

Name

I am an engaging, intellectually curious researcher with a background in interdisciplinary research, writing and communication. I have long held a keen interest in the application of biomedical ethics and philosophical analysis to matters of practical, clinical and policy significance. My career aim is to use my academic experience to pursue a new career direction in health and medical policy.

Skills Profile

Research Skills

- My background in academic research has honed my ability to synthesise material from multiple literatures into a précis of key issues. Highly skilled in library research techniques and information gathering, my PhD and postdoctoral research has combined biomedical ethics, analytic philosophy and mental health law with psychology, psychiatry and clinical case studies.
- I am able to conduct clear conceptual analyses, critically analyse arguments and present findings both orally and in writing. Outputs have included several peer-reviewed articles and a co-authored book chapter, primarily aimed at cross-disciplinary audiences in law, clinical practice and philosophy of psychiatry. Selected publication list available at <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/groups/chh/people/name.aspx>
- I have given well-received papers at international conferences, in addition to teaching seminars on two MSc courses on conceptual and ethical issues in psychiatry. I have received positive feedback on my ability to convey complex concepts and ideas to non-specialist audiences.

Policy and Report Writing

- In 2011 I undertook a Wellcome Trust fellowship at the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST), during which I compiled a briefing report on public policy challenges arising from the ageing of the UK workforce.
- Over three months I conducted an extensive literature review across a range of domains from economics to ergonomics, identifying key issues and points of contention. This research involved qualitative and quantitative data analyses, which were incorporated into the report.
- I interviewed representatives from government, the research community, business and NGOs, and reported their perspectives on an emotive, politically fraught topic in an impartial manner.
- Drafting the report into an accessible narrative for Parliamentarians involved an extensive and robust review process, and I completed it on time to the satisfaction of all reviewers. The POSTnote 391: "An Ageing Workforce" is available at www.parliament.uk/post
- I am experienced and confident in discussing issues of policy with academic, clinical and public audiences.
 - Invited to speak at a Royal Society of Medicine Open Section event, on: "*Is there a role for bioethics and medical humanities in UK policy-making?*" June 2012.
 - Invited panellist on Wellcome Trust roundtable discussion: "*Medical Humanities, History, Policy and Impact,*" Society for the Social History of Medicine conference, September 2012.

Administration

- I co-organised a 'Cumberland Colloquium' at Cumberland Lodge, providing administrative support for a one-day conference on Bioethics and Humanities in Medicine. I was responsible for circulating Calls for Papers, acting as a point of contact for enquiries, liaising with staff at the venue and arranging the programme around invited speakers' schedules.
- I proactively launched a series of Work in Progress seminars for PhD students and post-docs in our department, providing an informal setting in which to strengthen interdisciplinary conversations. This involved co-ordinating speakers, creating and managing a mailing list and negotiating the catering budget.

Information Technology and Web Presence

- Regular contributor to CHH blog: humanitiesandhealth.wordpress.com. I have also blogged for Cumberland Lodge and the Wellcome Trust.
- Maintain professional LinkedIn and Twitter accounts to develop a network of contacts and keep abreast of current issues in medical humanities, biomedical ethics, mental health law and UK/international health and science policy.
- Recently co-designed, developed and launched a website for a new London events company.

Project Management and Teamwork

- I collaborated with two senior colleagues to submit a major FP7 EU grant bid for a doctoral training programme on 'Personalised Medicine'. With significant time pressure, I was responsible for scoping out literature on the social, ethical and legal implications of current developments in personalised medicine, building relationships with potential research collaborators and writing up a large section of the final bid submission.
- I planned and co-ordinated an outreach programme with Cumberland Lodge for a group of twenty sixth formers from a comprehensive London school, in summer 2012. With a vision for helping students aspire to apply to top universities, I liaised with staff at the school and the venue to develop and manage the programme of activities. The successful pilot programme has now been expanded by the Lodge.

Public Engagement and Voluntary Activities

- Member of Intermural Students' Bioethics Network (ISBN) organising committee, a group established to explore contested issues in health. We bring together clinical and biomedical research communities with the discourses of bioethics and the medical humanities, primarily through engaging early career researchers with more senior academics and clinicians.
- Volunteer for "Crisis Christmas" residential homeless shelter, requiring flexibility within a team structure and an ability to quickly prioritise different task demands.
- Co-convenor of workshops for new directors at the Young Vic Theatre company, on 'happiness and distress' (July 2011) and 'empathy' (September 2011). Further workshop planned, on 'pain'.
- Regular attendee and speaker at 'Pub Psychology' and 'London Philosophy Club'.

Employment

Wellcome Trust Research Fellow Jan. 2010 – present
Centre for the Humanities and Health (CHH), King's College London

Wellcome Trust POST Fellowship in Medical History and Humanities Apr. 2011 – Jul. 2011

Research Assistant & Workshop Administrator for the "Conceptual Issues in Somatoform and Similar Disorders" Project Oct. 2005 – Jun. 2006

Research Assistant for Prof. Derek Bolton, and Assistant Librarian Aug. 2005 – Dec. 2005
Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London

Education

PhD, Philosophy of Psychiatry Oct. 2006 – Jul. 2010
University of Central Lancashire, International School for Communities, Rights & Inclusion
Thesis title: "Judging By a Different Standard? Examining the Role of Rationality in Assessments of Mental Capacity."

MSc (Distinction) Philosophy of Mental Disorder Sept. 2004 – Jun. 2005
King's College London/Institute of Psychiatry
ARHC Research Preparation Master's Scheme: Full Funding Award (Tuition and Maintenance).

BA(Hons) 1st Class, Philosophy & Psychology Sept. 2001 – Jun. 2004
Keble College, University of Oxford
University of Oxford Gibbs Prize for overall performance in the Final Honours School of PPP.

Personal Details

Referees