Amanda Quinn

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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Health Humanities and Bioethics

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry | Rochester, New York | August 2024 – May 2025

Bachelor of Arts

Augustana College | Rock Island, Illinois | August 2020 - May 2024

Major in philosophy and sociology/anthropology, minor in ethics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bioethics Fellow

Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health | Bethesda, Maryland | September 2025 – Present

· Responsibilities: engage in bioethics research and participate in IRB deliberations, ethics consultations, and case conferences

RESEARCH

Euphemisms for Death in the Medical Context

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center | June 2023 - Present

· In partnership with Dr. Nico Nortjé, Executive Director of the Center for Clinical Ethics in Cancer Care
· A multi-phase research project including:
    · Scoping review, currently in the full-text screening stage, with a search protocol that produced over 3,800 sources
    · Mixed methods questionnaire, sent out to MD Anderson staff in December 2023, over 200 responses recorded, manuscript pending completion of the scoping review

Master's Capstone Practicum

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry | August 2024 – May 2025

· Title: On the Appropriateness of Euphemisms for Death: Confronting the Ethics of Language Choice in the Medical Context
· Supervised by Dr. Bryanna Moore, Department of Health Humanities and Bioethics
· A philosophical research paper that establishes conceptual categories for euphemistic references to death and assesses the ethical dimensions of indirect language in the clinical context

PUBLICATION

· **Quinn, A.**, A. Palmer, and N. Nortjé. "Decision-Making at Life's End: Sharing the Burden of Responsibility." *Canadian Journal of Bioethics*, Vol. 6, no. 3-4, Dec. 2023, 134-6. https://doi.org/10.7202/110801.

PRESENTATION

Let's Talk About Death: Use of Euphemistic Language in the Medical Context
OpenWorks @ MD Anderson | August 2023 | https://openworks.mdanderson.org/sumexp23/29/
· Presented a poster on the use of euphemisms for death and introduced future research plans

INTERNSHIPS

UVA Health Biomedical Ethics Intern
2024 Biomedical Summer Internship Program | UVA Health, Charlottesville, VA | June - July 2024
· Completed a seven-week internship with the Center for Health Humanities and Ethics at the University of Virginia
· Attended weekly ethics consult service meetings, developed competency in narrative medicine through a guided reading of *The Principles and Practice of Narrative Medicine*, attended weekly lectures on health humanities research

MD Anderson Ethics Intern
2023 Texas Medical Center Summer Research Internship Program (TMCSRIP) | The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX | June - August 2023
· Completed a ten-week internship with the Center for Clinical Ethics in Cancer Care at the MD Anderson Cancer Center
· Shadowed professionals across the hospital, observed ethics consultations, attended weekly bioethics lectures, developed a research project, and presented a poster on the project proposal
· Developed competency in observational analysis, rigorous academic research, and ethical decision-making in the medical context

LEADERSHIP

Augustana Center for the Study of Ethics Board of Directors
Augustana College | October 2023 - May 2024
· Served one year on the Board of Directors alongside President Andrea Talentino and other faculty members
· Organized a student essay contest and hosted lectures on diverse topics in ethics

ACADEMIC HONORS

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society Member
Inducted on May 20, 2024

Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society Member
Inducted on May 22, 2023

Summa Cum Laude
Awarded upon graduation from Augustana College for a GPA above 3.9

Philosophy Honors
Awarded upon graduation from Augustana College for distinguished work in Philosophy