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About

Title of thesis: **The Feminist Ethics of Care and Healthcare Decision-Making involving Children**

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Availability

Thursdays 2-4pm in Room G2.

Qualifications

- LLB (Hons) – University of Wales, Aberystwyth- 1995
- Bar Vocational Course – Inns of Court School of Law- 1996
- Barrister at Law – Gray's Inn- Call November 1996
- LLM Criminal Law and Criminal Justice (Distinction) - University of Birmingham – 2012.
- AFHEA - Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy - 2013.

Biography

Kirsty Moreton is a non-practicing Barrister and is currently a Teaching Associate and PhD candidate at Birmingham Law School. Her research focuses on the Feminist Ethics of Care and its applicability to healthcare decision-making involving children.

Kirsty graduated from the University of Wales- Aberystwyth with an LLB (Hons) degree in 1995 and was awarded the Calcott Pryce prizes for her academic performance in the subjects of Evidence and Civil Liberties & Human Rights. She subsequently completed her Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1996. Since 1999, she has been a Senior Partner in a Birmingham Marketing and Design Firm. In 2012 she completed an LLM in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice at the University of Birmingham, receiving the highest mark in the cohort and graduating with Distinction. She was also runner-up in the University's Postgraduate Cup Mooting Competition for 2012. Her Masters Dissertation on Personality-Disordered Offenders in the Criminal Justice System was shortlisted for the Howard League on Penal Reform's National John Sunley Prize in 2013. She joined the Law School as a Teaching Associate in 2012 and became an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in 2013.

Teaching

- Legal Issues in Healthcare

Doctoral research

PhD title The Feminist Ethics of Care and Healthcare Decision-Making involving Children

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Course **[Law PhD / PhD by Distance Learning / MPhil / MJur \(/postgraduate/courses/research/law/law.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/research/law/law.aspx)**

Research

Kirsty's research interests are broad and encompass the fields of Criminal Law, Family Law, Mental Health, Ethics and Human Rights. Her Masters' research focused on Anti-Social Personality Disorder and how it is addressed within the Criminal Justice System. Her Doctoral research will explore the feminist ethics of care and its validity as a workable ethical approach in addressing medical decision-making for and by children in the middle years of childhood.

Other activities

Papers and Presentations:

- 'Caring in the Middle: Reviving the Best Interests Test for Healthcare Decision-Making in Mid-Childhood' - Care and Relationality Workshop, University of Birmingham - June 2014.
- 'The Boundaries of Best Interests in Mid-Childhood' - PGR Conference University of Birmingham - 'Transcending the Boundaries in the Law' - June 2014.

- 'How to talk about your research' - PGR Workshop, College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham- April 2014.
- 'Vulnerability in Death: The Liverpool Care Pathway Controversy and the Feminist Ethics of Care' - PECANS Workshop - 'Encounters with Vulnerability' - University of Newcastle - November 2013.
- 'The History and Legal Implications of the Feminist Ethics of Care' - PhD Forum University of Birmingham - June 2013.
- LLM Dissertation : 'Mad, Bad or Dangerous? Tracing the Journey of a Personality-Disordered Offender through the Criminal Justice System in a Modern Risk-Society'. Shortlisted for the National John Sunley prize - Howard League for Penal Reform - May 2013.

Publications

Kirsty Moreton, '[The Liverpool Care Pathway Controversy: Time to Revisit the Ethics of Care?](http://revaluingcare.net/the-liverpool-care-pathway-controversy-time-to-revisit-the-ethics-of-care/)' (6 December 2013) Revaluing Care Research Network

Book Chapter:

(2015) - Marie Fox and Kirsty Moreton, 'Re MB and St George's Healthcare NHS Trust v S: The Dilemma of the 'Court-Ordered' Caesarean' in Jonathan Herring and Jesse Wall (eds) *Landmark Cases in Medical Law* (Forthcoming).

Book reviews:

Kirsty Moreton, 'Jonathan Herring- Caring and the Law' (26 December 2013) *Medical Law Review* 2014 22(3) 452-457, 10.1093/medlaw/fwt042

Commentary:

(2014) - 'Gillick Reinstated: Judging Mid-Childhood Competence in Healthcare Law: An NHS Trust v ABC & A Local Authority [2014] EWHC 1445 (Fam). (12 Pages). *Medical Law Review*. First Published Online- 24 November 2014. doi: 10.1093/medlaw/fwu033

Poster: Joint Winner of the SLS Best Poster Competition.

(2014) - 'Who Cares? - Can the Ethics of Care help judges to determine 'best interests' in mid-childhood healthcare decisions?' 2014 SLS Annual Conference, University of Nottingham.

