rehabilitation ethics thus grapples with important relational questions that flow from how this participatory orientation to care can be enacted, and impediments that are encountered. Second, the focus on enabling is oriented toward *people experiencing or likely to experience disability*. Rehabilitation ethics requires careful attention to inclusion and disability rights, as well as the possibility of ableist assumptions and attitudes being reproduced in and through rehabilitation. Third, rehabilitation is focused on the quotidian and embodied nature of human *functioning*; seeking to support people to achieve and maintain forms of functioning and capacities that they value and align with their goals and concerns. And, finally, rehabilitation engages with people within contexts of relations, occupations, communities and structures, considering how people’s experiences of functioning are inherently in *interaction with their environment*. This orientation draws toward place-based and relationally engaged notions of ethics, as well as concerns for structural justice. This brief sketch points to ways that rehabilitation ethics is shaped by these features of the underlying health strategy, and hopefully can spark some further reflection on what rehabilitation ethics is and can be.

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Events and announcements

The Montreal Health Ethics Conference Series

The Montreal Health Ethics Conference Series aims to bring clinicians, academics, patients, politicians, public figures, students and community members together to think about and discuss issues in health ethics. It has hosted over a hundred of scholars from local and

international institutions since 2007. The series' objective, supported by many academic institutions located in Montreal, is to promote interdisciplinary reflection as well as foster new ways of thought that better assemble the larger public.

2024 THEME: Ethics and organizational cultures in health care

Next conference:

Moral distress and strategies to build moral community in healthcare

February 15, 2024 – 12PM to 1PM ET, Hybrid conference

Speaker: [Georgina Morley](#), Director of the Nursing Ethics Program (NurseE Program), Cleveland Clinic
To register, [click here](#).

Call for proposals: ASBH 26th Annual Conference

American Society for Bioethics + Humanities

September 18-21, 2024 – St. Louis Union Station Hotel, St. Louis, MO

Program theme: What does it mean to be human?

As we watch the meteoric rise of artificial intelligence technology, we are confronted with increasingly complex moral dilemmas happening at home and abroad. Reflecting on these moral and technological revolutions forces us to reconsider what it means to be human on an individual and societal level. How can technology supplement human instinct or offer a new perspective? How do we compassionately acknowledge the humanity of healthcare staff and patients? What role should the human condition play within the greater environment? The 2024 ASBH Annual Conference invites the community to reconsider long-held notions and think critically about the nature of humanity within our shifting landscape as it addresses the central question: What does it mean to be human?

To submit a proposal, [click here](#).

Deadline for submission: March 4, 2024, 5 PM CT

Call for registration: Health Ethics Seminar – “Moral Distress in Healthcare”

John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

February 8, 2024 – 12PM to 1PM MST

Speakers: [Victoria Seavilleklein](#), PhD, HEC-C and [Katherine Duthie](#), PhD, HEC-C

Session attendees will: 1) Become familiar with moral distress, common causes, and symptoms. 2) Understand some strategies and practices to mitigate moral distress. 3) Learn about the interventions and supports that the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Clinical Ethics Service has provided to assist AHS healthcare providers with moral distress.

To register, [click here](#).

Call for applications: Internship opportunity for students interested in neuroethics and science communication

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Janvier 25 / HYBRIDE Audrey L'Espérance , Professeure adjointe en éthique de la santé et des services sociaux, École nationale d'administration publique Apprentissage organisationnel en santé et services sociaux : approche et métriques	Avril 11 / HYBRIDE Félix Pagano , MD, FRCP, interniste-général, chercheur régulier, Université Laval, chercheur, Centre d'excellence sur le vieillissement de Québec (CEVC) S'inspirer pour de bonnes soins en gériatrie	Septembre 26 / HYBRIDE Luc Bégin , Professeur titulaire, Faculté de philosophie, directeur, Institut d'éthique appliquée (IDEA), Université Laval, directeur, revue Éthique publique Risques éthiques et culture sensitive à l'éthique
Février 15 / HYBRID MODE Georgina Morley , Director of the Nursing Ethics Program (NurseE Program), Cleveland Clinic Moral distress and strategies to build moral community in healthcare	25 / HYBRIDE Jacynthe Boisvert , CRHA, Adjointe au directeur des RH, communication et affaires publiques, CISSS de la Montérégie-Est Anne-Valérie Fournier , CISSS de la Montérégie-Est, Intense en psychologie organisationnelle, équipe de la santé organisationnelle Une culture de santé globale et d'équilibre pour nos travailleurs de la santé	Octobre 17 / HYBRIDE Ahmed Hamdi , Professeur adjoint, département de sociologie, Université de Montréal, Spécialiste des migrations internationales Collaboration interculturelle et accès aux soins des personnes LGBTQ2+ migrantes
Mars 14 / HYBRIDE Juliette Duracher, Anne Fournier, Marie-Josée Clément, Frédéric Simard et Nicole Ghislain Guillevain Rijs , CHUSJ, Université de Montréal et IRCM Transition de soins, culture organisationnelle et le projet participatif Parachute	Juin 20 / VIRTUAL Zena Shuman , Writer, speaker, strategist and LGBTQ+ health advocate LGBTQ+ health care practice Building more equitable and just futures today	Gratuit 12 h Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM) 110 avenue Prins Street, H3W3A7, Montréal

International Neuroethics Society

The International Neuroethics Society (INS) has an opening for a communications intern to coordinate several activities on behalf of our 300-member association. Main responsibilities include coordinating our newsletter, managing social media channels, answering member requests, supporting the development of communications plans, and writing and editing various pieces of content. This is a part-time position available starting April 2024 with the expectation of 1-year commitment through at least May 2025.

To apply, complete the [application form](#) and separately send by email – to Robert Beets, INS Executive Director (administrator@neuroethicsociety.org) – **two documents**: a brief letter describing your interest in the position and an up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé. Use the subject line 'Internship'.

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

To apply, [click here](#).

[Appel à participation: Midis de l'éthique du CRÉ - "Epistemic Injustices and Participatory Research"](#)

Centre de recherche en éthique, Université de Montréal

14 février 2024 – 12h PM à 1h15 PM

Format hybride, 2910 Édouard-Montpetit, Montréal, QC (salle 309)

[Anne-Marie Gagné-Julien](#) offrira une présentation sur les injustices épistémiques et la recherche participative dans le cadre des midis de l'éthique du CRÉ. La présentation sera offerte en anglais, mais la discussion pourra se tenir en anglais ou en français.

Pour participer, cliquez [ici](#).

[Call for registration: 2024 Healthcare Ethics Consortium \(HEC\) Annual Conference, "Limits, inclusion, and resilience: the ethics of caring"](#)

Healthcare Ethics Consortium (HEC)

March 13, 2024 – March 14, 2024 (hybrid event)

The event will include 4 sessions: Session I – Ethical issues in caring for those with mental health concerns. Session II – Caring for those with critical illnesses and those near the end of life. Session III – Exploring the intersection of organizational and clinical ethics. Session IV – Promoting inclusion of and caring for those in marginalized communities. Onsite Location: Emory University Center for Ethics, 1531 Dickey Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322, 4047278307.

<https://ethics.emory.edu/>

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

To register, [click here](#).

[Literature](#)

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