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Maria de Jesus Medina Arellano is a PhD student in the doctoral programme of Bioethics and Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Manchester. She is a qualified lawyer graduating from the University of Nayarit, Mexico (2004). After finishing her degree she decided to move to Mexico City to continue her studies in the Philosophy of Law. In January 2008 she graduated with the equivalent of an MPhil (with honours) from the Postgraduate Law Division at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). During her postgraduate degree she focused on the new paradigm of Health Law and Human Rights in Mexico. In December 2008 she was recognised with the Young Academic Talent of the Year award granted by the Nayarit Government in Mexico. Her studies are currently concerned with the regulation of stem cell research in Mexico under the supervision of David Gurnham, Anne-Maree Farrell and John Harris.

Natasha Burns:

Mark Campbell is currently a visiting tutor in the Law School at King's College London and a PhD candidate at the Centre of Medical Law & Ethics, King's College London. He practiced medicine for two years before retraining in law. He is a graduate of Glasgow University (BSc; MB ChB) and King's College London (MA – Medical Ethics & Law), and trained as a solicitor at Bird & Bird in London. In his PhD thesis, Mark will present a philosophical defence of conscientious objection in medicine.

Audrey Dillon graduated in medicine in 2006 from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. Following internship and general professional training in St James's Hospital, Dublin and the Adelaide, Meath and National's Children Hospital in Tallaght, Dublin, she will start higher medical training as a specialist registrar in gastroenterology in July 2009. She has recently completed the first year her MSc in Health Care Ethics and Law in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin.

Fionnuala Gough qualified in medicine and worked primarily in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology. She undertook an LLB having become interested in the whole area of law pertaining to reproductive medicine. Advances in reproductive technologies have meant that legislative deficiencies in this area in Ireland have become increasingly apparent. She embarked on a doctoral programme in

Bioethics and Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Manchester in January 2008 and is currently in her second year of the programme.

Julia Hynes completed her Ph.D. in Philosophical Medical Ethics at the Queen's University of Belfast in 2008. She is currently lecturing in Bioethics for the Priory Institute in Dublin and holds the position of teaching assistant at QUB and St Malachy's Diocesan Seminary Belfast. She sits on the Clinical Ethics Committee for the Belfast Health and Social care Trust as a lay member. She is also a committee member of the Irish Philosophical Society.

Jane Langsdale is a barrister of the Inner Temple. For the last 12 years she has been working in The City of London for a number of prominent financial institutions including a period as Legal Manager at The Bank of England. In 2006 she was awarded an LLM by The Liverpool Law School submitting a dissertation entitled 'The Case for Presumed Consent, A Comparative Perspective: United Kingdom/Austria', and for this she received the Dean's Prize. Currently, having obtained funding from the AHRC, she is researching for a PhD which will consider the legal and ethical implications of setting up a market in organs and tissue.

Barry Lyons graduated from UCD in Medicine in 1989 and from DCU in Philosophy and History in 2007. He is currently in the second year of his PhD at the University of Manchester. His research interest is in the engagement of law and ethics with children, particularly in relation to healthcare.

Yonghui Ma is currently a first year PhD candidate on a full time basis in the law school at University of Manchester. Her research interest is in ethics of infectious disease control, Biobanks and Confucianism. Her research is being funded by School of Law Scholarships and ISEI in Law school. She has obtained an MA (cum Laude) in Bioethics at the Peking Union Medical College in China in 2008 and a MB degree in clinical medicine at the Southeast University in 2005.

Andy Miah is Chair of Ethics and Emerging Technologies in the Faculty of Business & Creative Industries at the University of the West of Scotland, Fellow of the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies, USA and Fellow at FACT, the Foundation for Art and Creative Technology, UK. He is author of 'Genetically Modified Athletes' (2004 Routledge) and co-author with Dr Emma Rich of 'The Medicalization of Cyberspace' (2008, Routledge) and Editor of 'Human Futures: Art in an Age of Uncertainty' (2008, Liverpool University Press and FACT). His research focus is the intersections of art, ethics, technology and culture and he has published broadly in areas of emerging technologies, particularly related to human enhancement.

Sinead O'Brien originally hails from Northern Ireland although she has been living and studying in Manchester for the last five years. She has completed four years of her medical training and has, this year, taken a year out to study towards a MSc in Healthcare Ethics and Law. She claims that she has

thoroughly enjoyed it and feels that it will help her immensely in her future career as a doctor. She will be commencing her final year of medicine this September.

Margrit Shildrick:

Melissa Stobie hails from South Africa, where she gained an Honours degree in Philosophy and an MA (cum laude) in English Literature (dissertation entitled: *'Mise Éire': National and Personal Identity in Two Recent Irish Memoirs.*). Since 1999, she has been involved in the development of the discipline of Ethics Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. In 2008, she was awarded a scholarship to do her PhD in the School of Nursing at Dublin City University, on the topic of the role of emotions and literature in bioethics.

Michael Trimble practices medicine as a Consultant Physician in the Belfast City Hospital, where he has been employed since August 2003. He studied medicine at the University of Dundee, graduating in 1992. He trained in General (Internal) Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics in Belfast. Whilst a Specialist Registrar in Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics he was a member of the Queen's University of Belfast Research Ethics Committee. He currently sits on the Clinical Ethics Committee of the Belfast Trust. He has recently submitted his dissertation for the degree of MA in Health Care Ethics and Law at Manchester University.

Gareth Williams: