

Curriculum Vitae: Katherine Elizabeth Furman

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Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University College Cork. Director of MA in Health and Society.
(September 2017- present)

Visiting Researcher, Centre for Philosophy of Science and Social Science, London School of Economics
(August 2017 – present)

Postdoctoral Research Associate, ERC-funded 'Knowledge for Use' project, Philosophy Department,
Durham University (October 2016 – September 2017).

Health Policy Researcher, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Rhodes University (January 2012 –
September 2012).

Research

Areas of specialisation: Applied Ethics, Philosophy and Public Policy, Philosophy of Science and Social
Science.

Areas of competence: African Philosophy, Post-Colonial Thought, Political Philosophy

Education

PhD in Philosophy (2016) (Thesis title: AIDS Denialism in South Africa: A case study in the rationality and ethics
of science policy) at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (Passed, no corrections).

MA Political and International Studies (Rhodes University) – Distinction (2012)

MSc Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE) – Distinction (2011)

BA (Honours) Philosophy and International Relations (Rhodes University) – Distinction (2008)

BA Philosophy, Politics, Law (Rhodes University) – Distinction in Philosophy (2007)

Notable Awards

LSE PhD Scholarship – tuition and full living expenses (2012 – 2015)

LSE MSc Scholarship – tuition and full living expenses (2010 – 2011)

Mandela Rhodes Scholarship (2009 – 2010)

Best Interdisciplinary Bioethics Paper, British Postgraduate Bioethics Conference (2014)

Publications

Furman, K (2017) Mono-Causal and Multi-Causal Theories of Disease:

How to Think Virally and Socially about the Aetiology of AIDS. *Journal of Medical Humanities*. DOI
10.1007/s10912-017-9441-9

Furman, K (co-authored with Chingore-Munazvo, N; Raw, A; and Slabbert M)(2017) Chronicles of
communication and power: Informed consent to sterilisation in the Namibian Supreme Court's LM
judgment of 2015. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*. pp. 145-162. DOI: 10.1007/s11017-017-9405-0

Furman, K (2015) Review: Jonathan Matheson and Rico Vitz (eds.), *The Ethics of Belief, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. 18 (5):1105-1106. DOI 10.1007/s10677-015-9583-7

Furman, K (2014) 'Ubuntu and the law: Some lessons for the practical application of Ubuntu' In *Ubuntu: Curating the Archive*, edited by Leonhard Praeg and Siphokazi Magadla. (Durban: UKZN Press). pp.150 – 166.

Furman, K (2012) Review: F Bieri, 'From Blood Diamonds to the Kimberly Process: How NGOs cleaned up the Global Diamond Industry', *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, pp. 439 – 440. DOI: 10.1177/0021909610396655

Papers in Preparation

Moral Responsibility, Culpable Ignorance and Suppressed Disagreement (under review)

Review: John Forrester, *Thinking in Cases*. Review invited by *Metascience* (in progress)

What use are real-world cases for philosophers? (draft available)

Was it rational to accept HIV as the cause of AIDS in 1984? (draft available)

Public Trust in Science and Public Health Interventions: The case of Ebola (in progress)

Academic Blog Posts

How Mbeki's character and his AIDS denialism are intimately linked (March 2016) *The Conversation*.

The International response to the Ebola outbreak has excluded Africans and their interests (August 2014) *Africa at LSE*.

Conferences, Workshops and Invited Talks

Policy-Making and the Duty to Gather Evidence

- (August 2017) Trust, Expert Opinion and Policy: A multidisciplinary conference investigating questions of trust in and the trustworthiness of expert opinion. Trinity College Dublin, Dublin.

Interdisciplinarity, Social Policy and Social Science in the 21st Century (Invited roundtable participant)

- (July 2017) 50th Anniversary Conference of the Social Policy Association; Social Inequalities: Research, Theory and Policy. University of Durham, Durham.

Thinking mono-causally and multi-causally about disease in the case of AIDS

- (December 2016) EIPE workshop on Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Social Science, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics (EIPE), Rotterdam.
- (February 2015) 'Post-AIDS' and Global Health Discourses Symposium. Leeds Centre for Medical Humanities. Leeds.

What use are real-world cases for philosophers?

- (November 2016) LSE Philosophy Weekend Away, Cumberland Lodge.
- (July 2016) Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Belfast.

- (November 2015) London Graduate Conference.
- (September 2015) South African Philosophy Spring Colloquium, University of Cape Town.

Moral Responsibility, Culpable Ignorance and Suppressed Disagreement

- (October 2016) Evidence-Based Policy Workshop, Institute of Future Studies, Stockholm.
- (May 2016) New Work in Moral Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science.
- (April 2016) LSE Choice Group, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Public Trust in Science and Public Health Interventions: The case of Ebola.

- (September 2015) Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference. Keble College, Oxford.
- (March 2015) Researching Africa Day. St Anthony's College, Oxford University.

Can Thabo Mbeki be held morally responsible for his AIDS denialism?

- (July 2015) Philosophy Department Seminar Series, University of Cape Town.
- (June 2015) Finding Africa Seminar Series. University of York.
- (May 2015) London African Philosophy Conference. SOAS, London.
- (November 2014) London Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. University College London, London.
- (September 2014) 8th Annual Postgraduate Bioethics Conference. Southampton.

Was it rational to accept HIV as the cause of AIDS in 1984?

- (February 2015) History Unlimited: Interdisciplinary Health History Seminar Series. University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

AIDS, Epidemiology, and Causation

- (December 2013). Structural Drivers of AIDS Conference. Cape Town.

Ubuntu and the law: Some lessons for the practical application of Ubuntu

- (July 2012) Thinking Africa Colloquium. Grahamstown.

How to define Ubuntu for Political Philosophy?

- (March 2010) Postgraduate Philosophers' Association Conference. Durban.

Is there a role for African Philosophy in International Relations Theory

- (April 2009) International Society of African Philosophers' Conference. Dakar.

A perfect blend: Co-operative farmers' unions and the Ethiopian coffee industry

- (September 2009) South African Association of Political Studies Colloquium. Port Elizabeth.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015 – 2016) 'Scientific Method and Policy'. Undergraduate level. London School of Economics.

Guest Lecturer. (November 2015) Single lecture and seminar on 'Analytic Approaches to African Philosophy'. Undergraduate and MA level. SOAS. London.

Guest Lecturer (December 2014 – January 2015) 'Coping with Scientific Disagreement in Health Policy Development'. Half-unit intensive course. Masters in Public Policy class. Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Universität Erfurt, Germany.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2014 – 2015) 'Genes, Brains, and Society' and 'Emotions, Cognition and Brains: Science and Policy'. Undergraduate level. London School of Economics.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2012 – 2014) 'Philosophy, Morals, and Values'. Undergraduate level. London School of Economics.

Politics Department Teaching Assistant (January 2009 – May 2009) Rhodes University.

Politics 1 Tutor (2009 – 2010) Rhodes University.

Philosophy 1 Tutor (2008) Rhodes University.

Academic Service

Judgment and Deliberation Workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science, Co-organiser (May 2017, forthcoming)

Single Case Causal Claims Workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science, Co-organiser (March 2017)

Selection committee, Knowledge for Use PhD studentship, Durham University (January 2017)

London Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. Co-organiser with Showkat Ali (UCL). (December 2015)

External dissertation examiner and MPP co-supervisor. Masters in Public Policy class. Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Universität Erfurt, Germany (2015)

Philosophy Careers Talk, LSE Philosophy Masters Students (2015)

London Postcolonial Thought Reading Group. Organiser. (Winter 2013)

All Awards

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Scholarship – Partial living expenses (2015 – 2016)

LSE PhD Scholarship – Tuition and partial living expenses (2015 – 2016)

Best Interdisciplinary Bioethics Paper, Postgraduate Bioethics Conference (2014)

LSE Mobility Scholarship. Funding to spend July 2015 – September 2015 pursuing research work at the University of Cape Town.

LSE PhD scholarship – Full tuition and living expenses (2012 – 2015)

Commonwealth PhD Scholarship (Declined)

European School of Molecular Medicine Doctoral Fellowship (Declined)

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Scholarship (2010 – 2011)

LSE MSc Scholarship (2010 – 2011)

Mandela Trust Scholarship (University of Leiden, Holland) (2010 – 2011) (Declined)

Germany-Africa Civic Education Fellow (2010 – 2011) (Travel scholarship)

Mandela Rhodes Scholarship (2009 – 2010)

Mellon Foundation Scholarship (2008)

Academic Colours (2008)

Rhodes University – Amnesty International Woman of the Year (2007)

Louis Lochee Bayne Scholarship Award (2006 & 2007)

Ted and Mable Everett Scholarship Award (2005, 2006 & 2007)

Old Rhodian Gold Chapman Scholarship Award (2006)

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