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### EDUCATION

- PhD Candidate, Interdisciplinary (Specialization in Bioethics), Dalhousie University
- M.A. Psychology, University of British Columbia, 1970
- B.A. Honours, Psychology, Carleton University, 1967

### GRANTS and AWARDS

- Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) Doctoral Fellowship in Research Ethics and Health Policy (2003-7; 2008-9) Amount: \$25,000 annually.
- Doctoral Support (2007), from Dr. Janice Graham's CIHR grant, Risk and Regulation of Novel and Therapeutic Products (MOP 74473). Amount: \$7,500.
- Norah Stephen Oncology Scholar, 2008 Summer Research Studentship. Project: Pharmaceutical Company Funding of Breast Cancer Groups and Implications for Cancer Care in Nova Scotia. Awarded to Sharon Batt (PhD Candidate) and Janice E. Graham (Supervisor) by Cancer Care Nova Scotia. Amount: \$6,500.

### HONOURS, AWARDS and RECOGNITION

- Canadian Environmental Award, Silver Award in Environmental Health (2005)
- Student Abstract Award, Canadian Bioethics Society (2004)
- Winner of the 1995 Laura Jamieson Award for best feminist book published in Canada, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW) (1995)
- QSPELL Finalist, for best non-fiction book in English by a Quebec writer (1995)
- Canada Council Arts Grant, Nonfiction Creative Writing (1993)
- Ontario Arts Council Grant, Creative Writing (1991)
- *Association québécoise des éditeurs des magazines*, finalist, Consumer Article of the Year (1991)
- Major Armstrong Award, first prize for Excellence in Radio Broadcasting, (documentary category), awarded by Columbia University (1991)
- National Media Awards Competition, first prize for Excellence in Health Reporting, awarded by the Canadian Nurses' Association (1991)

## EMPLOYMENT

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Elizabeth May Chair in Women's Health and the Environment and Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University (2001- 2003)
- Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies, Department of Women's Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University (1999-2001)

### ACADEMIC RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Research Assistant, National Network on Environments and Women's Health, York University, Toronto (April 2009 to March 2010)

### PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- Founder and Executive Director of Breast Cancer Action Montreal (*BCAM*) (1991-1999)
- Freelance writer, researcher (1991-1999)
- Consultant to Health Canada, Planning and follow-up to the National Forum on Breast Cancer (1993-1994)
- Editor, *Protect Yourself Magazine*, Quebec Consumer Protection Office, Montreal. (1985-91)
- Translator, Reviser: French to English, Montreal (1983-1985)
- Assistant Editor, *Canadian Human Rights Reporter*, Saskatoon (1980-81)
- Co-founder and editor, *Branching Out Magazine*. Edmonton (1973-1980)
- Research Officer, Office of Institutional Research, University of Alberta, Edmonton. (1971-1973)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association of Anthropology (2007 - present)
- Society for the Social Studies of Science (2007 - present)
- Canadian Bioethics Society (2003-present)
- Writers' Union of Canada (1995-present)

### WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES (SELECTED)

- Women and Health Protection, Steering Committee (1998-present)
- Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA, formerly CBCRI), Research Advisory Committee (2002-2004)
- CBCRA Working Group on Knowledge Translation, Member (2002-2004)
- United States National Action Plan on Breast Cancer Member, Advocates' Committee on Medical Uses of Ionizing Radiation and Breast Cancer. (1997-1998)
- Steering Committee, *Réseau d' Information du Québec sur le Cancer du Sein*. Member of the sub-committee to review material resources on breast cancer (1994 - 1999)
- McGill University, Community Member, Institutional Review Board (Research Ethics Board) (1994-1997)
- Scientific Advisory Committee, National Forum on Breast Cancer, Health Canada (1993)
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## SCHOLARLY REVIEW ACTIVITIES

### MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

- Journal of Psycho-Oncology (2008)
- Atlantis: A Women's Studies Journal (2007)
- Rutgers University Press (2006)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Community Alliances for Health Research, Reviewer (2000)

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

### SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Batt, S. Patients' Advocacy Groups and the Politics of Pharma Partnerships: a research proposal. Seminar presentation, Interdisciplinary PhD Program, Dalhousie University, March 15, 2007.

### ACADEMIC CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- Batt, S. Invited presentation, "On Being the 7<sup>th</sup> Nancy's Chair," 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, N.S., March 6, 2011.
- Batt, S. "Patients' Groups, Pharmaceutical Company Partnerships and the Negotiated Meanings of 'What Patients Need' in Canada." *Thirteenth Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality: Health Politics in an Interconnected World*, Berlin, Germany, December 1-5, 2010.
- Batt, S. (2009). "Triple Helix Redux: Canada's neo-liberal policy regime as shadow co-constructor in 'pharma' partnerships with Canadian breast cancer patient groups." Society for Medical Anthropology conference, "Medical anthropology at the Intersections: Celebrating 50 years of Interdisciplinarity". Yale University, New Haven, Conn., September 24-27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Batt, Sharon (2008). "Constructing and Contesting Visions of Citizenship: Identities, Networks and Pharma Funding of Patients' Groups in Canada." Invited presentation at the workshop, "Constructing/Contesting Mobilizations: Biopolitics, Activism and Identity", Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen), June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- Batt, Sharon (2008). "Pharmaceutical company funding and breast cancer groups in Canada." Invited presentation at the workshop, "The Science and Politics of Breast Cancer", Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen), Lancaster University, Lancaster, England, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- Batt, Sharon (2008). "Two cultures and a wedding? Interdisciplinary Boundaries in Bioethics." Paper presented at the conference, "Breaking Boundaries, Forging Connections: Feminist Interdisciplinary Theory and Practice", Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS. April 11-13, 2008.
- Batt, Sharon (2007) "Ethnography through the Looking Glass: Bioethics as a lens for examining particularism debates in the study of justice." Paper presented on a panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. "Difference, (In)equality and Justice". Washington DC, November-December 2007.

- Batt, Sharon (2007) “Epistemological Partners or Sugar Daddies? The contested legitimacy of Pharma funding and patient advocacy groups” on a panel at the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, “Ways of Knowing,” Montreal, Quebec. October 2007.
- Batt, Sharon (2005) “Changing Boundaries: Using Qualitative Methods to Study Ethics and Patient Advocacy Movements” Paper presented on a panel at the Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, Halifax, NS, October, 2005
- Batt, S. (2005) “Multi-sited Ethnography in a Global Wired Village” Paper presented on a panel at the CASCA/SANA/UADY Tri-national anthropology conference on Translocality, Merida, Mexico. (May 2005)
- Batt, Sharon (2004) Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference, Calgary Alberta. Conference Paper: “The ethics of easier access to pharmaceutical drugs: Beauchamp and Childress re-examined” [Winner of Student Abstract Award] (October 2004)
- Batt, Sharon (2000) “Genetic Therapies for Breast Cancer”, plenary address, the National Strategic Workshop, The Canadian Biotechnology Strategy: Assessing its Effects on Women and Health, York University.

#### NATIONAL MEETINGS

- Batt, S. “Vision of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control: Advocate’s Perspective”, Plenary panelist, Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control Consultation Conference, Ottawa. (2001)
- Batt, S. “Issues in the Breast Cancer Advocacy Movement”, Fifth Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for HIV Research, Winnipeg. (1995)
- Batt, S. “Patient Advocacy” Plenary address, Critical Choices: Ethical, Legal and Socio-behavioral Implications of Heritable Breast, Ovarian and Colon Cancer (1995)
- Batt, S. “The Role of Breast Cancer Advocates in Cancer Research”, Plenary Address, National Forum on Breast Cancer, Montreal. (1993)

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

#### SUBMITTED, IN PRESS OR ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

#### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Batt, Sharon (2007) Limits on Autonomy: Political meta-narratives and health stories in the media. *American Journal of Bioethics*: 7(8): 23-25.
- Kasper, A and S Batt. “Arguing breast Cancer: the Feminist Views of Two Women’s Health Activists”, *Women’s Studies Quarterly*. Women, Health and Medicine: Transforming Perspectives and Practice. Spring/Summer, Vol. XXXI, 1&2, 2003.
- Waller, M and Batt S. “Advocacy Groups for Breast Cancer Patients,” *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, March 15, 1995, 152 (6).

#### REFEREED POSTERS

- Batt, Sharon (2008) “Pharmaceutical Company funding of Breast Cancer Groups and Implications for Cancer Care in Nova Scotia.” Nova Scotia Cancer Symposium, Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, November 5, 2008.
- Batt, Sharon (2007) “How Patients’ Advocacy Groups Perceive Funding from the Pharmaceutical Industry: Ethics, Realities, and Impacts on Policy.” School of Pharmacy Research Day, Dalhousie University, September 20, 2007.

**BOOK CHAPTERS (RECENT)**

- Batt, S. and A. Lippman. Preventing Disease: Are Pills the Answer? in Anne Rochon Ford and Diane Saibil (eds.) *The Push to Prescribe: Women & Canadian Drug Policy*, Toronto: Women's Press/Canadian Scholars' Press (2010).
- Batt, S. "Who Pays the Piper? Industry Funding of Patients' Groups" in Anne Rochon Ford and Diane Saibil (eds.) *The Push to Prescribe: Women & Canadian Drug Policy*, Toronto: Women's Press/Canadian Scholars' Press (2010).
- Batt, S. "Full Circle: Drugs, the Environment and Our Health" in Anne Rochon Ford and Diane Saibil (eds.) *The Push to Prescribe: Women & Canadian Drug Policy*, Toronto: Women's Press/Canadian Scholars' Press (2010).

**BOOKS**

- Batt, S. *Patient No More: The Politics of Breast Cancer*, Charlottetown: Gynergy Books, 1994. Published simultaneously in the UK, London: Scarlet Press. Australia and New Zealand edition, Melbourne: Spinifex, 1996. French translation: *À bout de patience: les enjeux de la lutte au cancer du sein*, Montreal: Remue-ménage, 1998.
- Chapters anthologized from *Patient No More*:
  - Batt, S. "Perfect People: Cancer Charities", in *Women and Health: Power, Technology, Inequality and Conflict in a Gendered World*, Kathryn Strother Ratcliff (Ed.), Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 2002.
  - Batt, S. "Stolen Conflicts: A Feminist Revisioning" in *For Women Only: Your Guide to Health Empowerment*, Garry Null and Barbara Seaman (Eds), NY: Seven Stories Press, 1999.
  - Batt, S. "Perfect People: Cancer Charities" in *The Politics of Women's Bodies: Sexuality, Appearance and Behavior*, Rose Weitz (Ed). NY: Oxford University Press, 1998.
  - Batt, S. "Thrown: An encounter with the health care system", in *Health and Canadian Society: Sociological Perspectives*, Third Edition, David Coburn, Carl D'Arcy and George Torrance (eds), Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1998.

**NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)**

- Fugh-Berman, Adriane and Sharon Batt (2006) This May Sting a Bit: Cutting CME's Ties to Pharma. *Virtual Mentor: Ethics Journal of the American Medical Association*. 8(6): 416-419. <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/16260.html>
- Batt, S. (2003) "Hormone Therapy: Health Protection Lessons from the Women's Health Initiative". *Centres of Excellence for Women's Health Research Bulletin* (Special Issue on Women and Health Protection), Vol. 3, No. 2. Vancouver, Spring, 4-6.
- Batt, S. (2000) "The New Genetic Therapies: the Case of Herceptin for Breast Cancer", Proceedings of a National Strategic Workshop, *The Gender of Genetic Futures: The Canadian Biotechnology Strategy, Women and Health*, NNEWH Working Paper Series, York University, Toronto. September, pp 9-17
- Batt, S. and Gross, L. (1999) "Cancer Inc: Environmental Chemicals and Breast Cancer", in *Sierra Magazine*, San Francisco, September/October.

**BOOK REVIEWS (SELECTED)**

- Batt, S. Giving meaning to the stark facts of breast cancer. Book review of *Not Done Yet: Living Through Breast Cancer*, by Laurie Kingston, *CMAJ*, September 1, 2009 181: E97-E98.

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- Batt, S. Review of *The Truth About Hormone Replacement Therapy*, by the National Women's Health Network, *CMAJ*, 4 February, 2003.
- Batt, S. "Radical Ideas" review of *The Breast Cancer Wars: hope, fear and the pursuit of a cure in twentieth-century America*, by Barron H Lerner, *CMAJ*, 14 May 2002; 166(10).
- Batt, S. "Social Disease" review of *Breast Cancer: Society Shapes an Epidemic*, edited by Anne S. Kasper and Susan Ferguson, *The Women's Review of Books*, Vol. XVIII, No. 6/March 2001, p. 14.

## CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

### GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

2001-2002 AND 2002-2003

- Women's Health and the Environment, Graduate Seminar, Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University (3 hours)

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

2001-2002

- Women's Health and the Environment, Introductory Course, Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University (3 hours)

1999-2000/2000-2001

- The Politics of Women's Health, Senior Seminar, Department of Women's Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University (3 hours)

1999-2000/2000-2001

- A Feminist Approach to Women's Health Policy, Senior Seminar, Department of Women's Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University (3 hours)

### MEDICAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT – ETHICS (DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY)

- March 2007 Co-authored (with Dr. Christy Simpson) the ethics section of the PIM (Pathology, Immunology and Microbiology) Unit on Smokers for the COPS (Case-Oriented, Problem-Simulated learning) Curriculum, Faculty of Medicine.
- November 2005 Updated (with Dr Christy Simpson) the ethics section of the PIM (Pathology, Immunology and Microbiology) Unit on genetic testing for BRCA genes, for the COPS (Case-Oriented, Problem-Simulated learning) Curriculum, Faculty of Medicine.