

# Peter G. N. West-Oram, PhD

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## Education

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The University of Birmingham (U.K.)

September 2010 – November 2014

**Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) funded PhD in Philosophy**

*Supervisor: Professor Heather Widdows*

“Global Health Care Injustice: An Analysis of the Demands of the Basic Right to Health Care”

- Thesis defended on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – no corrections.
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Queen’s University (Canada)

September 2007 – September 2008

**Queen’s University funded MA in Philosophy**

*Supervisor: Professor Udo Schüklenk*

“An Argument in Favour of Human Genetic Enhancement”

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The University of Hull (U.K.)

September 2003 – June 2006

**BA (Hons) Philosophy – Awarded first class honours**

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The University of Sussex (U.K.)

September 2017 – October 2018

**PGCertHE – Awarded Merit**

## Areas of Specialisation and Competence

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Areas of Specialisation: Bioethics, Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy.

Areas of Competence: Public Health Ethics, Medical Ethics, Moral Philosophy.

## Publications

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- “From Self-interest to Solidarity: One Path to Delivering Refugee Health.” in *Bioethics*, 2018 (Online First): [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.12472>].
- “Solidarity as a National Health Strategy.” in *Bioethics*, 2018 (Online First): [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.12443>].
- “Conference Report: International Workshop – Health Care Provision for Migrants: Comparing Approaches to Ethical Challenges in Germany and the United Kingdom”. With Nora Gottlieb, *Clinical Ethics*, 2017 (Online First): [DOI: [10.1177/1477750917691889](https://doi.org/10.1177/1477750917691889)].
  - An abbreviated version of this paper, translated into German, has also been accepted for publication in *Ethik in der Medizin*.
- “Solidarity in Bioethics”. With Alena M. Buyx, and Barbara Prainsack, *Electronic Library of Science*, John Wiley & Sons Ltd: Chichester, 2016: [DOI: [10.1002/9780470015902.a0027021](https://doi.org/10.1002/9780470015902.a0027021)].
- “Global Health Solidarity” with Alena M. Buyx, in *Public Health Ethics*, 2016 (Online First): [DOI: [10.1093/phe/phw021](https://doi.org/10.1093/phe/phw021)].
- “Three Approaches to Global Health Care Justice: Rejecting the Positive/Negative Rights Distinction” in *International Development and Human Aid. Principles, Norms and Institutions for the Global Sphere* edited by Paulo Barcelos and Gabriele De Angelis, Edinburgh, UK: Edinburgh University Press, 2016.
- “Conscientious Objection in Health Care Provision: A New Dimension” with Alena M. Buyx in *Bioethics*, 30 (5), 2015: pp.336-343. [DOI: [10.1111/bioe.12236](https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.12236)].
- “Revising Global Theories of Justice to Include Public Goods” with Heather Widdows in *The Journal of Global Ethics*, 9 (2), 2013: pp.227–243. [DOI: [10.1080/17449626.2013.838457](https://doi.org/10.1080/17449626.2013.838457)].
- “Why Bioethics *Must* be Global” with Heather Widdows in *Global Health and International Community: Ethical, Political and Regulatory Challenges* edited by John Coggon and Swati Gola, London, UK: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013: pp 43-62.
- “Freedom of Conscience and Health Care in the United States of America: The Conflict Between Public Health and Religious Liberty in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”, in *Health Care Analysis*, 21 (3), 2013: pp 237-247. [DOI: [10.1007/s10728-013-0251-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10728-013-0251-6)].
- “Global Population and Global Justice: Equitable Distribution of Resources Among Countries”. With Heather Widdows in *Electronic Library of Science*, John Wiley & Sons Ltd: Chichester, 2012: pp 1-7. <http://www.els.net/> [DOI: [10.1002/9780470015902.a0024140](https://doi.org/10.1002/9780470015902.a0024140)].

## Book Reviews

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- “Book Review: *Global Health Law*, written by Lawrence O. Gostin”. *European Journal of Health Law*, 2016: 23 (1), pp.109-112. [DOI: [10.1163/15718093-12341386](https://doi.org/10.1163/15718093-12341386)].
- “Book Review: *Privacy, Confidentiality, and Health Research*, written by William H. Lowrance”. *European Journal of Health Law*, 2014: 21 (2), pp.233–237. [DOI: [10.1163/15718093-12341315](https://doi.org/10.1163/15718093-12341315)].

## Blog Posts

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- “Global Health Care Justice: The Demands of the Basic Right to Health”, part of the University of Birmingham’s research blog *The Birmingham Brief*. Available here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/08/global-health-care-justice-28-08-14.aspx>. Posted 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

## Presentations

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- Invited Paper at the Joint Universitätsklinikum Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH) – Christian-Albrechts University, Division of Biomedical Ethics Seminar Series, Kiel, Germany – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
  - “Global Health Justice: The Rights and Duties of Health Care”.
- Paper at the *Human Solidarity, Sentiment, and Cosmopolitanism* workshop, at *MANCEPT 2017*, University of Manchester, Manchester – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
  - “Fear, Self-Interest, and Sympathy: Achieving Solidarity and Justice for Refugee Health”.
- Paper at the *Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference*, Keble College, Oxford University, Oxford. Hosted by the ETHOX Centre – 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
  - “Achieving Solidarity and Justice for Refugee Health”.
- Paper at the Brocher Foundation monthly Seminar Series, Geneva, Switzerland – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
  - “Just Ideological Freedom? Evaluating the Impact of Conscience Exemptions to Public Policy on Public and Individual Health”.
- Paper at the *10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Ethics*, Centre for Applied Ethics and Philosophy, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
  - “Delivering Effective Global Health Policy for All: The Importance of Solidarity for Global Public Health”.
- Paper at the *European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME) International Conference*, Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law, Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016
  - “Reconceptualising Obligations for Public and Individual Health: Healthful Environments as Meta Public Goods”.
- Paper at the *European Society for the Philosophy of Medicine and Health (ESPMH) Annual Conference*, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
  - “Public Health Ethics and the Social Determinants of Health”.

- Invited Public Lecture in the Department of Philosophy, University of Bayreuth, Germany – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
  - “Solidarity for Global Health: Overcoming Philosophical and Practical Barriers to Health Justice”.
- Paper at the Symposium “In it together? The role of solidarity in promoting public interests in biomedicine and public health”, part of the *International Association of Bioethics (IAB) Conference*, Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
  - “Just Effective Public Health Policy: From Self-interest to Solidarity via Public Goods”.
- Paper at the *International Association of Bioethics (IAB) Conference*, Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
  - “Healthful Environments: Public Goods, Public Health, and Individual Welfare”.
- Paper at the International Workshop *Ethical Aspects in Healthcare Provision for Migrants*, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich. Hosted by the Institute for Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine, and the Institute for Sociology – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
  - “Reconceptualising ‘Migrant’ and ‘Public’ Health: From Self Interest to Solidarity”.
- Paper at the *Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference*, Keble College, Oxford University, Oxford. Hosted by the ETHOX Centre – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
  - “Solidarity and Public Goods: Reciprocity, Vulnerability, Interdependence, and Protection from Infectious Disease”.
- Paper at the Invitational Symposium *Global Justice: New Directions in Research and Advocacy*, Ghent University, Belgium – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
  - “Solidarity, Global Justice, and Global Public Goods”.
- Paper at the *Rocky Mountain Ethics (RoME) Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
  - “Hidden Harms and Material Deprivation: On the Non-Neutrality of Conscientious Objection”.
    - An earlier version of this paper was presented at the Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics (CSSPE) Conference, University of Ottawa, Canada – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.
- Poster presentation at the *University of Birmingham Research Poster Conference*, University of Birmingham – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
  - “Global Health Care Justice: The Demands of the Basic Right to Health Care”.
- Paper at the *University of Birmingham Community Day*, University of Birmingham Department of Philosophy – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
  - “Public Health and Religious Freedom”.

- Paper at the *Postgraduate Bioethics Conference*, King's College London – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
  - “Public Goods, Public Health, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”.
- Invited Public Lecture at the *University of Brighton Philosophy Society*, University of Brighton Philosophy Department – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012.
  - “Global Health Care (In)Justice: Analysing the Duty to Protect”.
- Paper at the *Think About Health Network Conference*, British School of Osteopathy - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
  - “Civil Association or Commodity? Three Arguments in Favour of the Commodification of Health Care (And Why They Don't Work)”.
- Paper at the *Political Studies Association (PSA) Conference*, Belfast – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
  - “Essential Medicines: Basic Rights or Desirable Commodities?”.
- Presentation at the *Images of Research Conference*, The University of Birmingham – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
  - “For a Few Dollars More: The Cost of Essential Medicines”.
- Paper at the *Kluge Center (Library of Congress) Graduate Seminar Series*, Library of Congress, Washington D.C. – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012.
  - “Health, Human Rights, and Global Justice”.
- Paper at the *Second Lisbon Conference on Global Justice*, Universidade Nova, Lisbon – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011.
  - “Three Approaches to Global Health Care Justice: Rejecting the Positive/Negative Rights Distinction”.
- Paper at *The Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and The Mind Association: Postgraduate Sessions*, University of Sussex – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011.
  - “Henry Shue and the Basic Right to Health Care”.

### **Academic Employment**

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Brighton and Sussex Medical School (U.K)

September 2017 – Present

#### **Lecturer in Bioethics**

- Faculty Appointment in the Division of Medical Humanities and Ethics. Teaching courses in philosophical bioethics. Research focus on conscientious objection, global health ethics and justice, and solidarity. Ongoing affiliation as a Visiting Research Fellow in the Emmy Noether Research Group *Political Philosophy and Bioethics*.
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Christian-Albrechts Universität zu Kiel (Germany)

October 2014 – August 2017

#### **Senior Research Fellow**

- Post-doctoral research fellow in the Emmy Noether Research Group *Political Philosophy and Bioethics*. Conducting research into questions of public health and medical ethics, health care policy, and health care justice.
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The University of Birmingham (U.K.)

September 2012 – June 2013

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- Seminar Leader on first year introduction to moral and political philosophy course. Also responsible for marking course work. Received excellent feedback from student evaluations.
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The University of Birmingham (U.K.)

August 2012 – April 2013

**Course Development Assistant, *Online MA in Global Bioethics***

- Assisted the course leaders in researching and writing course materials, and developing the academic programme of the course.
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Queen's University (Canada)

September 2007 – June 2008

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- Seminar Leader on two first year philosophy courses; introduction to moral philosophy and introduction to political philosophy. Also gave one lecture and was responsible for marking coursework. Received excellent feedback from student evaluations.

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### **Academic Fellowships**

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The Brocher Foundation (Geneva, Switzerland)

February 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 – March 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Residential Research Fellow**

- Residential writing fellowship in support of my research project “Conscientious Objection in Health Care Provision and Policy”.
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The Library of Congress (Washington D.C.)

October 2011 – February 2012

**Kluge Research Fellow**

- Visiting research fellowship in support of my thesis research, focusing on global health outcomes, global justice, and health policy development at the John W. Kluge Center, The Library of Congress (Competitively awarded).

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### **Relevant Non-Academic Employment**

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The University of Derby Students' Union

November 2009 - August 2010

**Democracy and Campaigns Co-ordinator**

- Administrative and governance role, providing support and guidance to elected officers of the Students' Union. Responsible for the logistical management of democratic and campaign activities, such as governance meetings, officer elections, and public democracy events. I also conducted a full review the Union's governance documents in order to facilitate Union democratic procedure and ensure legal compliance.
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### **Vice President Operations**

- Financial and operational management and governance role. Ensured appropriate use of society funds by affiliated groups, oversaw the Society's health and dental insurance plan, and represented the society to external stakeholder groups, this included getting feedback on policy and developing strategy to meet the needs of the membership.
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Hull University Union

June 2006 - June 2007

### **Vice President (Finance and Democracy)**

- Full time, financial, commercial, and democratic governance role. Oversaw the Union's democratic processes, including organisation of the annual elections and monthly council meetings. Responsible for developing Union strategy in order to respond to the needs of the membership. Whilst in post I completed a review of the governing documents of Hull University Union to ensure that they met the requirements of relevant legislation.

### **Professional Development**

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- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy – awarded 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.
- Recipient of an Early Career Researcher Grant from the Centre for Applied Ethics and Philosophy, Hokkaido University of ¥10,000 (approximately €100) to enable my attendance at the 10<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on Applied Ethics* – October 2016.
- Winner of The University of Birmingham, College of Arts and Law, “Birmingham Brief” research abstract competition – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
- Winner of The University of Birmingham “Three Minute Thesis” (3MT) 2013 Competition. For winning this competition I received funding to visit, and conduct research at, the University of Virginia in February 2014 (total value £1,000).
- Finalist in the International “Three Minute Thesis” (3MT) Competition, 2013. <http://vimeo.com/76316604>.
- Recipient of AHRC funding to attend the Second Lisbon Conference on Global Justice in April 2011 (total value £450).
- “Introduction to Learning and Teaching”, University of Birmingham training course attended – October 2010.

### **Service**

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- Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2018)
- Peer Reviewer for *Medicine Health Care and Philosophy* (2018)
- Peer Reviewer for *Emerging Issues in the Life Sciences* (2018)
- Peer Reviewer for *Social Theory and Practice* (2018)
- Peer Reviewer for *Public Health Ethics* (2017-2018).
- Peer Reviewer for Manchester University Press (2016).
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship Research Proposal Reviewer for Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO) (2016).

- Peer reviewer for *Laws* (2015).
- Peer reviewer for *Bioethics* (2008 - 2018).
- Peer reviewer for the *Journal of Global Ethics* (2014).
- Peer reviewer for *Developing World Bioethics* (2013).
- Peer reviewer for *Health Care Analysis* (2012 - 2015).
- Invited speaker at the AHRC International Placement Scheme Open Day at the University of Birmingham (2012).
- Conference organiser, “The Good Life: Theory and Practice”, The University of Birmingham (2012). This conference received competitively awarded University funding.