

# NICOLA WENDY BARSDORF

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BA (UNISA), BA. Hons. Psych (UKZN), MHS (JHSPH), PhD (UiB)

## CURRENT POSITION

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, Cape Town, South Africa, Sep 2012 - date

**Head: Health Research Ethics Office**, Research Development and Support,  
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences  
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- 1. Provide strategic leadership for the Health Research Ethics Office and Health Research Ethics Committees*
- 2. Facilitate the development of, and compliance with, health research ethics standards, processes and policies at Stellenbosch University in line with evolving national and international ethics guidelines and regulations*
- 3. Manage the systems, administration and operations of health research ethics review for Stellenbosch University's two Health Research Ethics Committees*
- 4. Initiate and grow a health research ethics consultation service for Stellenbosch University researchers*
- 5. Develop and participate in health research ethics capacity development and training for researchers and HREC members at Stellenbosch University*
- 6. Actively participate in and contribute to academic activities in the field of health research ethics*

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN (UiB), Bergen, Norway

**PhD in International Health Research and Global Justice**, Centre for International Health, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Feb 2007 - Sep 2012

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH), Bethesda, USA

**Bioethics Fellow**, Department of Bioethics, Sep 2009 - Aug 2011

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (JHU), Baltimore, USA

**Research Ethics Trainee**, Fogarty African Bioethics Training Program, Sep 2002 - May 2004

JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (JHSPH), Baltimore, USA

**Masters in Health Sciences**, Dept. of International Health, Social and Behavioural Interventions  
Sep 2002 - May 2004

UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL (UKZN), Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

**BA Honours Psychology**, Cum Laude, Department of Psychology, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (UNISA), Durban, South Africa

**BA Psychology and Sociology**, 2000

## RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY (SU), Research Development and Support, Medicine & Health Sciences

**Head: Health Research Ethics Office**, 2012 - date

SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH ETHICS TRAINING INITIATIVE (SARETI), University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)

**Lecturer and consultant**, 2004 - date

HIV AIDS VACCINES ETHICS GROUP (HAVEG), South African AIDS Vaccine Initiative (SAAVI)

**Consultant**, 2005 - date

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH), Department of Bioethics

**Bioethics fellow**, 2009 - 2011

ETHICS, LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP (ELH), WHO African Aids Vaccine Program (AAVP)

**Researcher and project coordinator**, 2004 - 2007

FOGARTY AFRICAN BIOETHICS TRAINING PROGRAM (FABTP), Johns Hopkins University

**Research ethics trainee**, 2002 - 2004

HIV AIDS VACCINES ETHICS GROUP (HAVEG), South African AIDS Vaccine Initiative (SAAVI), UKZN  
**Researcher**, 2002 - 2004

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
**Qualitative Research Assistant**, 2003

## **CONSULTANCIES**

NIAID/DIVISION OF AIDS, Rockville, USA

**Panellist**, 22-23 Apr 2013

Ethical considerations around novel combination prevention modalities in HIV prevention and vaccine trials in resource limited settings

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO), Karachi, Pakistan

**Temporary Advisor**, 15-16 Feb 2006

Ethical Considerations related to the Provision of Care and Treatment in Vaccine trials

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO), Salvador, Brazil

**Temporary Advisor**, 12-15 Jun 2005

Ethical Considerations related to the Provision of Care and Treatment in Vaccine trials

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO), Lausanne, Switzerland

**Temporary Advisor**, 26-28 Aug 2004

Gender Issues in HIV Vaccine Trials

AFRICAN AIDS VACCINE PROGRAMME (AAVP), Lausanne, Switzerland

**Temporary Advisor**, 2-3 Sep 2004

Global Policy and Strategy for development of national frameworks in support of HIV vaccines in developing countries.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

HREC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (HREC EXCO)

**Chairperson**, Sep 2012-present

Committee supporting the optimal functioning of Stellenbosch University's HRECs, responsible for advising HRECs on research ethics policy, substantive and procedural norms for ethics review

SENATE RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (SREC)

**Ex officio voting member**, Sep 2012 - present

Committee responsible for advising Senate on research policy and the advancement of research at Stellenbosch University

HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE 1 (HREC 1)

**Full voting member**, Sep 2012 - present

Committee responsible for protecting the dignity, rights, safety, and wellbeing of human participants in health-related research at Stellenbosch University

HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE 2 (HREC 2)

**Full voting member**, Sep 2012 - present

Committee responsible for protecting the dignity, rights, safety, and wellbeing of human participants in health-related research at Stellenbosch University

SUB-COMMITTEE C OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

**Ex officio voting member**, Sep 2012 - present

Committee responsible for the advancement of research in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

**Full voting member**, May 2015 - present

Committee responsible for enabling and supporting undergraduate research in the FMHS, Stellenbosch University

## PUBLICATIONS

Van der Merwe, A., Graewe, F., Zulkhe, A., **Barsdorf**, N., Zarrabi, A., Bezuidenhout, K., Bailey, B., Viljoen, J., Ackermann, H., Spies, P., Opondo, D., Al-Qaoud, T., Nel, J. & Moosa, R. [In press]. Penile allotransplantation for penis amputation following ritual circumcision with 20 months follow-up. Paper invited by the *Lancet*.

Van der Merwe, A., Zarrabi, A., Zulkhe, A., **Barsdorf**, N. & Moosa, R. (2017). Lessons learned from the world's first successful penis allotransplantation. *J Mater Sci: Mater Med*: DOI 10.1007/s10856-016-5836-9.

**Barsdorf**, N. & Millum, J. (2017). The social value of health research and the worst off. *Bioethics*, 31(2): 105-115.

Kruger, M. & **Barsdorf**, N. (2014). Chapter 20: Ancillary care in research. In Mariana Kruger, Paul Ndebele, Lyn Horn (Eds.), *Research Ethics in Africa: A Resource for Research Ethics Committees* (pp. 153-158). Stellenbosch: SUN Press.

Horn, L. & **Barsdorf**, N. (2014). Chapter 24: Ethics review. In Mariana Kruger, Paul Ndebele, Lyn Horn (Eds.), *Research Ethics in Africa: A Resource for Research Ethics Committees* (pp. 189-194). Stellenbosch: SUN Press.

**Barsdorf**, N., Maman, S., Kass, N., & Slack, C. (2010). Access to treatment in HIV prevention trials: perspectives from a South African community. *Developing World Bioethics*, 10(2), 78-87.

Essack, Z., Koen, J., **Barsdorf**, N., Slack, C., Quayle, M., Milford, C., Lindegger, G., Ranchod, C., & Mukuka, R. (2010). Stakeholder perspectives on ethical challenges in HIV vaccine trials in South Africa. *Developing World Bioethics*, 10(1), 11-21.

Koen, J., Slack, C., **Barsdorf**, N., & Essack, Z. (2008). Payment of trial participants can be ethically sound: Moving past a flat rate. *SAMJ*, 98(12), 926-931.

Milford, C., **Barsdorf**, N., & Kafaar, Z. (2007). What should South African HIV vaccine trials do about social harms? *AIDS Care*, 19(9), 1110-1117.

Wassenaar, D. & **Barsdorf**, N. (2007). The ethical involvement of women in HIV vaccine trials in Africa: Discussion paper developed for the African AIDS Vaccine Program. *Women and Health*, 45(1) 37-50

Kass, N., Hyder, A., Ajuwon, A., Appiah-Poku, J., **Barsdorf**, N., Elsayed, D., Mokhachane, M., Mupenda, B., Ndebele, P., Ndossi, G., Sikateyo, S., Tangwa, G., & Tindana, P. (2007). The structure and function of Research Ethics Committees in Africa: A case study. *PLoS Medicine*, 4(1), 1-6.

Slack, C., Stobie, M., & **Barsdorf**, N. (2007). Commentary 13.1: The limits of obligations to provide treatment in the South African Phase 1 HIV vaccine trials. In James V. Lavery, Christine Grady, Elizabeth R. Wahl, Ezekiel J. Emanuel (Eds.), *Ethical Issues in International Biomedical Research: A Case Book* (pp. 219-225). New York: Oxford University Press.

Wassenaar, D., **Barsdorf**, N., & Richter, L. (2005). Gender and HIV vaccine trials: Ethics and Social Science Issues. *Harvard Health Policy Review*, 6, 124-130.

**Barsdorf**, N. (2005). [Review of *Doing Social Psychology Research*], Glynis M. Breakwell (Ed.). *Psychology in Society (PINS)*, 31, 110-111.

**Barsdorf**, N. & Wassenaar, D. (2004). Racial differences in public perceptions of voluntariness of medical research participants. *Social Science and Medicine*, 60, 1087-1098.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Barsdorf**, N. (2016). *Social value as a substantive component in research priority setting*. Plenary panel presentation at the Fourth global symposium on health systems research: resilient and responsive health systems for a changing world, Vancouver, 14-18 November. Session: The ethics of health systems research priority-setting. Session contributors: Professor Adnan A. Hyder (session chair), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Dr. Nicola Barsdorf, Stellenbosch University; Dr. Bridget Pratt, University of Melbourne.

- Barsdorf, N. & Millum, J. (2016).** *The social value of health research and the worst off.* Poster presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress, International Association of Bioethics (IAB), Edinburgh, Scotland, 14-17 June.
- Barsdorf, N. (2015).** *Fair health research priority setting methods and processes.* Plenary presentation at the Ethics of Global Health Research Priority Setting Workshop, Ethox Centre, Oxford University, 30 September.
- Barsdorf, N. (2015).** *Supporting health research for the global poor: An ethical duty to the worst-off.* Plenary presentation at the Emergency Medicine Society of South Africa (EMSSA) Ethics Workshop, 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WCDEM), Cape Town, South Africa, 22 April.
- Barsdorf, N. (2014).** *Biobanking: ethical considerations: Sub-Saharan African Regional Biospecimen Repository (SSA RBR).* Plenary presentation at the Johns Hopkins University Fogarty African Bioethics Training Program Alumni Reunion, Baltimore, USA, 2 December.
- Barsdorf, N., Silverman, H., et al. (2014).** *International research ethics.* Panelist and discussion facilitator at the PRIM&R/MERETI International Scholars Luncheon, PRIM&R Advancing Ethical Research International Conference, Baltimore, USA, 5 December.
- Slack, C., Strode, A., **Barsdorf, N.**, Koen, J., & Essack, E. (2009). *Key interventions and key groups: Track 4 Social and economic sciences, human rights and ethics.* Plenary presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> South African AIDS Conference, Durban South Africa, 3 April.
- Koen, J., Slack, C., Essack, Z., & **Barsdorf, N.** (2008). *Payment of trial participants can be ethically sound, but how do we move past a flat rate?* Poster presentation at AIDS Vaccine Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, 13 October.
- Barsdorf, N. (2007).** *Developing Resources for decision-making on some key ethical issues in the conduct of HIV vaccine trials.* Plenary presentation at the WHO/UNAIDS satellite meeting at the 8<sup>th</sup> GFBR, Vilnius, Lithuania, 26 June.
- Koen, J., **Barsdorf, N.**, Slack, C., & Mukuka, R. (2007). *A review of models and practices for payment of participants in research, with recommendations for South Africa.* Poster presentation at the 3rd SA AIDS Conference, Durban, South Africa, 5 June.
- Milford, C., **Barsdorf, N.**, Slack, C., Strode, A., & Xaba, X. *Social harms in HIV vaccine trials: Perceptions of South African stakeholders.* Poster presentation at the XVI International AIDS Conference, Toronto, Canada, 13 August 2006.
- Milford, C., **Barsdorf, N.**, & Lindegger, G. *Payment for HIV vaccine research participation: South African Stakeholders' perceptions.* Poster presentation at the AIDS Vaccine 2006 Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 29 August 2006.
- Barsdorf, N.** *Report on the WHO and ELH-AAVP consultation on the inclusion of adolescents in HIV vaccine trials in Gaborone, Botswana, 16-18 March, 2006.* Plenary presentation at the AAVP satellite meeting at the AIDS Vaccine Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands, 29 August 2006.
- Barsdorf, N. & Wassenaar, D.** *Ethical Considerations in HIV Vaccine Trials: Strengthening Capacity in Africa.* Plenary presentation at the European Commission Conference on Globalisation and New Epidemics: Ethics, Security and Policy Making. Brussels, Belgium, 23 May 2006.
- Barsdorf, N.** *Access to care and treatment: Report on consultations in Malawi and Salvador.* Plenary presentation at the Third Forum of the African AIDS Vaccine Programme (AAVP), Yaoundé, Cameroon, 19 October 2005.
- Barsdorf, N. & Wassenaar, D.** *Ethical considerations in HIV vaccine trials.* Plenary presentation at the AAVP satellite meeting at the AIDS Vaccine Conference, Montreal, Canada, 6 September 2005.
- Barsdorf, N., Slack, C., Stobie, M., & Wassenaar, D.** *Access to treatment: The South African Case.* Plenary presentation at the Initiative for Vaccine Research (IVR) Global Vaccine Research Forum, Satellite Symposium: Ethical Considerations related to the Provision of Care and Treatment in Vaccine trials, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, 12 June 2005.
- Wassenaar, D. & **Barsdorf, N.** *Public perceptions of health research and biotechnology.* Plenary

presentation at the WHO TDR Consultation, Ibadan, Nigeria, 2005.

Strode, A., Grant, C., Jaspan, H., Slack, C., Mushariwa, M., Smit, T., & **Barsdorf**, N. *Developing a legislative framework to protect child research participants*. Poster presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> South African AIDS Conference, Durban, South Africa, 7 June 2005.

**Barsdorf**, N. & Wassenaar, D. *Responding to the Ethical-Legal challenges in HIV vaccine development in Africa: A report on the activities and plans of the Ethics, Law and Human Rights (ELH) Thematic Working Group (TWG) of the African AIDS Vaccine Program*. Plenary presentation at the WHO-UNAIDS Consultation on Global Policy and Strategy for the development of National/Regional frameworks in support of HIV vaccine development in developing countries, 2 September 2004.

**Barsdorf**, N., Wassenaar, D., & Richter, L. *Women, Science, Ethics and HIV Vaccine Trials*. Plenary presentation at the WHO-UNAIDS Consultation on Gender, Age and Race Factors in HIV Vaccine-related research and clinical trials, Lausanne, Switzerland, 26 August 2004.

Stobie, M., Slack, C., & **Barsdorf**, N. *Access to treatment for HIV infection for phase I HIV vaccine trial participants: Obligations in a non-ideal world*. Plenary presentation at the Ethics Society of South Africa's Inaugural conference, Johannesburg, 29 March 2004.

**Barsdorf**, N. & Wassenaar, D. *Racial differences in public perceptions of voluntariness of medical research participants*. Plenary presentation at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, 4<sup>th</sup> Research Conference, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. November 2001.

## SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

**Barsdorf**, N. *What makes mental health research ethical?* Invited presentation at the:

Department of Psychiatry Departmental Academic Meeting, Stellenbosch University (SU), South Africa, 16 February 2016.

Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Academic Lecture Series, University of Cape Town (UCT), Valkenberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa, 8 September 2015.

**Barsdorf**, N. *What makes health research ethical?* Invited presentation at the PhD orientation workshop, Faculty of Science, Stellenbosch University (SU), South Africa, 3 June 2015.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Penile transplant: Ethical considerations*. Plenary presentation at the Media Briefing: Stellenbosch University doctors perform first successful penile transplant in the world, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 13 March 2015.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Biobanking: Ethical considerations and assurances*. Plenary presentation at the Launch of the Sub-Saharan African Regional Biospecimen Repository (SSA RBR), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 18 November 2014.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Health Research Ethics: An overview for researchers and research supervisors*. Invited lecture at the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery's Academic Programme, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 29 October 2014.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Ethics and research with children in South Africa*. Invited lecture at the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (DCAP) Research Seminar, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa, 4 September 2014.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Health Research Ethics: Why, what and how?* Invited lecture at the Division of Haematology, Tygerberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa, 28 March 2014.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Health Research Ethics: Why, what and how?* Invited lecture at the Division of Radiation Oncology, Tygerberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa, 16 April 2013.

**Barsdorf**, N. Discussion facilitator: *What makes research with human subjects ethical? Social value and Scientific validity*. PAHO Research Ethics Workshop, Hilton, Washington DC, Rockville, 1-3 November 2010.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Does South Africa have obligations to the poor beyond its borders?* Original lecture presented to the Department of Bioethics, NIH, Bethesda, USA, 25 May 2010.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Health research priorities and global spending*. Original lecture presented to the Department

of Bioethics, NIH, Bethesda, USA, 21 Sep 2010.

Koen, J., Slack, C., **Barsdorf**, N., & Essack, Z. *Payment of clinical trial participants can be ethically sound: Moving past a flat rate*. Paper presented at the IRENSA course, Cape Town, South Africa, 25 August 2008.

**Barsdorf**, N. *Summary of Recommendations from the 2004 WHO-UNAIDS Consultation on Gender, Age and Race Factors in HIV Vaccine-Related Research and Clinical Trials*. Oral presentation at the WHO-UNAIDS-AAVP Technical Consultation: The Inclusion of Adolescents in HIV Vaccine Clinical Trials. Gaborone, Botswana, 16 March 2006.

**Barsdorf**, N., Wassenaar, D., & Milford, C. *Key Training Needs for HIV Vaccine Trial Review identified by African RECs*. Oral presentation at the WHO-UNAIDS Ethics, Law, Human Rights and HIV Vaccine Development: 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity Building Workshop for African Resource Persons (REC/IRB Members) Involved in Ethical Review. Dakar, Senegal, 25 August 2005.

**Barsdorf**, N. W., & Wassenaar, D. R. *Racial differences in public perceptions of voluntariness of medical research participants*. Oral presentation for the South African Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI), Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, July 2004.

Maman, S., **Barsdorf**, N., Wassenaar, D., & Kass, N. *Sponsors obligation to HIV vaccine trial participants who seroconvert: Stakeholders' perceptions*. Oral presentation for the HIV Scientific Group, Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies, Nongoma, South Africa, 9 March 2004.

Maman, S., **Barsdorf**, N., Wassenaar, D., & Kass, N. *Sponsors obligation to HIV vaccine trial participants who seroconvert: Stakeholders' perceptions*. Oral Presentation at Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies, Ethics Roundtable, Nongoma, South Africa, 19 February 2004.

## POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

**Primary supervisor**, Mr Nicholas Phiri, Mapping the composition and functioning of research ethics committees in Malawi, SARETI Ethics **Masters student**, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Co-supervisor: Mr Francis Masiye, HREC Coordinator, Health Research Ethics Office, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University

**Co-supervisor**, Prof Andre van der Merwe, *Penile allograft transplantation for men with penile loss after ritual circumcision*, **PhD candidate**, Stellenbosch University  
Primary supervisor: Prof Rafique Moosa, Head: Dept of Medicine, Stellenbosch University

**Co-supervisor**, Dr Tyson Welzel, *Ethics of Emergency Medicine*, **PhD candidate**, Division of Emergency Medicine, Department of Surgery, University of Cape Town  
Primary supervisor: Prof Marc Blockman, Chair, Research Ethics Committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Cape Town

**Co-supervisor**, Ms Irene Tsey, *Child research compliance with Section 71, South African National Health Act 2003*, SARETI Ethics **Masters student**, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Primary supervisor: Prof Mariana Kruger, Head: Paediatrics and Child Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University

**Co-supervisor**, Ms Dimpho Ralefala, *Child research compliance with Section 71, South African National Health Act 2003*, SARETI Ethics **Masters student**, University of KwaZulu-Natal.  
Primary supervisor: Prof Mariana Kruger, Head: Paediatrics and Child Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University

**Primary supervisor**, Ms Juliet Katoba, *Child Research Conducted At The University Of Zambia*, *School Of Medicine: Research Ethics Fellow*, Fogarty African Bioethics Training Program (FABTP).  
Co-Supervisor: Prof Nancy Kass, Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University

**Co-supervisor**, Ms Wendy Maitin-Casalis, *"What's in a word?" The language, terminology, meaning and symbolism of stigma and HIV in rural KwaZulu-Natal*. Postgraduate Honours student, School of Psychology, University of KwaZulu-Natal. Graduated 2008.  
Primary supervisor: Prof Douglas Wassenaar, School of Psychology, University of KwaZulu-Natal

## TEACHING

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY (SU), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

### **Postgraduate lecturer**

Community Based Participatory Research, 2015-date

*Ethics in community-based participatory research*

Pre-Doctoral Short Course, 2015-date

*What makes health research ethical?*

Family Medicine and Primary Care: Applied research module, 2015-date

*Health Research Ethics: An overview for researchers and research supervisors.*

Masters in Clinical Epidemiology (MClinEpi), 2013-date

*What makes clinical research ethical?*

### **Invited lectures**

Research Protocol Writing Workshop, 2014-date

*Ethics in your research protocol.*

Post Graduate Supervision Workshop, 2013-date

*Health Research Ethics: An overview for postgraduate supervisors.*

Short Course in Clinical Research Skills, 2013-date

*Health Research Ethics*

One-day Research Overview Workshop, 2013-date

*Health Research Ethics: An overview for researchers*

NIH R01 Grant Application Workshop, 2013-2014

*Protection of human subjects.*

SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH ETHICS TRAINING INITIATIVE (SARETI)

**Postgraduate lecturer**, Master of Social Science (Health Research Ethics), 2014-date

*Capstone module: Ethical issues in international collaborative research*, 2016 -date

*Research ethics in South Africa*, 2014-2015

*Research using stored specimens*, 2014-2015

*Research Ethics and Public Health Research*, 2014-2015

**Postgraduate lecturer**, Master of Social Science (Health Research Ethics), 2004-2009

*Critical Issues in Informed Consent: Application of "voluntariness" in Social Science Research*

*Critical Issues in Informed Consent: Summary session on Informed Consent*

**Postgraduate course coordinator**, Master of Social Science (Health Research Ethics), 2004-2007

*Critical Issues in Informed Consent*

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH), Department of Bioethics

**Postgraduate course developer/lecturer**, Fundamentals of Clinical Research for the CRN, 2010

*Ethical concerns and the role of the clinical research nurse*

*Introduction to human subjects protection*

UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL (UKZN), School of Psychology

**Undergraduate lecturer**, Psychology 301: Advanced Research Methods, 2004-2007

*Intro to research ethics*

**Undergraduate lecturer**, Psychology 201: Introduction to Research, 2005-2007

*Intro to research ethics*

**Postgraduate lecturer**, Psychology Honours: Research Methodology, 2005

*Research Ethics*

**Invited postgraduate lecture**, Psychology Masters, 16 Feb 2004

*What makes clinical research ethical?*

UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL (UKZN), Discipline of Sociology

**Postgraduate lecturer**, Sociology Masters, 2005

*Advanced Research methods: Intro to Research Ethics*

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (JHU), Bloomberg School of Public Health

**Teaching Assistant, 2003**

Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics: *International Research Ethics* - Instructors: Nancy Kass, Andrea Ruff

## **RESEARCH ETHICS CAPACITY BUILDING**

### **BENCHMARKING VISITS**

Barsdorf, N. *Health Research Ethics Office Overview*. Invited presentation and benchmarking visit for the **Research Development and Support Division, Docente Universitário** (Mozambique), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, 27 July 2016

Marais, D. & Barsdorf, N. Benchmarking visit with the Training and Research Support Officer, **Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance (SACIDS), African Centre of excellence** (Tanzania), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, May 2016

Barsdorf, N. *Health Research Ethics Office Overview*. Invited presentation and benchmarking visit for the **Research Office, Mbarara University of Science and Technology** (Uganda), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, 12 April 2016

Barsdorf, N. Benchmarking visit with the Chairperson of the **Research Ethics Committee for the Faculty of Health Sciences at Walter Sisulu University** (South Africa), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, 21 October 2015

Barsdorf, N. Benchmarking visit with the Secretariat to the **Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee, University of the Free State** (South Africa), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, March 2015

### **REC TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

Workshop developer and coordinator for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual W.Cape REC workshop**. Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, 5 August 2016

Barsdorf, N. *What makes research ethical? Reviewing research ethics applications*. Invited presentation at the **Biomedical Research Ethics Committee (BMREC) and Humanities And Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee (HSSREC) Induction workshop**, New Life Science Building, University of the Western Cape, 26 February 2016

Workshop coordinator for the African AIDS Vaccine Programme (AAVP) **Ethics Training Workshop for African REC members**, Dakar, Senegal, August 2005.

Workshop coordinator for the NIH-Bergen-SARETI Conference on **Ethical Aspects of Clinical Research in Developing Countries**, Durban, South Africa, February 2005.

### **REC MEMBER TRAINING**

Barsdorf, N. *HREC orientation for new committee members: Reviewing research ethics applications*. Invited presentation at the **1<sup>st</sup> Undergraduate Research Ethics Committee (UREC) Meeting**, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, 19 October 2015

Barsdorf, N. *HREC orientation for new committee members: Reviewing research ethics applications*  
More than 20 **HREC members** trained (2013-date) in small groups or in one-on-one 1.5 hour training sessions. Training focuses on the fundamentals of the 8 benchmarks for reviewing research, based on Emanuel et al. (2004) *What makes clinical research in developing countries ethical?* *JID*, 189: 930-937

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND COLLABORATIONS**

**Co-investigator:** Wellcome Trust Seed Grant: *Ethics and equity in priority-setting for health: Creating an Ethics Working Group for the international Decision Support Initiative (iDSI)*.

Responsibilities: advise on the research activities and strategic development of the Working Group, and facilitate linkages with ethicists and policymakers in Southern Africa. Website:

[http://www.idsihealth.org/knowledge\\_base/ethics\\_and\\_equity/](http://www.idsihealth.org/knowledge_base/ethics_and_equity/)

*Principal Investigator (PI):* Prof Peter Littlejohns, Kings College London.



*Co-investigators:* Prof Ruth Faden, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics; Dr Nicola Barsdorf, Stellenbosch University; Dr Carleigh Krubiner (project coordinator), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Prof Kalipso Chalkidou, Health Policy Research at King's College London  
*Collaborators:* Yot Teerawattanon, HITAP (Thailand); Tony Culyer, York University (UK), Amanda Glassman, CGD (US) and Karen Hofman, Wits University (South Africa).  
Grant no: 108328/Z/15/Z (2015-date)

**Collaborator:** Horizon 2020: *RRI for ACTION: Action To Advance And Promote Responsible Research And Innovation (Rri) In Research Organizations.*

The proposal RRI4Action will address the challenge of promoting and increasing the uptake of RRI practices at the level of research organizations, to reach the final goal of increasing research institutions' ability to generate research and innovation that reflects societal needs.

*Principal Investigator (PI):* Dr Joaquin Guinea, Sociedad para el Fomento de la Innovación Tecnológica SL, Spain; Dr Lyn Horn, Stellenbosch University.

Grant no: 707765 (2015-date)

**Collaborator:** PRICELESS SA (*Priority Cost Effective Lessons for System Strengthening South Africa*), School of Public Health, University of Witwatersrand.

PRICELESS SA is a programme to enable smart decisions about health investments in South Africa. PRICELESS provides information that will improve the way in which resources are allocated and priorities are set for those individual interventions, clinical services, and health technologies which affect population health.

Website: <http://www.pricelessa.ac.za/> (2014-date)

**Member:** Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR): *Ethics Working Group, 2014-date*

Objective: To explore what ethical issues arise in relation to HPSR in low and middle-income countries, how they should be addressed, and by whom.

*Chairperson:* Prof Adnan Hyder, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA

*Coordinator:* Bridget Pratt, University of Melbourne, Australia

*Members:* Dr Sassy Molyneux, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Kenya; Dr Anant Bhan, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), India; Prof Mala Ramanathan, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, India; Mr Joe Ali, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, USA; Dr Nicola Barsdorf, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Website:

<http://healthsystemsglobal.org/twg-group/9/Ethics-of-Health-Systems-Research> (2013 - date)

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