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About

Clark Hobson is currently finishing his PhD, entitled: 'Interpretivism and the Four Principles Approach to Biomedical Ethics: Judicial Decision Making in Cases with an Inherently Ethical Content'. The thesis provides an integrated legal and bioethical framework to show how judges can take a more proactive attitude in dealing responsibly with the inherent ethical issues in certain medical law cases. His supervisor is **Dr Stephen W. Smith (/staff/profiles/law/smith-stephen.aspx)** .

Qualifications

- LLB (Hons), University of Birmingham

Biography

Clark graduated from the University of Birmingham in 2010 with first class honours in Law. Later that year, Clark joined Birmingham Law School as a Postgraduate Teaching Assistant. During his undergraduate studies, Clark was awarded both the St. Phillips Chambers Prize, and the Sir Henry Barber Law Scholarship, in recognition of his academic achievements. During his PTAship, Clark was a Universitas 21 Visiting Scholar. After three years as a Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, Clark was employed as a Teaching Associate at the Law School, prior to taking up his Teaching Fellowship.

Teaching

- Property Law A (LLB)

Doctoral research

PhD title 'Interpretivism and the Four Principles Approach to Biomedical Ethics: Judicial Decision Making in Cases with an Inherently Ethical Content'
Supervisor **Dr Stephen W. Smith (/staff/profiles/law/smith-stephen.aspx)**
Course **Law PhD / PhD by Distance Learning / MPhil / MJur (/postgraduate/courses/research/law/law.aspx)**

Research

Clark's primary research interests are in bioethics and jurisprudence. More specifically, Clark is currently focussing on methodological issues in Tom L. Beauchamp & James F. Childress's bioethical theory, and contemporary debates surrounding Ronald Dworkin's theory of law. Clark is also on the organising committee of the 'Ethical Judgments Project', a large collaborative project, the purpose of which is to re-write a series of important UK medical law cases so that they are ethically as well as legally acceptable decisions.

Clark's secondary research interest is land law. Clark has recently delivered a paper at the Modern Studies in Property Law Postgraduate Conference, on whether the concept of "Property" is interpretive in nature.

Other activities

Clark has sat as Postgraduate Representative on the Law School's Staff-Student Consultative Committee, and on the Law School's Postgraduate Research Board. He has co-organised a multidisciplinary PhD conference, "Regulating Behaviour: Law, Theory and Practice", and has recently co-completed a project for the Law School's Bank of Assessed Materials, accessible on Canvas.

Publications

Book Review, Tom L. Beauchamp, *Standing on Principles: Collected Essays* (2012) 20 (1) Medical Law Review 173-181

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