

Conference Chronicle

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Voices for Action: Re-building Trust in Elder Care

VIRTUAL West Coast Conference on Aging – April 1 and 2, 2022



Françoise Baylis will be presenting on Day 2 of the conference.

FEATURED SPEAKER BIO:

Françoise Baylis CM, ONS, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS

Françoise Baylis is a philosopher whose innovative work in bioethics, at the intersection of policy and practice, has stretched the boundaries of the field. Her work challenges us to think broadly and deeply about the direction of health, science and biotechnology. It aims to move the limits of mainstream bioethics and develop more effective ways to understand and tackle public policy challenges in Canada and abroad.

A public intellectual for the modern age, Baylis brings her ethical sensibilities, informed by best practices, theory and common sense, to a wide range of public issues. She is a frequent guest on CBC and Ici-Radio Canada and the author of many news stories with a “behind the scenes” look at ethical issues. Recently, much of her research and writing has focused on issues of equity and access with the current pandemic.

Baylis is University Research Professor at Dalhousie University and Special Advisor to the Vice-President Research and Innovation. She is a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of Nova Scotia, as well as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In 2017 she was awarded the Canadian Bioethics Society Lifetime Achievement Award. And, in 2020 she won the PROSE Award in Clinical Medicine (Professional and Scholarly Excellence) for her book *Altered Inheritance: CRISPR and the Ethics of Human Genome Editing*.



ETHICAL ISSUES IN THE NEWS:

Interview with Françoise Baylis – CBC

What is it going to take to end the pandemic?

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-99/clip/15889408>

The ‘Unvaccinated’ cause Bioethics Questions

Public outrage over the unvaccinated is driving a crisis in bioethics.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/pandemic-covid-vaccine-triage-omicron-1.6319844>



CONNECTING WITH COLLEAGUES:

Poster Presentations Cover Timely Topics

Poster presentations that support the 2022 conference themes will provide an opportunity to share research and best practice initiatives with colleagues. Topics range from health promotion strategies for older adults to provision of quality care in long-term care settings. For example:

Dementia Friendly Research Resources – Engaging People with Lived Experience as Participants, Collaborators and Advisors

The Alzheimer Society of BC has partnered with the Health Design Lab at Emily Carr University of Art + Design to produce effective and accessible resources to support researchers in the meaningful engagement of people living with dementia. As well, resources have been tailored for people living with dementia to encourage their participation in dementia-friendly research. This poster sets out the steps the Society and Emily Carr followed to engage people living with dementia in the development of practical resources and highlights best practices for researchers and participants involved in dementia research.

Health Care Assistants: Regulation and Oversight of Practice in BC

The Canadian Centre for Elder Law is researching legal models for the oversight of the work of health care assistants who provide care to older people, people living with disabilities, and other frail or vulnerable adults in community, acute, and long-term care settings. In this session Krista James and Sara Pon will share highlights from their research and invite participants to provide their ideas on how to enhance protection for patients, residents, clients, and staff. Participants will understand how the work of health care assistants is regulated (or not regulated) in different care settings.

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