

# Health Ethics Symposium – **BODILY AUTONOMY: an Ethical Dialogue on Gender Rights, Reproductive Freedoms, and Personal Choice**

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## **SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES**



**Tracey Bailey**, BA, LLB, KC has 30 years' experience in providing legal, legislative, policy, and ethics advice on a wide range of issues in health law. She has worked in both public and private practice settings, including as Corporate Counsel for Alberta Health, and General Counsel Health Law for Alberta Justice and Solicitor General. She also served in an academic position for close to a decade as Executive Director of the Health Law Institute at the University of Alberta where she conducted a wide range of legal and law reform projects, working locally, provincially, nationally and internationally on a broad range of issues in health law; edited a peer-reviewed publication; taught extensively in the health professional faculties and the law faculty; published on a wide range of topics; conducted media interviews; organized national health law conferences; and provided outreach education for the public and others. In addition to her current work with the Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, she is Associate Counsel with Miller Thomson LLP where she advises health system and health professional clients.



**Vangie Bergum**, BScN, MAdEd, PhD, began her university studies in nursing (BScN) and adult education (MAdEd), which led to a PhD in Education and a career at the University of Alberta as a professor, researcher, and director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, and now Professor Emerita. Vangie's research focussed on the ethical nature of relationships. Her first project explored the experience of mothering with birth, placing and adopting mothers, which led to two books: *Woman to Mother. A Transformation* (1989), and *A Child on Her Mind. The Experience of Becoming a Mother* (1997). In 2007 she edited (with J VanderZalm) a book called *Motherlife. Studies in Mothering Experiences*. Her exploration of relationships continued with an interdisciplinary research project that explored health care ethics from the daily experiences of professional practise. This research resulted in the 2005 book (Reprinted in 2020) *Relational Ethics. The Full Meaning of Respect* (co-authored with J. Dossetor). In collaboration with J. Nisker, Bergum wrote and produced the play *A Child on Her Mind* (2007). She has presented at national and international conferences and has published numerous papers and book chapters. *Downstream. Bestemor & Me* (2014) is her first foray into creative nonfiction.



**Fatmeh Kalouti**, (she/her) is a Senior Advisor for Diversity and Inclusion at Alberta Health Services. With previous experience in nonprofit and government settings, Fatmeh's passion for community wellbeing was served in roles advocating for children and youth through coaching around brain development, trauma and resiliency, working with refugees and immigrants, and supporting families living with violence and abuse. In each role she carried, Fatmeh championed Diversity and Inclusion strategies, policies, audits, and committees. During her volunteer time, Fatmeh was the Board President at the Centre for Race and Culture (CFRAC), Chair of the Safety Summit committee in Edmonton, and an Advisor for the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee at CFRAC. Fatmeh keeps herself busy with travel, learning Indigenous Palestinian cross-stitching, reading poetry and politics, gardening, and attending comedy shows.



**Doris Kieser**, PhD is an Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Theology at St. Joseph's College, the Catholic College at the University of Alberta. Doris teaches ethics and theology in the areas of bioethics, sexuality, death & dying, the body, and women & spirituality. She is also a counselling therapist who maintains a small practice in Edmonton, working with adolescent girls, adult women and men, and couples. Her research and writing includes elements of both theology and psychology, moral and ethical decision-making, and human flourishing. All of her work reflects a particular commitment to social justice and the wellbeing of females.



**Gillian Lemermeyer**, PhD, FRE, RN is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Nursing. Gillian's current research explores the embodied ethics of healthcare practices, employing a phenomenological method to investigate the nurse's touch in the neonatal intensive care unit. Past research projects have explored the experience of families in the NICU and during the process of considering organ donation. Her nursing background is in neonatal intensive care, family bereavement, and professional regulation. Her teaching practice is in healthcare ethics and nursing leadership.



**Marni Panas, BHAdmn, CCIPT™**, is the Program Manager, Diversity and Inclusion with Alberta Health Services where she is dedicated to creating safer, more welcoming and inclusive health care related environments. She holds a degree in Health Administration, Canadian Certified Inclusion Professional Designation and is the Chair of the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion Board of Directors. Marni has contributed to legislation and policy protecting human rights for individuals at the provincial and federal levels in Canada. She has also been invited to share her experiences and expertise on patient and family centered care, bereavement and loss and inclusive health and cultural safety for diverse health care providers, patients and their families locally, nationally and internationally. Marni is also a transgender woman, who has been very transparent throughout her journey in the hopes of fostering acceptance through education and dialogue.



**Michael van Manen, MD, PhD, FRCPC(Peds,NICU,CIP)** Endowed Chair in Health Ethics is the Director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. Michael also has a clinical practice as a physician in neonatal-perinatal medicine with the Stollery Children's Hospital. His research is primarily concerned with relational ethics, situated within the tradition of phenomenology. Michael is considered an international expert in qualitative health research. His research projects relate to ethical decision-making, the experiential life of the fetus/newborn, the use of medical technologies in clinical encounters, and patient-family experiences of hospital care.