

Curriculum Vitae

Full Name

Elizabeth Anne Kerr

Current Position

Professor of Sociology, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds. 2006-

Pro-Dean for Research, Faculty of Education, Social Science and Law 2008-2011

Previous Positions

Director, Leeds Institute for Social Sciences 2009-2011

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of York, 1st August 2000 - 31 December 2005.

Research Fellow, 'The Social and Cultural Impact of the New Genetics', Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh. Funded by the ESRC Research Programme on Risk and Human Behaviour, 1 November 1994 - 31 July 1997.

Wellcome Fellow in the History of Medicine, 'A History of Cystic Fibrosis: Definition and Diagnosis 1938 to the present', University of Edinburgh. Funded by the Wellcome Trust from 1 August 1997- 31 July 2000.

Qualifications

B. Sc. (Hons) Applied Physics (2.1). 1990 University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

M. Sc. Social Sciences (Technology Studies). 1991 University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh.

Ph. D. Social Sciences. 1995 University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh. 'Feminising Science: Linking Theory and Practice'. (Funded by the ESRC.)

Full List of Publications

Books

Kerr, A. *Genetics and Society* London: Routledge, pp 197 2004.

Kerr, A. and Shakespeare, T. *Genetic Politics: From Eugenics to Genome*, pp 211 Cheltenham: New Clarion Press 2002.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Garforth, L. and Kerr, A., (2012) 'Interdisciplinarity and the social sciences: capital, institutions and autonomy' *The British Journal of Sociology* vol 62 issue 4: 657-676.

Garforth, L and Kerr, A. 'Let's Get Organised: practicing and valuing scientific work inside and outside the laboratory' *Sociological Research Online* 2010

Nettleton, S., Woods, B., Burrows, R., Kerr, A. 'Experiencing Food Allergy and Food Intolerance: An Analysis of Lay Accounts' *Sociology* 41, 2, 2010

Kerr, A. 'A Problem Shared...? Teamwork, Autonomy and Error in Assisted Conception' *Social Science and Medicine*, 2009

Garforth, L. and Kerr, A. 'Women in Science: What's the problem?' *Social Politics* 2009

Nettleton, S., Woods, B., Burrows, R. and Kerr, A. 'Food Allergy and Intolerance: Towards a Sociological Agenda' *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*, 2009

Kerr, A, Woods, B, Nettleton, S, Burrows, R. 'Testing for Food Intolerance: New Markets in the Age of Biocapital' *Biosocieties* 2009 4, 3-24

Kerr, A. 2008 Assisted Conception and the Culture of Audit *Human Fertility* Volume 11, Issue 1 2008 , pages 9 - 16

Kerr, A. Cunningham-Burley, S. and Tutton, R. 'Shifting Subject Positions: Experts and Lay People in Public Discourse' *Social Studies of Science*, Vol. 37 No. 3. June 2007

Kerr, A. Cunningham-Burley, S. and Tutton, R. 'Exploring Ambivalence about Genetic Research and its Social Context' · *Social Theory & Health*, Vol. 5, No. 1. February 2007, pp. 53-69

Kerr, A. Understanding Genetic Disease in Socio-historical Context: A Case Study of Cystic Fibrosis', *Sociology of Health and Illness* 27, 7, 2005

Kerr, A. 'Giving up on Geneticization: A Comment on Hedgecoe's 'Expansion and uncertainty: cystic fibrosis, classification and genetics', *Sociology of Health and Illness* 26, 1, 1-5, 2004.

Kerr, A. 'Regulating Genetics: Reifying Choice and Progress', *New Genetics and Society* 22 (2): 141-56, 2003.

Kerr, A. 'Genetics and Citizenship' *Society* 40, 6, 44-50, 2003.

Kerr, A. 'Rights and Responsibilities in the New Genetics Era', *Critical Social Policy* 2, 208-26, 2003.

Kerr, A. and Cunningham-Burley, S. 'On Ambivalence and Risk: Reflexive Modernity and the New Human Genetics', *Sociology* 34, 2, 283-304, 2000.

Kerr, A. '(Re)Constructing Genetic Disease: the clinical continuum between cystic fibrosis and male infertility', *Social Studies of Science* 30, 6, 847-94, 2000.

Cunningham-Burley, S. and Kerr, A. 'Defining the "social": towards an understanding of scientific and medical discourses on the social aspects of the new genetics' *Sociology of Health and Illness* 21,5, 647-668, 1999.

Kerr, A., 'Towards a feminist natural science: linking theory and practice' *Women's Studies International Forum* 21, 95-109, 1998.

Kerr, A., Cunningham-Burley, S. and Amos, A., 'The New Genetics and Health: Mobilising Lay Expertise' *Public Understanding of Science* 7 41-60 1998.

Kerr, A., Cunningham-Burley, S. and Amos, A., 'Drawing the Line: An Analysis of Lay People's Discussions about the New Genetics' *Public Understanding of Science* 7 113-33 1998.

Kerr, A., Cunningham-Burley, S. and Amos, A., 'Eugenics and the new genetics in Britain: examining contemporary professionals' accounts' *Science, Technology and Human Values* 23, 2 175-98, 1998.

Kerr, A., Cunningham-Burley, S. and Amos, A., 'The new genetics: professionals' discursive boundaries', *Sociological Review* 45, 2, 279-303 1997

In Preparation

'Practising assisted conception: work in private and public settings'

'(Re)making the lab: Sustaining science in the contemporary academy' (with Lisa Garforth)

Book Chapters

Kerr, A. 'Reproductive Genetics: From Choice to Ambivalence and Back Again' in Atkinson, P., Glasner, P. and Lock, M. *The Handbook of Genetics and Society Mapping the New Genomics Era* Sage, 2009.

Kerr, A, and Lorenz-Meyer, D., 'Working together apart', in U. Felt (ed.) *Knowing and living in academic research* Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic 2009.

Kerr, A. "Feminism and Science, Feminist Epistemology." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Ritzer, George (ed). Blackwell Publishing, 2007.

Kerr, A. "Women in Science." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Ritzer, George (ed). Blackwell Publishing, 2007.

Kerr, Anne. "Human Genome and the Science of Life." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Ritzer, George (ed). Blackwell Publishing, 2007.

Kerr, A and Franklin, S. 'Genetic Ambivalence: expertise, uncertainty, and communication in the context of new genetic technologies' in Webster, A. (ed) *New Technologies in Health Care; Challenge, Change and Innovation* (Palgrave Macmillan), 2006.

Tutton, R., Kerr, A. and Cunningham-Burley, S. 'Myriad Stories: constructing expertise and citizenship in discussions about the new genetics', in Leach, M., Scoones, I. and Wynne, B. (eds) *Science and Citizens: Globalization and the Challenge of Engagement* Zed Press, London, 2005: pp101-12.

Kerr, A. 'Genetics and Citizenship' in Ster, N. (ed) *Biotechnology Between Commerce and Civil Society* New Brunswick: Transaction Press, 159-174, 2004.

Kerr, A. 'Towards a feminist natural science: linking theory and practice'reprinted in Bartsch, I. and Lederman, M. (eds) *The Gender and Science Reader* London, Routledge, 2000.

Cunningham-Burley, S. Kerr, A. and Pavis, S. "Theorising subjects and subject matter: The challenge of focus group research" in Barbour, R. & Kitzinger, J. (eds) *Developing Focus Group Research: Politics Theory and Practice* London, Sage, 186-200, 1999.

Faulkner, W. and Kerr, A. 'On seeing brokenspectres: sex and gender in twentieth century science' in Krige, J. and Pestre, D. (eds) *Science in the Twentieth Century*, London, Harwood Academics, 43-60, 1997.

Reports & Other Contributions

Consultancy Report: Kerr, A. *The Social and Ethical Aspects of Medical Genetic Databanks Generation* Scotland: University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, pp22, 2003.

Cunningham-Burley, S. and Kerr, A. (guest editors) 'The new genetics: risks and boundaries' *Health, Risk and Society* 1, 3, 249-51, 1999.

Research Support

Linkova, M., Saldova, K, Cerinkova, A., Lorenz-Meyer, D., Matohona, J., Szapuová, M., Kiczkova, Z., Farkašová, E., **Kerr, A.**, Rees, A., Garforth, L., Garstenauer, T., Wöhrer, V., Poutanen, S., Kovalainen, A.. 2006-8 'Knowledge, Institutions and Gender: an East West Comparative Study', Specific Targeted research Project, EU FP6 Science and Society Programme.

Woods, B., Nettleton, S., **Kerr, A.** and Burrows, R., 2005-8 'Food Allergies: Constructing a Sociological Agenda', ESRC.

Kerr, A. and Leese, H., 2004-2006, 'Doing Embryo Ethics: Safety and Efficacy in Research and Practice', ESRC Science in Society Programme.

Kerr, A., and Cunningham-Burley, 2002-2004 'Transformations in Genetic Subjecthood', ESRC Innovative Health Technologies Programme. (Research Fellow Richard Tutton)

Kerr, A., 1997-2002 'A History of Cystic Fibrosis: Definition and Diagnosis 1938-the present', Wellcome Trust History of Medicine Fellowship.

Postgraduate Supervision

Tiffany Boulton 2009- A comparative, qualitative study of women with fibromyalgia syndrome in the UK and Canada (University of Leeds Overseas Scholarship)

Leon Sealy-Huggins 2009- "Adapted knowledge": the role of different forms of knowledge in the development of climate change adaptation policy strategies (ESRC studentship)

Carter-Ann Mahdavi 2009- Women's understanding of elective Caesareans

Stevienna de Salle 2008- A socio-historical examination of FINRRAGE (School scholarship)

Tom Campbell 2006-2011 A genealogical study of the diagnosis of dyslexia (ESRC studentship)

Laura Machin, 2005- 2009 The social and ethical context of embryo donation (Wellcome Trust Medicine in Society Studentship)

PhD Examining

Simon Williams University of Cardiff. Examined 2010.

Karolina Snell University of Helsinki, Awarded PhD 2009

Kenneth Taylor University of Newcastle, Awarded PhD 2006

Merryn Ekberg, University of Melbourne, Awarded PhD 2004

Yvette Taylor, University of York, Awarded PhD 2004

Recent Professional Activities

Chair of AREA Ethics Committee (for Faculties of Education, Social Sciences and Law; Arts, Performance, Visual Arts and Culture and Environment) 2009-2010

Co-author of successful bid for ESRC White Rose Doctoral Training Centre (in collaboration with Andrew Webster, Universities of York and Martin Smith, University of Sheffield), 2010

University of Leeds representative on ESRC White Rose DTC Steering Group and Academic Quality Committee, 2011

Director, University of Leeds Transformation Fund project, Building Sustainable Societies: Work, Care and Security' 2010

Principle Investigator on major bid to Leverhulme Trust 'Embedding Emergent Disciplines' programme on 'Social Informatics', 2009 (shortlisted to final 5).

Some Recent Presentations

Plenary speaker at International Conference on the "Healthy Embryo" (funded by a Canadian Institutes of Health Research grant), London, Ontario, Canada, 12.11.07, 'The Social Construction of the Healthy Embryo'

Plenary speaker at EU FP6 Paganini Final Conference 'The New Governance of Life: Challenges, Transformations, Innovations,' Vienna, 12.06.07 'Patients, Publics and Professionals: The dynamics of expertise in human genetics and infertility'

Plenary speaker at Knowledge, Institutions and Gender EU FP6 Final Conference, Prague, 6.6.08, 'Working Together Apart'

Plenary speaker, RCN Fertility Nurses' Conference, RCN, London, 7.2.09 'Regulating Assisted Conception Services: Benefit or Burden?'

Invited seminar speaker, Department of Sociology, University of Glasgow, 10.2.10, 'Invisible and divided: work, measure and value in social science knowledge production: findings of the UK KNOWING project'

Invited seminar speaker, EGENIS, University of Exeter, 23.2.10, 'Assisted Conception: Going Private'

Keynote speaker, NARTI network meeting, University of York, 22.7.10, 'Doctoral Training in the Social Sciences: Why we're all in it together....'

Invited seminar speaker, Wellcome Trust event on Prenatal Selection, University of Birmingham, 23.2.11 'Reproductive Genetics: From Choice to Ambivalence and Back Again'

Invited seminar speaker, Wellcome Trust funded event on 'Eugenics, Ethics and Selective Reproduction', organised by University of Keele, Wellcome Trust, London, 23.2.11, 'Eugenics, the bio-economy and ambivalence: then and now'

Invited seminar speaker, IAS/WUN Symposium on Biocapital/Bioequity, University of Bristol 7.10.11, 'Practising Assisted Conception: Work in Private and Public Settings'