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Claudia Emerson is the founding Director of the Institute on Ethics & Policy for Innovation at McMaster University, and Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy. Her work in applied ethics considers issues and policy gaps in global health research. She is particularly interested in ethics issues related to data sharing and models of data governance, the introduction and adoption of novel technologies, and the management of infectious disease. She is the Principal Investigator of the ESC (Ethical, Social, and Cultural) Thinking Program that supports the Global Health division of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation address normative issues encountered along the discovery-to-delivery pathway for potential life-saving interventions. Currently, she is leading the development of Funder's Principles for human infection studies and collaborating on the development of ethics guidance for these studies.

Dr. Emerson serves in several advisory capacities related to public health and evidence-informed policymaking. She is a member of the Malaria Strategic Advisory Panel (MSAP) of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a member of the LEEDR (Legal, Ethical, Environmental, Dual-Use and Responsible innovation) Panel for DARPA's Safe Genes Program, and serves on the Steering Committee of the Outreach Network for Gene Drive Research, and the Scientific Committee of the Cochrane Colloquium 2020.

