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About

Title of thesis: **Veterinary Negligence: Legal and Ethical Considerations in Formulating a Duty of Care**

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Availability

I'm generally available most times. If you drop me an email, I'm sure we can find a good time!

Students can also attend my regular office hour, which is held every Thursday at 10:00, Room G7.

Qualifications

- BA *cum laude* in History (Concentrations in Classical and Renaissance History) and Ethics, University of Northern Iowa
- LLB (Hon.) (University of Birmingham)
- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Biography

Samantha graduated from the University of Birmingham with an Honours LLB in 2011. While at Birmingham, she also completed a dissertation on novel forms of actionable damage, looking specifically at the status of companion animals within veterinary negligence actions. Samantha then worked for a year contributing quarterly updates and written additions to the text "Damages for Breach of Contract" by Harvin D. Pitch and Ronald M. Snyder. During that same year, she co-authored a paper discussing recent developments in the fields of contract and tort law for the Law Society of Upper Canada. In 2012, she returned to Birmingham Law School as a Postgraduate Teaching Assistant and PhD candidate under the supervision of Dr. Claire McIvor and Professor Marie Fox.

Teaching

- Tort Law

Doctoral research

PhD title Veterinary Negligence: Legal and Ethical Considerations in Formulating a Duty of Care

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Research

Samantha's research interests lie in the fields of professional negligence and ethics, specifically in the areas of human and nonhuman medicine. Her research focuses on the legal and ethical considerations pertaining to the duty of care in human and non-human health-related negligence claims.

Other activities

Papers and Presentations:

- 'Veterinary Negligence and Animal Law Discourse: Theories on Damage and Harm'- Perspectives on Non-Human Bodies: Regulating and Contemplating the Vulnerable, University of Birmingham- November 2014
- 'Veterinary Negligence and Judicial Incertitude'- SLS Conference, University of Nottingham- September 2014
- 'Spot Goes to the Vet: Veterinary Negligence and Judicial Incertitude'- PGR Conference: Transcending the Boundaries in the Law- June 2014
- 'Navigating the NCA: Obtaining Legal Accreditation in Canada' – Birmingham Law School- November 2013
- 'Veterinary Negligence: Bioethical and Tortious Implications'- PGR Research Conference: Crossing Boundaries in Legal Research- May 2013

Workshops:

Samantha is currently co-organising a series of workshops at the University of Birmingham entitled: **'Theory & Practice in the Law of Torts'**. The workshops investigate novel and contentious areas within the law of torts. Funding for the series was provided by Birmingham Law School.

In 2014, Samantha was the lead organiser on an interdisciplinary workshop entitled: **Perspectives on Non-Human Bodies: Regulating and Contemplating the Vulnerable**. This workshop addressed our conflicting relationships with non-human animals and was funded by the College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham.

On-Campus Activities:

Samantha currently sits as the Postgraduate Representative on the Law School's Learning and Teaching Committee and is a tutor on Birmingham's fair access scheme a programme designed to help students from families and communities with little or no experience in Higher Education.

Samantha also acts as a Postgraduate Student Ambassador with the College of Arts and Law and in previous years acted as a Postgraduate Student Mentor.

Publications

- Samantha Schnobel, 'Veterinary Negligence: Ethical and Legal Perspectives on Formulating a Duty of Care' (1 October 2014) Revaluing Care Research Network
- Harvin D. Pitch and Samantha Schnobel, 'Contract and Tort: Some Recent Developments' (2012) Law Society of Upper Canada

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