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EDUCATION

- 1999 Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy, Georgetown University. Dissertation: *Coherentist Justification in Ethics*. Mentor: Tom L. Beauchamp.
- 1989 Master of Arts, Philosophy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. GPA 4.0. Thesis: *Material Implication and Entailment*. Mentor: Kwasi Wiredu.
- 1985 Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Philosophy, Environmental Studies, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
Phi Beta Kappa
Philosophy Honors Thesis: *Formalism and Falsity in Scientific Representation*.
Environmental Studies Thesis: *The Ethics of Public Participation: Land Use Planning Decisions in Britain and the United States*.
- 1984 University of Lancaster, Lancaster, England (Term Abroad)

PRIMARY EMPLOYMENT

- 2005-present Director, Clinical Ethics, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine
- 2001 - 2005 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine
- 2003 - 2005 Clinical Ethics Consultant, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine.
- 1998 - 2000 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Center for Ethics and Policy Studies, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 1997 - 1998 Instructor, Department of Leadership, Ethics and Law, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.
- 1995 - 1998 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
- 1995 - 1996 Davis Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Fellowship to develop and teach a special interest course. Course title: Doing the Right Thing: Decision-making and Ethics in the Hospital.
- 1992 - 1994 Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
- 1989 - 1992 Instructor and Continuing Education Coordinator, Center for HIV Education and Research, of the Divisions of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Medical Ethics and Humanities, and the Department of Community Mental Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
- 1989 - 1992 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- 2009 Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine
- 1996 Data Analyst, AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, Department of Infectious Diseases, Georgetown University Hospital. Analyzed safety information from clinical trails for submission to IRB.
- 1993, 94, 96 Instructor, Medical ethics course for second year medical students. College of Medicine, Georgetown University. Course Directors: Warren Reich, Christine Grady.
- 1993, 94 Research Assistant, *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, Second Edition. Edited by Warren Reich. College of Medicine, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
- 1989 - 1992 Faculty, Division of Humanities, Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, Florida.
- 1988 Research Assistant, Division of Medical Ethics and Humanities, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. Supervisor: David H. Smith.
- 1986 - 1988 Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Philosophy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.
- 1983 - 1985 Teaching/Laboratory Assistant, Departments of Philosophy, Environmental Science, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

PUBLICATIONS

- Chessa, F. "Wanted, Dead or Alive: The Ethics of Vital Organ Donation" (Letter to Editor) *Hastings Center Report*, (May-June 2009 2009): 4.
- Richeson, N.; P. White; K. Nadeau; F. Chessa; J. Dreher; C. Frost; C. Hurwitz; M. Nesbitt; D. Scotton; P. Todorich; S. Zimmerman. "Geriatric, Ethics, and Palliative Care: Tending to the Mind & Sprit" *Educational Gerontology* (2008)
- Chessa, F. and J. Murphy, "Building Bioethics Networks in Rural States: Blessings and Barriers" in C. M. Klugman & P. Dalinis, Editors, *Ethical Issues in Rural Health*. (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins Press, 2008)
- Chessa, F. "History and Theory of Ethics" in *Weiner's Pain Management: A Practical Guide for Clinicians*, 7th Edition. (Cleveland: CRC Press, August 2005)
- Chessa, F. "Endangered Species and the Right to Die" *Environmental Ethics*, Spring 2005.
- Chessa, F. McKibben's *Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age*" *Journal of Medical Ethics*, October 2004.
- Chessa, F. "Allowing Natural Death – Not so fast" (Letter to Editor) *Hastings Center Report* 34(5), (September-October 2004): 4.
- Chessa, F and S. Stark. Book Review: Kim's *Mind in a Physical World*, *Metapsychology* (website)

2001.

Neill, Kathleen M. and F. Chessa, "Recruitment and Retention of Women in Non-therapeutic Clinical Trials." *Journal of Applied Nursing Research*, (August 1998)

Chessa, F. and R.M. Walker, "Ethics and HIV in Community Mental Health" in *HIV and Community Mental Health*. Edited by M. Knox and C. Sparks. (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997)

Chessa, F. "Testing for HIV" in *Palliative Care: Patient and Family Counseling Manual*. Edited by D.E. Eutsey. (Aspen Publishers, 1996)

Chessa, F. and D.H. Smith, *Annotated Bibliography of the Ethical Aspects of the Physician/HIV Patient Relationship*, 1988. Monograph completed for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

Smith, D. H and F. Chessa, *Ethical Aspects of the Physician/HIV Patient Relationship*, 1988. Monograph completed for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Refereed)

"Translating Urban Bioethics to Rural Settings" (with others), *American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, October 2009

"Building Bioethics Networks in Rural States: Blessings and Barriers," with Julien Murphy, *American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, October 2004

"Trouble for the New Moral Intuitionism," *American Philosophical Association, Central Division Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2004

"Endangered Species and the Right to Die," *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Annual Meeting*, Santa Monica, CA, March 2004.

"Death, Dignity and Endangered Species," *Maine Philosophical Institute*, Portland Maine, April 2003

"Is the Sex of the Knower Epistemologically Significant," *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Annual Meeting* San Francisco CA, March 2003

"Commentary on Avoiding Harm by Substitution and the Problem of High-Order Multiple Births" *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Annual Meeting*. Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 5-8, 2000.

"Comparison of Survival Rates for Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation in Critical Care Settings and Television Dramas: Are TV Doctors Just Better?" *Far West American and Popular Culture Society Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, February 4-6, 2000.

"Bone Marrow Transplantation: Consenting on the Basis of Survival Alone" at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for Practical and Professional Ethics*, Washington DC, February 27, 1999.

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Death, Hope and Uncertainty in ICU Decision-making” with David Sedar, MD, Annual Palliative Care Conference, Portland, Maine, June 10, 2009

“Changing questions in ‘real life’ medical ethics,” Goldfarb Center Lecture Series, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, November 6, 2008

“Merge Ahead: Health, Ethics and Economics,” Annual Meeting, Society for Social Work Leadership Waterville, Maine, October 17, 2008

“To Vaccinate or Not To Vaccinate: That is the Question” with Jennifer Jewel, MD. MMC Department of Pediatrics, Grand Rounds, Portland Maine, July 27, 2008.

“Research Ethics: Living a Double Life” Tufts University School of Dentistry, Boston, Mass, July 18, 2008

“Ethics in the Care of Children with Cancer” National Meeting, Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers, Bar Harbor, Maine, May 17, 2008

“Ethical Controversies in Organ Transplantation” MMC Transplantation Conference, March 31, 2008, March 31, 2008

“Fraud, Deception, and Misconduct” MMCRI Research Symposia, Scarborough, Maine, April 23, 2008

“Who is afraid of (bored or confused by) ethical theory?” Clinical Ethics in Maine, Freeport Maine, October 10 and 11, 2007

“Surrogate Decision Making: Challenges to the tradition?” Clinical Ethics in Maine, Freeport Maine, October 10 and 11, 2007

“Clinical Ethics – Getting Started” Harvard Bioethics Course, Boston, Mass, June 2007

“The limits of parental authority to refuse medical care,” MMC Department of Pediatrics, Grand Rounds, Portland Maine, June 15, 2006

“Opioids and Ethics: Obligations to patients, ourselves and our community,” Downeast Association of Physicians Assistants, Bethel, ME, January 26, 2006

“Research Ethics: Living a double life,” MMC Nursing Research Day, December 5, 2005

“Ethics and Obstetrics,” Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds, May 12, 2006

"Beyond the (Ethical) Basics: Can the History of Ethics Contribute to Compassionate Care in Modern Medicine." *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Pain Management*, San Diego, California, September 25, 2005.

“The Art of Doing What Is Best” Fifth Annual Cancer Connections Conference, South Portland, Maine, November 19, 2004

"Case Discussion: Ethics and Kidney Transplant," Department of Nephrology, Maine Medical Center,

October 4, 2004.

“Values and Goals of Care,” Department of Nursing Ethics Conference, Maine Medical Center, September 17, 2004.

“The Use of Physical and Chemical Restraints – Current Concepts,” Department of Nursing Ethics Conference, Maine Medical Center, September 17, 2004.

"Case Discussion: Withdrawal of care in the perioperative period for newly diagnosed Burkitt's lymphoma." Residents' Morning Report, Department of Medicine., Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, August 26, 2004.

"Case Discussion: Chronic ventilator dependence and NICU residence for infant with inadequate social support." NICU, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, July 30, 2004.

“Beneficence and Autonomy in End-of-Life Decision Making,” Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, Maine Medical Center, July 15, 2004

“Building a Hospital Ethics Committee” Goodall Hospital, March 11, 2004

“Ethical Issues in the Approval of Persons for Kidney Transplantation,” Kidney Transplant Education Day, Department of Nephrology, Maine Medical Center, January 23, 2004.

“Ethical Issues in OB/GYN Surgical Service,” University of New Hampshire Medical Students, Portland, Maine, October 3, 2003, April 7, 2004, September 10, 2004.

“Case Consultation Models: Refusal of Treatment,” Maine Medical Center, Annual Ethics Retreat, Freeport, Maine, September 23, 2003.

“Ethics and Care at the End of Life,” at *Clinical Ethics: Decisions in Health Care Practice*, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, June 13, 2003.

“New Reproductive Technologies and the Threat of the Unnatural,” at *Frankenstein: The Long Life of the Monster*, Sponsored by Maine Humanities Council. Brunswick, Maine, March 2, 2002. □ Ethics, Diversity and Spiritual Care, □ Annual Meeting of Southern Nevada Hospital Chaplains, Sunrise Hospital, Las Vegas, October 20, 1999.

“Case Consultation: Withdrawing Life Sustaining Treatment in a Nursing Home Setting,” Hospice of IHS, Las Vegas, October 6, 1999.

“Health Care Ethics,” at *Health Care Ethics* Conference, Valley Hospital Medical Center, Las Vegas, April 8, 1999.

“Ethics and Critical Care Nursing,” St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Henderson, Nevada, March 24, 1999.

"Principles and Principlism in Medical Ethics" at the conference *Ethics and Health Care: Theory and Practice*, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Washington, DC, January 26, 1995.

"Informed Consent and Bone Marrow Transplantation" at the program Nursing Care of Bone Marrow Transplant Patients, Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC, November 10, 1994.

"Case Study: Neonatal Heart Transplants," Perinatal Nursing Rounds, Georgetown University Hospital,

Washington, DC, December 1, 1992.

"Limits to Parental Decision-making Authority," Neonatal Intensive Care In service, Georgetown University Hospital, November 12, 1992.

"HIV Diagnosis and Testing," "HIV Test Counseling," and "Risk Reduction and Health Education" at the conference HIV Test Counseling: Advanced Concepts and Techniques, Tampa, Florida, March 5-6, 1992.

"HIV: Basic Facts and Issues," a four-hour program presented multiple times in Florida to approximately 2000 health care providers, 1990-92.

"Ethical Perspectives of the HIV Epidemic" presented at HIV Clinical Tutorials, a series of 18 tutorials presented at the University of South Florida, 1988-90.

"Ethical Issues of the HIV Epidemic," at the *Annual Meeting of the Florida Association of Hospital Pharmacists*, Orlando, Florida, February 11, 1989.

"The Four Loves: Terminal Illness and Compassion" at the conference *C.S. Lewis: An Approach to Love and Grief*, Tampa, Florida, September 17, 1989.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Institutional Review Board, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, 2009-present.

Chair, Patient Grievance Committee, Maine Medical Center, 2005-present

Clinical Ethics Committee, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, 2002-present.

Chair, Reproductive Health Ethics Advisory Committee, Maine Medical Center, 2005-2009

Member, American Philosophical Society, 1997-present

Member, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, 2003-present

Ethics Consultant, Ethics Committee Design Project, Co-sponsors: University of New England, Goodall Hospital, Peabody Center. Supported by a grant from MEHAF. 2004.

Steering Committee, Department of Oncology, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, 2003-present.

Board of Directors and Vice-president, Maine Bioethics Network, 2004-present.

Board of Directors, The Bioethics Project, University of Southern Maine, 2004-present.

Faculty Advisor, Experiment in Community Governance, Bates College, 2003-04 academic year.

Institutional Review Board, Bates College, 2002-2005 (Chair, 2004-05 academic year).

Chair, Las Vegas Subcommittee, Nevada Center for Ethics and Health Policy, Reno, Nevada, 1998-2000. Supported by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and sponsored by the Nevada Attorney General Office, the Center's mission is to enhance the quality of end-of-life care in Nevada.

Ethics Committee, University Community Hospital, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1999-2000

Ethics Committee, St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Henderson, Nevada, 1998-2000

HIV test counselor, Department of Infectious Diseases, Georgetown University Hospital, 1992-1998.

Co-Investigator, "Enrollment of Women in Clinical Trials." 1997. Grant application submitted to the National Institutes of Health.

Ethics Consultant, Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Georgetown University Hospital, 1993-1996.

Speakers' Committee, Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1995-1996.

Graduate Student Representative to Faculty, Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1994-1996.

Board of Directors, SunCoast AIDS Network, 1991. SCAN is a not-for-profit consortium of health care providers and clients that coordinates Ryan White and other patient care funding for seven counties in the Tampa Bay area.

COURSES TAUGHT

Areas of Specialization: Health Care Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Ethical Theory

Areas of Competence: Metaethics, Epistemology

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Logic

Critical Thinking

Epistemology

Philosophy of Science

Philosophy of Law

Ethics, History and Theory (Graduate)

Health Care Ethics (Medical School, Undergraduate, Graduate)

Business and Professional Ethics (Graduate)

Environmental Ethics

Seminar in Ethics at the Beginning of Life

Seminar in Metaethics: Moral Realism and Irrealism

Seminar on the Intrinsic Value of Nature

Ethics and Economics in Practice: Valuing the Environment

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST