

Curriculum Vitae: Ayesha Ahmad.

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Areas of specialization: Medical Ethics with a focus on religion and cultural aspects; philosophy of psychiatry; global health.

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EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

Current Position (2011-): Seminar Tutor and Lecturer in Ethics and Law, University College London Medical School, London.

2012 - Collaborator, 'Assessing Needs in Mental Health Community Treatment'; funding bid pending, Wellcome Trust £5000. Principal Investigator; Professor Emanuele Valenti, Madrid, Spain.

2012 - Co-Researcher, International Project of Religion and Dialogical Justice; Health and Capabilities, Academy of Finland

2012 - Steering Committee Member of Disaster Medicine Bioethics International Research Group, funded by COST Initiative, Brussels.

2012 - Research Associate, Centre for Psychotherapy and Human Rights (specializing in ethics guidelines for medical examination of torture victims)

2011 - Associate Resource Expert, 'Bioethics Beyond Borders NGO', Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA.

2011 - Sub Editor, British Medical Journal: Medical Humanities blog.

2010 - Visiting Research Fellow, Biomedical Ethics Faculty, National University of Singapore.

2010 - Language editor (South African Journal of Philosophy) and Research Associate, University of Fort Hare, South Africa.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2013- Membership with Human Rights Task Force, European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

2007-Present

Formal Member of Clinical Ethics Committee, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, London.

2005-2008

Research Ethics Committee, Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry, Universities of Exeter and Plymouth.

## QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

2013 PhD

Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry, Universities of Exeter and Plymouth.

Thesis entitled: 'Metaphysics in Scientific Medicine: The Making of the Human Embryo' supervised by Dr Christine Hauskeller and Professor Alan Bleakley (Philosophy of Medicine, Medical Ethics).

2012

Advanced Narrative-Based Medicine Workshop: Columbia Medical School, New York.

2012-

Honorary Research Fellow, University of Fort Hare, South Africa.

2009

Narrative-Based Medicine Short Course, Columbia Medical School, New York

2008

Clinical Ethics (Short Course), University of Oxford.

2007

Applied Clinical Ethics (Short Course) Imperial College, University of London, London

2008

Post-Graduate Diploma Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Studies, Kent Institute of Medicine & Health Sciences, University of Kent at Canterbury, Canterbury, Kent. Specialised in Trauma and PTSD.

2005

Masters Degree in Philosophy & Religion – thesis awarded Merit;

Subject area; Medical Ethics. Heythrop College, University of London, Kensington, London.

2003

Bachelor Honours Degree in Philosophy. University of Kent at Canterbury, Canterbury, Kent.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Under Review:

Journal Article: 'Conceptualizing Phases of Disasters: The Drop Loop Model'. Caroline Clarinval (Zurich), Matthew Hunt (McGill), Ayesha Ahmad. *Developing World Bioethics*.

Journal Article: 'Do Values Matter? A Discussion on Values that Drive Humanitarian Action'. Caroline Clarinval (Zurich), and Ayesha Ahmad.

Journal Article: 'The Body in Service of the Psyche: Non-Medical Body Modification', Co-authored with Johanna Moeller, Professor Dr Aglaja Stirn (Clinic for Psychosomatic Medicine, Hamburg, Germany).

Monograph Proposal: 'Cultural Explanations and Clinical Descriptions in the Withdrawing of Treatment in Neonatology'.  
Springer Publishers; Philosophy and Medicine Series; Edited by Professor Tristram Engelhardt, Rice University, Houston, Texas, USA.

Monograph Proposal: 'Ethical Quandaries in the Emergency Medical Setting in Disaster Zones'.  
Edited Collection by Ayesha Ahmad, Y. Michael Barilan, Donal O'Mathuna.  
Springer Publisher; International Bioethics Series, Edited by Bert Gordijn.

### Forthcoming:

'Do Motives Matter? Conscientious Objection of Male Circumcision in a child with a pre-existing medical condition'. *Bioethics*.

### Forthcoming Book Chapters:

'Neonatal Ethics and Culture'; Edited by Rainer Broemer, Besikcizade Centre for Medical Humanities, Hayatvakfi Medical Foundation.

'Trauma Territory; Can we change the landscape'; Cambridge Scholarly Publishers.

'Culture Clashes in Disaster Medicine', Proceedings of the International Committee of Military Medicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

## PUBLISHED

2013

'Nourishing the Soul', *Journal of Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics*, Spring 2013.

2013

Invited Commentary: 'The Acceptability Among Young Hindus and Muslims of Actively Ending the Lives of Newborns with Genetic Defects'. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, April 2013.

2012

'Understanding Risk: The Relevance of Statistical Data in Psychosis', *Genomics, Society, and Policy*. Ayesha Ahmad, Tamra Lysaght, Mythily Subramaniam, Tan Say Beg, Liu Jianjun, Benjamin Capps.

2011

'Wounded Healer' Archetype: Its Representation in Several Culture and Implications for Medical Education": Co-author with Dr Ruth Kannai, Israel. *Journal of Comparative Literature and Culture*.

2010

'Finite Knowledge/ Finite Power: "Death Panels" and the Limits of Medicine'. Jeffrey P Bishop, Kyle Brothers, Joshua Perry, Ayesha Ahmad. *American Journal of Bioethics* 10 (1): 7-9, 2010.

2010

'Reviving the Conversation around CPR/ DNR: Have the policies outlived their utility?' Jeffrey P Bishop, Kyle Brothers, Joshua E Perry, Ayesha Ahmad. *American Journal of Bioethics* 10 (1): 61-67, 2010.

Awarded Number 3 ranking in top 10 downloaded articles in 2010.

2009

'Electronic Communication and Medical Care'. *Ethics and Society*; Volume 5, Number 2.

## PRESENTATIONS

2013

Invited Lecture: 'Cultural and Religious Discourses in End-of-life Care in Neonatology' Caritas Baby Hospital, Bethlehem, Palestine.

2013

'Cultural Challenges for Humanitarian Action', Disaster Medicine Bioethics COST Conference, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

2013

'Trauma Territory; Changing the Landscape'. Narrative Medicine in Healthcare, Columbia University and King's College London, London.

2013

'Conceptualizing Events Outside of 'Normal Human Experience' in Trauma Victims Following a Disaster', European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Bologna, Italy.

2013

'Distinctions of 'Artificialness' in Moral Enhancement and their Impact for the Future of Human Cultures', Moral, Mood, and Cognitive Enhancement Conference, jointly organized by Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford, and Centre for the Study of Bioethics, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

2013

Invited Guest Lecture, 'Should Trauma Memories be Erased?', Centre for the Study of Bioethics, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

2012 (November)

'Criminal Responsibility During Spirit Possession', World Psychiatry Association First International Conference in Transcultural Psychiatry, Tel Aviv, Israel.

2010 (October)

'Muslim Theology and Ethics', Invited seminar presentation by Reverend Doctor Mark Bratton, Warwick Medical School.

2012 (September)

'Hearing Voices; Illusions and Delusions when God enters the Doctor-Patient Relationship, European Association for Centres of Medical Ethics, University of West of England, Bristol.

2012

Invited panel member: 'Health, Sangoma Divination, and Vulnerability', 13th International Congress for Ethnobiology, Montpellier, France.

2012

INVITED TALK: 'Universal Health Care in the UK: Lessons Learnt'. Pan Africa Health Congress, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2012

INVITED TALK: 'Inter-cultural Ethics'. International Committee of Military Medicine, Zurich, Switzerland.

2012 (August)

'Trauma Territory: Can We Change the Landscape?', University of Lincoln.

2012 (August)

'Identifying the Worst-Case Scenarios – How to Conceptualize Events Outside of Normal Human Experience in Trauma Victims Following a Disaster', European Society for Medicine and Philosophy of Healthcare, Nazareth, Israel.

2011

Invited SEMINAR: 'Contextualizing Ethics in Disaster Medicine: The 'Unexpected Cultural Encounter'', Centre for Ethics, University of Tilburg, Netherlands.

2011

'Compatibility of Phenomenological and Naturalistic Descriptions in Prenatal Medicine', University of West of England, Bristol.

2011

'Contextualizing Ethics in Disaster Medicine: The 'Unexpected Cultural Encounter'', European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare, Zurich, Switzerland.

2011

'Psychosomatic Pain, Religion, and Medicine', (Poster Presentation) International Philosophy and Psychiatry Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden.

2011

'Pain Talking'. Hippocrates Poetry and Medicine Symposium, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick.

2011

'Metaphysics in Scientific Medicine: The Human Embryo', University of Fort Hare, South Africa.

2010

'High Risk versus Low Risk Selection in Cardiac Transplantation', School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

2009

Islamic Medical Embryology: Traditions and Choices', International Association of Traditional Asian Medicine, Bhutan.

2009

'Metaphysics in Scientific Medicine', Peninsula Medical College of Medicine and Dentistry'.

2009

'Review of Independent Living Policy for Spinal Cord Injury Patients', Barcelona.

2009

'Against the Medicalization of Death'. University of Fort Hare, South Africa.

2008

PhD Research EGENIS, University of Exeter.

2008

'Ethical issues in Elderly care', Imperial College, London.

2007

'Ambiguity in the name of the human embryo', University of Calgary, Canada.

2007

PhD Research EGENIS, University of Exeter.

#### RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011

Writer: 'BioNews' Organisation.

2011

Writer: Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust Newsletter (Psychoanalysis).

2011

Research group member on developing ethical guidelines in humanitarian aid as a response to natural disasters. I am working on the 'cultural sensitivity' strand.

2011

Working-Group member of Eastern Cape Philosophy, Centre for Phenomenology, University of Fort Hare, South Africa.

2011

Shadowed paediatrician at Cecilia Makhwane Hospital, East London, South Africa and met with Director of Paediatrics, Professor G. Boon, discussed the relationship between culture and medicine, and foundations for establishing clinical ethics committees.

2008

I undertook independent research in hospitals in Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Albania. From this information I am currently compiling articles on ethical issues, in particular, forced sterilization, and influence of previous Communist history on the autonomy of the patient and doctor/patient relationship.

2007 – 2008

Research Psychology Assistant Partnership Projects, UK

2008

Writer - Human Trafficking Project. Harvard University. New York, USA

2008

Research Assistant – Policy Strategies for Spinal Cord Injury Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.  
Journal and conference dissemination and attend meetings in Westminster for the All-Parliamentary Working Group for Spinal Cord Injuries and Annual General Meetings for the Spinal Injuries Association. We campaign via reviewing policies to improve independent care living for spinal cord injury patients.

2006

Research - Trauma Victims Cambodia.

2005

Voluntary Work Experience Liberty Foundation Orphanage, Belize, Central America: working alongside GP with children, dealing with physical illnesses such as Spina Bifida & HIV+ plus psychological problems related to abandonment. Dealing with cultural variations of medical diagnoses, such as conflicts about “black magic/ possession/ rituals” regarding causes and treatment interventions.

1998 to present

Nursing Assistant Ty-Nant Nursing Home  
Gaining knowledge in palliative care & management; with responsibilities including accompanying patients to consultations, both general medical doctors & psychiatrists.

1997

Work Experience Princess Of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, South Wales

Memberships:



Special Interest Group, International Psychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatry.  
Alb-Schenka (Ethics in Medicine), Albania.  
International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry.  
World Transcultural Psychiatry Association.  
Royal African Society.  
Royal Society for Medicine.  
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.  
Canadian Society for Bioethics.  
Oxford Bioethics Network.  
UK Clinical Ethics Network.