

Dr. Anita Ho
W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics
University of British Columbia
227 – 6356 Agricultural Road
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2
E-Mail: anita.ho@ubc.ca
Phone: 604-822-4049; Fax: 604-822-8627
(Last Updated: October 2009)

Academic Appointments:

- **Assistant Professor**, Centre for Applied Ethics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada (July 2008 to present)
- **Assistant Professor**, Philosophy Department, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada (July 2006 to June 2008)
- **Associate Professor**, Philosophy Department, St. Catherine University, MN (September 2005 to August 2006)
- **Assistant Professor**, Philosophy Department, St. Catherine University, MN (September 2000 to August 2005)
- **Co-Coordinator**, Center for Women, Economic Justice, and Public Policy, St. Catherine University, MN (January 2004 to August 2006)

Professional Appointments:

- **Director of Ethics Services**, Providence Health Care, Vancouver, BC (July 2009 to present)
- **Ethicist**, Providence Health Care, Vancouver, BC (September 2006 to June 2009)

Philosophy Degrees:

- **Ph.D.** (1995-2001) from University of Alberta, Alberta, Canada
Topic of Ph.D. Dissertation: The Ethics and Politics of Allocation of Health-Care Resources
- **M.A.** (1994-1995) from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada
Topic of M.A. Thesis: The Ethics of Plea Bargaining
- **B.A. (First Class Honours)** (1992-1994) from Saint Mary's University, Nova Scotia, Canada

Areas of Specialization:

Bioethics, Ethics, Social/Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Business Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Disability Studies

Other Degrees:

- **M.Music (Piano Performance)** (1996-2000) from University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

- **B.Commerce (Marketing) (magna cum laude)** (1990-1994) from Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes:

- Guest Co-Editor for *Teaching Philosophy* (with Anita Silvers), vol. 30, no. 4. Special Volume on Disability in the Philosophy Classroom. December 2007.
- Co-Editor, *The Reflective Woman* (with Gabrielle Civil, Donna Hauer, Kathleen Heinlen, Suzanne Hendricks, and Nancy Peterson-Anderson). Fifth Edition. Acton, MA: Copley Publishing. 2002.

Encyclopedia Entries:

- "Self Ownership." *Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society* (ed. Robert Kolb). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. 2007.
- "Medicaid." *Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society* (ed. Robert Kolb). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. 2007.
- "Medicare." *Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society* (ed. Robert Kolb). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. 2007.

Journal Articles:

- "Displaced Persons' Perceptions of Human Rights in Southern Sudan" (with Carol Pavlish). *International Nursing Review* 56(4) (December 2009). Forthcoming.
- "Human Rights Barriers for Displaced Persons in Southern Sudan" (with Carol Pavlish). *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* 41(3) (September 2009), 284-292.
- "They Just Don't Get It!" When Family Disagrees with Expert Opinion. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 35(8) (August 2009), 497-501.
- "Pathway to Social Justice: Research on Human Rights and Gender-based Violence in a Rwanda Refugee Camp" (with Carol Pavlish). *Advances in Nursing Science* 32(2) (June 2009), 144-157.
- "Epistemic and Ethical Implications of Expert Authority in Medicine." *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Medicine* 8(2) (Spring 2009), 21-28.
- "Correcting Social Ills Through Mandatory Research Participation." *American Journal of Bioethics* 8(10) (October 2008), 39-40.
- "Using Family Members as Interpreters in the Clinical Setting." *The Journal of Clinical Ethics* 19(3) (Fall 2008), 223-233.

- "The Individualist Model of Autonomy and the Challenge of Disability." *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 5 (May 2008), 193-207.
- "Beyond Informed Consent: The Therapeutic Misconception and Trust" (with Inmaculada de Melo-Martin). *Journal of Medical Ethics* 34 (March 2008), 202-5.
- "Relational Autonomy or Undue Pressure? Family's Role in Medical Decision-Making." *Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences* 22 (March 2008), 128-135.
- "Disability in Bioethics Curricula." *Teaching Philosophy* 30, no. 4 (December 2007), 403-420.
- "Family and Informed Consent in Multicultural Settings." *American Journal of Bioethics (AJOB)* 6, no. 1 (January/February, 2006), 26-28.
- "Pharmaceutical Corporations and the Duty to Aid in HIV/AIDS Epidemic." *Business and Professional Ethics Journal* 24, no. 4 (Fall 2005), 51-81.
- "To Be Labelled, or Not to Be Labelled: That is the Question." *British Journal of Learning Disabilities* 32, no. 2 (June 2004), 86-92.
- "International Business vs. Globalization: Implications on Business Ethics," *Business and Professional Ethics Journal* 22, no. 2 (2003), 51-69.
- "Fair Equality of Opportunity and Multi-Tiered Systems," *Review Journal of Political Philosophy* 1 (Summer 2003), 155-192.

Professional Magazine/Newsletter Articles:

- "Reframing Informed Consent in the Medical Setting." *Minnesota Physician*. December 2005, pp. 1, 12-13.
- "Employers and Reasonable Accommodations" *Access Press* 13, no. 1 (January 10, 2002), 4, 10.
- "Are Multi-Tiered Systems Morally Unjustifiable?" *Health Ethics Today* 11, no.2 (July 2000), 6-11.

Book Chapters:

- "The Cancer Diaries." *Voice of Breast Cancer in Medicine and Bioethics* (eds. Mary Rawlinson and Shannon Lundeen). Kluwer Series in the Philosophy of Medicine. Dordrecht: Springer, 2006, pp. 71-88.

- “Mainstreaming Disability: A Case in Bioethics.” *Creating Pedagogical Curb Cuts: Incorporating disability in the University classroom and curriculum*. Syracuse, NY: Graduate School of Syracuse University and Beyond Compliance, 2005, pp. 3-9.

- “‘It’s So Judgmental!’ A Lesson on Subjectivity and Relativism” in *The Reflective Woman*, 5th edition (eds. Gabrielle F. Civil, Donna Hauer, Kathleen Heinlen, Suzanne Hendricks, Anita Ho, and Nancy J. Peterson-Anderson). Acton, MA: Copley Publishing, 2002, pp. 208-220.

Book Reviews:

- Review of *That Good Night: Ethicists, Euthanasia and End-of-Life Care* by Tim Falconer. *Literary Review of Canada*. Forthcoming. (October 2009).

- Review of *The New Disability History: American Perspectives* by Paul K. Longmore & Lauri Umansky. *Metapsychology Online Review* (January, 2003)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (since 2000):

- November 2009

“Would Kant Have Agreed to be Euthanized?” Paper to be presented at the 4th International Conference on Applied Ethics, Hokkaido, Japan.

- November 2009

“When Families Decide Against Patients’ Preferences.” Paper to be presented at the University of Tokyo Center for Biomedical Ethics and Law, Tokyo, Japan.

- November 2009

“For Their Own Good.” Plenary panel presentation to be given at the British Columbia Association of Social Workers Conference, Vancouver, BC.

- November 2009

"Weaving the Tapestry of Diversity: How Pluralism Can Promote Ethical Caregiving." Keynote presentation to be given at the Diversity Matters Conference, Vancouver, BC.

- July 2009

“Pathway to Social Justice: Research on Human Rights and Gender-Based Violence in a Rwanda Refugee Camp” (with Carol Pavlish). Paper presented at the International Council of Nurses 24th Quadrennial Congress, Durban, South Africa

- June 2009

“The Ethics of Expert Authority in Evidence-Based Preventive Medicine.” Paper presented at the Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, Hamilton, ON.

- May 2009

“Personhood and Assisted Death.” Paper to be presented at the Kant in Asia International Conference, Hong Kong, China.

- May 2009

“Community Perspectives on Human Rights and Justice among Displaced Persons in East Africa” (with Carol Pavlish). Paper to be presented at the Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

- February 2009

“Social Responsibility, Commercialization of Health Care, and Trust." Paper presented at the Social Responsibility in the Health Professions Symposium, Vancouver, BC.

- February 2009

“Value-Based Expert Authority in Evidence-Based Preventive Medicine.” Paper presented at the American College of Preventive Medicine Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

- October 2008

“Experts and Expertise: Epistemic and Ethical Implications for Medicine.” Paper presented at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (Philosophy Affinity Group), Cleveland, OH

- July 2008

“Community Perspectives on Human and People’s Rights: An Ethnographic and Philosophic Study in East Africa” (with Carol Pavlish). Paper presented at the “Nursing Ethics and Health Care Policy – Bridging Local, National and International Perspectives” Conference, New Haven, CT.

- June 2008

“Community Perspectives and Programs on Gender-based Violence and Human Rights” (with Carol Pavlish and Sidiki Kanneh). Paper presented at the Reproductive Health in Emergencies Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

- March 2008

“Military Violence as a Response to Calamities: The Case of 'Humanitarian' Intervention.” Paper presented at the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Annual Conference, Pasadena, CA.

- March 2008

“In Their Own Words? Human Rights Research with Refugees and Internally Displaced People.” Paper presented at the Liu Institute for Global Issues and Centre of International Relations, UBC.

- January 2008

“Who Knows? Trusting Experts.” Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Program Colloquium Series, UBC.

- December 2007

“Research in Resource-Poor Countries: Inadequacies of the Traditional Autonomy Approach.” Paper presented at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics at the National University of Singapore.

- November 2007

“Why Wait? ‘Humanitarian’ Intervention’s Late Response to Catastrophes.” Paper presented at the Philosophy of War and Peace Conference, Nairobi, Kenya.

- October 2007

“Trust and the Institutional Culture of Medical Science.” Paper presented at the “Trust in Science” Workshop, Toronto, ON.

- October 2007

“Building a Bridge between the Two Cultures: The Importance of Collaborations among Scientists and Humanists” (with Shafik Dharamsi). Panel presented at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

- April 2007

“Intergenerational Dimensions of Medical Decision Making - Families, Trust & Multiculturalism.” Paper presented at the “Caring for an Aging Population: Opportunities and Challenges” Conference, Vancouver, BC.

- April 2007

“The Phenomenon of Trust in a Clinical Setting.” Paper to be presented at the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

- March 2007

“Social Justice and Health Disparity: Reframing the Discussions of Lifestyle-Related Diseases.” Paper presented to the Simon Fraser University Faculty of Health Sciences, Burnaby, BC

- March 2007

“To Trust Or Not To Trust: That Is The Question.” Paper presented at the University of British Columbia Colloquium Series, Vancouver, BC.

- February 2007

“Using Family Members as Interpreters in the Clinical Setting.” Paper presented at the Center for Bioethics at The University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

- November 2006

“Most Hate It, but Few Dare to Change It: Health Care in America.” Public lecture presented at St. Catherine University, MN

- October 2006

“Beyond Informed Consent: Trust and Trustworthiness in Medicine.” Paper presented at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, Denver, CO.

- October 2006

“Trusting Those Who Burn, Slice, and Poison Us.” Paper presented at the Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC.

- September 2006

“Health-Care Disparity and Human Rights.” Paper presented at the Minnesota State Bar Association Conference on Health Care and Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN.

- August 2006

“Family Influence and Autonomy in Medical Decision Making.” Paper presented at The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY.

- April 2006

“Patents, Property Rights, and the HIV/AIDS Epidemic.” Paper presented at the 33rd Conference on Value Inquiry, Rockville Center, NY.

- January 2006

“Medical Uncertainties and Informed Consent: The Neglected Concept of Trust.” Paper presented as part of The W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics Lunch Series, Vancouver, BC.

- January 2006

“Reproductive Autonomy and Women with Cognitive Disabilities.” Paper presented at the Feminist Ethics and Social Theory Conference, Clearwater, FL.

- April 2005

“Inadequacy of Cognitive Understanding in Informed Consent.” Paper presented at the Thirty Second Annual Conference on Value Inquiry, Baton Rouge, LA.

- February 2005

“Cognitive and Emotional Understanding in Informed Consent.” Paper presented at the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, San Antonio, TX.

- February 2005

“Pharmaceutical Pricing and the Developing World.” Paper presented at the Third Biennial Global Conference on Business Ethics, Santa Clara, CA.

- October 2004

“Redefining Privacy and Confidentiality in the Home Care Setting.” Paper presented at the Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, Calgary, AB.

- June 2004

“Teaching Disability in Applied Ethics Classes.” Paper presented at the Society for Disability Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO

- May 2004

“Incorporating Disability Issues in ‘Mainstream’ Classes.” Paper presented at the Canadian Disability Association Conference, Winnipeg, MB

- April 2004

“Institutional Transformation for Diversity.” Panel (with Nancy Heitzeg and Sharon Doherty) presentation at “Closing the Gap: The Role of Race in Education Fifty Years After Brown” Conference, Petersburg, VA

- March 2004

“Is ‘Reproductive Autonomy for Women with Cognitive Disability’ an Oxymoron?” Paper presented at the SWIP Group Meeting at the American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (Pacific Division), Pasadena, CA

- March 2004

"Informed Consent and the Role of Physicians." Paper presented at "The Role of Health Care Provider in America" Conference, Tulsa, OK

- August 2003

"Rawlsian Conception of Globalization." Paper presented at the Society for Business Ethics Conference, Seattle, WA

- June 2003

"Employment, Citizenship, and Disability." Paper presented at the Society for Disabilities Studies Conference, Bethesda, MD

- May 2003

"Imagine a Rawlsian Conception of Globalization." Paper presented at the Moral Imagination and Business Ethics Conference, Minneapolis, MN

- March 2003

"Is 'Inclusion' Really Inclusive?" Paper presented at the American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (Pacific Division), San Francisco, CA

- February 2003

"International Business vs. Globalization: Implications on Business Ethics." Paper presented at the Business Ethics in a Global Economy Conference, Santa Clara, CA

- September 2002

"Disability and Normality." Paper presented at the Minnesota Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

- April 2002

"Disability and Justice." Paper presented at the American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (Central Division), Chicago, IL

- October 2001

"Voluntary Health Risks and Resource Allocation." Paper presented at the Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, MB

- March 2001

"Social Constructionism of Disability: An Issue of Justice." Paper presented at the American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (Pacific Division), San Francisco, CA

- October 2000

"Responsibility and Culpability: Ethical Implications on Health-Care Resource Allocation." Paper presented at the Minnesota Philosophical Society Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN

- July 2000

“Unequal Access in Health-Care Resource Allocation.” Paper presented at the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Annual Congress, Estes Park, CO

CLINICAL/RESEARCH ETHICS EXPERIENCE

- July 2009 to Present

Member, Inquiry Panel C (Conduct), College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

- June 2009 to Present

Ethics Consultant, College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia

- January 2008 to Present

Associate Chair and Ethicist, Behavioural Research Ethics Board, University of British Columbia

- Fall 2006 to Present

Ethicist, Behavioural Research Ethics Board, University of British Columbia

- Fall 2005 to Spring 2006

Ethicist, Metropolitan University Human Subjects Review Board

- August 2003

Participant, Dartmouth Faculty Summer Institute: Teaching the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project (Funded by NIH)

- January 2003 to May 2006

Ethicist, Fairview Lake Regional Medical Center Ethics Committee, Wyoming, MN

- Spring 2002 to May 2006

Ethicist, Fairview Home Care and Hospice Ethics Committee, Minneapolis, MN

GRANTS

- Fall 2009

Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) Emerging Team Grant
(Project: CIHR Team in the Cause and Prevention of Falls in Residential Care)
Role: Collaborator (Principal Application: Stephen Robinovitch)

- Summer 2009

Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) (Aging)
(Project: International Symposium on Exercise to Promote Cognitive Health and Functional Independence)
Role: Co-Applicant (Principal Applicant: Teresa Liu-Ambrose)

- Spring 2008

Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Standard Research Grant
(Topic: Trust, Trustworthiness, and Relational Autonomy in Medicine)
Role: Principal Applicant

- Spring 2007

CIHR Pillars 3 and 4 Development Seed Grant, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research/University of British Columbia
(Topic: Impact of Changing Health-Care Practices on Trust and Physician-Patient Relationship)
Role: Principal Applicant

- Fall 2003

Sister Antonine O'Brien Award (Teaching Abroad Grant), St. Catherine University, MN
(Topic: "Imag(in)ing Possibilities: East and West in the Search for Justice" – a Global Search for Justice course taught in China)

- Spring 2003

Center of Excellence Grant, St. Catherine University, MN (Topic: Disability: An Issue of Occupational, Economic, and Social Justice)

- Fall 2002

Carol Easley Denny Research Award, St. Catherine University, MN (Topic: Can "Inclusion" be Exclusionary?)

- Spring 2002

Arts and Humanities Collaborative Research Grant (with student Claire MacDonald), The St. Catherine University, MN (Topic: Are Advertisers Exploiting Women?)

- Fall 2001

Faculty Research Grant, St. Catherine University, MN (Topic: Women with Disabilities: Do Traditional Conceptions of Justice Fail Them?)

- Fall 2001

Bush Curriculum Grant, St. Catherine University, MN (Project: Revision of

Biomedical Ethics course to serve as a cross-listed course for the new Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity Major)

- Fall 2001

Bush Curriculum Grant, St. Catherine University, MN (Project: Revision of Ethics in Communication course to serve as a cross-listed course for the new Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity Major)

- Spring 2001

Faculty Research Grant, St. Catherine University, MN (Topic: Social Construction of Disability)

- Fall 2000

Arts and Humanities Collaborative Research Grant (with student Ginamarie Caya), The St. Catherine University, MN (Topic: Ethical Issues in Biomedical Research Involving Vulnerable Subjects)

AWARDS

- Spring 2004

Research and Creative Work Award, Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women,
St. Catherine University

- Spring 2004

Denny Prize for Distinction in Writing, St. Catherine University

- June 2000

Mary Louise Imrie Graduate Student Award, University of Alberta

- September 1997 to April 1998

Tuition Scholarship, University of Alberta

- September 1995

John MacDonald Scholarship in Philosophy, University of Alberta

- September 1994 to August 1995

Graduate Fellowship, Dalhousie University

- September 1993

Achievement Scholarship, Saint Mary's University

- September 1991

Achievement Scholarship, Saint Mary's University

RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of British Columbia (Fall 2006 to Spring 2008)

Undergraduate:

Phil 235 Contemporary Moral Issues

Phil 335 Power and Oppression

Phil 433 Biomedical Ethics

Graduate:

Phil 532 Ethical Theory and Practice: Trust and Autonomy

MEDG/INDS 535/502K Genetics and Ethics

INDS 502P: Practicum -- Biomedical Ethics

St. Catherine University, MN (Fall 2000 to Spring 2006)

Phil 100 Philosophy and Human Life

Phil 205 Philosophy and Human Condition

Phil 220 Ethics

Phil 240 Philosophy and Women (Cross-listed with Women Studies)

Phil 300 Philosophy of Law

Phil 320 Business Ethics

Phil 330 Ethics in Communication (Cross-listed with Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity)

Phil 340 Biomedical Ethics (Cross-listed with Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity)

Core 100 The Reflective Woman

Core 399 Global Search for Justice: Women's Health Issues (Study Abroad Course Taught in China in May/June 2005)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, & COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE:

- Summer 2009

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Biomedical Ethics, National University of Singapore

- Summer 2009

Article Reviewer, *Journal of Medical Ethics*

- Spring 2009

Article Reviewer, *Hypatia*

- Fall 2008

Article Reviewer, *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*

- Spring 2008

Article Reviewer, *Journal of Medical Ethics*

- Spring 2008

Textbook Reviewer (Bioethics), Broadview Press

- Fall 2007

Article Reviewer, *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*

- January 2007 to Present

Volunteer Consultant, American Refugee Committee

- Fall 2006

Textbook Reviewer (Bioethics), McGraw-Hill Ryerson

- Summer 2006

Visiting Scholar, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY

- Spring 2006

Book Proposal Reviewer (Philosophy), Blackwell Publishing Company

- February 2006

Bioethics Assessment Standard Setter, Excelsior College, Albany, NY

- Spring 2005

Article Reviewer, *Business and Society*

- Summer 2004

Article reviewer: Special Issue of the *Journal of the Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the United States on Race, Ethnicity, and Disability*

- Fall 2002 to August 2003

Member, Faculty Committee on Student Advising, College of St. Catherine

- Fall 2002 to August 2003

Member, Faculty Study Group on Liberal Arts Education, College of St. Catherine

- Fall 2002 to August 2004

Faculty Representative, Board of Trustee Student Affairs Committee, College of St. Catherine

- Fall 2002 to August 2004

Mentor, Multicultural Excellence Program, St. Paul Public Schools

- Summer 2002

Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar -- "Justice, Equality, and the Challenge of Disability", co-directed by Anita Silvers and Eva Feder Kittay

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT:

- April 2006

Soloist, performed Gabriel Faure's Ballade (Op. 19) with Kenwood Chamber Orchestra, Minneapolis, MN

- January 2006

Winner, 8th Annual Master Concerto/Aria Competition, Minneapolis, MN

- April 2003

Soloist, performed Saint-Saens Second Piano Concerto (First Movement) with Kenwood Chamber Orchestra, Minneapolis, MN

- January 2003

Winner, 5th Annual Master Concerto/Aria Competition, Minneapolis, MN

- May 1995

Second Prize, Ludmila Knezkova-Hussey International Competition, Bathurst, NB