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### EMPLOYMENT

- 2020-present     **Associate Professor of Philosophy**, New York City College of Technology, Brooklyn, NY
- 2014-2020     **Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, New York City College of Technology, Brooklyn, NY
- 2013-2014     **Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, Cape Breton University, Sydney, NS
- 2012-2013     **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Novel Tech Ethics, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

### EDUCATION

- 2012            **PhD** in Health Care Ethics, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, August 2012.
- 2008            **MDiv**, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, January 2008, *cum laude*.
- 2004            **BA** in Philosophy, Biology, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA, May 2004, *cum laude*.

**Areas of Specialization**     Health Care Ethics, Political Philosophy, Kantian Political Philosophy

**Areas of Competence**     Normative Ethics, Health Policy, Professional Ethics

## RESEARCH

### Book

- 2022 MacDougall, D. Robert. [Righting Health Policy: Bioethics, Political Philosophy, and the Normative Justification of Health Law and Policy](#). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

In this book I argue that, despite the overtly political aspirations of bioethics, little bioethics work incorporates or interacts with the philosophical literature on governments and their moral limits. By examining contemporary bioethics in light of Kant's political philosophy (understood in the context of his broader practical theory), I demonstrate the shortcomings of contemporary bioethics treatments of health law and policy and give a detailed account of how political philosophy can shed light on two contemporary issues: the regulations governing the distributions of solid organs and the laws regulating informed consent.

### Journal articles (Blind Peer Review)

- 2021 "Must consent be informed? Patient rights, state authority, and the moral basis of the physician's duties of disclosure." *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*. 31 (3): 247-270.
- 2020 MacDougall, D Robert. "The Ends of Medicine and the Experience of Patients." *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 45 (2): 129-44.
- 2019 MacDougall, D Robert. "Intervention Principles in Pediatric Health Care: the Difference Between Physicians and the State." *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 40 (4): 279-97.
- 2019 MacDougall, D. Robert. Sometimes merely as a means: Why Kantian philosophy requires the legalization of organ sales. *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 44(3): 314-334
- 2018 Resnik, David B., D. Robert MacDougall, and Elise M. Smith. "Ethical dilemmas in protecting susceptible subpopulations from environmental health risks: Liberty, utility, fairness, and accountability for reasonableness." *The American Journal of Bioethics* 18 (3):29-41.
- 2015 MacDougall, D. Robert. [Whistleblowing: Don't Encourage It, Prevent It](#). *International Journal of Health Policy and Management* 5 (3): 189-191.

- 2014 MacDougall, D. Robert. Whistleblowing and the bioethicist's public obligations. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 23 (4):431-442.
- 2013 MacDougall, D. Robert. Liberalism, authority, and bioethics commissions. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 34 (6): 461-477.
- 2013 MacDougall, D. Robert. Physicians' strikes and the competing bases of physicians' moral obligations. *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 23 (3): 249-274.
- 2010 MacDougall, D. Robert. Rawls and the refusal of medical treatment to children. *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 35 (2):130-53.

**Article commentaries and book reviews (Editorial Review)**

- 2018 MacDougall, D. Robert, Elise M. Smith, and David B. Resnik. "Unjust Outcomes and Unfair Process?" *The American Journal of Bioethics* 18(4): W10-W12.
- 2014 MacDougall, D. Robert. Book Review: *Reconceiving Medical Ethics*, edited by C. Cowley. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. 11(6):782-785.
- 2013 MacDougall, D. Robert. [National Obesity Rates: A Legitimate Health Policy Endpoint?](#) *The Hastings Center Report* 43(3):7-8.
- 2011 MacDougall, D. Robert, and Griffin Trotter. [Rights and Basic Health Care](#). *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 36 (6):529-36.
- 2010 MacDougall, D. Robert. [Book Review: Innovation and the Pharmaceutical Industry](#). *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 19 (02):264-8.

**Working Papers (available by request)**

Defining "health" in liberal theories of health justice: Trying not to get it right (being revised for publication)

**Professional presentations**

- 2021 "Vulnerable Populations, Distributive Justice, and Public Health." With David B. Resnik. American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, via Zoom (October, 2021).

- 2021 “Rights as the basis for political legitimacy.” New York City Early Career Ethics Workshop. NYCCT, Brooklyn, NY (April, 2021)
- 2019 “Kantian moral theory and the problem of political legitimacy.” New York City Early Career Ethics Workshop. NYCCT, Brooklyn, NY (November, 2019)
- 2019 Invited commentary on symposium paper, “Kant's Organic Republic: Judging Property Purposively” (Aaron Jaffe). American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York, NY (January 2019)
- 2018 Panel participant, “Science and Technology of Frankenstein.” 3rd annual City Tech Science Fiction Symposium, "200 years of Interdisciplinarity Beginning with Mary Shelly's Frankenstein.” NYCCT, Brooklyn, NY (November 2018).
- 2018 "AI and clinical ethics: What difference does being human make?" Paper presented as part of panel, “How artificial would AI ethics advice be? How intelligent? Exploring the future of AI in clinical ethics," at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA (October 2018).
- 2018 “Justifying physicians’ legal disclosure requirements: Professional, moral, or political?” MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, Manchester, UK (September 2018)
- 2018 “Chemotherapy and Court-Ordered Mandates: The Problems with the Best Interests Standard as a Basis for Legal Decision Making.” Saint Louis University Bicentennial Health and Social Justice Conference, St. Louis, MO (September 2018)
- 2018 “Health justice and the moral specialness of health.” Saint Louis University Bicentennial Health and Social Justice Conference, St. Louis, MO (September 2018)
- 2018 “Chemotherapy and Court-Ordered Mandates: The Problems with the Best Interests Standard as a Basis for Legal Decision Making.” Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, Halifax, NS (May 2018)
- 2017 “Finding the center of informed consent laws: autonomy or justice?” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Kansas City, MO (October 2017)
- 2017 “Defining ‘health’ in ‘health justice’: Some problems.” Invited plenary lecture at City Tech Faculty Research Conference, Brooklyn, NY (May 2017)

- 2017 "Conceptions of Health in a Liberal Society: Thick or Thin?" Long Island Philosophical Society, Queens, NY (April 2017)
- 2017 "Kantian Arguments for Legalizing a Market in Organs." American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore MD (January 2017).
- 2016 "Legislating Morality? Bioethics and the Normative Evaluation of Health Policy." Invited lecture, City Tech Scholars Exchange, Brooklyn, NY (October 2016)
- 2016 "Culture and court-ordered mandates: The limits of the best interests standard for pediatric decision making and policy." American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Washington DC (October 2016).
- 2016 "Conceptions of health in a liberal society: Thick or thin?" American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Washington DC (October 2016).
- 2016 "Industry and impartiality: The case against restricting sources of funding in academic ethics," Long Island Philosophical Society, Rockville Center, NY (April 9, 2016).
- 2015 "Health and Disease: How much can science tell us?" Invited lecture. Houghton College Science Colloquium (October 2015)
- 2015 "Kant on the implications of human rights for commerce in human bodies," Canadian Bioethics Society (May 2015).
- 2013 "Industry and impartiality: The case against restricting sources of funding in academic ethics," Cape Breton University New Faculty Symposium (November 2013)
- 2013 "Why bioethics needs normative political philosophy," American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (October 2013)
- 2013 "Whistleblowing, moral courage, and bioethicists as public representatives," poster presentation, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (October 2013)
- 2013 "Normative political philosophy and expanding our methodological toolbox," Canadian Bioethics Society (May 2013)
- 2013 "The profession of bioethics and consultation with private, for-profit corporations," Canadian Bioethics Society (May 2013)
- 2013 "Kantian political philosophy and legal standards of disclosure," Dalhousie Philosophy Department Colloquium (March 2013)

- 2012 “Legal standards of disclosure and division of the moral landscape,” Saint Louis University Graduate School Association Symposium (April 2012)
- 2010 “Physicians' strikes and the moral implications of professionalism,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (October 2010)
- 2010 “Sphere sovereignty and subsidiarity in health care reform,” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture (October 2010)
- 2004 “Philosophy of Biology,” Vanderbilt Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (2004)

### **Reviewed Blog Posts**

- 2016 MacDougall, D. Robert. 1/31/2016. “[Whistleblowing: Don't Encourage It, Prevent It.](#)” Invited videocast for *International Journal of Health Policy Management*.
- 2014 MacDougall, D. Robert. 12/8/2014. [Who should decide what is in a child's best interest?](#) *Impact Ethics Blog: Making a difference in bioethics*.
- 2013 MacDougall, D. Robert. 9/5/2013. [Impartiality and industry funding.](#) *Impact Ethics Blog: Making a difference in bioethics*.
- 2013 MacDougall, D. Robert. 3/11/2013. [Why target national obesity rates?](#) *Bioethics Forum: The Blog of the Hastings Center Report* (Revised version of “National Obesity Rates: A Legitimate Health Policy Endpoint?”— see above).

### **Awards/Grants**

- 2019 PSC-CUNY Award # 62103-00 50. Summer salary for work on book, *Righting Health Policy*. \$3500.
- 2017 CUNY Book Completion Award. Funds for working towards completion of *Righting Health Policy*. \$5000. One of ten winners from 117 entries CUNY-wide.
- 2017 PSC-CUNY Award # 60218-00 48. Summer salary for work on book, *Righting Health Policy*. \$3500.
- 2016 PSC-CUNY Award # 69193-00 47. Summer salary for work on book proposal, *Righting Health Policy*. \$3500.

- 2013 Café Scientifique, “Withdrawing life-sustaining care: Making sense of disagreement among experts.” Canadian Institutes of Health Research. \$3000.
- 2011 Dissertation Fellowship. Saint Louis University (one of three awarded university-wide). \$19,580.
- 2010 Humane Studies Fellowship. \$2000.
- 2008 *Certificate in Science and Religion*, Boston Theological Institute (Bioethics Track)

### **Editing experience**

- 2011 Guest Editor for December, 2011 issue of the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, “Defining and providing a decent minimum of health care.”
- 2010 Copyediting for *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* June 2010 issue on death and dead donor rule
- 2009 Assistant Guest Editor for April, 2009 issue of *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* on the UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE and QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Departmental Service**

- Ongoing Active guest-lecturer in multiple interdisciplinary courses (including Learning Places: Understanding the City, Weird Science: Interpreting and Redefining Humanity, The United States and the Global Cold War, Health Psychology, Behavioral Economics, Environmental Sociology, Health Communications). I give 12+ guest lectures on philosophy in these courses every year.
- 2016–present Philosophy Discipline Coordinator. Responsibilities include overseeing philosophy curriculum development and organizing philosophy adjunct teaching schedules every semester.

### **Mentoring Activities**

Emerging Scholars Program Mentor (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

### **Curriculum Development**

- 2021 OER Fellowship Program. Program for developing Ethics (PHIL 2103) into an Open Educational Resource course.
- 2019 OER Fellowship Program. Program for developing Philosophy of Law (PHIL 3211) into an Open Educational Resource course.
- 2019 OER Fellowship Program. Program for developing Health Care Ethics (PHIL 2203) into an Open Educational Resource course.
- 2018 OER Fellowship Program. Program for developing Interdisciplinary Health Care Ethics (PHIL 2203ID) into an Open Educational Resource course.
- 2016 PHIL2114, "Business Ethics in a Global Context," developed and proposed. Approved by College Council, May 2016.
- 2015 PHIL2203ID, "Interdisciplinary Health Care Ethics," developed and proposed. Approved 2015.

### **Certifications and Development Programs**

- 2012 Certificate in University Teaching Skills, Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence, Saint Louis University (May 2012)

### **Courses Taught**

*See appendix.*

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2019-present **Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, Editorial Advisory Board**
- 2018-present **New York City Ethics Workshop, Organizer**



This group meets once a month at New York City College of Technology to give detailed criticism and feedback on a pre-circulated draft of a member paper. The group is open to ethicists working in the NYC greater metropolitan area.

### **Panels organized**

2013 “Innovating Political Philosophy in Bioethics,” (organizer), American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (October 2013)

### **Conference moderator**

2015 Canadian Bioethics Society

### **Public education**

2014 Organizer. “Withdrawing life sustaining care: Making sense of disagreement among experts.” Panel discussion, CIHR Café Scientifique. Halifax, NS (March, 2014).

2013 Discussion leader. *Off-label*. Spring film series, Halifax Public Library (June 2013)

2013 Organizer. “Academics and society: Producing knowledge or making an impact?” *Bioethics in the City* event. Dalhousie University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (May 2013)

2013 Organizer and presenter. “Medical Whistleblowing: Protecting Society’s Protectors.” Public event hosting Dr. Nancy Olivieri. Dalhousie University Medical School (March 2013)

2011, 2009 Teacher. “Christianity and Political Ethics,” Six-week course, Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Oct.-Dec., 2009; again, October-December, 2011)

### **Referee**

*Kantian Journal*

*Synthese*

*British Medical Journal*

*International Journal of Health Policy and Management*

*Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*

*Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*

## **CLINICAL AND OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- 2011-2012      Participant in monthly case discussions, Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics and Saint Louis University Hospital, 2011-2012
- 2009            SLU hospital observation in the Emergency Room and NICU, Feb.-Jun. 2009
- 2009            Hospice volunteer, Odyssey Health Care, June 2009
- 2008            CDC Ethics Team internship (Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA, August 2008). Helped develop emergency recommendations for simulated bio-terror attack during CDC-wide Anthrax Response Exercise

**APPENDIX: COURSES TAUGHT**

	<b>Courses taught:</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Total Sections</b>
2014-	<u>New York City College of Technology:</u>			
	Ethics	PHIL2103	3	4
	Health Care Ethics	PHIL2203	3	6
	Interdisciplinary Health Care Ethics	PHIL2203 ID	3	17
	Philosophy of Law	PHIL3211	3	5
2013-14	<u>Cape Breton University:</u>			
	Feminist Philosophy	PHIL2105	3	1
	Medical Ethics	PHIL2111	3	2
	Business Ethics	PHIL2117	3	1
	Ethical and Legal Issues in Nursing I	PHIL3130	3	1
	Ethical and Legal Issues in Nursing II	PHIL3130	3	2
2012	<u>Saint Louis University:</u>			
	Ethics in Nursing and Health Care (Master's-level course)	NURS503 -09	2	1