Ethics Review Committee: Member Biographies

At Marie Stopes International we are committed to improving the quality and quantity of our research, based on principles of medical and research ethics, in order both to improve services and share findings with the broader medical, scientific and NGO communities. The Ethics Review Committee independently reviews our research proposals, promoting implementation of ethically sound research across the organisation.

**MSI ERC Chair Dr Leslie Cannold**

Leslie is an Australian social researcher, ethicist, writer and public intellectual. She has a PhD in Psychology from Wesleyan University in the United States, a Master in Arts and Bioethics from Monash University in Melbourne and a PhD in social research from the University of Melbourne. Leslie sits on a variety of ethics and health regulatory committees, boards and Tribunals, including Family Planning Victoria Human Research and Ethics Committee. Leslie is an inspirational speaker as well as public opinion leader therefore a familiar voice and face in Radio and TV in Australia. Her inspirational leadership style has demonstrated working collaboratively with NGOs and service providers to remove the effective ban on RU486 and decriminalise abortion in Victoria, Australia. Leslie joined the committee on 20th of June and is based in Australia.

**Ethics Review Committee Liaison Olivia Nuccio**

Olivia is a Research Programme Advisor on MSI’s Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) team, and MSI’s Ethics Review Committee (ERC) lead. Olivia is a public health professional with several years of experience in the health care sector. She currently advises and supports MSI researchers in East Africa, Asia and the Middle East to plan, produce and carry-out high-quality RME activities. She
has lead successful ethics applications to both the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the MSI ERC. She has an MSc in Public Health, with a concentration in Health Economics, from LSHTM.

Olivia is currently on maternity leave and being covered by Sabitri Sapkota

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Dr. Jean Amoura is a board-certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist (OB/GYN) who practices and teaches at the University of Nebraska, USA. She has an MSc in Reproductive and Sexual Health Research from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has served as vice-chair of the Institutional Review Board at the University of Nebraska since 2006 and is a consultant board member for Schulman Associates independent Institutional Review Board. She has been active in research ethics scholarship and has been on the faculty for national meetings of the U.S. organization Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research. She has also provided instruction in research ethics to senior OB/GYN faculty from two medical schools in Ghana.

Dr. Fabian Cataldo (M.A, MRes, Ph.D.) is a social anthropologist specialised in questions related to health systems and access to treatment and care in middle and low-income countries. Over the past 15 years he has lived and undertaken extensive fieldwork in Brazil, Belgium, Tunisia, Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi. He received his Ph.D in Anthropology from Goldsmiths, University of London, supported by The Wellcome Trust Biomedical Ethics Programme. He served as a Visiting Researcher at the Institute of Development Studies (UK) as well as at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), and he is Honorary Research Associate at University College London. He is currently working with Dignitas International, a medical NGO based in the South-East of Malawi, and is the principal investigator of a number of inter-disciplinary studies, including research on access to HIV treatment, Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV services for adolescents and most at risk populations, expert patients interventions, PMTCT community trials, and health systems strengthening in resource constrained settings.

Gillian Elam has worked in the management and application of social research for twenty years, and specialised in the design and application of qualitative
methodology for nearly fifteen years, with a special interest in sexual health and behaviour. She is currently working as a Qualitative Research Consultant; recent projects include: evaluation of sexual health services for young people; investigation into approaches to HIV testing; development of HIV surveillance tools; supervision of a PhD study to develop sexual health interventions for young black Caribbean men; and a study exploring the role of healthcare workers in pandemic infection control. She provides courses in qualitative methods, including research ethics, and was previously a member of UK National Health Service Riverside Research Ethics Committee.

Dr. Nigel Field (BSc, MPH, MB PhD, MFPH) is an NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer in Public Health and Infectious Disease Epidemiology based at the Mortimer Market Centre in the Research Department of Infection and Population Health. His doctoral training was in virology and molecular biology, funded by MRC, as a MB PhD student at UCL. He is also a Public Health registrar within London Deanery and undertakes regular clinical work in the Mortimer Market Centre Sexual Health Clinic. Since 2008, he has been part of the National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal-3) study team, and since 2012, worked on a new UK birth cohort, called Life Study. He collaborates on several health protection projects with Public Health England, Colindale.

Karen Newman Karen is an international advocacy, policy, evaluation, governance and development professional with more than 20 years’ experience managing health and human rights projects and programmes across the globe, and is currently Co-Chair of the World Health Organization Gender & Rights Advisory Panel. Karen has written and published widely, and has taken leading media, policy and advocacy roles, including working with different governance committees to advance policies on a range of controversial issues, and negotiating at key international and UN conferences related to sexual and reproductive health and rights. Her technical skills combine sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS, gender and human rights.

Dr. Clare Tanton is an epidemiologist with a PhD from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and has been working in the field of sexual health for the last 8 years. Her previous research includes a randomised controlled trial of biomedical HIV prevention, and development work on a large-scale sexual behaviour
survey. She has been teaching Epidemiology and Statistics for over 5 years both face to face at LSHTM and UCL and through the LSHTM Distance Learning program. She has experience of submitting research to ethics committees in Tanzania, at LSHTM and in the UK National Research Ethics Service, and has experience of study design including questionnaire design and power/sample size calculations, training and supervision of fieldwork, laboratory analysis and quantitative data analysis of large datasets.

**Jennifer Bostock** With a background in psychiatry and philosophy, Jennifer brings a wealth of ethics experience particularly focused on mental health. She currently sits on various ethical boards, including chairing the committee which hears legal appeals from patients against the Mental Health Act. Jennifer joined the committee on 1st of March 2016.

**Dr. Katheirne Ba-Thike** Katherine is an honorary Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Medicine in Yangon, Myanmar, and a former Area Manager for Asia and the Pacific in Reproductive Health and Research department of the WHO. She brings with her not only strong expertise in medicine and research, but also valuable knowledge of sexual and reproductive health in Asia. She joined the committee on 1st of March 2016.

**Korrie de Koning** With a background working for KIT, DFID and the Dutch Ministry in Asia and Africa, Korrie is a specialist in sexual and reproductive health and rights, health systems, and gender. Her expertise covers a range of areas such as qualitative, participatory and mixed research approaches. Korrie joined the committee on 1st of February 2016.

**Jane Cottingham** Jane brings 17 years of experience working with the WHO on integrating women’s and gender perspectives, and attention to human rights into the policy, programme and research activities of the Human Reproduction Programme of the WHO. Jane joined the committee on 15th of February 2016.
**Soazig Clifton** Soazig is a Research Methods Fellow at the Centre for Sexual Health and HIV Research in UCL. With over nine years of experience in the design and delivery of health surveys, Soazig brings strong expertise in sexual health study design and methodologies. Soazig joined the ERC on 15th of February 2016.