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Current position

Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, The University of Queensland

Areas of specialization

Philosophy of science, philosophy of medicine, ethics
Medication adherence, quality use of medicines

Appointments held

2009– Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland
2005–2008 PhD Candidate, Philosophy, University of Sydney
2002–2006 Associate Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland
2001–2003 Quality Use of Medicines Advisor, Queensland Rural Medical Support Agency.
1997–2001 I worked as a pharmacist in Brisbane and London. During this time I worked in community, hospital, industry and practice-based research positions.

Education

2009 PhD in Philosophy, University of Sydney
2005 BA(Hons) in Philosophy, University of Queensland
1998 Post-Graduate Diploma Clinical Pharmacy, University of Queensland
1995 BPharm, University of Queensland

Grants & awards

2010–2011 New Staff Grant, University of Queensland
2006–2008 University of Sydney Post-Graduate Award
2005–2006 University of Queensland Mid-Year Scholarship

Teaching

- 2002– Undergraduate and graduate courses in the School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland. My teaching has focused on therapeutics and clinical pharmacy practice, professional ethics, research methods and statistics.
- 2007 Probability and Decision Theory, Philosophy Department, University of Sydney
- 2006 Introduction to Ethics (Tutor), Philosophy Department, University of Queensland

Service

- 2010– Member, Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee
- 2009– Member, School of Pharmacy Ethics Committee
- 2008 Organising committee for *Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference* University of Sydney.
- 2007 Organising committee for *Evidence Based Medicine*, 4th Queensland Biohumanities Conference, University of Queensland

I have reviewed for *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Biology and Philosophy*, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, *Philosophy*, *Psychiatry and Psychology*, and *International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy*

Publications & talks

Journal articles

1. Nguyen, T. M. U., La Caze, A., and Cottrell, N. (2013). What are validated self-report adherence scales really measuring? A systematic review. *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*, Forthcoming
2. La Caze, A. (2013). Why randomised interventional studies. *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 38:352–368
3. La Caze, A., Djulbegovic, B., and Senn, S. (2012b). What does randomisation achieve? *Evidence-based medicine*, 17(1):1–2
4. La Caze, A., Cottrell, N., and Gujral, G. (2012a). Adherence and beliefs. *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research*, 42(1):6–7
5. La Caze, A. (2011c). The role of basic science in evidence-based medicine. *Biology and Philosophy*, 26(1):81–98
6. La Caze, A. and Duffull, S. (2010). Estimating risk from underpowered, but statistically significant, studies: was APPROVe on TARGET? *Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics*, 36:637–641
7. La Caze, A. (2009b). Evidence based medicine must be *Journal of Philosophy and Medicine*, 34:509–527
8. La Caze, A. (2008b). A problem for achieving informed consent. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 29:255–265
9. La Caze, A. (2008a). Evidence-based medicine can't be *Social Epistemology*, 22(4):353–370

10. Tio, J., La Caze, A., and Cottrell, N. (2007). Ascertaining consumer perspectives of medication information sources using a modified repertory grid technique. *Pharmacy World Science*, 29:73–80
11. Fiori, S., Souzani, S., D'Amore, R., Behan, K., Cutts, C., and La Caze, A. (2005). Support needs of supply nurses in rural and remote Queensland. *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, 13:10–13
12. La Caze, A. (2005). Does pharmacogenomics provide an ethical challenge to the utilisation of cost-effectiveness analysis by public health systems? *Pharmacoeconomics*, 23(5):445–447
13. Cutts, C., La Caze, A., and Tett, S. (2003). Variations in demographics and risk factors of patient populations prescribed cyclo-oxygenase-2 selective and non-selective non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research*, 33(1):70–73
14. Cutts, C., La Caze, A., and Tett, S. (2002). A clinical audit of the prescribing of celecoxib and rofecoxib in Australian rural general practice. *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*, 54:522–527
15. Cutts, C. and La Caze, A. (2002). Using clinical audit to identify and change high-risk NSAID prescribing. *Australian Family Physician*, 54:522–527

Book reviews

16. La Caze, A. (2010b). Review: Deborah G. Mayo, Aris Spanos (eds.) *Error and Inference: Recent Exchanges on Experimental Reasoning, Reliability, and the Objectivity and Rationality of Science*. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews
17. La Caze, A. (2006b). Probabilities all the way down [Review of R. Jeffrey, *Subjective Probability: The Real Thing*]. *Metascience*, 15:547–551

Selected presentations

18. La Caze, A. (2012). When randomized trials? Evidence and Causality in the Sciences, University of Kent.
19. La Caze, A. (2011b). Standards of evidence and the ethics of randomized trials. Third International Workshop, Philosophy of Medicine, Madrid.
20. La Caze, A. (2011d). When randomized studies. "The Authority of Science", 4th Sydney-Tilburg conference on the Philosophy of Science
21. La Caze, A. (2011a). Large simple trials and therapeutic decisions. Philosophy of Medicine Roundtable, San Sebastian
22. La Caze, A. (2010a). Levels of evidence: help of hindrance? Invited presentation for Spine Society of Australia, Annual Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand
23. La Caze, A. (2009a). Basic science in evidence-based medicine. Mechanisms and Causality in the Sciences, University of Kent
24. La Caze, A. (2006a). Medicines, genetics and the justification of cost-effectiveness analysis. Invited presentation for European Commission, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Brussels

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