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About

Dr Sheelagh McGuinness is a Birmingham Fellow based in the Centre for Health Law, Science & Policy, at Birmingham Law School. Her research interests span law and bioethics (particularly reproduction, medical migration, and disability) focusing on the interplay between law, ethics, and policy.

[Image of Dr Sheelagh McGuinness courtesy of Wellcome Images]

Qualifications

- BA Philosophy & Legal Science (Galway)
- LLB (Galway)
- MA in Health Care Ethics & Law (Manchester)
- PhD (Manchester)

Biography

Before joining Birmingham as a Birmingham Fellow Sheelagh was a lecturer in the Centre for Professional Ethics and the School of Law at Keele University.

Teaching

LLM:

Health and Human Rights

Gender and Crime

Socio-Legal Theory

Undergraduate:

Introduction to the Study of Law

Postgraduate supervision

Sheelagh currently supervises three doctoral students. She is be happy to supervise postgraduate research in any of her areas of interest -

The legal and ethical issues raised by:

- reproduction and law;
- abortion;
- assisted reproductive technologies;
- biotechnologies more generally;
- embryos;
- organ donation

Research

Sheelagh's research interests are in health law, ethics and policy. She is currently working on two main research projects:

- Reproductive Justice
- Medical Migration and Health Crimes

Other activities

Professional service

Member of the:

- Editorial Board of *Feminist Legal Studies*
- Independent Ethics and Governance Council of UK Biobank
- Medical Ethics Committee of the Royal College of General Practitioners
- Working group convened by the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group exploring the subject 'organ tourism
- Ethics Advisory Board of SysMedBio (FP7/2007-2013) No 305564
- Humanities and Social Sciences Ethics Review Committee, University of Birmingham

Grant income

- (with Fran Amery) 2013: Awarded £5260 from the Wellcome Trust to support a workshop entitled 'Beyond the Rights and Wrongs of Abortion: Access as a Question of Reproductive Justice' (Wellcome Award WT101710AIA)
- Primary Investigator (with Dr. Tom Walker as co-investigator) 2010: Awarded: £18,671 from the Arts and Humanities Research Council to support a scoping study entitled 'CHORDS - Community: Healthcare Organisation and Regulation in a Diverse Society'.
- (with Dr. Tom Walker & Professor Stephen Wilkinson) 2010: Awarded £5000 from the Wellcome Trust to support a workshop entitled 'Consent and Organ Donation' (Wellcome Award WT095020MA).
- (with Professor Michael Thomson) 2009: Awarded £1951 from the Wellcome Trust to support a workshop entitled 'Conscientious Objection in Public Life' (Wellcome Award WT090760MF).

Publications

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

- Sheelagh McGuinness & Jean McHale 'Transnational Crimes Related to Health: How should the law respond to illicit organ tourism?' *Legal Studies* (Forthcoming)
- '**Law, Reproduction, and Disability - Fatally 'Handicapped (http://medlaw.oxfordjournals.org/content/21/2/213)** '?' (2013) 21 *Medical Law Review* 213-242.
- Sheelagh McGuinness & Sorcha Uí Chonnachtaigh, '**Implications of Recent Developments in Ireland for the Status of the Embryo (http://journals.cambridge.org/abstract_S0963180111000089)**' (2011) 20 *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 396-408.
- Sheelagh McGuinness & Margaret Brazier, '**Respecting the Living means respecting the Dead (http://ojls.oxfordjournals.org/content/28/2/297.abstract)**' (2008) 28 *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, 297-316.
- '**Research Ethics Committees: The Role of Ethics in a Regulatory Body (http://jme.bmj.com/content/34/9/695.abstract)**' *Journal of Medical Ethics* (2008) 34 *Journal of Medical Ethics* 695-700.
- Sheelagh McGuinness & Amel Alghrani, '**Gender and Parenthood: The Case for Realignment (http://medlaw.oxfordjournals.org/content/16/2/261.extract)**' (2008) 16 *Medical Law Review* 261 – 283.
- '**Best Interests and Pragmatism (http://www.springerlink.com/content/xjn4j478058u671j/)**' (2008) 16 *Health Care Analysis* 208-218.

Commentaries; review articles; book reviews; non-peer reviewed & shorter papers

- Sheelagh McGuinness & Fionnuala Gough 'Europe, Bioethics in: V. REPUBLIC OF IRELAND' in Bruce Jennings *et al* (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Bioethics (4th Edition)* (Gale-Macmillan, Forthcoming)
- Sheelagh McGuinness '**Health, human rights and the regulation of reproductive technologies in S.H. And others V Austria (application no. 57813/00) (2013) (http://medlaw.oxfordjournals.org/content/21/1/146.full)**' *21 Medical Law Review* 146-160.
- '**A, B, AND C LEADS TO D (FOR DELEGATION!) A, B and C v. Ireland 25579/05 [2010] ECHR 2032 (http://medlaw.oxfordjournals.org/content/19/3/476.short?rss=1)**' (2011) 19 *Medical Law Review* 476-491.
- '**Problems of Patient and Professional Responsibilities in Organ Transplantation (http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=7954242)**' (2011) 20 *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 147-149.
- **Book Review: Birthing the Mother: The Surrogate Body and the Pregnant Self (http://www.bionews.org.uk/page_62051.asp)**, *Bionews* August 2nd 2010
- '**Abortion: Prohibitions and Exceptions (http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15265160902948322)**' (Open Peer Commentary: The Target Article is entitled "PND and abortion for congenital abnormalities: is it ethical to provide one without the other?) (2009) 9 *American Journal of Bioethics* 70-72.
- Sheelagh McGuinness and Ruth Wilkinson, 'Nurses, Research, and the Law' (2009) 18 *British Journal of Nursing* 559-560.
- Sheelagh McGuinness & Margaret Brazier, 'Conscience and good medical practice: is there a conflict of values?' (2008) 8 *Laicidad y libertades* 195-226.
- **Book Review: Cooperation, Complicity & Conscience (http://medlaw.oxfordjournals.org/content/15/2/262.extract)** (2007) 15 *Medical Law Review* 262-267.
- HUMAINE Deliverable 10c: An Ethical Framework for Emotion-Related Computing **http://emotion-research.net/deliverables/D10c-Deliverable-final.pdf (http://emotion-research.net/deliverables/D10c-Deliverable-final.pdf)**

Chapters in edited volumes

- 'The Construction of the Embryo and Implications for Law' in Muireann Quigley, Sarah Chan, and John Harris (Eds.) *Stem Cells: New frontiers in science and ethics* (World Scientific Publishing, 2012)
- An Ethical Framework for Emotion-Related Computing' in Petta, Paolo; Pelachaud, Catherine; Cowie, Roddy (Eds.) *Emotion Oriented Systems: The Humaine Handbook* (Springer, 2011)
- Phil Dyer and Sheelagh McGuinness, 'The Organ Allocation Algorithm' in Farrell, A.M., Price, D., and Quigley, M. (Eds.) *Organ Shortage: Ethics Law and Pragmatism.* (Cambridge University Press, 2011)

Journal editing

- Special section of the *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethic* on 'Consent and Organ Donation'. [Volume 22, Number 1 / January 2013]
- Co-edited a special issue of the *Journal of Identity in the Information Society* (IDIS) on 'Genetics, Information, and Identity'. [Volume 3, Number 3 / December 2010]

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