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Education

2012-present

PhD student, Media Studies, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, Western University, London, ON. Supervisor: Sharon Sliwinski (Western). Committee: Amanda Grzyb (Western) & Lisa Schwartz (McMaster).

Dissertation: "Regarding Aid: The Photographic Situation of Humanitarianism"

2009 *Advanced Photoshop and InDesign*; Centre for Continuing Education, McMaster University. Focusing on design, creativity and efficiency of workflow.

2003 *Master of Arts, Anthropology*, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
Thesis: "Shock Packs": Audience Responses to Health Canada's Graphic-Image Health-Warning Labels on Tobacco Product Packaging. Advisor: Dr. William Rodman.

2000 *Honours Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology*, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
Minor in Religious Studies, with a focus on women in religion, and ecology. Course work primarily geared towards Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology of Education, Visual Anthropology, and Environmental Anthropology.

1995 *Diploma in Photography*, Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario
Trained in traditional and digital photography arts, graphic design, and visual presentation.

Awards

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship Award – 2016-2017 - \$20,000 – Western U, PhD, MS-FIMS

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - 2015-16 - \$15,000 - Western U, PhD, MS-FIMS

Global Research in Humanitarianism Academy (GRHA-2015), July 12-24, 2015. Leibniz Institute of European History Mainz, Germany and Archives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - 2014-15 - \$15,000 - Western U, PhD, MS-FIMS

Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) Travel Bursary - 2014 - \$400 (Max Amount) - Western U

Dean's Scholarship - 2012 - \$3000 - Western University, PhD, MS-FIMS

Entrance scholarship - 2001 - \$1000 - McMaster University, MA, Anthropology

Research Coordinator Employment Experience

RESEARCH COORDINATOR, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY - JANUARY 2005 TO PRESENT

Contributions: successful grant writing, face-to-face and telephone interviews, focus groups, and chart reviews; data analysis and synthesis; communication with local research sites, & applications with local REBs; data collection via literature reviews, organize regular team/advisory board meetings and annual retreats; present preliminary findings verbally and in writing; generate first drafts of final reports and papers; participate in final presentations and publications.



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Website design, maintenance (Web 1.0) and social network management (Web 2.0) for the website www.humanitarianhealthethics.net; solicit and organize content for, and design and distribute the humanitarian healthcare ethics network (HumEthNet) newsletter, *Reflections*.

Co-editor/curator of the Picturing Humanitarian Healthcare webpage, a component of the www.humanitarianhealthethics.net website. This section of the website is dedicated to encouraging dialogue and explore ethical issues and approaches to visual representations of humanitarian healthcare.

Event planning, and managed arrangements for the "Humanitarian Healthcare Forum" November 22-24, McMaster University, Hamilton, and the "Points of Intersection: Ethics, rights, and public health in humanitarian assistance" symposium, Hamilton, ON, November 26-27, 2010. Organized facility rental, catering, registration, travel and accommodation for international speakers, arranged AV rental and set-up, coordinated student volunteers, generated and distributed promotional material, all to ensure a successful outcome.

For Dr. Lisa Schwartz, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics:

ELRHA's R2HC grant: "Isolation, quarantine and research in Ebola management: A comparative study of perceptions between communities, outbreak control teams and researchers", Elysée 19852-19778.

ELRHA's R2HC grant: "Aid when there is 'nothing left to offer': A study of ethics & palliative care during international humanitarian action," Matthew Hunt and Lisa Schwartz, Co-Principal Investigators, July 2015-June 2017. Study number: 19775.

CIHR Catalyst Grant: "Exception to Consent in Pediatric Resuscitation Research: Exploring the Experiences of Substitute Decision Makers." Melissa Parker and Lisa Schwartz (Co-PIs), 2014-2016. CIHR# EPP 136735

CIHR Operating Grant: "Ethics and humanitarian healthcare practice and policy (EHHPP) during acute crisis response in low or middle income countries" Lisa Schwartz (co-PI), Matthew Hunt, (co-PI), Laurie Elit, and Lynda Redwood-Campbell. September 2011-2015. CIHR#: HLE-258653

CIHR KT Grant: "Resources and e-resources for ethics in humanitarian health care: from knowledge to practice," Lisa Schwartz (co-PI), Matthew Hunt, (co-PI), Laurie Elit, and Lynda Redwood-Campbell. Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grant: Knowledge Translation Supplement. June 2011. DC0190GP

CIHR Operating Grant - Priority Announcement - Ethics: "Professional Ethics and Conflicts of Role for Healthcare Professionals Working in Military/Humanitarian Contexts," Bryn Williams-Jones, and Lisa Schwartz (Co-Principal Investigators), Matthew Hunt (Co-I); 2009-2012. CIHR# EOG-107578

CIHR Operating Grant: "Ethics in conditions of disaster & deprivation: learning from health worker's narratives," Lisa Schwartz (PI), Chris Sinding, Lynda Redwood-Campbell, Laurie Elit (Co-Is); 2007-2010. CIHR #200703EOG



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For Dr. Patricia Strachan, School of Nursing:

CIHR Operating Grant: "Exploring Patients' Decisions Regarding ICDs for Primary Prevention," Patrician Strachan (PI), Sandra Carroll, Lisa Schwartz, and Heather Arthur (Co-Is). 2008-2009.

For Dr. Fiona Miller, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics:

CIHR Operating Grant: "Evaluation and priority setting for genetic services: a case study" Fiona Miller and Rosanna Wekberg (COo-PIs), Joe Clarke, Mita Giacomini, Stephen Meyn, Peter Ray, Sheryl Shuman (Co-Is) 2005-2007.

Additional Employment Experiences

TEACHING ASSISTANT - SEPTEMBER 2012-DECEMBER 2012

Tutorial leader in Faculty of Information and Media Studies, Western University: MIT-1700 FYI: Information and its context, Dr. Ajit Payati, Instructor.

RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS OFFICER, MSC IN GLOBAL HEALTH, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY - SEPTEMBER 2010 TO MAY 2012

Manage domestic and international applications for this highly competitive and popular program. Problem solve and coordinate acceptance offers with Admissions Committee Chair and School of Graduate Studies. Track and compare statistics related to this and other similar programs in North America. Arrange, promote and execute information sessions throughout Southern Ontario. Respond to international and domestic queries related to the program. In collaboration with the Program Director, Dr. Andrea Baumann, and Associate Dean, Dr. Delsworth Harnish, generate and produce promotional material, including maintenance of website.

PHOTOGRAPHER/VISUAL ARTIST, SELF EMPLOYED - 1992 TO PRESENT

Urban photography and commissioned photographs with an interest in engaging imagination and artistic expressions on issues of social commentary and awareness. Also, candid, documentary and in-studio photography of weddings, family/children. Particular interest includes exploring ways of visually representing invisible cultural elements.

TEACHING ASSISTANT - SEPTEMBER 2001-DECEMBER 2003

Tutorial leader for two sessions per term for Anthropology IA03: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Marker/Advisor Teaching Assistant for Anthropology 2P03E: Peoples of the Pacific

RESEARCH ASSISTANT - SEPTEMBER 2002-DECEMBER 2003

RA for Dr. Eva Mackey, Department of Anthropology, McMaster University. Data collection, summarization and preliminary analysis for research on public perceptions and debates within news media on the land claim referendum in British Columbia.

PHOTO EDITOR, THE SILHOUETTE, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY STUDENT PAPER - SEPTEMBER 1998-APRIL 2000

Coordinated and trained student volunteers. Managed, edited and prepared photographs for all newspaper departments. Oversaw purchase and maintenance of new supplied and equipment.



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Refereed Publications

de Laat, S., Gorin, V. (2016). "Iconographies of Humanitarian Aid in Africa" IN, *Learning from the past to shape the future: Lessons from the history of humanitarian action in Africa*. Edited by Christina Bennett, Matthew Foley and Hanna B. Krebs Overseas Development Institute, Humanitarian Policy Group, <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/10952.pdf>

de Laat, S. "Congo Free State, 1904: Humanitarian Photographs," 2016. *Atlas on Humanitarianism and Human Rights*, http://wiki.ieg-mainz.de/ghra/index.php?title=Online_Atlas_on_the_History_of_Humanitarianism_and_Human_Rights. The contribution was part of participation in the inaugural [Global Humanitarianism Research Academy](#), July 2015.

Nouvet E., **de Laat S,** Wang C., Abu-Sada C, and Schwartz L. "Opportunities and challenges of perceptions studies for humanitarian contexts." *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*. Published online 17 March 2016 DOI: 10.1080/02255189.2015.1120659

Parker, Melissa J., **de Laat, Sonya,** Schwartz, Lisa. (2016). "Exploring the experiences of substitute decision makers with an exception to consent in a pediatric resuscitation randomized controlled trial: study protocol for a qualitative research study." Sept. *BMJ Open*: 6:e012931 doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2016-012931 <http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/9/e012931.full.pdf+html>.

Fraser V, Hunt MR, Schwartz L, **de Laat S.** 2015. "The development of a Humanitarian Health Ethics Analysis Tool." *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine* 30(04): 412-420. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1049023X1500480X>

Schwartz L, Hunt M, Redwood-Campbell L, **DeLaat S:** Ethics and emergency disaster response: Normative approaches and training needs for humanitarian health care providers. *Disaster Bioethics*; Donal O'Mathuna ed. Springer 2012

Lisa Schwartz, Matthew Hunt, Chris Sinding, Laurie Elit, Lynda Redwood-Campbell, Naomi Adelson, **Sonya De Laat,** Jennifer Ranford. (2012). Western clinical health ethics: How well do they travel to humanitarian contexts? In, *Dilemmas, challenges and ethics of humanitarian action* (Ed. Caroline Abu-Sada). McGill Queen's University Press. <http://mqup.mcgill.ca/book.php?bookid=2920>

Schwartz, Lisa; Hunt, Matthew; Sinding, Christina; Elit, Laurie; Redwood-Campbell, Lynda; Adelson, Naomi; **de Laat, Sonya;** Ranford, Jennifer. La déontologie des activités cliniques occidentales est-elle applicable aux contextes humanitaires à l'étranger?. In: Abu-Sada C, ed. *Jeux de miroir: Réflexions sur MSF et l'action humanitaire*. Lausanne, Switzerland: Antipodes; 2013:77-92. [French version of Western clinical health ethics: How well do they travel to humanitarian contexts? In, *Dilemmas, challenges and ethics of humanitarian action*]

Lisa Schwartz; Matthew Hunt; Chris Sinding; Laurie Elit; Lynda Redwood-Campbell; Naomi Adelson; **Sonya de Laat** *Models for Humanitarian Health Care Ethics*. *Public Health Ethics* 2012 5: 81-90



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P. H. Strachan, **S. de Laat**, S.L. Carroll, L. Schwartz, and H.M. Arthur. "Readability and content of patient education material related to implantable cardioverter defibrillators." *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*. 16 Sep 2011. PMID: 21926915

- Contributions: secondary author, data collection (interviews) including REB approvals at local sites, data analysis, literature review, wrote methods and findings sections, assisted extensively with editing of final drafts.

S.L. Carroll, P.H. Strachan, L. Schwartz, **S. de Laat**, and H.M. Arthur. "Patients' Decision-Making to Accept or Decline an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator for Primary Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death," *Health Expectations*. 7 Jun 2011. DOI: 10.1111/j.1369-7625.2011.00703.x

- Contributions: third author, data collection (interviews) including REB approvals at local sites, preliminary data analysis, literature review, wrote methods and findings sections, assisted extensively with editing of final drafts.

P.H. Strachan, S.L. Carroll, L. Schwartz, **S. de Laat**, H.M. Arthur. 2011. "The worst that can happen is sudden death': Patients' perspectives on end-of-life and implantable cardioverter defibrillators," *Journal of Palliative Care*, 27(1): Spring.

Contributions: data collection (interviews) including REB approvals at local sites, data analysis, literature review, wrote methods and findings sections, assisted extensively with editing of final drafts.

Schwartz, L.; Sinding, C.; Hunt, M.; Elit, L.; Redwood-Campbell, L.; Adelson, N.; Ranford, J.; **De Laat, S.**: Ethics in humanitarian aid work: Learning from the narratives of humanitarian health workers; *AJOB Primary Research*, 2150-7724, Volume 1, Issue 3, 01 July 2010, Pages 45 – 54 <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/section?content=a926409051&fulltext=713240928>

-Contributions: assist with data analysis and editing drafts.

Fiona A. Miller, June C. Carroll, Brenda Wilson, Jessica Bytautas, Judith Allanson, Mario Cappelli, **Sonya de Laat**, and Fred Saibil. 2010 "The primary care physician role in cancer genetics: A qualitative study of patient experience". *Family Practice*

-Contributions: data collection (interviews) including REB approvals at local sites, preliminary data analysis, literature review, assist with editing drafts.

Etchegary, H., Miller, F., **de Laat, Sonya**, Wilson, B., Carroll, J., & Cappelli, M. 2009 "Decision-making about inherited cancer risk: Exploring dimensions of genetic responsibility". *Journal of Genetic Counseling* 18: 252-264.

-Contributions: data collection (interviews) including REB approvals at local sites, preliminary data analysis, literature review, assist with editing drafts.

Miller, Fiona A, Mita Giacomini, Catherine Ahern, Jason S Robert, & **Sonya de Laat**. 2008 "When research seems like clinical care: a qualitative study of the communication of individual cancer genetic research results". *BMC Medical Ethics* Vol.9, No.4. <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6939/9/4>



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-Contributions: data collection (interviews) including REB approvals at local sites, preliminary data analysis, literature review, assist with editing drafts.

de Laat, Sonya 2004 "Picture Perfect (?): Ethical Considerations in Visual Representation." *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*. Volume 17.

de Laat, Sonya 2003 "Multiplicity of Balinese Character". *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*. Volume 16.

In-Press/Submitted Publications

de Laat, S. (In review). "Picturing Development: Critical Introduction to the Canadian International Development Agency's Photo Library." In *The Samaritan State Revisited*, Gregory Donaghy, ed. Calgary University Press.

de Laat, S. (In Press). "Photographs of unrepresentable trauma in Rwandan transitional justice." In, *In The Shadow Of Genocide*. Stephanie Wolfe, Ed. Intersentia Publishers, Antwerp, Belgium.

de Laat, S. (In review). *Humanitarian Photography: A History*. Heide Fehrenbach and Davide Rodogno, eds. 2015. Cambridge University Press. Book Review. *History of Photography Journal*.

Non-Refereed Publications

de Laat, S. Marshall, D. "Treasures of CIDA's 30-Year-Old Photography Collections: A Visual Perspective on Canadian International Aid," *Canadian Network on Humanitarian History*, 2 December 2016. <http://aidhistory.ca/treasures-of-cidas-30-year-old-photography-collections-a-visual-perspective-on-canadian-international-aid/> Cross-posted: *ActiveHistory.ca* <http://activehistory.ca/2016/12/the-cida-photography-collections-a-visual-perspective-on-canadian-international-aid/>

de Laat, S. "Portfolio: *Barton Village Series*". Introduction by Amanda Dudnik. *Hamilton Arts and Letters*. Issue 9.1. June 2016.

de Laat, S. "Humanitarian visual landscape of 2015." *Picturing Humanitarian Healthcare blog*. March 2016. <http://humanitarianhealthethics.net/2016/03/31/the-humanitarian-visual-landscape-of-2015/>

de Laat, S. "Two tweets, two different takes on people." *Reflections*, 3(2). Summer 2015. https://humethnet.files.wordpress.com/2015/06/reflectons_summer2015_v3n2.pdf

Williams-Jones, B.; **de Laat, S.**; Hunt, M.; Rochon, C.; Okhowat, A.; Schwartz, L.; Horning, J. 2015. "Easy Decisions, Not Comfortable Decisions: The Ethical Tensions Experienced by Canadian Military Healthcare Professionals on International Deployments." *Ethics and Armed Forces* (<http://www.ethicsandarmedforces.com/>) (Accepted)

de Laat, S. "Film Review: *Dirty Wars*." *Reflections*, 2(2). Autumn 2014. https://humethnet.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/reflections_autumn2014_v2n2.pdf



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EMMRG [www.emmrg.ca], "Doctors, Torture, and the Fog of War: A Review of Doctors of the Dark Side". *Reflections*, 2(1), Winter/spring 2014.

https://humethnet.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/reflections_winterspring2014_v2n1.pdf

de Laat, S. "A Gust of Wind", *Time and Place: A Cultural Quarterly*, Hamilton: Ninth Floor Press. Summer 2013.

Review Articles

de Laat, S. "Images performing history: Photography and representation of the past in European art after 1989" *Visual Studies*. Published online: 12 Jan 2017

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1472586X.2016.1274191>

de Laat, S. *Aim Deüelle Lüski and horizontal photography*, *Visual Studies*, 31:2, June 2016. Pages: 156-157. Published online 20 March 2015. DOI: 10.1080/1472586X.2015.1020084

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvst20/31/2>

de Laat, S. 2013. *The cruel radiance: Photography and political violence*, *Visual Studies*, 28:1, 103-104. <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvst20/28/1>

de Laat, Sonya, Schwartz, Lisa, Williams-Jones, Bryn, Hunt, Matthew, Rochon, Christiane, Okhowat, Ali. *Combat Hospital's Deployment of Ethics and Entertainment*. *CMAJ* April 3, 2012 184:680-681; published ahead of print March 12, 2012

<http://www.cmaj.ca/content/184/6/680.full?etoc>

- Contributions: Primary author, concept development, research, responding to reviewer comments, corresponding with the journal.

de Laat, Sonya 2002 "First Son: Portraits of C. D. Hoy". *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*. Volume 15. <http://digitalcommons.mcmaster.ca/nexus/vol16/iss1/5/>

Lectures/Presentations/Abstracts

de Laat, S. (2017). Guest Lecture in Pre-Departure Course on Cultural, Ethical and Participatory Engagements in Africa (GHS 9021Q), The Africa Institute, Western University, Friday, March 31.

de Laat, S. (2016). Pictures in Development: Exploring the history and image of CIDA through its visual culture. Conference presentation at The Samaritan State Revisited: Histories of Canadian Aid. Ottawa, Global Affairs Canada, 12-13 December 2016.

de Laat, S. (2016). "'Lamentable Pictures': Early Humanitarian Photography and Reflections on Its Legacies," Invited Presentation, Canadian Network on Humanitarian History, Carleton University, 14 March.

Sonya de Laat, "The Past in the Present: Humanitarian photography as a record of encounters." COST-Action Workshop on "Humanitarian Action + Ethics", at Science Po University, Paris May 26th and 27th 2016. (Accepted).



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Bezanson, Kevin, Elysee Nouvet, Matthew Hunt, **Sonya de Laat**, Laurie Elit, Carrie Bernard, Lisa Schwartz. "The place of palliative care in humanitarian response." 2016 International Congress on Palliative Care, Montreal. 18-21 October 2016. (Accepted)

Nouvet, Elysée, Kevin Bezanson, Carrie Bernard, Laurie Elit, Lynda Redwood-Campbell, **Sonya de Laat**, Matthew Hunt, Ross Upshur, Lisa Schwartz. "Supporting end-of-life care for humanitarian healthcare teams." Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, 25-29 May, 2016 (May 26). Toronto.

Parker, Melissa, **de Laat, Sonya**, Aguirre, Emilio, Schwartz, Lisa. "Exploring experiences with exception to consent in a pediatric resuscitation trial: practical considerations in creating a virtuous learning loop." Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, 25-29 May, 2016 (May 26). Toronto.

de Laat, S. *On a foundation of dignity: Ideas, aesthetics and politics of humanitarian healthcare in the International Committee of the Red Cross Museum.* Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, Winnipeg, MB. May 27-30, 2015.

de Laat, S. and Valérie Gorin. "Enigmatic Iconographies of Humanitarian Aid in Africa: Photographs of Western humanitarianism's past to contemplate global humanitarianism's future." Symposium: Learning from the past to shape the future: Lessons from the history of humanitarian action in Africa, Humanitarian Policy Group of the Overseas Development Institute, and Humanitarian Actions Africa. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 25-26, 2015.

Sonya de Laat, "Memories —> Witness: Photographs of unrepresentable suffering after genocide," International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) Conference, Winnipeg, MB, July 16-19, 2014.

Sonya de Laat, "Memories —> Witness: Photographs of unrepresentable suffering," Shadow of Genocide, Conference, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah. March 28-29, 2014.

Sonya de Laat, "A Distinct Kind of Beauty", Ninth Floor Press' Time & Place chapbook launch, Hamilton, ON. February 26, 2014.

Sonya de Laat, Ekaterina Neklyudova, Rachel Erstling. "Genocide and Global Health Research." Canadian Coalition of Global Health Researchers (CCGHR) workshop. McMaster University. October 3, 2013.

Sonya de Laat, Elysee Nouvet, Philippe Calain, Patrick Brenan, and Lisa Schwartz. "Picturing Humanitarian Healthcare: Engage and experiment with a new online portal", Ethics, Aesthetics and Epidemiological Photography Conference, CRASSH, University of Cambridge, UK, September 14, 2013.

Sonya de Laat, "Rwanda 19 years after genocide", CHEPA Lunch-and-learn. McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, March 26, 2013.



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Sonya de Laat, "Reframing Discourse: An ethnography-informed art exhibit revisions public perceptions" (Accepted), *Public Ethnography: Connecting New Genres, New Media, New Audiences*, Victoria, British Columbia, June 1-2, 2012. www.publicethnography.net

Sonya de Laat (presenter), "Professional Ethics & Conflicts of Role for HCP in Military/Humanitarian Contexts", Bryn Williams-Jones, Lisa Schwartz, Matthew Hunt, Christiane Rochon, Sonya de Laat, Ali Okhowat. Military Veterans Health Research Forum, Kingston, Ontario, November 15, 2011.

Sonya de Laat, "Barton Village Photo-transfers," Culture Days Event, - Artist Talk, The Hamilton Arts Council, 279 King St. E. Hamilton, Ontario, October 2, 2011

Schwartz, L.; Sinding, C.; Hunt, M.; Elit, L.; Redwood-Campbell, L.; Adelson, N.; Luther, L.; **De Laat, S.**; Ranford, J. "Ethics in conditions of disaster and deprivation: Intersection of public health and clinical medicine." Points of Intersection Symposium, Hamilton, Ontario, November 26 - 27, 2010.

Sinding, C., Schwartz, L., Hunt, M., Elit, L.; Redwood-Campbell, L., Adelson, N., Ranford, J. & **de Laat, S.** "Ethical practice in global health: Dilemmas at the front line." Canadian Conference on Global Health, Ottawa, October 31 - November 3, 2010.

S.L. Carroll, P.H. Strachan, **S. de Laat**, L. Schwartz, & H.M. Arthur. "Exploring the decision-making process of patients receiving ICDs for primary prevention of sudden cardiac death." Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, Montreal, October 23-27, 2010.

P.H. Strachan, S.L. Carroll, L. Schwartz, **S. de Laat**, & H.M. Arthur. "How much longer do you want to live?: End of life issues associated with implantable cardioverter defibrillators" Moderated Poster, ESC Heart Failure Meeting, Berlin, Germany, May 31, 2010.

P.H. Strachan, S. Carroll, L. Schwartz, **S. de Laat**, & H.M. Arthur. "Exploring Uncharted Territory: Mapping the Ethical Terrain in Consent Narratives of Patients with Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators", 20th Annual Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Hamilton, ON, June 2009.

Sandra Carroll, Patricia Strachan, Lisa Schwartz, **Sonya de Laat**, Heather Arthur. "Patients' decisions about ICDs for primary prevention against sudden cardiac death: Information from 'armchair expert' ICD veterans", 9th Annual Spring Meeting on Cardiovascular Nursing, Dublin, Ireland, April 2009.

Sonya de Laat, Jacinda Heather Soanes, Fiona Miller, Catherine Ahern. "Genetics in the Blogosphere", Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics Annual Research Day, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, September 2006.

Sonya de Laat. "Unpacking Smokers' Identities: Reaction to Health Canada's Health Warning Labels", The 4th Annual University of Guelph Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, March 14th and 15th, 2003.

Sonya de Laat. "Bartering Smoking Identities: Audience Responses to Health Warning Labels", The Canadian Association of Cultural Studies Conference, McMaster University, Hamilton,



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Ontario, January 31 and February 1, 2003. Speakers Series, Department of Anthropology, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, February 2003.

Sonya de Laat. "Picturing Real Time: Photocollage and Aesthetics in Visual Anthropology", Poster presentation for American Anthropological Association Annual General Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA, November 2000.

Journals Reviewed for

Health Information and Libraries Journal

Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology

Photography Exhibits and juried art shows

"Beyond Icons: subjects and stereotypes in humanitarian photography," Co-curated with Valérie Gorin, sponsored by Overseas Development Institute's Humanitarian Policy Group, Exhibited at the World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016.

"Watch this space." The Gallery on 4, Central Branch, Hamilton Public Library, Ontario. **Solo** Exhibition. February 2016.

Pieces of Peace, Accidents of Hope in Press Photography of Violence and Suffering. Concept and curation by Sonya de Laat. The Gallery on 4, Central Branch, Hamilton Public Library, Ontario. January 7 - February 25, 2015.

Invited exhibit of "Memories —> Witness" at the 20th Commemoration of the 1994 genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi in Rwanda. McMaster Innovation Park, May 3, 2014.

"Memories —> Witness", Solo Exhibition, The Gallery on 4, Central Branch, Hamilton Public Library, Ontario. April 1 - May 16, 2014.

"Heat Transfers of Barton Village," collaborative with Lynda Joyce-Ott, The Print Studio, James Street North, Hamilton, Ontario. August 2012

7th Art in the Workplace, McMaster Innovation Park, 175 Longwood Rd. South, Hamilton, Ontario, November 2011 - March 2012

"Barton Village Ungentrified Urban Living", **Solo** Exhibition, Hamilton Arts Council, Hamilton Ontario, September 2 - October 2, 2011

6th Art in the Workplace, McMaster Innovation Park, 175 Longwood Rd. South, Hamilton, Ontario, August 2011 - November 2011

Fine Art and Craft Festival, Burlington Art Centre, Burlington, Ontario, June 11-12, 2011



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2nd Art in the Workplace, McMaster Innovation Park, 175 Longwood Rd. South, Hamilton, Ontario, November 2010 - March 2011

“Art on the Fly”, Group Show from Arts Hamilton, Friendship Bldg., James St. North, Hamilton, Ontario, December 2010

“Barton Village”, **Solo** Exhibition, Carnegie Gallery, Dundas, Ontario. July 2-25, 2010

Fine Art and Craft Festival, Burlington Art Centre, Burlington, Ontario, June 11-12, 2010

“MustArt Fest” Arts Hamilton, Hamilton, ON. Labour Day weekend, 2009

Art in the Park, Dover Summer Festival's, Port Dover, ON. August 18-19, 2009

Wingfest Art Market, Waterfront Trust, Hamilton, ON. June 10-12, 2009

“Contrasts: Hand processed and digital photography” Group Show, Sunrise Gallery. Hamilton, ON. May 3 to 21 2009

2008 & 2009 “HAI Member Exhibit” Hamilton Artists Inc., James Street North, Hamilton, ON.

Skills

Excellent research skills in health and social sciences databases as well as grey literature searches.

Computer skills include Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite (including webpage maintenance), Endnote, Refworks, and RefMan, NVivo qualitative data management software, and an ability to work cross platform (MAC or PC).

Verbal and written communication skills adaptable to a variety of audiences. Capable of communicating effectively in English and French. Able to have a general conversation in Dutch.

Highly capable of developing rapport in a short amount of time to facilitate data collection, collaboration and pleasant, enjoyable work environments.

Certificates

Disaster Health Information Sources for Canadians: The Basics. Accredited by the Canadian Health Libraries Association, June 12, 2012

Groups and Committees

Member of the Canadian Network of Humanitarian History (cnhh.ca) since March 2016.

Volunteer at Westfield Heritage Village since March 2016.

International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS), Oct 2013- Oct 2014

Member of the Canadian Coalition of Global Health Researchers (CCGHR), McMaster Chapter, since September 2013.



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Member of the Bioethics Interest Group (BIG), McMaster University since 2006

Trésorière du Conseil des Parents, Ecole Pavillon de la Jeunesse, Hamilton, 2013-2014

Membre du Conseil des Parents, Ecole Pavillon de la Jeunesse, Hamilton, 2012-2013

Présidente du Conseil des Parents, Ecole Pavillon de la Jeunesse, Hamilton, 2011-2012

Secrétaire du Conseil des Parents, Ecole Pavillon de la Jeunesse, Hamilton, 2010-2011

Newsletter Editor for RHYC New Horizons, 2008 to present, and Mother Goose Cooperative Preschool, 2006-2008

Member of the Hamilton Arts Council, Hamilton, Ontario, since 2008

Member of Centre [3], Hamilton, Ontario, since 2010

Member of North End Neighbours, neighbourhood association since 1999

Integral member of sailing crews in Hamilton and Port Dover, 1997 to the present.

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