

Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Director, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, July 2009 – present
Senior Research Scholar, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Fall 1994 – present
Philosophy Department, Georgetown University, Fall 1994 – present (Assoc. Prof., 2000)
Visiting Scholar, National Institutes of Health, Dept. of Bioethics, Oct. 2007 – Oct. 2008
Visiting Scholar, National Institutes of Health, Dept. of Bioethics, Feb. 1998 - Dec. 1998
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy Dept., The Johns Hopkins University, Fall 1997
Assistant Professor, Bryn Mawr College, Philosophy Department, Feminism and Gender Studies
Program, Fall 1992 - Spring 1994

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Philosophy, May 1994
Exchange Scholar, Princeton University, Philosophy, 1990 - 1991
B.Phil., Oxford University, University College, Philosophy, June 1985
B.A., University of Iowa, Philosophy, May 1983, Highest Honors

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, APPOINTMENTS

Reflective Engagement Grant, “The Second Wave,” Georgetown University, 2009
Fellow, The Hastings Center, 2001 - present
Mellon Summer Scholar, 1999, 1998 (declined), 1997, 1996
Summer Academic Grant, Georgetown University, 1995
Jacob Javits Graduate Fellowship, 1987-89
Ralph W. Church Scholarship, 1985-87
Rhodes Scholar, 1983-85

BOOKS

Moral Particularism, co-editor with Brad Hooker, Clarendon Press (Oxford), 2000

Intimate Assistance: Re-Thinking Abortion in Law & Morality, under contract with Clarendon Press (Oxford)

ARTICLES

Little, M., A. Lyerly, R. Faden, "Pregnant Women and Medical Research: A Moral Imperative," *Bioethics Forum*, Vol. 2, no. 2, pp. 60-65.

Lyerly, A., L. Mitchell, E. Armstrong, L. Harris, R. Kukla, M. Kuppermann, M. Little (The Ob-Gyn Risk Research Group), "Risk and the Pregnant Body," *Hastings Center Report*, Vol. 39, no. 6, Nov-Dec 2009, pp. 34-42

Lyerly, A., M. Little, R. Faden, "The National Children's Study: A Golden Opportunity to Address the Health Needs of Pregnant Women," *American Journal of Public Health*

Kukla, R., M. Kuppermann, M. Little, A. Lyerly, L. Mitchell, E. Armstrong, L. Harris (The Ob-Gyn Risk Research Group), "Finding Autonomy in Birth," *Bioethics*, January 2009 (23:1), pp. 1-8

Lyerly, A., M. Little, R. Faden, "Pregnancy and Research," *Hastings Center Report*, Vol. 38, No. 6, Nov-Dec 2008, inside back cover

"Abortion & the Margins of Personhood," *Rutgers Law Journal*, Vol. 39, 2008, pp. 331- 348

with Jodi Halpern, "Motivating Health: Empathy & the Normative Activity of Coping," in *Naturalized Bioethics*, eds. Hilde Lindemann, Margaret Walker, & Marian Verkerk, Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 141-162

Little, M., A. Lyerly, L. Mitchell, E. Armstrong, L. Harris, R. Kukla, M. Kuppermann (The Ob-Gyn Risk Research Group), "Mode of Delivery: Towards Responsible Inclusion of Patient Preferences," *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 2008; 112: 913-918

Lyerly, A., M. Little, R. Faden, "The Second Wave: Toward Ethical Inclusion of Pregnant Women in Clinical Research," *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, Fall 2008, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 5-22

Lyerly, A., M. Little, R. Faden, "A Critique of 'The Fetus as Patient'," *American Journal of Bioethics*, Volume 8, Number 7, July 2008, pp. 42-44.

Lyerly, A., L. Mitchell, E. Armstrong, L. Harris, R. Kukla, M. Kuppermann, M. Little (The Ob-Gyn Risk Research Group), "Risk, Value, & Decision-Making Around Pregnancy," *Obstetrics & Gynecology* 2007: 109; 979-984

with Alisa Carse, "Exploitation & the Enterprise of Medical Research," in *Exploitation & Developing Countries: The Ethics of Clinical Research*, eds. Ezekiel Emanuel and Jennifer Hawkins, Princeton University Press, 2008, pp. 206-245

with Mark Lance, "Where The Laws Are," *Oxford Studies in Metaethics, Vol II*, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, Oxford University Press. 2007, pp 149 - 171

with Mark Lance, "From Particularism to Defeasibility," in *Challenging Moral Particularism*, eds. Mark Lance, Matjaz Potrc, Vojko Strahovnik, Routledge, 2007

M. Little, W. Moczyński, P. Richardson, S. Joffe, "Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Ethics Rounds: Life-threatening Illness and the Desire to Adopt," *The Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, Volume 15, Number 4, December 2005, pp. 385-393

with Mark Lance, "In Defense of Moral Particularism" in *Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory*, ed. James Dreier (Blackwell Press), 2006

with Mark Lance, "Particularism and Anti-Theory," *The Oxford Handbook of Ethics* (Oxford University Press), ed. David Copp, 2005

"The Moral Permissibility of Abortion," in *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*, ed. Christopher Wellman (Blackwell Press) 2005

Reprinted in *Ethics in Practice*, 3rd ed., ed. Hugh LaFollette (Blackwell Press) 2006

"Abortion & Sexuality," in *Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia*, ed. Alan Soble (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press), 2005

with Mark Lance, "Defeasibility and the Normative Grasp of Context," *Erkenntnis*, 61: 435-455, 2004

"The Morality of Abortion," in *A Companion to Applied Ethics* (Blackwell Press), eds. Christopher Wellman and Ray Frey, 2003

Reprinted in *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine*, 6th ed., eds. John D. Arras and Bonnie Steinbock (Mayfield Publishing); in *Taking Sides: Bioethics Issues*, 11th ed., ed. Carol Levine (McGraw-Hill), 2005; portion reprinted in *Biomedical Ethics*, sixth edition (McGraw-Hill, 2006), eds. Thomas A. Mappes and David DeGrazia.

"On Knowing the 'Why': Particularism and Moral Theory," *The Hastings Center Report*, July/August 2001

"Wittgensteinian Lessons on Particularism," in *Slow Cures and Bad Philosophers: Essays on Wittgenstein, Medicine, and Bioethics*, ed. Carl Elliot, (Duke University Press), 2001, p. 161-180

"Moral Generalities Revisited," in *Moral Particularism*, eds. Brad Hooker and Margaret Little, (Clarendon Press, Oxford), 2000, pp. 276-304

"Abortion, Intimacy, and the Duty to Gestate," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, vol. 2, 1999, pp. 295-312

"Cosmetic Surgery, Suspect Norms, and Complicity," in *Enhancing Human Capacities: Conceptual Complexities and Ethical Implications*, ed. Eric Parens (Georgetown University Press), 1998, pp. 162-176

Reprinted in *Enhancement: Die ethische Debatte (Broschiert)*, ed. Bettina Schöne-Seifert and Davinia Talbot, 2009

"Care: From Theory to Orientation and Back," in *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, vol. 23, no. 2, April 1998, pp. 190-209

"Virtue as Knowledge: Objections from the Philosophy of Mind," *Nous*, vol. 31, no. 1, 1997, pp. 59-79

Reprinted in: *Foundations of Ethics*, eds. Russ Shafer-Landau & Terence Cuneo (Blackwells), 2006

“Suspect Norms of Appearance and the Ethics of Complicity,” in *In the Eye of the Beholder: Ethics and Medical Change of Appearance*, eds. Inez de Beaufort, Medard Hilhorst, Soren Holm (Scandinavian University Press), 1996, pp. 151-167

“Why A Feminist Bioethics?,” *Journal of The Kennedy Institute of Ethics*, vol. 6, no 1, March 1996, pp. 1-18

Reprinted in *Meaning and Medicine*, eds. James Lindemann Nelson and Hilde Lindemann Nelson (Routledge), 1999; reprinted in *Health Care Ethics in Canada*, 2nd Edition, Baylis, Downie, Sherwin and Hoffmaster, eds., Nelson 2003.

“Seeing and Caring: The Role of Affect in Feminist Moral Epistemology,” *Hypatia*, vol. 10, no. 3, Summer 1995, pp. 117-137

Reprinted in: *Foundations of Ethics*, eds. Russ Shafer-Landau & Terence Cuneo (Blackwells), 2006

“Recent Work in Moral Realism: Naturalism,” *Philosophical Books*, vol. 35, no. 3, July 1994, pp. 145-153

“Recent Work in Moral Realism: Non-Naturalism,” *Philosophical Books*, vol. 35, no. 4, Oct. 1994, pp. 225-233

BOOK REVIEWS, OP-EDS, & SHORT PIECES

with Mark Lance, review of Marc Lange’s “Laws and Lawmakers,” *Ethics*, forthcoming

Lyerly, A., M. Little, F. Faden, “Pregnancy Is No Time to Refuse a Flu Shot,” *The New York Times*, Sept., 29, 2009

Lyerly, A., F. Faden, M. Little, “A Custom Drug,” *The New York Times*, May 2, 2009

with Alisa Carse, “Threats & Offers” and “Pornography,” *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Ted Honderich

Review, Laura Purdy’s *Reproducing Bioethics: Issues in Feminist Bioethics*, for *Women and Health*, vol. 29, no. 4, 1999, pp. 109-112

“Let Me Count the Ways: Feminism and Bioethics,” review of Joan Callahan’s *Reproduction, Ethics, and the Law*, and Susan Wolf’s *Feminism and Bioethics: Beyond Reproduction*, in *Medical Humanities Review*, Spring 1997

Review, R. Jay Wallace’s *Responsibility and the Moral Sentiments*, in *Philosophical Quarterly*, October 1996

“Procreative Liberty, Biological Connections, and Motherhood,” *Journal of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics*, vol. 6, no. 4, Dec. 1996, pp. 392-396

“Perspectives on Surrogate Motherhood,” review of books by John Robertson, Christine Overall, Ruth

Macklin, and Helena Ragona, *Medical Humanities Review*, Fall 1995

EDITORIAL WORK

Associate Editor, *Ethics*, September 2008-present

Subject Editor, Bioethics, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, June 2005-April 2009

Editor-in-Chief, *International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* Newsletter, Fall 1996-2004

Guest Co-Editor, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, special issue on The Theory of Care Theory, April 1998

Guest Editor, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, special issue on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, March 1996

Reviewer for *Oxford University Press*, *MIT Press*, *Nous*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Hypatia*, *Social Theory & Practice*, *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, *The Hastings Center Report*, *Journal of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Theoretical Medicine & Bioethics*, *Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*

PRESENTATIONS

“Danger Talk: Feminism and Fetuses,” panel discussion at APA, Dec. 2009

“The Second Wave: Towards the Fair & Responsible Inclusion of Pregnant Women in Clinical Research” (co-authored with Anne Lyster & Ruth Faden), versions presented at the NIH course on Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research (Sept. 09), Maternal Health Course, FDA (April 09), Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research annual conference (Orlando, No. 2008), the Division of AIDS, NIH (Nov. 08), NIH course on Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research (Nov. 08), the NIH (Nov. 08), the American Society of Bioethics & Humanities (Oct. 07) and the Bioethics Interest Group, NIH (Nov. 07)

“Intimate Assistance: Re-Thinking Abortion in Law & Morality,” versions presented at UC Riverside, (April 09), Rutgers Law School (March 09), Bryn Mawr College (March 09), The Tennessee Philosophical Association, keynote address (Nov. 08), Davidson College (March 08), Central APA panel (April 08), UCLA (Nov. 06), Vassar College (Oct. 06), Ursinus College, Queen’s University (March 05), Tulane University (Jan. 04), Ohio State University (Nov. 03), Princeton University (Nov. 03), Duke University (Oct. 03)

“Between the Optional & the Obligatory: Towards a Theory of Deontic Pluralism” (co-authored with Coleen Macnamara), versions presented at the Inter-Institute Bioethics Interest Group (NIH, Feb. 09), The Deontology Theory Group (University of Maryland, Oct. 08), the Meta-Ethics Workshop (UNC Chapel Hill, Sept. 08); the Dubrovnik Moral Assessment conference (Croatia, June 08), University of Michigan (Nov. 07), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Feb. 07), The Values Workshop, Rutgers University (Dec. 06)

“Issues of Reproductive Ethics,” presentation to the Population and Family Planning Committee of China, Nov. 2009, Nov. 2008, Nov. 2007

“Abortion & the Margins of Personhood,” Jurisprudence Panel, American Association of Law Professors, New York City (Jan. 08)

with Jodi Halpern, “Empathy & Empowerment: Towards a New Model of Risk Communication,” Conference on Risk, Technology, & Emotion, Delft University, Holland (June 07)

commentator, workshop on Trust, Yale University (April 07)

panelist, Conference on Maternal Birth Trauma in Africa, Duke University (March 07)

“Risk, Values, & Decision Making Around Pregnancy” (co-authored with the Ob-Gyn Risk Research Group), panel member, Summit on Pregnancy, Atlanta (Jan. 07)

The Fetus as Patient, panel member, American Society for Bioethics & Humanities, Oct. 06

Critic, Author Meets Critics on Jonathan Dancy’s *Unprincipled Ethics*, Central APA (2006)

“Risk & the Pregnant Body,” versions presented at Duke University (April 06), Member’s Day Symposium, Georgetown University, U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health

“Where the Laws Are” (co-authored with Mark Lance), versions presented at University of Texas at Austin, the Meta-Ethics Conference, U. Wisconsin at Madison, Bled Conference on Particularism (Slovenia, June 05)

“Defeasible Generalizations in Morality” (co-authored with Mark Lance), versions presented at Queen’s University (Kingston, Ontario, March 05), Pacific APA (March 04), MIT (Oct. 2002), British Society for Ethical Theory, Reading, England (April 02), Mt. Holyoke College (April 02), Bates College, Maine (Oct. 01), Philamore reading group (Oct. 01), University of Virginia (May 01), University of Iowa (May 01)

The Moral Status of Early Life, panel presentation at the American Society of Bioethics & the Humanities, Philadelphia (Oct. 04)

“Medical Enhancement,” The Joint Seminar in Bioethics, Washington DC (Feb. 05), The Ackerman Symposium, Harvard Medical School (April 04)

“Emotions & Medical Decision-Making,” American Society of Bioethics & the Humanities, Montreal (Oct. 03)

“The Ethics of Caring,” versions presented as the Denise x lecture, Duke University (April 06), the Leiter Lecture, Grand Rounds, Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Washington, DC (April 03), University of Nevada at Las Vegas (May 00), Dana Farber Cancer Clinic, Harvard University (Dec. 00)

“Responsibility & Psychopharmacology,” American Society of Bioethics & the Humanities, Baltimore (Oct. 02)

with Alisa Carse, “Threats & Offers,” NIH Joint Seminar in Bioethics (Dec. 02)

“The Morality of Abortion,” versions presented at Mt Holyoke College (April 02), Georgia State University (Feb. 02), Philamore reading group (Feb. 02), Wellesley College (Oct. 01), University of Iowa (May 01), The University of Maryland, College Park (March 01), Gaucher College (April 00), Michigan State University (Oct. 00)

“Gestation Without Consent,” versions presented at University of Pennsylvania (Nov. 02), The Johns Hopkins University (Nov. 02), as Invited Speaker for the APA Eastern Division (Dec. 01), SUNY Albany (March 01), University of Nevada at Las Vegas (May 00), University of Virginia (Oct. 00), American University’s Washington College of Law (May 99), as the Anne Howard Shaw lecture, Albion College, Michigan (March 99); British Society for Ethical Theory, University of Kent at Canterbury (Sept. 98); Bioethics Summer Retreat, Cape Cod (June 98); Kennedy Institute of Ethics (April 98); Philamore reading group (April 98); University of Tennessee at Knoxville (April 98); National Institutes of Health Dept. of Clinical Bioethics (March 98, Dec. 98)

“Feminist Lessons in Moral Epistemology,” American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities National Conference, Philadelphia (Oct. 99)

“Bioethics Primer,” with Carol Bailey, PhD, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities National Conference, Philadelphia (Oct. 99)

“Maternal-Fetal Conflict Revisited,” Kennedy Institute of Ethics Members’ Day Symposium (Sept. 99)

“Moral Generalities Revisited,” versions presented to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (April 98); British Society for Ethical Theory, Lancaster University (July 97); Philamore reading group (April 97); Georgetown-University of Maryland reading group (Dec. 96)

“Health Care & the Politics of Difference,” versions presented to University of Virginia (Oct. 00), Members’ Day Symposium, Kennedy Institute of Ethics (Dec. 98); American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, DC (Nov. 98); Greenwall Fellows discussion group (Nov. 98)

“Feminist Approaches to Bioethics,” versions presented at Waseda University, Japan (Dec. 02), University of Maryland at Baltimore County (Nov. 98); National Institutes of Health Dept. of Clinical Bioethics (Nov. 97, Nov. 98, Nov. 99); University of Virginia Bioethics Center (Nov. 97); Keynote Speech, Women in Health Care 5th Annual Berkshires conference (Nov. 96); Keele University, England (March 95); Advanced Bioethics Course, Kennedy Institute of Ethics (March 95); The Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University (Nov. 94); Bioethics Retreat, Bar Harbour, Maine (June 94)

“Caring and Institutional Ethics,” versions presented to National Hospice Organization Convention (Oct. 97); Board of Directors, Montgomery County Hospice Society (Sept. 97); Kennedy Institute of Ethics Members’ Symposium (Jan. 98)

“Surrogate Gestation and the Meanings of Motherhood: What’s A Good Feminist To Do?” versions presented to York College, Pennsylvania (April 99), United States Uniformed Services Medical Center, Washington D.C. (Oct. 98), The National Institutes of Health Dept. of Clinical Bioethics (Feb. 98, Nov. 98, Dec. 99); University of Minnesota Bioethics Center (Oct. 97); World Congress of Bioethics (Nov. 96); Kennedy Institute of Ethics Members’ Symposium (Sept. 95); University of Maryland at Baltimore, Medical Center (Nov. 95)

“Saving Appearances When the Norms are Ideologically Suspect: A Feminist Perspective,” versions presented to Conference on the Ethics of Appearance, Copenhagen, Denmark (June 95); Hastings Center Project on Enhancement (March 96); Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University (Oct. 96); Kennedy Institute of Ethics Members’ Symposium (Oct. 96)

Discussant, Eastern APA, session on Moral Perception (Dec. 96)

Discussant, Pacific APA, session on Moral Realism, San Francisco (April 95)

“Moral Particularism and ‘Good-Making’ Properties,” Keele University, England (March 95)

Discussant, Conference on Practical Reason, St. Andrew’s University, Scotland (March 95)

“Seeing and Caring in Moral Epistemology,” versions presented at Virginia Commonwealth University (March 94); Kennedy Institute of Ethics and Philosophy Dept., Georgetown University (May 94)

ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Kennedy Institute of Ethics

Director, July 2009 - present

Course Director, Intensive and Advanced Bioethics Courses, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, 1995-1998, 2001- present

Faculty Co-Coordinator, Joint Seminar in Bioethics, Fall 2000 – present

Mentor, Greenwall Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

Philosophy Department

Member, Placement Committee, 1996-2009 (director, 1999 – 2005)

Graduate Committee, Fall 1998 - present

Faculty Leader, Third Year Seminar, Spring 2003-07

Faculty Leader, First Year Workshop, Fall 2007 – present

Bioethics Graduate Coordinator, Fall 2007 - present

Search Committee, Fall 2000

Speaker’s Committee, Fall 1994 - Spring 96

University level

Benefits Advisory Council, 2005-present

Faculty Senate, Fall 2002-2004

Family Care and Maternity Leave Committee, 2002–2005 (Chair 2003-05)

External

Co-Founder, The Second Wave (www.kennedyinstitute.georgetown.edu/secondwave)

Co-Founder and member, Deontology Theory Group, 2008-2009

Nominating Committee, Hastings Center, 2008-2009 (Chair, 2009)

Co-Founder and Member, The Ob-Gyn Risk Group, Spring 2004 - present

External Reviewer, Philosophy Department at SUNY Albany, Spring 2008

Invited Participant, Meta-Ethics Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, 2008

Invited Participant, The Nature of Value Workshop, 2003-present

Eastern APA Program Committee, 2003-2005

Advisory Board, International Network on Feminist Bioethics, 1998 – 2004

Member, Montgomery Hospice Society Ethics Committee, October 1994 – August 2002
Program Committee, American Society for Bioethics & the Humanities, 1999
Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committees, 1987-98
Member, Core Group of Consultants, National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, “On the Prospect of Technologies Aimed at the Enhancement of Human Capacities,” July 1995 - August 1997
Acting Administrator, Feminism and Gender Studies Program, Bryn Mawr College, Spring 1994
Steering Committee, Feminism and Gender Studies Program, Bryn Mawr College, 1993 - 1994

Dissertation Advising

Chair:

Marcus Hedahl, *Owing it to Us*, current
Yashar Saghai, *The Ethics of Nudging*, current
Avi Cramer, *Changing the Body*, current
Tea Logar, 2009, *From Consent to Care: Exploitation in Personal Relationships*
Matthew McAdam (Co-Chair with Wayne Davis), 2008, *title*
Jeremy Snyder, 2007, *Exploitation and Demeaning Choices: Understanding the Long Line at the Sweatshop Door*
Elisa Hurley, 2006 (Co-Chair with Nancy Sherman), *Beyond Emotional Cognitivism: Feelings, Norms, and Folk-Psychological Kinds*
Coleen Macnamara, 2006, *Beyond Praise and Blame: Toward a Theory of Holding Others Responsible*
William Heath White, 2002 (Co-Chair with Mark Lance), *Inferentialism and Practical Reason*
Susan Stark, 1998, *Morality and Emotion*

Member:

Lee Okster, *Relational Autonomy*, current
Amy Sepinwall, *Group Responsibility*, current
Daniel Levine, 2005, *The Chronological Paradox in Customary International Law, or the Virtue of Sloppy timing in a Messy World*
Harrison Keller, date, *Rethinking Respect for Persons*
Frank Chessa, 1999, *Coherentist Justification in Ethics*
Elizabeth Hill Emmett-Mattox, 1999, *Integrity and Impartiality: Reconciling Moral Theory and Moral Life*
Jeremy Randel Koons, 1998, *A Conditional Defense of Moral Realism*
Kevin Fitzgerald, date, *title*
Laura Jane Bishop, 1998, *Family Matters: The Role of the Family in Medical Decision Making with Competent Patients*
Sharon Ruth Livingston, 1998, *A Framework for Deontic Reasoning in Predicate Logic*
Robin Fiore, 1997, *Realizing Liberal Egalitarianism: Towards A Feminist Theory of Equality*