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Education

Doctorate	Loyola University Chicago, in Bioethics
M.S.	Creighton University, in Health Care Ethics
B.A.	University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg in Humanities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philosophy, English Literature, and Communications

Employment

2019 – Present	Director of Membership and Ethics Education, Center for Practical Bioethics
2019 – Present	Instructor of Bioethics in the Department of Bioethics, Kansas City University
2016 – 2019	Adjunct Faculty in the Bioethics Program, University of Puget Sound
2015 – 2019	Bioethicist and Chair of the Bioethics Department, MultiCare Health System
2015 – 2015	Quality and Patient Experience Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
2014 – 2015	Developer of Ethics Content, The Institute of Consultative Bioethics
2012 – 2014	Strategic Planning Professional, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Areas of Specialty

Bioethics, Clinical Ethics, Normative Ethics

Areas of Competency

Metaethics, Moral Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Public Health, Health Policy

Professional Service

2019 – Present	Member, Saint Luke South/East Hospital Ethics Committee
2019 – Present	Member, North Kansas City Hospital Ethics Committee
2019 – Present	Member, Mosaic Life Care Hospital Ethics Committee
2019 – Present	Member, Advent Health Shawnee Mission Hospital Ethics Committee
2019 – Present	Member, Liberty Hospital Ethics Committee
2017 – 2019	Co-Chair, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Ethics Committee
2017 – 2019	Member, Clover Park Technical College Institutional Review Board
2017 – 2019	Member, Deaconess Hospital Ethics Committee
2016 – 2019	Member, Washington State Bree Collaborative, End of Life & Advance Care Planning
2016 – 2019	Member, MultiCare Health System Institutional Review Board
2016 – 2019	Member, MultiCare Code Lavender Steering Committee (<i>provider and staff moral distress</i>)
2016 – 2019	Member, University of Washington Cambia End-of-Life Care Transformation Committee

2016 – 2019	Advance Care Planning Instructor, Honoring Choices Pacific Northwest
2016 – Present	Member, American Philosophical Association
2015 – 2019	Administrator, MultiCare Advance Care Planning
2015 – 2019	Coordinator, Honoring Choices Pacific Northwest
2015 – 2019	Member, MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital Ethics Committee
2015 – 2019	Co-Chair, MultiCare Auburn Medical Center Hospital Ethics Committee
2015 – 2019	Co-Chair, MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital Ethics Committee
2015 – 2019	Consultant, MultiCare Health System Medical Ethics Consult Service
2015 – 2019	Member, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities

Presentations

"Futile Care: Identifying and Navigating." Keynote Speaker. Heartland Health Alliance and Bryan Health. Lincoln, NE. September 17, 2021.

"Social Isolation During a Pandemic." Invited Presenter. Mosaic Life Care. St. Joseph, MO. June 15, 2021.

"What a Bioethicist Says About Treating NDErs." Invited Presenter. International Association for Near-Death Studies, INC. Spring Symposium. *Providing Care for Those Touched by Near-Death and Related Experiences: Ethical Best Practices*. Virtual Symposium. April 30, 2021.

"Advance Care Planning". Invited Co- Presenter. North Kansas City Hospital Nurse Resident Rounds. Kansas City, MO. March 16, 2021.

"Advance Care Planning". Invited Co- Presenter. North Kansas City Hospital Nurse Resident Rounds. Kansas City, MO. March 11, 2021.

"Ethical Considerations in the Care of the Elderly." Invited Presenter. Moon River Senior Care and Transportation. Ashburn, VA. March 10, 2021.

"Withholding/Withdrawal of Life Sustaining Treatments." Invited Presenter. Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care Social Workers. Kansas City, MO. February 12, 2021.

"Bridging the communication gap between providers and patients." Invited Presenter. Mosaic Life Care. St. Joseph, MO. December 2, 2020.

"Healing Others and Ourselves in Times of Uncertainty." Invited Panelist. Advent Health ShawneeMission Hospital 12th Annual Jeffers Lecture. Kansas City, MO. October 27, 2020.

"Advance Care Planning and *Caring Conversations*." Invited Presenter. The Johnson County Mental Health & Aging Coalition Meeting. Kansas City, KS. October 27, 2020.

"Caring Conversations Training Session." Co-Presenter. Everygy. Kansas City, MO. October 19, 2020.

"Ethical Decision Making in Clinical Situations." Keynote Speaker. Heartland Health Alliance and Bryan Health. Virtual Webinar. August 7, 2020.

"Inside Bioethics." Invited Presenter. Northland Community Services Coalition. Kansas City, MO. May 6, 2020.

"4-Box Ethics in Nursing Homes." Invited Presenter. The National Nursing Home Social Work Network. Virtual Webinar. April 8, 2020

"Pandemic Ethics for Nursing Home Social Workers: Ethical Decision-Making in Nursing Home Social Work." Invited Presenter. The National Nursing Home Social Work Network. Virtual Webinar. March 27, 2020.

"Let's Talk Ethics: Inside Bioethics." Invited Presenter. Kansas City Veteran Affairs Hospital. March 11, 2020.

"Advance Care Planning". Invited Co- Presenter. North Kansas City Hospital Nurse Resident Rounds. Kansas City, MO. February 17, 2020.

"Ethical and Legal Challenges at the End of Life." Invited Presenter. Department of Surgery Grand Rounds at Saint Luke's Hospital. Kansas City, MO. February 13, 2020.

"Medical Ethics." Invited Presenter. Avila University Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society. Kansas City, MO. January 28, 2020.

Family Dynamics and Medical Decision Making. Invited Presenter. Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City Crittenton Children's Center. Kansas City, MO. January 13, 2020.

"Suspension of DNAR for Surgery." Webinar Presenter. Kansas City Area Ethics Committee Consortium. Kansas City, MO. January 9, 2020.

Why Language Matters in Clinical Ethics. Invited Lecturer. University of Kansas Health System. Kansas City, MO. January 2, 2020.

"Ethical Limitations of Informed Consent." Invited Lecturer. SSM Health St. Mary Hospital. General Medical Staff Meeting. Jefferson City, MO. November 14, 2019.

"Unrepresented (Unbefriended) Patients" Webinar Presenter. Kansas City Area Ethics Committee Consortium. Kansas City, MO. November 14, 2019.

"Inside: Bioethics". Presenter. DaVita Inc. Kansas City, MO. November 7, 2019.

Informed Consent. Presenter and facilitator. AdventHealth Shawnee Mission Ethics Committee. Kansas City, MO. September 19, 2019.

"Advance Care Planning and Bioethics." Presenter. St. Mary's Medical Center, Death over Dinner Workshop. Kansas City, MO. September 19, 2019.

"Surrogate Decision-Making Standards". Invited Presenter. Missouri Hospital Association MHA Hospital Physician Executive Group. Columbia, MO. September 13, 2019

"Advance Care Planning and *Caring Conversations*". Invited Presenter. Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators Summit. Kansas City, MO. August 24, 2019

Advance Care Planning and *Caring Conversations*[®]. Invited Presenter. Family Health Medical Group of Overland Park Patient Workshop. Overland Park, KS. August 22, 2019.

"Ethics 101: Crash Course". Invited Presenter. Ethical.AI Workshop, Defining Ethical Guidelines for Augmented Intelligence. Kansas City, MO. August 9, 2019.

"Inside: Bioethics". Get up to speed on Bioethics and the State of American Logistics. Presenter. The Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business, Mt. Rainier Chapter. Tacoma, WA. April 27, 2019.

"Bioethics Educators: Bioethics 392: Practicum in Clinical Bioethics". Presenter. American Society of Bioethics & Humanities Annual Conference. Anaheim, CA. October 19, 2018.

"Dilemmas & Documents: Ethics of Advance Care Planning". Invited Lecturer. Ethics Grand Rounds: Providence Health Care. Spokane, WA. August 14, 2018.

The Ethics of Pediatric Vaccine Refusal. Lecturer. East Pierce Family Medicine, Puyallup, WA. June 28, 2018.

Clinical Ethics and Moral Theory. Lecturer. The Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB) Fellowship Training Program, Tacoma General Hospital, Tacoma, WA. April 2, 2018.

"Being Prepared: Legally, Financially, Medically. Invited Lecturer. St. Paul Lutheran Church. Graham, WA, January 13, 2018.

"Inside Clinical Ethics". Invited Lecturer. University of Puget Sound Bioethics Club. Tacoma, WA. November 8, 2017.

Conversations in Medical Ethics: The Doubt in Medical Ethics. Invited Lecturer. University of Washington - Tacoma. Tacoma, WA, March 25, 2017.

"Limits of Language in Healthcare". Invited Lecturer. University of Puget Sound Bioethics Club. Tacoma, WA. September 26, 2018.

Bioethics and Chaplaincy. Lecturer. Good Samaritan Hospital, Puyallup, WA. March 4, 2017

End of Life Care - Quality vs. Quantity. A Vashon Conversation for the Living about Dying. Panelist in panel discussion. Vashon Island, WA. March 4, 2017

Engaging Clinicians for Improved Advance Care Planning and Guiding Ethical Use of Advance Directives. Invited Lecturer. Palliative Care Metrics Summit. University of Washington, Cambia Palliative Care Center. November 7, 2016

Promoting Advance Care Planning and Ethical Use of Advance Directives Across the Healthcare System. Invited Lecturer. Palliative Care Metrics Summit. University of Washington, Cambia Palliative Care Center. November 7, 2016.

Conversations in Medical Ethics: Movie Screening and Discussion of Being Mortal by Atul Gawande: Invited Panelist. University of Washington-Tacoma, Tacoma, WA. October 19, 2016.

Bioethics in the Clinical Setting. Lecturer. Good Samaritan Hospital. Puyallup, WA. September 29, 2016.

Bioethics and Social Work in the Clinical Setting. Lecturer. Auburn Medical Center, Auburn, WA. September 7, 2016

Conversations in Medical Ethics: Movie Screening and Discussion of Being Mortal by Atul Gawande: Invited Panelist. Tacoma General Hospital, Tacoma, WA. August 24, 2016.

Pediatric Bioethics. Co-Lecturer. Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Tacoma, WA. July 14, 2016

Workplace Stress and Burnout Prevention: A Code Lavender Presentation. Co-Lecturer. Tacoma Family Medicine Clinic, Tacoma, WA. May 19, 2016.

Conversations in Medical Ethics: Do No Harm: Navigating Cultural Differences. Invited Panelist. University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, WA. May 17, 2016.

Ethics and Truth-Telling in the Clinical Setting. Guest Lecturer. Tacoma Family Medicine Clinic, Tacoma, WA. May 5, 2016.

Bioethics in the Clinical Setting. Invited Lecturer. University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. April 13, 2016.

Ethical Implications of Advance Directives: Grand Rounds Presentation. Presenter/Lecturer, Auburn Medical Center. March 29, 2016

Conversations in Medical Ethics: Whose Choice is it? The Ethics of Advance Directive, Decision Makers, and Nicholas Sparks: Invited Community Lecturer. Tacoma General Hospital, Tacoma, WA. February 25, 2016.

Conversations in Medical Ethics: Hollywood Versus Reality in End of Life Scenarios: Exploring the Ethics of *The Choice*. Lecturer and Facilitator. Point Ruston, Tacoma, WA. February 5, 2016.

Bioethics in the Clinical Setting: Residency Lecture. Lecturer: HealthPoint Family Medicine. Puyallup, WA. January 26, 2016.

Conversations in Medical Ethics: Who Makes Medical Choices for You When You Are Voiceless? Invited Panelist. University of Washington-Tacoma, Tacoma, WA. December 1, 2015

Teaching

At Kansas City University

Summer 2021	BETH 510 - Clinical Consultations
Spring 2021	BETH 501 - History and Methodology of Bioethics
Spring 2021	BETH 507 - Clinical Dilemmas
Fall 2020	MED 123 - Bioethics I
Fall 2020	MED 223 - Bioethics II
Spring 2020	MED 323 - Bioethics III
Spring 2020	BETH 505 - Bioethics & Public Policy (graduate)
Fall 2019	MED 123 - Bioethics I
Fall 2019	MED 223 - Bioethics II

At the University of Puget Sound

Spring 2019	BIOE 350 - Clinical Ethics
Spring 2019	Bioethics Internship (Internship in MultiCare Bioethics Department)
Spring 2018	BIOE 392 - Practicum in Clinical Ethics
Spring 2017	BIOE 392 - Practicum in Clinical Ethics

Students Supervised

2017	Practicum Advisor and Mentor, Colleen Hanson. Mentor as part of Undergraduate thesis in Bioethics. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: A Philosophical Approach to the Standardization of Hospital Ethics Service.
2015 – 2016	Practicum Advisor and Mentor, Catherine Chmil, MS, RN. Mentor as part of Master's thesis in Bioethics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: Moral Distress as an Early Indication of Possible Ethical Conflicts.

Outside Consulting

- 2019
- Conflict of Interest | Clinical Trails. GLG Consultation. April 2019.
- Regarding policies and guidelines related to the conflicts of interests in the medical/biosciences space, specifically as it pertains to clinical trials. Discussion focused on how these policies were shaped and how investigators participating in a clinical trial navigate potential conflicts of interest.

Certifications

2019 – Present Healthcare Ethics Consultant – Certified (HEC-C)

Publications

Under Review or in Preparation

“Voluntary and Involuntary Nonadherence: Terminology for Determining Intention”

“It Should Take a Village. Clinical Decision Making for Unrepresented Patients”

“Ordinary Language in the Clinical Environment