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I am a critical social bioethicist whose work focuses on understanding and eliminating racial and colonial injustices in contemporary health settings and communities.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- ❖ Clinical bioethics: consultation, policy-writing and education
- ❖ Critical social theories: postcolonialism, anti-colonialism, critical race, religious studies
- ❖ Higher education: undergraduate, graduate, interdisciplinary, international
- ❖ Advocacy: reducing racial health disparities, supporting students/scholars of color, promoting social determinants
- ❖ Seventeen years of critical care clinical nursing practice

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| 2022-Present | Michigan State University, East Lansing MI
<i>Assistant Professor, Center for Bioethics and Social Justice</i> |
| 2019-2021 | University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage AK
<i>Multicultural Postdoctoral Fellow, Philosophy Department</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and taught five courses to diversify curriculum on bioethics, world religions, racism, and colonialism• Research Development: AI/AN Nursing and Medical Student Responses to Western Bioethics - Exploring Moral Courage through Worldview |
| 2015-2017 | Regis University, Denver, CO
<i>Affiliate Faculty, Master of Development Practice</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory board member and continued program development contributor for new Master of Development Practice degree• Designed and taught four courses in pilot master's program to interprofessional students in a global classroom (Global Health) |
| 2011-2015 | Regis University, Denver, CO
<i>Assistant Professor, Department of Health Care Ethics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and taught professional and interprofessional health care ethics courses (pilot of innovative interprofessional ethics course Spring 2015)• Engaged in academic service including committee leadership, service learning and global immersion assessment, strategic planning for "internationalizing" the campus, and advising in the creation of the Master of Development Practice |
| 2004-2010 | Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO
<i>Faculty of PB@TCH: Program in Bioethics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided pediatric clinical ethics consultation• Envisioned, designed, and operated a nurse liaison sub-committee; created a nurse ethicist position• Drafted hospital policy: Donor after Cardiac Death, Advance Directives• Educated staff through departmental rounds, yearly conference, and ad hoc |

- 2000-2008 **Children’s Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO**
Pediatric Intensive Care RN, Clinical Nurse V
- Clinical care of critically ill children ages 0-20 including trauma, oncology, chronic illness, burns, and infectious disease
- 1998-2000 **University Hospital: Denver, CO**
Emergency Department RN, Level III
- Clinical care of all ages in a level II trauma center
- 1996-1998 **Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX**
Critical Care RN- Hepatic and Renal Transplant / Medical ICU
- Clinical care of critically ill adult patients

EDUCATION

- 2019 **University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO**
Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies (Emphasis in ethics, colonialism, critical religious studies)
 Dissertation Title: Behind the Mask of Morality: (e)urochristian Bioethics and the Colonial-Racial Discourse
- 2005 **University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, CO**
Master of Humanities (Emphasis in philosophy and bioethics)
- 1995 **University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX**
Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Honors

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in a Refereed Journal

- 2022 McCurdy, Jennifer. “Colonial Geographies, Black Geographies, and Bioethics,” in *A Critical Moment in Bioethics: Reckoning with Anti-Black Racism through Intergenerational Dialogue*, ed. Faith E. Fletcher et al., special report, *Hastings Center Report* 52, no. 2: S66-S68.
- 2022 McCurdy, Jennifer L., and Claretta Y. Dupree. "Understanding and Addressing Health Disparities through a Racial Paradigm." *Guidance for Healthcare Ethics Committees* (2022) in Hester, D. Micah, and Toby L. Schonfeld, eds. *Guidance for healthcare ethics committees*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2020 Jotterand, F., McCurdy, J., & Elger, B. (2020). Cognitive enhancers, intellectual disability, and personal identity: emerging ethical issues. In *Rosenberg's Molecular and Genetic Basis of Neurological and Psychiatric Disease* (pp. 199-207). Academic Press. (Updated publication)
- 2015 Jotterand, F. and McCurdy, J. *Ethics of Transhumanism: In Global Context in The Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, Springer Publishers.
- 2014 Jotterand, F. McCurdy, J., & Elger, B. “Cognitive Enhancers and Mental Impairment: Emerging Ethical Issues” in Roger N. Rosenberg and Juan M. Pascual (Eds.), *Rosenberg’s Molecular and Genetic Basis of Neurological and Psychiatric Disease* (Fifth Edition) Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier, Inc. (First publication)

TEACHING

2022 to present	Michigan State University, East Lansing Health Systems and Patient Vulnerabilities Structural Competency: Factors that Create Health Disparities Various bioethics topics
2019-2021	University of Alaska, Anchorage: Resistance and Reclamation: A Discourse on Colonialism God, Gold, and Glory: Colonialism and Racism Eastern Philosophy and Religion Biomedical Ethics Western Religion
2011-2017	Regis University, Denver, Colorado: Entry Points to Global Development (emphasis on global health) x 2 Gender, Identity, and Culture (global development students) Global Health and Development Interdisciplinary Foundations of Professional Character and Ethical Practice (PT, nursing, pharmacy) Applied Ethics in Health Care (classroom, online, undergraduates, nursing students) x 12 Ethics for Nurse Leaders (family and neonatal nurse practitioners) x 8 Health Care Ethics for Physical Therapists x 2 Ethics and Health (exercise science majors) x 2
2013-2017	University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology (teaching assistantship): Latinx Religious Traditions Foundations of Islam Ethical Analysis Religion and Film
2007-2014	University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado: Ethics in the Health Professions x 8

RESEARCH

2022	Co-Investigator: An Intervention to Transform Care Provider Behaviors in Perinatal Safety for Black Birthing Families
2021	Research partner: Indigenous values and bioethics scoping review
2020-present	Grant-writer for research proposal: AN/AI Nursing and Medical Student Responses to Western Bioethics: Exploring Moral Courage through Worldview

2018	Survey designer for needs assessment for statewide Colorado Healthcare Ethics Forum (CHEF), Denver, Colorado
2018	Survey designer for knowledge and needs assessment for Boulder Community Hospital Ethics Consultation Team
2017	Research assistant: State of the State: Colorado Restorative Justice Programs assessment with the School of Social Work, University of Denver
2013-2015	Research Team Member: The Process of Assessing the Impact of Interprofessional Global Service Immersion Experiences in Higher Education. Creation of an assessment tool for measuring ROI. Eigsti, H., Haight, R., Footer, C., McCurdy, J., Schumacher, M., Christenson, M., Scherer, S., and Lee, J.
2007-2011	Research Team Member: Predictions of Traumatic Brain Injury Outcomes in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. IRB mixed methods study. Beth Wathen MSN RN, Jennifer McCurdy MH RN, Robin Thomas BSN RN, PICU, Karen Kennedy BSN RN, Molly Weaver MSN RN, Carol Petraitis BSN RN, Zhaoxing Pan PhD.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

2020	Healthcare Ethics Consultation Certification (HEC-C)
1999-present	Colorado State Board of Nursing (Active) License # 118206

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2020-2021	Task Force Member, Hastings Center special report: <i>A Critical Moment in Bioethics: Reckoning with Anti-Blackness through Intergenerational Dialogue</i>
2019 – 2022	Co-chair, Race, Culture, and Ethnicity Affinity Group of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
2019 – present	Member, Faculty Senate Diversity Committee, University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK
2017-2019, 2021	Board Member and member of the conference planning committee, Colorado Health Care Ethics Forum, Denver, CO
2017-2019	Chair of the Ethics Consultation Team; Member Ethics Committee, Boulder Community Hospital, CO
2017	Abstract Reviewer: Ethics Section, American Public Health Association
2015-2017	Member: Advisory committee for the introduction of a Master's and Certificate in Development Practice, Regis University
2015	Ethics Consultation Training for Centura Hospitals, Denver, CO

2014	Member: Interprofessional Health Care Ethics Course Design and Implementation Task Force, Regis University
2013-2015	Member: Interprofessional research group: Cost/benefit analysis (ROI) of global immersion programs. Chair: Dr. Heidi Eigsti
2013	Member: International Student Solution Group: Prepared a proposal for internationalizing the campus to inform university-wide strategic planning
2011-2013	Secretary and Member: Service Learning Committee, Regis University
2012	Member: Search Committee for Department of Health Care Ethics Faculty
2012-2015	ASCENT nurse bioethics training for Centura Hospitals (2-3x a year), Denver, CO
2011-2013	Advance Directives Education for Dominican Sisters Home Health, Denver, CO
2003-2007	Member/Secretary, Donor Alliance Board of Directors, Denver, CO
2003-2007	Member, Donor Alliance Ethics Committee, Denver, CO
2005-2006	AACN National Ethics Work Group: Palliative Care in Critical Care, CA

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2021	Hastings Center stipend	\$3,000
2021	Hastings Center-facilitated grant for special report	appx \$40,000
2020	Center for Engaged Learning Fellowship	\$2000
2020	PIVOT Online teaching and design weeklong seminar at UAA	\$2000
2019	Multicultural Postdoctoral Fellowship	\$10,000
2018	Graduate Student Professional Development	\$700
2018	Joint Doctoral Program Dissertation Research Fellowship	\$4000

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations

2021	Postcolonial Reflections on Brain Death <i>American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Online</i>
2020	Pluralism in Bioethics? Interrogating (e)urochristian Paradigm(s) – Panel Presentation <i>American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Online</i>
2019	Remembering Justice in the Wake of Trauma: Colonial Roots of Racial Inequities in Pediatrics. <i>American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA</i>
2018	Reconsidering (e)urochristian Bioethics through Indigenous Anti-Colonialism <i>American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO</i>

- 2018 When Past Informs Future. Reconsidering (e)urochristian Bioethics through Indigenous Anti-Colonialism
American Society for Bioethics, Anaheim, CA
- 2018 Excavating (e)urochristian Colonial Themes in Bioethics
Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Vancouver, CA
- 2018 Beyond Race: Bioethics, Colonialism, and Native American Health
Colorado Healthcare Ethics Forum, Denver, CO
- 2014 Jotterand, F, Bennett-Woods, D, Glover, J, McCurdy, J. Professional Identity and Ethics Beyond Compliance: IPE as Character Development
American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA
- 2014 McCurdy, J. and Beachy, J. Exploring the Theoretical Foundations for Ethics Consultation: Principlism, Casuistry, and Other Inherited Methods
Colorado Health Care Ethics Forum Conference, Denver, CO
- 2013 Fitzgerald, H. and McCurdy, J. Creating Nursing Champions of Interdisciplinary Ethics Education: Ethics Nurse Liaisons at Children's Hospital Colorado
Second National Nursing Ethics Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 Fitzgerald, H. and McCurdy, J. Ethics Nurse Liaison Program at Children's Hospital Colorado
Colorado Healthcare Ethics Forum (CHEF) Conference, Denver, CO
- 2009 McCurdy, J. and Wenger, M. Presentation of research "Predicting Outcomes of TBI in the PICU"
Society of Pediatric Nursing National Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 McCurdy, J. Health Care and Immigration
Society of Pediatric Nursing National Conference, Denver, CO
- 2006 McCurdy, J. Ethics Committee Nurse Liaisons
Contemporary Forums National Pediatric Critical Care Nursing Conference

Non-Refereed Presentations (Invited)

- 2020 McCurdy, J., Carr, M., Bauer, S. and Rafferty, R. Moral Distress in Times of COVID
Providence Hospital, Anchorage, AK
- 2019 McCurdy, J. I am not a Racist! Behavioral Health, Ethics, and Colonialism
Alaska Training Cooperative at UAA's Center for Human Development
- 2017 McCurdy, J. The Problem with Progress
Fundraiser for New Dimension of Hope: Education in Liberia.
- 2015 McCurdy, J. Physician-Assisted Suicide
"Hot Topics" Speaker Series on Auraria Campus, Denver, CO.
- 2014 McCurdy, J. Moral Courage: Facing the Danger
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, CO

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, CO
- 2013 McCurdy, J. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Colorado Health Information Management Association (CHIMA) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2013 McCurdy, J. Organizational Ethics: Does Your Organization Support you in Making the Right Decisions?
Colorado Health Information Management Association (CHIMA) Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2012 McCurdy, J. The Affordable Care Act: A Primer
Regis University Center for Ethics and Leadership Conference, Denver, CO
- Non-refereed Presentations (Other)**
- 2022 Podcast Guest: *Bioethics in the Margins*. Hosted by Kirk Johnson and Amelia Barwise.
<https://rss.com/podcasts/bioethicsinthemargins/495978/>
- 2021 Webinar Moderator: Health Equity and Healthy Communities. Hosted by Anchorage Reads and Alaska Black Caucus.
- 2020 Webinar Moderator: Love, Forgiveness, and Racism? New Paths for Western Religions. Hosted by UAA Philosophy Department, Anchorage Interfaith Council, and UAA Faculty Senate Diversity Committee.
- 2012 McCurdy, J. The Affordable Care Act: A Primer
Regis University Department of Health Care Ethics Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- 2009 McCurdy, J. Public Policy: From Triage to Treatment to Transition
Annual Children’s Hospital Colorado Ethics Conference: Ethical Issues in Pediatric Behavioral and Mental Health, Aurora, CO
- 2006 Speaker: Ethics and Futility
Eliza Fernie Conference, Colorado Children’s Hospital CO

RECENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021 Certificate (Four courses) in Conflict Resolution from Cornell University
- 2021 Qual Q: Qualitative Research Blueprint – 6-week qualitative research course
- 2020 Grant-funded participant: Center for Community Engagement and Learning (CCEL) Community Research Fellowship at University of Alaska, Anchorage, May 2020-April 2021
- 2020 Participant: Grant-Writing Workshop by John Robertson, Grant Writer’s Seminars and Workshops NIH Version
- 2020 Attendee: Alaska Indigenous Research Program (AKIRP) training: Promoting Resilience, Health, and Wellness, Anchorage, May 4-22

2020

Grant-funded participant: PIVOT intensive online pedagogy training

COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL WORK

2015-present	Member, Native American Justice Council (NAJC) Iliff School of Theology, Denver CO
2016-2017	Executive Intern for African Community Center for refugee resettlement (Monitoring and evaluation, strategic planning), Denver, CO <i>**Concurrent with completion of HREA's course: <i>Monitoring & Evaluation in the NGO Sector</i></i>
2011-2015	International Hospital Assessments for Project C.U.R.E. in Chile, Samoa, Uganda, and Honduras
2010-11	World Travel: One-year travel to China, India, Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Australia, Samoa, New Zealand
2008-2009	Health and Public Policy Intern, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative, Denver, CO
2008	Paris, France. French and U.S. comparative bioethics training and French language study. Université Rene Descartes–Paris 5 and Case Western University
1998	Cuernavaca, Mexico. Language, healthcare, and cultural immersion. Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health: University of Texas at Arlington
1997	Haiti. Immersion of culture, healthcare and provision of medical supplies. International Child Care and University of Texas at Arlington

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2006-present	Member: American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
2013- present	Member: American Academy of Religion
2017	Member: American Public Health Association
1996-2010	Member: American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
1996-2001	Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing