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About

Dr Stephen Smith has recently completed a major work exploring the **bioethical and legal ramifications of end of life decisions.** (</schools/law/news/2012/smith-end-life-book.aspx>)

Feedback and office hours

In the first semester of 2014-2015, my Office and Feedback Hours will be:

Tuesdays, 1 -3 PM

Students are welcome to see me during these hours without an appointment. If you need to see me outside these hours, please email me at s.w.smith@bham.ac.uk to arrange a mutually acceptable time.

Qualifications

- BA
- JD (Washington University School of Law)
- PhD (Manchester)

Biography

Stephen Smith joined Birmingham Law School as a Lecturer in 2003. Prior to that, he completed his PhD at the University of Manchester on the impact of autonomy and paternalism on physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia in 2003. He also completed a Juris Doctorate degree at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. which he received in 1998. He also has a B.A. in Psychology from Mercyhurst College which he received in 1995.

Teaching

- Bioethics (LLB, module leader)
- Jurisprudence (LLB, module leader)
- Criminal Law & Medicine (LLM, module leader)

Postgraduate supervision

- Bioethics
- Medical Law; Health Care Law
- Jurisprudence

Current doctoral supervision

Dr Smith is currently supervising two doctoral students undertaking research in the following areas:

- Foetal sex selection using pre-implantation genetic diagnosis for non-medical reasons
- Confidentiality and truth telling: bioethics and judicial decision making

Research

Dr Smith specialises in medico-ethical issues at the end of life and is currently writing a book exploring the bioethical and legal ramifications of end of life decisions. He has given papers at seminars and international conferences in Sydney, Manchester, Toronto, London and Birmingham.

Other activities

Publications

Books

- [**End of Life: Principles and Policies for Regulating the Dying Process**](http://www.cambridge.org/gb/knowledge/item6630542) (2012) (Cambridge University Press).
- [**The Medical, Legal and Cultural Regulation of the Body: Transformation and Transgression**](http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9780754677369) (with Ronan Deazley, eds.) (2009) (Ashgate Publishing) ISBN-10: 0754677362/ ISBN-13: 978-0754677369

Chapters in Books

- Stephen W. Smith, *Dignity as a socially constructed value* in The Criminal Law and Bioethical Conflict: Walking the Tightrope (Amel Alghrani, Suzanne Ost and Rebecca Bennett, eds.) (Cambridge University Press) (forthcoming).
- *The Value of Life: George Bailey and the life not worthy of being lived* in Orientations on the Right to Life: Law, Politics and Ethics (John Yorke ed.) (2009) (Ashgate Publishing).
- *Precautionary Reasoning in Determining Moral Worth*, in Law and Bioethics, Current Legal Issues, Volume 11 (Michael Freeman ed.) (2008) (Oxford University Press).
- *Dignity: The Difference between Abortion and Neonaticide for the Severely Disabled*, in The Criminal Justice System and Health Care (Charles Erin & Suzanne Ost eds.) (2007) (Oxford University Press).

Peer-reviewed Articles

- H. Draper, J. Ives, H. Pall, S. Smith, S. Damery, and S. Wilson, *Reporting end-of-life practice: can we trust doctors to be honest?*, 23 Palliative Medicine 673 (2009).
- *Empirical research in the debate on physician-assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia*, 2 Clinical Ethics 129 (2007).
- *Some Realism about End of Life: the Current Prohibition and the Euthanasia Underground* 33 The American Journal of Law and Medicine 55 (2007).
- *Fallacies of the Logical Slippery Slope in the Debate on Physician-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*, 13 Medical Law Review 224 (2005).
- *Evidence for the Practical Slippery Slope in the Debate on Physician Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*, 13 Medical Law Review 17 (2005).
- *The Killing of Severely Disabled Newborns: the Spectre Behind the Legalisation of Physician-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia?* 24 Medicine and Law 791 (2005).

Other articles

- *Assisted Suicide and the Law: what Every Nurse Should Know*, 19 British Journal of Nursing 858 (2010).
- *New Guidelines on Assisted Suicide: Will Nurses be Prosecuted?*, 18 British Journal of Nursing 1396 (2009).

