

# **FRANCOISE BAYLIS**

**Professor and Canada Research Chair in Bioethics and Philosophy at Dalhousie University**

Halifax, NS, CA

Dr. Baylis researches matters related to ethics, health law and policy of assisted human reproduction and novel genetic technologies.

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## **Biography**

Françoise Baylis, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Bioethics and Philosophy, focuses on women's health, new genetic technologies, new reproductive technologies and research involving humans. She has particular expertise on the ethics of assisted human reproduction, human embryo research, human enhancement, relational identity, consensus-building and inter-generational justice.

Baylis works at the intersection of policy and practice. Over the years she has participated in a number of policy initiatives nationally and globally. As a public intellectual, she brings theory, ethical sensibilities and common sense to a wide range of public issues.

She is a frequent guest on CBC and Radio Canada. She knows how to speak clearly and forcefully and understands the demands of journalists' deadlines.

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Françoise Baylis, professeure et titulaire de la Chaire de recherche du Canada en bioéthique et en philosophie, s'intéresse à la santé des femmes, aux nouvelles technologies génétiques, aux nouvelles techniques de reproduction et à la recherche impliquant les humains. Elle possède une expertise particulière sur l'éthique de la procréation humaine assistée, la recherche sur l'embryon humain, l'amélioration de l'être humain, l'identité relationnelle, le développement de consensus et la justice intergénérationnelle.

Baylis travaille à l'intersection de la politique et de la pratique. Au fil des années, elle a participé à un certain nombre d'initiatives stratégiques à l'échelle nationale et mondiale. En tant qu'intellectuelle publique, elle apporte la théorie, la sensibilité éthique et le bon sens à un large éventail de questions publiques.

Elle est fréquemment invitée à CBC et à Radio-Canada. Elle sait parler clairement et avec force et comprend les exigences des délais des journalistes.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Gene Editing, Human Enhancement, Bioethics, Assisted Human Reproduction, Genetic Technologies & Ethics, Genetics and the Law Policy & Regulation, Identity, Women's Health, Health Law and Ethics Issues, Health Policy, Research Ethics

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## **Affiliations**

Canada Research Chair in Bioethics & Philosophy [Tier 1], Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

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## **Event Appearances**

### **Falling Walls**

Which are the next walls to fall?

### **Global Forum on Bioethics in Research**

Ethics of research in pregnancy

### **Zika and Beyond**

Pregnancy, research and public health emergencies

### **Gairdner 2016**

Gene editing: Bacterial immunity to global impact

### **Walrus Talks**

The art of conversation

### **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

Workshop on gene editing in an international context: Scientific, economic and social issues across sectors

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## **Education**

### **Western University**

PhD Philosophy (specialization Bioethics)

### **Western University**

MA Philosophy

### **McGill University**

BA (Hons) Political Science

### **Laurentian University**

Certificate of Bilingualism French/English

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Canadian Bioethics Society Lifetime Achievement Award**

The CBS Lifetime Achievement Award is given annually to an individual whose demonstrated scholarship and/or leadership has contributed significantly to health care ethics in Canada.

Criteria for selection include:

- A clear focus on health care ethics in his/her lifetime achievements
- National and international profile in health care ethics
- Outstanding leadership in shaping the field of health care ethics in Canada

### **McNeil Medal from Royal Society of Canada**

For the public awareness of science.

It is intended to highlight the important role that science plays within our society and to encourage the communication of science to students and the public.

The medal is awarded to a candidate who has demonstrated outstanding ability to promote and communicate science to students and the public within Canada (the term public is defined in its broadest sense).

### **Appointment to the Order of Canada**

Dr. Baylis was recognized "for her contributions as a champion of health care ethics in Canada, and for creating forums to discuss current medical ethics issues."

### **Appointment to the Order of Nova Scotia**

Baylis is able to take complex issues, such as stem cell research and new reproductive technologies, and make them understandable and assessable to society. She uses film and other media to educate and engage the public without jargon and other barriers created by complex academic subjects. At the heart of Baylis' work is the belief that citizens belong in the discussion and decision making about scientific advances that affect our lives.

### **Canadian Association of University Teachers, 2016 Distinguished Academic Award**

The CAUT Distinguished Academic Award recognizes academics who excel in each of the domains of academic life: teaching, research, service to the institution and to the community. The recipients will be individuals whose teaching, research and service have contributed noticeably to the lives of their students, to their institution, to their field of study, and to the community.

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