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She is currently working on a book-length manuscript on trust and autonomy in clinical and research medicine, supported by a research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. She is also working with the American Refugee Committee as a volunteer consultant on a collaborative and community-based research project on human rights issues facing refugees and internally displaced people in Rwanda and South Sudan. In addition to her teaching and research duties, Anita is currently an associate chair for the UBC Behavioral Research Ethics Board. Please click [here](#) for Anita's CV.

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