

Updated: May 2020

## Curriculum Vitae

Katherine Furman (katherine.furman@liverpool.ac.uk)

### Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Liverpool. Director of BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. (January 2020 – Present)

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University College Cork. Director of MA in Health and Society. (Permanent position), (September 2017- December 2019)

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

### Associate and Visiting Appointments

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

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

Research Affiliate, 'Essex Autonomy Project', Philosophy Department, University of Essex (December 2017 – present)

### Research

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

Areas of Competence: African Philosophy, 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)

### Publications

(Forthcoming) What Use are Real-World Cases to Philosophers? *Ergo*

(2020) On Trusting Neighbours More Than Experts: An Ebola Case Study. *Frontiers in Communication Science and Environmental Communication*.

(2019) (co-authored with Dr Matthew Burch) Objectivity in Science and Law: A Shared Rescue Strategy, *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* 64: 60-70.

(2018) Moral Responsibility, Culpable Ignorance and Suppressed Disagreement, *Social Epistemology*, 32 (5), pp. 287-299. DOI 10.1080/02691728.2018.1512173

(2017, forthcoming) 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

(2017) (co-authored with Chingore-Munazvo, N; Raw, A; and Slabbert M) 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

(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.

## Book Reviews

(2019) Review: Immaculada de Melo-Martin and Kristen Intemann, 'The Fight Against Doubt: How to Bridge the Gap between Scientists and the Public'. *British Journal of Philosophy of Science*

2018) Review: John Forrester, *Thinking in Cases*. *Metascience*. DOI 10.1007/s11016-018-0287-1.

(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

(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

## Shorter Pieces

(May 2020) Keeping Close to Home, *The Philosopher's Magazine*, pp. 91 - 95

## Academic Blog Posts

Why are so many medical staff suffering from burnout? (April 2019) RTÉ Brainstorm (co-authored with Elizabeth Barrett)

Bearing Witness: What Are Journalists Doing in Conflict Zones? (October 2018) *The Stockholm Ethical War Blog* (co-authored with Richard Stupart)

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

### *Going it Alone (Epistemically)*

- (July 2019) British Society of Philosophy of Science, University of Durham
- (January 2019) Medical Ethics and Law at the End of Life Conference, University College Dublin
- (December 2017) Politics, Philosophy and Economics Conference, London School of Economics,

### *Reconsidering Public Trust in Science: The Case of Ebola*

- (December 2018) Social Risk and Trust Workshop, University of Zurich
- (July 2018) British Society for Philosophy of Science, Oxford.
- (November 2017) Launch event for the Centre for Ethics in Public Life, University College Dublin, Dublin

### *Bearing Witness: What are Journalists Doing in Conflict Zones?*

- (November 2018) Irish Philosophical Society Conference, Dublin. (with Richard Stupart)

### *Commentary: Gerald Lang's Moral Luck*

- (November 2018) Moral Luck Manuscript Workshop, Trinity College Dublin.

### *Causal Selection Problems in Epidemiology: The Case of Increased Rates of Psychosis in Migrants*

- (June 2018) Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, Ghent. (With Dr Hannah Jongmsma)
- (January 2018) UCC "visiting" speaker series.

### *From Greek Tragedy to Twitter: Understanding Doctors' Vulnerability*

- (June 2018) Mind Reading. University of Birmingham. (With Dr Elizabeth Barrett)

### *What's so good about objectivity?*

- (February 2018) Irish Philosophy Club. Drogheda

### *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. University 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) 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Research Funding**

Naji Foundation Award, €10,000 (with Prof Leah McClimans and Dr Stuart Nicholls), for meetings of the Integrating Values into Evidence-Based Medicine Network (INVITE) (December 2018 – December 2019)

College of Arts, UCC, Interdisciplinary Grant, €1500 (plus £500 from 'Knowledge for Use'), to run a workshop on 'The Evidence Amalgamation Problem' (May 2019)

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

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.

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) (Full MA Funding, South Africa's most prestigious postgraduate award).