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## Education

B.A., Philosophy, 1999, College of William and Mary, Magna Cum Laude

B.S., Biology, 1999, College of William and Mary, Magna Cum Laude

M.A., Philosophy, 2002, University of California, Riverside

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2007, London School of Economics and Political Science

Philosophical Areas of Specialty: Philosophy of Measurement, Philosophy of  
Medicine, Medical Ethics

Philosophical Areas of Concentration: Feminist Philosophy, Hermeneutics

## Academic Positions

Associate Professor (tenured), Philosophy, University of South Carolina 2014-present

Undergraduate Director for Women and Gender Studies, 2014-2017

Placement Officer, Philosophy, 20011-present

Founding Co-Director of the Ann Johnson Institute for Science, Technology & Society  
(endowed for \$2.2 million), 2017-present

Assistant Professor, Philosophy University of South Carolina, 2007-2014

Post-doctoral Fellow, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, 2006-07

## Journal Articles

McClimans, L. "First-person epidemiological measures: Vehicles for patient-centered care", *Synthese*, Online First 28 January 2019 doi: 10.1007/s11229-019-02094-z

McClimans, L., Pressgrove, G., and Campbell, E. 2019. "Objectives and Outcomes of Clinical Ethics Services: A Delphi Study", *Journal of Medical Ethics* 45: 761-9.

McClimans, L, Browne, J and Stefan, C. 2017. "Clinical Outcome Measurement: Models, Theory, Psychometrics and Practice", *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science Part A*, 65-66: 67-73.

McClimans, L 2017. "Place of Birth: Evidence and Ethics", *Topoi*, 36: 531-8.

McClimans, L and Slowther, A. 2016. "Moral Expertise in the Clinic: Lessons from Medicine and Science" *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 41: 401-15.

McClimans, L, Pressgrove, G and Rhea, J. 2016. A Qualitative Study of US Clinical Ethics Services: Objectives and Outcomes, *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics: A Journal of Qualitative Research*, 6:127-42.

McClimans, L. 2013. The Role of Measurement in Establishing Evidence, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 38: 520-38.

- McClimans, L., Westerman, M, Bickenbach, J, Carlson, L., Wasserman, D. and Schwartz, C. 2012. ‘Philosophical Perspectives on Response Shift’, *Quality of Life Research*, 22(7): 1871-8.
- McClimans, L. and Browne, J. 2012. Quality of Life is a Process Not an Outcome. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 33: 279-92.
- McClimans, L., Slowther, A. and Parker, M. 2012. Can UK Clinical Ethics Services Improve Quality of Care? *Healthcare Ethics Committee Forum*, 24: 139-47
- Slowther, A, McClimans, L and Price, C. 2012. Development of clinical ethics services in the UK; a national survey. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 38: 210-47.
- McClimans, L. 2011. The Art of Asking Questions. *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 19: 521-38.
- McClimans, L. 2011. Interpretability, Validity and the Minimum Important Difference. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 32: 389-401.
- McClimans, L., Dunn, M. and Slowther, A-M. 2011. Health Policy, Patient-Centered Care and Clinical Ethics. *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*, 17: 913-9.
- McClimans, L. & Browne, J. 2011. Choosing a Patient-Reported Outcome Measure. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 32: 47-60.
- McClimans, L. 2010 A Theoretical Framework for Patient-Reported Outcome Measures. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 31: 225-40.
- McClimans, L. 2010. Towards Self-Determination in Quality of Life Research. *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*, 13: 67-76.
- McClimans, L. 2010. Elective Twin Reductions: Evidence and Ethics. *Bioethics*, 24: 295-303.

### **Peer-Reviewed Abstracts**

- O’Toole, E., Murphy, L. and McClimans, L. 2019. “Generating Guideline Recommendations—Exploring Patient Values?” *BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine*, 24(Suppl 1): A1-A59.

### **Book Chapters**

- McClimans, L. 2020. “The Value and Limits of Measurement”, in *Beyond Measure Art and Knowledge in the Age of Over-Measuring*, eds Sophia Efstathiou and Johan Börjesson (Trondheim Museum), pp. 76-94.
- McClimans, L. 2017. Health Measurement, Industry and Science, in *Philosophical Issues in Pharmaceuticals: Use, Dispensing and Development*, ed. Dien Ho, (Springer), pp. 93-108.
- McClimans, L. 2017. Measurement in Medicine and Beyond: Quality of Life, Blood Pressure and Time in *Reasoning in Measurement*, eds. Nordmann, A. and Mößner, N. (Routledge), pp. 133-46.
- McClimans, L. 2017. Psychological Measures, Risk and Values, in *Measurement in Medicine Philosophical Essays on Assessment and Evaluation*, ed. Leah M. McClimans (Rowman and Littlefield), pp. 89-106.
- McClimans, L. 2016. Outcome measures in medicine, in *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Medicine*, eds. M. Solomon, J. Simon and H. Kincaid, (New York, Routledge Press), pp. 330-41.

McClimans, L. 2016. A Dialogic Approach to Narrative Medicine, in *Inheriting Gadamer: New Directions in Philosophical Hermeneutics*, ed. Georgia Warnke, (University of Edinburgh Press) pp. 203-17.

McClimans, L. 2012. From the Other to the Subject, ed. Mark Sanders and Jeremy Wisniewski (Lanham: Lexington Books), pp. 293-310.

### **National Clinical Guidelines (Peer Reviewed)**

National Cancer Control Programme, Ireland. *Diagnosis and Staging of Patients with Prostate Cancer*. Forthcoming.

### **Encyclopedia Articles (Peer Reviewed)**

McClimans, L. 2014. Gadamer, Hans-Georg, *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael Gibbons (Wiley-Blackwell).

### **Blog Posts**

McClimans, L. June 2020. “Quality of Life Measures and Standardized Tests Share Equity Problems” *International Association For Population Health Science*, <https://iaphs.org/quality-of-life-measures-and-standardized-tests-share-equity-problems/>

McClimans, L. 24 July 2019. “Improving the Evidence Base for Autism Support and Assistive Technologies” *American Journal of Bioethics*, <http://www.bioethics.net/2019/07/improving-the-evidence-base-for-autism-support-and-assistive-technologies/>

McClimans, L. 30 May 2019. “The Gulf Between Physical and Mental Health Care” *American Journal of Bioethics*, <http://www.bioethics.net/2019/05/the-gulf-between-physical-and-mental-health-care/>

### **Non-Peer Reviewed Publications**

McClimans, L. 2019. Review of *A Philosophy for the Science for Well-Being* by Anna Alexandrova, (invited) *Economics and Philosophy*, 35: 347-54.

McClimans, L. 2016. Review of *Making Medical Knowledge* by Miriam Solomon, in *Hypatia*, (invited) online at <http://hypatiaphilosophy.org/HRO/reviews/content/269>.

McClimans, L. & Wisniewski, J. 2009. ‘Undead Patriarchy and the Possibility of Love’, in *Twilight and Philosophy*, (New York: Routledge Press).

McClimans, L. 2008. ‘Review of *Bioethics and Women* by Mary Briody Mahowald’, in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 11: 229-30.

McClimans, L. 2006. ‘Review of *Just Work* by Russell Muirhead’, in *Economics and Philosophy*, 22: 455-60.

### **Edited Volumes**

McClimans, L. (ed.) 2017. *Measurement in Medicine: Philosophical Essays on Assessment and Evaluation*, Rowman and Littlefield. [https://www.rowmaninternational.com/book/measurement\\_in\\_medicine/3-156-4540d804-6f4e-429b-9d16-4bd773562dec](https://www.rowmaninternational.com/book/measurement_in_medicine/3-156-4540d804-6f4e-429b-9d16-4bd773562dec)

## **In-Progress Monograph**

McClimans, L. *Patient-Centered Medicine*, under contract with Oxford University Press.

## **Fellowships and Awards**

Naji Foundation, meeting grant to cover INVITE workshop, 17-19 October 2019  
(€10,000)

Marie Curie ASSISTID Fellowship, EU and RESPECT, carried out at the University  
College Cork, Ireland 2017-2019 (€164, 675).

Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of South Carolina Provost's Office,  
2016 (\$5000 awarded to four faculty annually from over 2000 eligible  
faculty)

Magellan Grant, University of South Carolina, grant to support undergraduate researcher  
January 2015-2016

Teaching Leadership Grant, University of South Carolina, Summer Stipend 2012 & 2013  
Ethox Fellowship (carried out at the University of Warwick Medical School), Ethox  
Foundation, 2009-2011.

Travel Award, University of McGill, Department of Clinical Epidemiology, 2009.  
Award for best abstract at the Eastern Canadian Health Outcomes Meeting (ECHO),  
2009.

## **Selected Presentations**

### ***Invited Plenary at Professional Meetings***

1. "Achieving Validity" International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQoL), 24-27  
October 2018.

### ***Invited Colloquia Presentations***

1. "Place of Birth: Evidence and Ethics", Egenis Centre, University of Exeter, 16 November  
2015.
2. "Ethical and Epistemological Entanglements in Person-Centered Epidemiological  
Measures", McGill University Institute for Health and Social Policy, 14 March 2018.
3. "Patient-Reported Outcomes Measures: Vehicles for Patient-Centered Care", University  
of Cambridge, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, 07 February 2019.
4. "Patient-Centered Measurement", University College Cork, School of Public Health, 11  
March 2020.
5. "Patient-Centered Measurement", University of Liverpool, Stapledon Seminar, 3  
December 2020.

### ***Invited Presentations at Professional Meetings***

1. "Place of Birth: Ethics and Evidence", American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), 16-19 October, 2014.
2. "Measurement in Medicine", Philosophy of Science Association (with Erik Angner)(part of symposium), 6-9 November 2014.
3. "Measurement in Medicine and Beyond", The Making of Measurement (part of symposium), University of Cambridge, 23-4 July 2015.
4. "Moral Expertise in the Clinic: Lessons from Science and Medicine"(with Anne-Marie Slowther), American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) 22-24 October 2015.
5. "Epistemic and Ethical Problems with Nomothetic and Idiographic Quality of Life Measures", Philosophy of Science in Practice (part of symposium), Aarhus University, 24-6 June 2016.
6. "Objectives and Outcomes in Clinical Ethics Services: A Delphi Study", American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), 6-9 October 2016.
7. "A Dialogic Approach to Narrative Medicine" American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), 6-9 October 2016.
8. "Clinical Outcome Assessments" Philosophy of Science Association (PSA), 3-5 November 2016.
9. "Research Challenges and Methods in Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science: a Case Study", Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science & Engineering (SRPoiSE), 4-6 June 2018.
10. "Matchmaker, Matchmaker: The Creation of Technology Through Epistemic Partnerships with Assistive Dogs" Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), 29 August-1 September 2018.
11. "Between Standardization and Medical Ethics: The History of Health-Related Quality of Life Measures", History of Science Society (HSS), 1-4 November 2018.

### ***Invited Presentations***

1. "Reflections on Philosophy, Medicine and Cancer", University College Cork, Cancer Research Centre Women's Day, 8 March 2018.
2. "Contemporary Ethical Issues in Sports Medicine", Palmetto-Health University of South Carolina, 15 January 2020.

### ***Invited Seminars/Workshops***

1. "Introducing the Concept of Response Shift—An Overview of Theory and Methods (with Ruth Barkley, Sandra Nolte and Belinda King-Kallimanis), International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQoL), 21 October 2015.

2. "Preliminary Results from a Delphi Study on US Clinical Ethics Services", Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, 8 April 2015.
3. "Objectives and Outcomes in Clinical Ethics Services: A Delphi Study", Ethox Centre, University of Oxford, 9 February 2016.
4. "Ethical and Epistemic Entanglements in Epidemiological Measurement" Philosophy of Science Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik (invited), 16-29 April 2018.
5. "Ethical and Epistemic Values in Assistive Technology Evidence (EVALUATE)", Advanced Studies Seminar, University of Oxford Collaborating Centre for Values-Based Practice, 30 April 2018.
6. "Metrology for Measurement", McGill University, 24 February, 2020.

### **Professional Activity**

Referee for the following journals: *Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy*, *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*, *Journal of the International Measurement Federation*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Quality of Life Research*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, *Applied Research in Quality of Life*.

Referee for the following publishers: Oxford University Press 2017, Routledge Press, 2015, Cambridge University Press, 2014, Rowman & Littlefield Publishing, 2009.

- Member of the editorial board for *Philosophy of Medicine* 2020-present
- Ethics Consultant for revision of the Irish National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) Prostate Cancer Guideline 2018-9
- Academic Lead for Network Integrating Values into Evidence-Based Medicine (INVITE), Collaborating Centre for Values-Based Practice, University of Oxford 2018-present <https://valuesbasedpractice.org/what-do-we-do/networks/integrating-values-into-evidence-based-medicine-invite/>
- Member of the advisory board for University of Toronto Dalla Lana School of Public Health grant proposal to develop a measurement tool for complex patients (Ross Upshur, PI) 2017-present
- Founding Co-Director of the Ann Johnson Institute for Science, Technology & Society, 2017-present
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 2015-present
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Women and Gender Studies Program, 2014-2017
- Co-Chair of the International Society for Quality of Life Research's (ISOQoL) Special Interest Group (SIG) on response shift, 2012--2015
- Editor of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice (SPSP) Newsletter, 2011-2015

- Graduate Placement Officer, Philosophy Department, 2011-2017
- Member of the American Philosophical Association (APA), 2007-2014

### **PhD Supervision**

- Primary Supervisor: Laura Cupples (Philosophy of Medicine); James Rhea (Medical Ethics); Michael Glawon (Science, Technology and Society)
- Secondary Supervisor: Roel Feys (Medical Ethics), Brittany Gentry (Philosophy of Science), Tiffany Beaver (Ethics), Jennifer Gray (History of Philosophy), Rachel Imboden (Social Work)