

## **Speakers & Bios**

### **Ms Rikke Amundsen, University of Cambridge Centre for Gender Studies**

#### **Dr Clare Chambers, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge**

I am a University Senior Lecturer in Philosophy and a Fellow of Jesus College, University of Cambridge. My field is contemporary political philosophy. Before coming to Cambridge in 2006, I was Mary Somerville Junior Research Fellow at Somerville College, University of Oxford and, before that, Lecturer in Political Theory at the London School of Economics. I have a D. Phil in Political Philosophy from the University of Oxford (Nuffield College).

My field is contemporary political philosophy. I am particularly interested in contemporary liberalism, including autonomy, equality, multiculturalism and global justice; feminism, including the body, appearance norms and personal relationships; theories of social construction, including those of Michel Foucault and Pierre Bourdieu.

#### **Joyce Heckman, Course Development Officer at the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, University of Cambridge**

Investigating and developing new ideas for courses aimed at the postdoctoral community, writing funding bids in order to secure money for researcher development activities, liaising between the postdoctoral office and other divisions within the University of Cambridge, responding to face-to-face and electronic queries covering a range of questions and concerns, directing, referring and booking appointments with University divisions, arranging appointments and events at the postdoctoral office, providing training for new volunteers, providing feedback and making suggestions to improve services and activities

#### **Catherine Joynson, Programme Manager, Nuffield Council on Bioethics**

Since 2013, Catherine has managed a programme of activities that aims to introduce more flexibility to the Council's work and to ensure it engages with wide and diverse audiences. Catherine joined the Council in 2005 as its Communications Manager and prior to this was Science Policy Advisor at the Institute of Biology.

#### **Dr Melanie Latham, Reader in Law at the Manchester School of Law, Manchester Metropolitan University**

I worked originally in Political Science, moving on to Law and Society, and published 'Regulating Reproduction: a century of conflict in Britain and France', (MUP, 2002) which looked at the influence of feminist, medical and religious interest groups on the development of reproductive rights in twentieth century Britain and France. My research interests have become delineated by ideas around autonomy, rights and gender and are focussed currently upon the regulation of cosmetic surgery and patient autonomy. I see cosmetic surgery as an increasingly popular medical treatment for women that can pose challenges for ideas around culture and agency. I wish to see governments recognising these challenges and empowering patients. I am also researching in the fields of body modification, aesthetics, feminist ethics, nanotechnology regulation, and climate change.

#### **Fiona MacCallum, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick**

Interests are children's social and emotional development, parent-child relationships and their influence on the psychological development of children, comparing parenting and child development in different family forms, such as adoptive families, families created through assisted reproduction, and father-absent families. I am also interested in the development of gender-related behaviours.

**Dr Herjeet Marway, Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Birmingham**

My teaching and research relates to global issues in moral and political philosophy. I joined the department as a lecturer in 2014, and was a teaching fellow here in 2013/14. Before that I worked as a consultant in industry. My research interests are mainly in global gender justice, global bioethics, and relational autonomy.

**Professor Jean McHale, Professor of Health Care Law, Birmingham Law School  
University of Birmingham**

Professor Jean McHale researches and writes in the area of Health Care law. She has written several key works in the field and participated on several external policy committees. She is the Director of the Centre for Health Law, Science & Policy at Birmingham Law School and is one of the academic directors of the University of Birmingham Policy Commission, [Healthy Ageing in the 21st Century](#). Professor McHale is also the co-grant holder of an AHRC research network grant [The Changing Demands of Beauty](#) from January 2015- June 2016.

**Annabel Mednick, Artist**

Annabel completed an art foundation course at Loughton, then studied acting at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and later received a diploma from the Ecole des Arts d'Ixelles in Brussels, and a degree in Fine Art from University College Suffolk.

After ten years as a professional actor, Annabel concentrated on her painting. She won a commendation at the National Portrait Gallery's BP Portrait Awards, and has exhibited in France and Belgium, as well as at galleries in London, Cambridge, Southwold and Ipswich. Annabel's figurative oil paintings usually address themes of light and space, depicting a figure to consider the quiet moments between events. Her work hangs in many private collections.

**Ms Breana M Musella, University of Cambridge, Master of Philosophy (MPhil) student,  
Multidisciplinary Gender Studies**

**Anna Westin, Lecturer at St. Mary's University Twickenham**

Research interests are ethics, environmental sustainability, childcare, charity work, international development, political philosophy, existentialism, international relations, human dignity, personal identity, responsibility, bioethics, medical law, mental health ethics.

Anna is currently involved in bioethical discourse and ethics and has previously co-authored an article on current trends in psychological practices in Newfoundland, Canada in the Canadian psychological journal, *Psychopsis*.

**Miss Jennifer White, Postgraduate research student, University of Southampton School  
of Geography**

PhD research: ‘Transitions into the Legal Labour Market: Exploring the Experiences of Graduates Entering the Legal Profession in 2015’. Research interests are pay-gap; transitions to work; legal profession; economic downturn; gendered work identities; embodiment; graduate employment; feminist economics; cosmetics industry; cosmetic surgery; carcinogenic beauty practices.

**Professor Heather Widdows, John Ferguson Professor of Global Ethics, [Department of Philosophy](#), University of Birmingham**

Heather works on Global Ethics, Bioethics, Virtue Ethics and Feminist Theory. She is particularly interested in the ethical issues which arise in the context of globalization, including those of technological development, war and terrorism, poverty and development as well as bioethical issues; particularly, those of reproductive, research and genetic ethics. Her current focus is on beauty from the perspective of moral philosophy and justice. Her current focus is on beauty from the perspective of moral philosophy and justice.