

Dr Leslie Cannold

Education

Professional Writing and Editing, Creative Media Department, RMIT
(2007 - ongoing)

Diploma

2000, Dept Learning and Educational Develop, University of Melbourne

Doctor of Philosophy

Interdisciplinary Thesis (ethics/psychology/women's studies)/ Awarded MRS scholarship

1993, Centre for Human Bioethics, Monash University

Master of Bioethics

Earned H1 on interdisciplinary thesis (ethics/psychology/women's studies)

1987, Wesleyan University

Bachelor of Arts

Psychology and Theatre Major

1982-83, Scarsdale High School

Diploma

School curriculum based on Kohlberg's theory of moral development

Trained in ethical reasoning, group process and leadership skills

Employment

Fellow, Philosophy Department, University of Melbourne (2006 -)

Honorary Senior Lecturer, Monash University (2006 -)

**Fellow, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics,
University of Melbourne (2000 - 2006)**

Won Melbourne Research Grant, supervised research assistant. Attended national and international conferences, organised seminar series, taught and supervised post-graduate students, lectured to undergraduates, examined theses, grant & book proposals and articles for national and international universities, publishers, agencies and journals. Published books, refereed book chapters and articles.

Director, Strategic Data, Carlton (1998-2004)

Part of founding management team of small research and information management business employing between 5 and 20 employees/casuals

Research Officer, Health Industry Training Board (1995)

Researched, edited, wrote Health Industry Training Plan. Liased with stakeholder steering group

Research Assistant, Centre for Human Bioethics, Monash University (1993-94)

Designed and conduct of interdisciplinary research exploring the gendered nature of health care professional ethical decision-making. Results published

Research Assistant, National Centre for HIV Social Research, University of Queensland (1992-93)

Participated in all aspects of research exploring impact of HIV on gay men's intimacy needs: liased with stakeholders to design research question, obtained ethics committee approval, conducted interviews, analysed data. Results published.

Research Assistant, Department of English, Monash University (1991)

Preparatory research for book

Research Officer, The Young Woman's Housing Shopfront (1990-91)

Conducted all aspects of research into women's experience of supported accommodation: liased with steering committee, interviewed participants, wrote recommendations and final report

Relevant Memberships, Participation and Notices

- ✓ Chairwoman, Ethics Committee, Family Planning Victoria since 2006
- ✓ Board Member, Family Planning Victoria since 2006
- ✓ *What, No Baby?* Nominated by the Australian Financial Review as among best books of 2005
- ✓ Named Amongst Top 20 Australian Public Intellectuals, *The Age*, 2005
- ✓ *The Abortion Myth* rated "outstanding" in prestigious American Library Association's "University Press Books Selected for Public and Secondary School Libraries"
- ✓ Member, Ethics Panel, Infertility Treatment Authority since 2001
- ✓ Strategist/Committee Member, Women's Electoral Lobby "amicus" submission to High Court in 1996
- ✓ Ethics Member, Standing Committee on Ethics in Research on Humans, Monash University from 1993-95
- ✓ Volunteer Carer, Victorian Aids Council in 1994

Teaching & Supervision

Guest Lecturer, Professional Writing Course (overseas and local undergraduates), Media and Communications Program, University of Melbourne (2000-)

Guest Lecturer, Professional Writing & Editing, Creative Media Department, RMIT (2000-)

Lecturer, Master Applied Ethics (coursework), Issues in Bioethics, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne (2005)

Supervisor, Master Applied Ethics (Minor thesis), Centre for Applied

Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne (2005)

Guest Lecturer, Law and Legal Studies Graduate Program, La Trobe University (1999, 2000)

Guest Lecturer, "Interdisciplinary Investigations of Ethical Issues: How is it done?" Centre for Health and Society Graduate Program, University of Melbourne (2000)

Tutor, "Feminist Philosophers," Philosophy Department, Monash University (1994)

**Selected
Knowledge
Transfer Activities**

Media

Regular Contributor Opinion, Essays, Book and Movie Reviews: *The Age, The Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, Courier Mail, and Herald Sun, Eureka Street, Just Policy, Australian Book Review, The Walkley* (1988 -)

Regular Guest, *The Watercooler on 9am with David and Kim*, Network 10

Regular Guest, 702 "Mornings", ABC Radio, (2005-2006)

Regular Guest, 774 "Drive", ABC Radio, (2002-04, 2005-2006)

Regular Guest, RN Life Matters, ABC Radio, (2000)

Columnist, Education Section, *The Age*, John Fairfax, (2005-2006)

Columnist, *Warcry*, The Salvation Army, (2004)

Columnist, Opinion Page, *The Age*, John Fairfax, (1998 – 2001)

Columnist, "The Good, the Bad and the Media," *Diversity* magazine, (2000 - 2001)

Expert Advice and Evidence to Government Committees

Productivity Commission Review of Australia's Consumer Framework (2007)

Australian House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services "Balancing Work and Family" Inquiry (2006)

Australian Senate Inquiry into Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill (2005)

Lockhart Review Committee's Independent Review of Australia's Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002 and the Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002 (2005)

Australian Senate Inquiry into Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005

Select Public Speaking

Keynote Speaker, *Breaking the Silence*, Marie Stopes International Safe Abortion Conference, London (2007)

Keynote Speaker, *Ethical Leadership: obligations, opportunities and pitfalls*, ALMC conference (2007)

Keynote Speaker, *Work and Life for Those in the Law*, Law Institute of Victoria's President Luncheon (2007)

Keynote Speaker, *What's Really at Stake in the Obesity Debate?* Victorian Chapter of the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)

Keynote Speaker, *The Spin or the reality (or why transparency matters in public debate)*, Postgraduate Association International Women's Day Lunch,

University of Melbourne

Speaker, Rethinking the moral crime of paternity fraud. Sydney Bioethics Seminar, Centre for Values, Ethics and Law, University of Sydney (2006)

Keynote Speaker, The current stem cell debate: Science, politics and ethics, Betty Pybus Memorial Lecture, Hobart (2006)

Keynote Speaker, Academic women and the drive to "have it all". Women in Engineering lunch, University of Melbourne (2006)

Keynote Speaker, Feminism and multiculturalism: do they mix? Politics at the Pub, Melbourne University Political Interest Society (2006)

Keynote Speaker, Careers, relationships and children: Can women and men really "have it all"? Gift and Homewares Association (2006)

Keynote Speaker, Young women and the challenge of career and family. Association of Women on Campus, University of Melbourne (2006)

Panel Member, J'accuse: a hypothetical relating to the Alfred Dreyfuss case chaired by Justice Alan Goldberg. Jewish Museum Australia (2006)

Keynote Speaker, Why Equity in Marriage Really Matters. Association of Marriage and Relationship Educators Annual Conference (2006)

Keynote Speaker, Designer Babies and the Regulation of Assisted Reproductive and Genetic Technologies. AGM Product Liability Association (2005)

Keynote Speaker, Educating Girls. Catholic Secondary School Principals AGM (2005)

Roundtable Participant, National Diversity Think-Tank (2005)

Interviewed author and panel participant, Melbourne Writer's Festival (2005)

Panel Participant. Ozprospect/State Library Discussion of Work/Life Balance (2005)

Keynote Speaker, The Ethics and Politics of Paternity Fraud. Philosophy Café (2005)

Keynote Speaker, Liberal Women Caring for Families Conference. Women's Committee of the Liberal Party, Canberra (2005)

Invited Speaker, The Council for Equal Opportunity in Employment (founded by the Business Council of Australia and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry) Inaugural Diversity Conference. Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney (2005)

Panelist, Biotechnology in sport and health. Science Week, St Michael's Church, Melbourne (2005)

Invited Writer, What, No Baby? Melbourne Writer's Festival (2005)

Keynote Speaker, Work and Family. International Women's Day Event, Monash University, (2005)

Invited Presenter, Reprogenics: The Future of Assisted Reproductive Technology, including genetic selection. Infertility Treatment Authority (2004)

Invited Speaker, The Existence of Alien Life and It's Impact on Humans. Science Week, St Michael's Church, Melbourne (2004)

Keynote Speaker, IVF and Ethics. Professional Development Day, Fertility Nurses Australia (2004)

Panel Member, Hypothetical hosted by Robyn Williams, "Can declining birth rates solve Australia's environmental problems?" Monash University (2003)

Keynote Speaker, Ethics in Aged Care. Aged Care Association of Victoria Conference, Melbourne (2002)

Speaker, The State of ART Regulation: An international symposium looking at the regulation of reproductive technologies. Melbourne (2001)

Workshop Participant, "Regulating Reproductive Technologies," University of Melbourne (2001)

Moderator, "A Mother of a Job: How do women balance paid jobs with family?" Sybylla Forum (2000)

Invited Speaker, Conference: "Attending to Birth: Midwives and Support People." Centre for Women's Studies & Gender Research, Monash University (2000)

Invited Speaker, "Are Young Women Really Free to Choose Motherhood?" VATE Annual State Conference (1999)

Invited Speaker, "Childfree: Choice, Challenge or Compromise?" Women's Academic & Professional Development Program, University of Melbourne (1998)

**Grants and
Consultancies**

Melbourne Research Grant 2002 "Anti-choice pro-woman strategies", \$20,000

Fertility Society Australia "Assisting women to make autonomous decisions about current and future fertility: can GPs help?", under consideration

Small consultancies (ARHA, MSI International) approx \$35,000/annum

**Additional Skills &
Training**

Word Process 60+ wpm, Endnote Referencing System, QSR Nudist qualitative analysis program. Trained crisis counsellor, experienced focus group facilitator and interviewer. Completed 6 day "Women in Leadership Program Monash (1994) and "Improve Your Lecturing" Course Monash (1993)