

Curriculum vitae Katharine Browne

Personal Information

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Education

2012 **PhD**, University of Toronto, Canada

2005 **Master of Arts**, University of British Columbia, Canada

2003 **Honours Bachelor of Arts**, University of Toronto, Canada

Academic Positions

2016-present **Permanent Lecturer**, Langara College, Canada

2014-2015 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, Canada

2012-2014 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, University of Oslo, Norway

Professional Summary

My primary research areas are in ethics (especially biomedical ethics), social philosophy, and philosophy of economics. My research is practically-oriented and interdisciplinary, and addresses contemporary social and policy issues with tools from philosophy, economics, game theory, and biology. I have published on topics including reproductive technologies, vaccination clinical trials, and vaccination policy, as well as more theoretically-oriented work on foundational issues in economics and rational choice in top ranked academic journals. I have also disseminated my work in public-oriented online and magazine venues. I have authored 15 publications total, including: 7 international peer-reviewed journal articles (5 as first author); two book chapters (1 as first author); and 6 online & magazine publications.

I have a particular interest and demonstrated excellence in teaching. Over the last 5 years I have taught more than 30 courses and over 1500 students. I have designed the curriculum for and been responsible for all aspects of teaching and examining undergraduate courses in ethics, social & political philosophy, biomedical ethics, metaphysics and epistemology, and critical thinking. I have a record of excellent student as well as peer-review evaluations of my teaching. I have experience teaching both problems-based and historically-oriented courses in philosophy. I have also team-taught and developed interdisciplinary graduate courses on specialty topics at the intersection of ethics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of biology, social/political philosophy, economics, and evolutionary biology.

RESEARCH

Publications

- 2021 **Browne, K** (forthcoming). The Moral Status of Animals in Science. *Defining Moments Canada, Insulin 100* (online historical public education project).
- 2020 **Browne, K**. The Power of “We” in the Time of COVID-19. *Humanist Perspectives*, Issue 213.
- 2019 Cattapan A, **Browne K**, Halperin D.M., Di Castri A., Fullsack P., Graham, J., Langley J.M., Taylor B.A., McNeil SA, S.A. Halperin. Motivation for Participating in Phase 1 Vaccine Trials: Comparison of an Influenza and Ebola Randomized Control Trial. *Vaccine*, 37(2), 289-295.
- 2018 **Browne, K**. Why Should We Team Reason? *Economics & Philosophy*, 34(2), 185-198.
- 2018 Tangwa, G. B., **Browne, K.**, & Schroeder, D. Ebola Vaccine Trials. In *Ethics Dumping: Case Studies in North-South Research Collaborations*. Springer Publishers, 2018: 49-60.
- 2017 **Browne, K**. Voluntary Sterilisation and Access to IVF in Québec. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 44(4), 262-265.
- 2017 **Browne, K**. Reason and Pareto-Optimization. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 55(2), 196-213.
- 2016 **Browne, K**. The Measles and Free Riders: California’s Mandatory Vaccination Law. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 25(3), 472-478.
- 2016 **Browne, K**. Vaccine Injury Compensation and the Common Good. *Impact Ethics: Making a Difference in Bioethics*.
<https://impactethics.ca/2016/05/13/vaccine-injury-compensation-and-the-common-good/>
- 2015 **Browne, K**. Why Governance? A Challenge to Good Governance of Biobanks. *Monash Bioethics Review*, 33(4), 295-300.
- 2015 **Browne, K**. Voluntary Sterilization, Personal Responsibility, and IVF Coverage. *Impact Ethics: Making a Difference in Bioethics*.
<https://impactethics.ca/2015/03/17/voluntary-sterilization-personal-responsibility-and-ivf-coverage/>
- 2015 **Browne, K**. Measles, Vaccination, and the Tragedy of the Commons. *Hastings Bioethics Forum*.
<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/measles-vaccination-and-the-tragedy-of-the-commons/>
- 2014 **Browne, K**. The Cost of Paying for Performance. *Impact Ethics: Making a Difference in Bioethics*.
<https://impactethics.ca/2014/07/11/the-cost-of-paying-for-performance/>
- 2013 **Browne, K**. Two Problems of Cooperation. In *What Makes Us Moral: On the Capacities and Conditions for Being Moral*, eds. Bert Musschenga and Anton Harskamp. Springer Publishers, 31-50.
- 2007 Browne, A., & **Browne, K**. Morality, Prudential Rationality, and Cheating. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 16(1), 53-62.

Dissertation Monograph

2012 **Browne, K.** Reason, Evolution, and the Possibility of Cooperation.

Other Research Contributions

2014 Browne, K., Petropahagos, A., and S. Copeland. Submitted Recommended Amendments to the 1974 UNESCO Declaration on the Status of Scientific Researchers.

Invited & Peer-Reviewed National and International Conferences Presentations

- 2019 “Vaccination, Nudging, and Team Reasoning.” CVBE Lab Meeting. LMU Munich, Germany, March 2019
- 2017 “Vaccination and the Common Good.” CSMN Closing Conference, University of Oslo, Norway
- 2016 “Participant Motivations to Enroll in the Canadian Ebola Vaccine Trial.” International Bioethics Retreat, Paris, France
- 2015 “Why Participate in an Ebola Vaccine Trial?” Global Forum on Bioethics in Research Meeting, Annecy, France
- 2015 Young Researcher’s Challenge, commentary on the work of David Sloan Wilson, Peter Turchin, and Robert Frank, “Cultural Evolution and the Welfare of Nations,” Arne Næss Symposium, University of Oslo, Norway.
- 2015 “Motivations to Participate in Phase I Vaccine Trials.” Canadian Immunization Research Network/Canadian Centre for Vaccinology Research Education Series, Isaak Walter Killam (IWK) Health Centre, Halifax, Canada, October 2015
- 2015 “Rules of Rationing and Cooperation” (with Alister Browne). 26th Annual Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Winnipeg, Canada
- 2014 “Should We Become Team Reasoners?” Collectivity – A Conference on Different Aspects of Collectivity, University of Bristol, United Kingdom
- 2013 “Team Reasoning, Cooperation, and Social Policy.” Third Conference of the European Network on Social Ontology (ENSO III), University of Helsinki, Finland
- 2013 “Yes We Can! Team Reasoning and the Possibility of Cooperation” (poster). The Second Århus-Paris Conference on Coordination and Common Ground, École Normale Supérieure, Paris
- 2013 “Uniting Cooperation, Rationality, and Evolution.” Cooperation: Why, How, and With Whom? Conference, University of Århus, Denmark.
- 2013 “The Possibility of Cooperation in Theory and Practice.” Ideals and Reality in Social Ethics Conference, University of Wales, Newport, Wales
- 2011 “Two Problems of Cooperation.” What Makes Us Moral? Conference, VU University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2010 “Letting People Ask to Die.” 21st Annual Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Kelowna, Canada
- 2009 “A Darwinian Theory of Games.” 150 Years After Origin: Biological, Historical, and Philosophical Perspectives, Victoria College, University of Toronto, Canada

2008 “The Ethics of Commercial Surrogacy.” 19th Annual Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, St. John’s, Canada

Outreach & Public Conferences

2016 **Speaker**, Langara College Philosophers’ Jam Public Dialogue Series, Vancouver, Canada: “Shots All Around: The Problem of Vaccination Compliance.”

2015 **Organizer**, Ethics Film Series (NovelTech Ethics), Halifax Central Library

2015 **Co-Organizer** (with Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives—Nova Scotia): How Do We Make Health Care Accessible for All? Halifax Central Library

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses, Langara College

- Introduction to Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy (1st year course designed for students new to philosophy)
 - Summer 2021 (x2 = 2 sections of this class)
 - Fall 2020
 - Summer 2020
 - Fall 2019 (x4)
 - Fall 2018 (x2)
 - Fall 2017
 - Spring 2017 (x3)
 - Fall 2016 (x2)
 - Spring 2016 (x2)
- Biomedical Ethics (1st year course, core curriculum for Nursing students)
 - Fall 2020 (x2)
 - Summer 2020 (x2)
 - Summer 2019 (x2)
 - Summer 2018 (x2)
 - Spring 2016
 - Spring 2017
- Social and Political Philosophy (2nd year course for students with a background in philosophy)
 - Fall 2020
 - Fall 2018
- Ethics (2nd year course for students with a background in philosophy)
 - Fall 2017
- Knowledge and Reality (1st year course designed for students new to philosophy)
 - Summer 2021 (x2)
 - Summer 2020
 - Summer 2019 (x2)
 - Summer 2018 (x2)
 - Fall 2017 (x2)
 - Fall 2016 (x2)

- Critical Thinking (1st year course designed for students new to philosophy)
 - Spring 2016

Graduate Courses Taught, University of Oslo

- PhD Seminar: Forging Sustainable Modernity: The Nordic Model and Beyond
 - September 18 - September 22, 2017, co-taught with David Sloan Wilson and Nina Witoszek.
- PhD Seminar: Cultural, Economic, Evolutionary Perspectives on Global Challenges
 - September 18 - October 2, 2015, co-taught with David Sloan Wilson and Nina Witoszek. Lectures by Robert Frank, Peter Turchin, and David Sloan Wilson.
- MA Seminar: The Social Animal: Evolution, Sociality, and Cognition
 - Fall 2013, co-taught with Sebastian Watzl

Undergraduate Courses Taught, University of Toronto

- Bioethics (2nd year course)
 - Spring 2012
 - Summer 2012
- Ethics: Death and Dying (3rd year course)
 - Summer 2009

Additional Teaching Experience

Tutorial Leader: responsible for leading weekly tutorial groups of 20-30 students and meeting with students outside of the classroom

- Bioethics, University of Toronto, 2009
- Political Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2008
- Introduction to Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2007-2008
- Bioethics, University of Toronto, 2006-2007

Grader: responsible for grading student assignments and examinations and meeting with students outside of classroom hours

- Contemporary Social Issues, University of Toronto, 2011
- Ethics, Genetics and Reproduction, University of Toronto, 2011
- Bioethics, University of Toronto, 2010
- Ethics: Death and Dying, University of Toronto, 2010
- Philosophy of Religion, University of Toronto, 2006
- Bioethics, University of British Columbia, 2005
- Decision Theory, University of British Columbia, 2004
- Metaphysics and Epistemology, University of British Columbia, 2004
- Introduction to Logic, University of British Columbia, 2003

LEADERSHIP, FUNDING, & OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Leadership & Professional Experience

2018-2020 **Interim Chair**, Department of Philosophy, Langara College, summer

- semesters
- 2019 **Member**, Langara Faculty Review Committee
- 2018-present **Member**, Langara Research Ethics Board, Langara College
- 2017-present **Coordinator**, Philosophers' Jam Dialogue Series, Langara College
- 2017 **Co-Organizer** (with Nina Witoszek), PhD Seminar: Forging Sustainable Modernity: The Nordic Model and Beyond
- 2016-present **Faculty Sponsor**, Langara Student Philosophy Club
- 2014-2016 **Blog Editor**, *Impact Ethics: Making a Difference in Bioethics*, Dalhousie University
- 2015 **Member**, Research Ethics Board, Isaak Walton Killam (IWK) Health Centre
- 2015 **Scientific Officer**, Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Peer Review Committee
- 2015 **Co-Organizer** (with Nina Witoszek), PhD Course, "Cultural, Economic, and Evolutionary Perspectives on Global Challenges," University of Oslo
- 2014 **Sub-Investigator**, "Patient Motivation to Participate in Phase I (Ebola and Influenza) Vaccination Trials." Project owner: Françoise Baylis (Dalhousie University); funding from the Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University
- 2014 **Co-Organizer** (with Sebastian Watzl & Jola Feix), The Social Mind: Origins of Collective Reasoning Workshop, University of Oslo
- 2012-2013 **Coordinator**, CSMN Colloquium, University of Oslo
- 2010-2012 **Member**, Canadian Council on Animal Care

Ad hoc referee for: *Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *The American Journal of Bioethics*, *Public Health Ethics*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Res Publica*

Professional Certifications

- 2018 TCPS 2 Core: Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Ethics. Training course in research Ethics.

Fellowships & Grants

- 2021 Norwegian Research Council, NOK 11 000 000 (co-applicant with Sebastian Watzl)
- 2016 UBC Clinical Ethics Fellowship (declined to take up position at Langara College)
- 2015 Conference Travel Grant, Dalhousie University, CAD 500
- 2014 Sub-Investigator, Patient Motivations to Participate in Phase I (Ebola and influenza) Vaccination Trials, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, CAD 16 000
- 2008-2011 Conference Travel Grants (various), Department of Philosophy and School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, CAD 2000 total (approx.)
- 2006-2009 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), Government of Ontario, CAD 45 000
- 2005-2009 Graduate Fellowship, University of Toronto, CAD 48 000 (declined 2006-9)
- 2005-2009 Metcalf Fellowship, Boston University, USD 68 000 (declined)

Languages

- English (Native)
- French (Intermediate/Advanced)
- German (Beginner/Intermediate)
- Norwegian (Beginner)