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W. Nicholson Price II Appointed Assistant Professor at UNH School of Law

Petrie-Flom Academic Fellow Nicholson Price has been appointed as an Assistant Professor at the University of New Hampshire School of Law, where he will research and teach on intellectual property, innovation policy, and the life sciences. In his two years at the Petrie-Flom Center, Nicholson has studied innovation in the pharmaceutical industry, personalized medicine, and the issues surrounding secondary findings in genomic research. His sole-author works from his time at the Center will be published in the Boston College Law Review, IP Theory, the New England Journal of Medicine, and the American Journal of Bioethics; co-authored pieces have appeared or will appear in Pediatrics, the Hastings Center Report, and Genetics in Medicine. He has given invited presentations at Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Mass. General, and the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education. This spring he is teaching an HLS seminar on Genetics and the Law.

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Introducing New Senior Law and Ethics Associate Robin Pierce

Dr. Robin Pierce joins the Petrie-Flom Center as Senior Law and Ethics Associate as part of the research team

Robin obtained her PhD from Harvard University in the Department of Health Policy where her work addressed policy, legal, and ethical aspects of integration of genetic technology into the healthcare system, with particular focus on genetic privacy. Robin also holds a Juris Doctor from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. She has been affiliated with several European institutions and was on the faculty of Technische Universiteit Delft in The Netherlands. Robin served as leader of the Kluiver Centre's Industrial Genomics for Society Programme in The Netherlands and has been involved in several European projects focusing on synthetic biology. In addition, she maintains an active research line on translational issues in Alzheimer's disease research. She is a frequent speaker internationally on policy, ethical, and legal issues regarding advances in biotechnology. She has served on ethics committees, advisory boards, and research ethics committees for several research institutions, including the institutional review boards for Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health.

Robin has taught across disciplines including ELSI courses for natural sciences, such as "Social Issues in Biology" at Harvard Medical School and courses in "Remedies" and "Legal Writing and Analysis" as an adjunct professor of law at John F. Kennedy School of Law. She has published across disciplines on research ethics and translational oversight in such journals as The Lancet Neurology, Nature, and Social Science and Medicine. She also serves as reviewer for numerous journals on law, policy, and ethics of emerging technologies.

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The Petrie-Flom Center Is Hiring!

In connection with our work on a sponsored research project with the National Football League Players Association, the Petrie-Flom Center seeks to hire a Senior Law and Ethics Associate immediately. (Please note that this is a distinct position from the one we recently advertised working with Harvard Catalyst on clinical and translational research.)

We are seeking a full-time doctoral-level hire (J.D., M.D., Ph.D., etc. in law, ethics, public health, social science, or other relevant discipline) with extensive knowledge of and interest in legal and ethical issues related to the health and welfare of professional athletes. The position will be funded for at least two years, with renewal likely for an additional year or more.

View the full job description and apply here.

Please share this announcement with interested candidates. For questions, contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu or 617-496-4662.

We are also hiring a new Project Coordinator in connection with our work on the Regulatory Foundations, Ethics, and Law Program of Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Center. For a full description and to apply click here. For questions, please contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu.

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Was the Medicaid Expansion Coercive?

By I. Glenn Cohen (Petrie-Flom Faculty Co-Director)
The Affordable Care Act Decision: Philosophical and Legal Implications, Fritz Allhoff and Mark Hall, eds. (Routledge, 2014).

In this book chapter on the ACA decision, NFIB v. Sebelius, I focus on the Court’s holding that the Medicaid expansion was unconstitutional. I ask by what theory is the Medicaid expansion coercive, and even if coercive, by what theory is it coercive in a problematic way that justifies constitutional redress?

View the full book description.

An Interview with I. Glenn Cohen on Law and Bioscience

OUP blog, March 14, 2014

There are huge changes taking place in the world of biosciences, and whether it’s new discoveries in stem cell research, new reproductive technologies, or genetics being used to make predictions about health and behavior, there are legal ramifications for everything. Journal of Law and Biosciences is a new journal published by Oxford University Press in association with Duke University, Harvard University Law School, and Stanford University, focused on the legal implications of the scientific revolutions in the biosciences. We sat down with one of the Editors in Chief, I. Glenn Cohen, to discuss the rapidly changing field, emerging legal issues, and the new peer-reviewed and open access journal.

Read the full interview.

An Empirical Method for Materiality: Would Conflict of Interest Disclosures Change Patient Decisions?

By Roy G. Spece Jr., David V. Yokum, Andrea-Gale Okoro, and Christopher T. Robertson (Petrie-Flom Affiliated Faculty; Former Petrie-Flom Academic Fellow)
American Journal of Law and Medicine, 2014, Forthcoming

Abstract: The law has long been concerned with the agency problems that arise when advisors, such as attorneys or physicians, put themselves in financial relationships that create conflicts of interest. If the financial relationship is “material” to the transactions proposed by the advisor, then non-disclosure of that information may be pertinent to claims of malpractice, informed consent, and even fraud, as well as to professional discipline. In these sorts of cases, materiality is closely related to the question of causation, roughly turning on whether the withheld information might have changed the decision of a reasonable advisee (i.e., patient). The injured plaintiff will predictably testify that the information would have impacted his or her choice, but that self-serving testimony may be unreliable. The factfinder is left to speculate about the counterfactual world in which the information was disclosed.

This Article shows how randomized vignette-based experimentation may be a valuable form of evidence to address these questions, for both litigation and policymaking. To demonstrate this method and investigate conflicts of interest in healthcare in particular, we recruited 691 human subjects and asked them to imagine themselves as patients facing a choice about whether to undergo a cardiac stenting procedure recommended by a cardiologist. We manipulated the vignettes in a 2x3 between-subjects design, where we systematically varied the appropriateness of the proposed treatment, which was described in terms of patient risk without the procedure (low or high), and manipulated the type of disclosure provided by the physician (none, standard, or...
We used physician ownership of the specialty hospital where the surgery would be performed as the conflict of interest, disclosed or not, and the "enhanced" disclosure included information that such relationships have been associated with biases in prescribing behavior.

We found that the mock patients were significantly less likely to follow the cardiologist's recommendation of surgical implantation of a drug-eluting stent when he disclosed a financial conflict of interest, regardless of whether the disclosure was standard or enhanced. We also found that the mock patients were more likely to choose the treatment when they faced greater risk without it. We did not, however, find that the disclosure made patients more discerning about the appropriateness of the procedure.

We discuss the implications for law and policy. Mock patients seem likely to act upon such information, declining the low-value healthcare when conflicts are disclosed. This finding suggests that the information is material to such transactions, and that disclosures may be salutary for medical decisions. Arguably, therefore, physicians already have a duty under the common law to disclose the financial relationships they choose to accept. Other regulators and policymakers should recognize and clarify this duty, and courts should embrace this form of evidence. Methodologically, although this empirical approach has limits, it reduces speculation by factfinders and policymakers, focusing their attention on the right questions at least.

Download the paper.

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From the Blog

http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/billofhealth/

Come join the conversation at Bill of Health! During the last two weeks, our bloggers have been discussing:

Food safety and regulation:

- Will SCOTUS's decision in Pom Wonderful v. Coke have broader implications? (here)

General Health Law/Policy:

- A recent study showing that deaths from Alzheimer's Disease may be significantly underreported (here)
- The potential uses of and ethical issues related to a new test for Alzheimer's Disease (here)
- Tracking patterns of Internet use as a means of diagnosing mental health issues (here)
- The contemporary craze for hand-washing in historical context (here)
- "Using Fear of Lawyers to Train Medical Students is Costing a Lot of Money!" (here)
- "Medical Malpractice Decision of the Year: Florida Supreme Court voids the $1M cap on noneconomic damages for a patient's wrongful death" (here)
- "Merit Affadavits and the Poor" (here)

And finally we introduced new contributor Jennifer S. Bard (here).
If you'd like to join us as a guest blogger or if you have something you'd like us to post, please contact Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Petrie-Flom Center Administrative Director, at chutchisonjones@law.harvard.edu.

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Health Law Policy and Bioethics Workshops

Upcoming presenters for the Health Law Policy and Bioethics Workshop, this year run by Professors Cohen and Robertson, include:

**NEXT WEEK:**
March 24: Hank Greely, Center for Law and the Biosciences, Stanford Law School

April 7: David Gamage, UC Berkeley School of Law

April 21: Matthew J. B. Lawrence, Petrie-Flom Center Academic Fellow

All meetings will run from 5:00 to 7:00pm in Hauser 105 at the Law School. For questions and drafts of the papers being presented, contact Kaitlin Burroughs at kburroughs@law.harvard.edu.

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Petrie-Flom Center Events

**NEXT WEEK:**

*Current Legal Issues in HIV/AIDS Work*
Thursday, March 27, 2014, 12:00pm
Wasserstein Hall 1019, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave.,
Cambridge, MA

More than 30 years have passed since AIDS first appeared in the United States. Today the CDC estimates that 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV/AIDS, and each year 50,000 Americans are newly diagnosed. Despite great strides in education, awareness, prevention, and treatment, people affected by HIV/AIDS still face significant discrimination, including unequal treatment under the law. This panel will explore some of the legal barriers faced by people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States, including FDA’s ban on men who have sex with men donating blood and laws criminalizing HIV transmission. Panelists include:

- Felix Lopez, Director of the Legal Department, GMHC
- Jason Cianciotto, Director of the Public Policy Department, GMHC
- J. Glenn Cohen, Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Director of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.
Hot Topics in European Biopatent Law: Stem Cells, Genes, and More
Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 12:00pm
Langdell Hall, Vorenberg Classroom - North (225), Harvard Law School

Please join us for this esteemed panel of leading patent experts, including members of the European Patent Office. Discussion will address U.S. and European perspectives on patenting stem cells, genes, and medical uses, as well as other ethical and legal issues.

Panelists:

- Aliki Nichogiannopoulou, Director, Biotechnology, EPO
- Anja Schmitt, Examiner, EPO
- Maaik van der Kooij, Examiner, EPO
- Moderator: Benjamin N. Roin, Hieken Assistant Professor in Patent Law, Harvard Law School; Co-Director, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology & Bioethics; Associate Member, Broad Institute

This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and registration is required. Register here.

Lunch will be served.

For questions, contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu or 617-496-4662.

Cosponsored by the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard.

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Hot Topics at the President's Commission on Bioethical Issues: Plus Q&A on Careers in Law and Bioethics
Michelle Groman, Associate Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues
Monday, March 3, 2014, 12:00pm
Austin Hall West (111), Harvard Law School, 1515 Massachusetts Ave.

Please join us for an update from the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, delivered by Michelle Groman (HLS ’05), Associate Director at the Biethics Commission. Since its inception in 2009, President Obama's Commission has issued reports on synthetic biology, human subjects research, whole genome sequencing, pediatric medical countermeasure research, and incidental findings. Currently, the Commission is examining the ethical implications of neuroscience research and the application of neuroscience research findings as part of the federal government’s BRAIN Initiative. The Commission also has developed educational materials to support teaching of bioethics ideas, principles, and theories in traditional and non-traditional settings.

This final half-hour of this event will feature a discussion of career opportunities in law and bioethics, led by Ms. Groman and Holly Fernandez Lynch, Petrie-Flom Center Executive Director. Bring your questions!

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be served.

Cosponsored by the Office of Career Services at Harvard Law School. This event is supported by the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund.
2014 Annual Conference:
Behavioral Economics, Law, and Health Policy
May 2-3, 2014
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave.

Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein's book *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness* brought behavioral economics to the masses, beginning a discussion of libertarian paternalism and the many ways that "choice architects" can help nudge people to make better choices for themselves without forcing certain outcomes on anyone. Some of their examples fall in the realm of health policy, as is also the case of Daniel Kahneman's recent book, *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, which examines various cognitive errors people make in their judgments, choices, and conclusions, as well as how we might correct them. But the conversation has only just begun.

Building on the success of the behavioral economics movement, this conference will further develop the scholarly discussion by focusing on key issues in health law policy, bioethics, and biotechnology by addressing both broad conceptual questions and more specific policy applications.

The full conference agenda is now available on our website. Highlights include:

- Keynote: Cass Sunstein, Robert Walmsley University Professor, Harvard Law School
- Plenary 1: Alan M. Garber, Provost, Harvard University; Mallinckrodt Professor of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School; Professor of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; and Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health
- Plenary 2: Russell Korobkin, Richard C. Maxwell Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law
- Plenary 3: Michael Hallsworth, Principal Advisor, The Behavioural Insights Team (UK)

Attendance is free and open to the public, but space is limited and registration is required. Register here.

For questions, contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu or 617-496-4662.

New Conference:

- Tuesday, May 20, 2014 (full day conference)
  Biostatistics and FDA Regulation: The Convergence of Science and Law
  Registration information to follow.

Look for more details on these events in future editions of this newsletter, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter to receive updates as soon as they’re available!

Questions? Contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu or 617-496-4662.

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Faculty Seminars led by Marcia Angell, MD

**TODAY: March 21, 2014**
"Private Insurance Reforms"
Timothy Jost, JD, Robert L. Willett Family Professorship of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law

April 25, 2014
"Setting Up State Insurance Exchanges"
Joshua Sharfstein, MD, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

May 16, 2014
"Where We Stand"
Robert Kuttner, co-founder and co-editor, *The American Prospect* magazine, and Distinguished Senior Fellow, Demos
For the full 2013-2014 Medical Ethics Faculty Seminar schedule, click [here](#).

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**Environmental Justice: Where Are We Now?**

**26th Annual National Association of Environmental Law Societies Conference**

**March 28-29, 2014**
Wasserstein Hall, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Join the Harvard Environmental Law Society for a national conference on environmental justice on March 28-29, 2014. In recognition of the 20th anniversary of President Clinton's Executive Order on Environmental Justice, the theme will be "Environmental Justice: Where Are We Now?" The conference will focus on three themes: progress on the goals of environmental justice, the social justice aspects of today's national and international environmental movements, and strategies to ensure that environmental justice is a priority in future environmental work.

The conference will provide a unique opportunity for students to engage with one another and with leading experts in an exciting, inter-disciplinary field. The multi-faceted nature of environmental justice will provide a springboard for discussing climate change, water quality, food policy, and other pressing environmental challenges. Some of the conference highlights will include:

- A keynote address by Former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson,
- A plenary address by the "father of environmental justice" Dr. Robert Bullard,
- An interview with Professor Gerald Torres, who, as counsel to the Attorney General, drafted the President's Executive Order on Environmental Justice, and
- Listening sessions with the Environmental Protection Agency on how to move forward on environmental justice over the next 20 years.

You can find more details about the conference, including how to register, on our conference website at: [http://www3.law.harvard.edu/orgs/naelsej2014/](http://www3.law.harvard.edu/orgs/naelsej2014/).
How the Law Responds to Unique Catastrophes:
Personal Reflections on Tragic Choices

Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 4:00 - 6:00PM
Langdell Hall, Vorenberg Classroom - North (225), Harvard Law School

A talk by Kenneth R. Feinberg, Feinberg Rozen LLC

Abstract: Mr. Feinberg will offer personal reflections on how he became the expert in unique catastrophes and the principled ways in which he has learned to respond. He will tackle the difficult issue of achieving a sense of justice in the aftermath of tragedy through the administration of victims' funds.

Biography: Kenneth R. Feinberg has been key to resolving many of our nation's most challenging and widely known disputes. He is best known for serving as the Special Master of the Federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, in which he reached out to all who qualified to file a claim, evaluated applications, determined appropriate compensation, and disseminated awards. Mr. Feinberg shared his extraordinary experience in his book What Is Life Worth?, published in 2005 by Public Affairs Press. Just a few years later, Mr. Feinberg became Fund Administrator for the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund following the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech. In 2013, he was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas to oversee the One Fund Boston, which distributed payments to victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. Mr. Feinberg also has served as Special Master in Agent Orange, asbestos personal injury, wrongful death claims, Dalkon shield, and DES (pregnancy medication) cases. Mr. Feinberg founded Feinberg Rozen, LLP in 1992. He has been involved in resolving thousands of disputes involving a wide range of interests and clients. In the commercial sector, Mr. Feinberg designed, implemented and administered an ADR settlement Program involving Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Zurich N.A. Insurance Company and Hurricane Katrina and other Gulf hurricane claimants. He also has served as Distribution Agent for AIG Fair Fund claimants, and has been the Fund Administrator for a variety of claimant funds totaling more than $1 billion. In his capacity as an arbitrator, Mr. Feinberg helped determine the fair market value of the original Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination, and legal fees in Holocaust slave labor litigation. Mr. Feinberg has been appointed to two presidential-level commissions because of his experience and expertise, and has had a distinguished teaching career as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, New York University, the University of Virginia, and Harvard Law School. In 2004, he was named "Lawyer of the Year" by the National Law Journal (2004), and has been named repeatedly as one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal. He received his J.D from New York University School of Law in 1970, where he served on the Law Review. He held a clerkship with Chief Judge Stanley H. Fuld, New York State Court of Appeals (1970-1972).

Co-sponsored by the Program on Science, Technology and Society and the Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard Law School.

"Brainwashed?: What Neuroscience Can - and Can't - Tell Us About Ourselves

April 17, 2014, 6:00 - 9:00pm
Joseph Martin Conference Center, Harvard Medical School

In the last decade, neuroscience has been wielded in many domains - law, marketing, mental health, academia, etc. - to offer explanations for practically everything about human behavior and culture. These forays into society at large beg the question: what is hype, and what could offer real, meaningful explanation for some of the deepest human mysteries?
In the book *Brainwashed: The Seductive Appeal of Mindless Neuroscience*, Emory University psychologist Scott Lilienfeld and Washington D.C. psychiatrist Sally Satel have penned a self-pronounced "exposé of mindless neuroscience: the oversimplification, interpretive license, and premature application of brain science in the legal, commercial, clinical, and philosophical domains."

On April 17th, join the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior to continue the conversation on the possible and popular applications of neuroscience. Scott Lilienfeld will be joined by CLBB faculty Joshua Greene and Joshua Buckholtz for what promises to be a stimulating discussion. And please RSVP here so we can register your interest and stay in touch with reminders about the event.

A reception with refreshments will be held from 6-7pm followed by the program beginning at 7pm.

This event is free and open to the public.

To RSVP, please visit the website.

*NOTE: The Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School often has public programs likely to be of interest. More information is available [here](#). The Healthcare Initiative at Harvard Business School also hosts a number of relevant events. For details, see [here](#).*

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**New Event Videos Available Online**

**Health Law Year in P/Review**

January 31, 2014

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**Frances Kamm's Bioethical Prescriptions: Book Talk and Panel Discussion**

February 27, 2014
Evaluating the Revised Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
March 11, 2014

Opportunities at Harvard

STS Summer School: Science and Governance at the Frontiers of Life
Deadline: April 4, 2014

This weeklong summer school is intended for graduate students and early postdocs in science and technology studies, history, philosophy, sociology, and anthropology of science, legal studies or related fields. We also invite applications from students in the biomedical sciences, life sciences and bioengineering who can demonstrate strong commitment to investigating the interconnections between science and society. Graduate students must have completed at least one year of study at the doctoral level.

Developments in the biosciences in the last half-century have posed novel challenges for governance. These have emerged as biological knowledge becomes more central to matters of safety, health and welfare; as biology is called upon to address moral uncertainty around ideas of human nature, identity and dignity; and as biology plays an increasingly central role in the technological alteration of human bodies, non-human entities and environments. Governance challenges have unfolded across several domains: internally within the research enterprise itself; externally where the biosciences are called upon to address social problems; and in moments of ethical doubt, for example, when institutions of governance are called upon to distinguish bioengineered artifacts from entities with human dignity. Scholarship in Science and Technology Studies (STS) has developed varied approaches and techniques for examining such phenomena, and drawing theoretically grounded generalizations from site-specific
studies. This summer school will introduce participants to major approaches, and explore new research frontiers and possible directions for synthesis and innovation. It will emphasize engagement with theoretical issues in STS, with particular attention to moments of friction between science and institutions of democratic governance.

Through a mix of lectures, group workshops and discussions of individual projects, participants will be exposed to contemporary STS research frontiers. The main emphasis of the summer school will be on discussion and exchange of ideas and insights across different research topics, methodologies and theoretical frameworks. Each day during the workshop faculty participants will give overview presentations addressing different themes. These will be accompanied by interactive, in-depth discussion sessions. Students in the summer school are expected to be present and actively involved throughout the course.

The summer school will be held at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, July 27 to August 2, 2014. Room and board will be provided. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses and for their visa status, if relevant. Modest subventions may be available upon request, based on a demonstration of need.

The course is limited to 20 participants and the application deadline is April 4, 2014. Please complete the application form at http://sts.hks.harvard.edu/events/sts-summer-school-application-form/. The form includes a place to upload a statement of interest (300 words) and a short professional CV (maximum 2 pages), as well as space to enter the name and email address of a nominating faculty member. The statement of interest should describe the applicant's background and qualifications and describe their current research and its relevance to the aims of the summer school. The nominating letter should be from a faculty member in the applicant's program who is familiar with the applicant's work and interests. The letter should be sent by the nominating faculty member to shana_rabinowich@hks.harvard.edu.

Conveners: Sheila Jasanoff (Harvard University), Krishanu Saha (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Benjamin Hurbut (Arizona State University). For a full list of participating faculty, please visit the website.

Call for Applications: Fellowship in Medical Ethics, Harvard Medical School Division of Medical Ethics, 2014-2015
Deadline: April 14, 2014

The Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School supports research and teaching on ethical issues in medicine, health, and healthcare policy and practice. The Fellowship in Medical Ethics is open to physicians, nurses, lawyers, social workers, and others in academic fields related to medicine or health with a serious interest in medical ethics and a wish to further their knowledge of the history, philosophical underpinnings and contemporary practice of bioethics. Fellows attend a weekly three hour seminar designed to explore a wide range of issues, including ethical theory, clinical ethics, research ethics, and selected topics in public health ethics. Most weeks there is extensive reading and a brief paper. During the year, fellows participate in the intellectual life of the Division of Medical Ethics and are eligible to participate in Harvard University courses with permission of the course instructor as well as monthly division Faculty Seminars and various public programs in medical ethics sponsored by the Division.

Fellows must have external salary support. The fellowship fee is $7,000. Most Fellows receive this support from their sponsoring institutions, and The Division of Medical Ethics will assist applicants who would like help approaching their sponsoring institutions with such a request.

Fellows are selected on the basis of their previous academic achievement and the contribution they are likely to make as researchers, clinicians, and teachers in medical ethics. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a letter of not more than 750 words, describing the reasons for their interest in the Fellowship, including any particular topics or questions they are most interested in exploring. This letter is an important opportunity for applicants to tell us about themselves, their interests, and their motivations in pursuing training in medical ethics. Applicants should also provide two letters of reference and a third letter from their supervisor or key senior staff person, demonstrating institutional support for the candidate's involvement in the HMS Fellowship and likely opportunities the candidate will have to contribute to bioethics at their home institution, upon completion of the Fellowship.
Deadline for submission of application materials is April 14, 2014. Three copies of all application materials should be sent to: Dr. Mildred Solomon, Fellowship Director, c/o Helena Martins, Harvard Medical School, Division of Medical Ethics, 641 Huntington Ave, 2nd Flr, Boston, MA 02115. If you have any questions please contact Helena at helena.martins@hms.harvard.edu or 617-432-3041.

For full description and to apply click here.

**NEW POST:**
**Call for Applications: Petrie-Flom Center 2014-2015 Student Fellowship**

**Deadline:** May 19, 2014, 9:00am

The Center and Student Fellowship. The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics is an interdisciplinary research program at Harvard Law School dedicated to the scholarly research of important issues at the intersection of law and health policy, including issues of health care financing and market regulation, biotechnology and intellectual property, biomedical research, and bioethics. The Student Fellowship Program is designed to support student research in these areas. More information on our current fellows and their work, is available on our [website](#).

Eligibility. The student fellowship program is open to **all Harvard graduate students** who are committed to undertaking a significant research project and fulfilling other program requirements without exception during the year of their fellowship:

**Writing Requirement.** Student fellows will conduct independent research projects designed to lead to publishable articles in their fields. Fellows are expected to produce at least one such paper by the end of the academic year, with various deadlines for drafts throughout Fall and Spring. Papers written in connection with the fellowship can be used to satisfy the law school's third-year written work requirement or other optional writing credit by prior arrangement with and final approval of a faculty advisor who has agreed to supervise a fellow's work for this purpose.

**Blogging Requirement.** Student fellows will be expected to post on the Petrie-Flom Center's blog, "Bill of Health," at least once every other week during the Fall and Spring semesters and once during Winter term, with four passes available for the full academic year. Topics are self-determined; posts are subject to final approval by the Petrie-Flom Center, and are usually 700-800 words.

**Curricular Component.** Student fellows are required to enroll in the Health Law Policy and Bioethics Workshop at HLS. The workshop is intended to provide student fellows with opportunities to interact with leading scholars and academic fellows in the fields of health law and policy, with the expectation that these interactions will further enhance and inform their research and academic development. The Workshop for 2014-2015 is scheduled to take place on selected Mondays across the Fall and Spring semesters from 5-7pm; exact dates are not yet determined. Fellowship awardees will have priority enrollment.

**Presentations and Events.** Student fellows will be expected to present their research to Center affiliates and faculty during lunch sessions in the Spring semester. Student fellows may be asked to assist with panels and conferences organized by the Center, including organizing and reporting on events for Center publications.

**Resources.** The Center will award each fellow a $1,500 stipend, paid at the end of the academic year once all fellowship requirements (including submission of an acceptable paper) are completed. Additionally, fellows may be eligible to request additional funding to cover reasonable costs associated with their research projects (e.g., copying, publications, conference fees, travel).

**Application.** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until 9AM, Monday, May 19, 2014. Notifications of awards will be made by mid-summer for fellowships to begin in Fall 2014. To apply, email the following to petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu:

1. Your curriculum vitae;
2. A proposal summarizing the research and writing you intend to accomplish (1500 word maximum); and
3. A digital copy of your most current transcript (which need not be official, but should include grades through the Fall 2013 semester.)

For further questions, please contact Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Administrative Director, chutchisonjones@law.harvard.edu; 617-495-2316.

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Jobs, Fellowships, and Other Opportunities

Neuroethics Faculty Position  
Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University  
Review of applications begins February 28; position open until filled

The Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences at Michigan State University invites applications for a faculty position in bioethics, with a specialization in neuroethics. This will be a fixed-term (non-tenure track), academic year (9 month) appointment. Rank is open. Salary will be commensurate with experience. The initial term of appointment will be for two years. The appointment will begin August 16, 2014.

The successful applicant will devote 65% time to research and scholarship; 25% to teaching; and 10% to outreach.

Research will be primarily in the area of neuroethics. The individual will be expected to successfully pursue research collaborations, including projects with the potential for external funding, with faculty or clinicians in the Division of Clinical Neurosciences; The Department of Translational Science & Molecular Medicine, including its Translational Neuroscience Research Team; the Neuroscience Program; or others engaged in brain-based clinical research or treatment.

Funds will be provided to support an active and productive research agenda. Teaching will primarily be in courses led by the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences in MSU's College of Human Medicine and in relevant medical residency programs, with possibilities for teaching at the graduate level in departments appropriate to the individual's doctoral training. Outreach will take a variety of forms, including presentations to health professional and public audiences.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or other terminal degree in a discipline relevant to bioethics scholarship, have an excellent scholarly record in neuroethics, and possess the ability to work collaboratively with those from other disciplines. Experience teaching bioethics to health professional students is highly desirable. We are particularly interested in candidates who will enhance faculty diversity and inclusion at Michigan State University.

To view this posted position, visit the MSU Applicant page jobs.ms.

Ethics and Responsible Research and Innovation in Neuro-ICT  
Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility,  
Faculty of Technology, De Montfort University, Leicester  
PhD Studentship available to suitably qualified UK or EU students.  
Deadline: March 21, 2014

STARTING OCTOBER 2014
A PhD research studentship covering stipend and tuition fee costs is offered within the Faculty of Technology working with an internationally recognised research team. It is available to suitably qualified UK or EU students.

The project will explore ethical questions and concerns in the area of neuro-ICT and investigate principles and practices of responsible innovation in the area. We use the term "neuro-ICT" to cover a range of information technologies that may stimulate, measure, replace or emulate brain functions. Part of the PhD project will be to explore what these different neuro-ICTs have in common and how these commonalities affect ethical issues and problems of responsibility.

The PhD will be able to build on and link with a number of research projects in the area, such as EU projects (ETICA, www.etica-project.eu; CONSDIER, www.consider-project.eu) and UK projects (FRRIICT, www.responsible-innovation.org.uk). The PhD will link with two major projects in the area: the Human Brain Project (https://www.humanbrainproject.eu; WP12.4 "Researcher Awareness") and the DREAM project, an EU integrated project focusing on robot-enhanced therapy for children with autism spectrum disorders.

The successful applicant will be able to work with internationally leading scholars from a range of disciplines in the underlying projects and will have the opportunity to feed results back into research and development policy and practice. The PhD project will be supervised by Professor Bernd Stahl and Professor Mark Coeckelbergh.

For a more detailed description of the studentship project please visit our web site (www.dmu.ac.uk/ccsr) or contact Professor Bernd Stahl on +44 (0)116 2078252 or email bstahl@du.ac.uk

This research opportunity builds on our excellent past achievements and looking forward to REF2020 and beyond. It will develop the university's research capacity into new and evolving areas of study, enhancing DMU's national and international research partnerships.

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**CLOSING DATE:** Friday March 21st 2014

More detail on how to apply can be found here:
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**NEW POST:**

**Call for applications: Brocher Summer Academy 2014**

**Ethical Choices for DALYs and the Measurement of the Global Burden of Disease**

**Deadline:** March 28, 2014

The biennial [Summer Academy in the Ethics of Global Population Health](http://www.brocherfoundation.org) is hosted by the Brocher Foundation on the shores of Lake Geneva June 9-13 2014, introducing faculty and advanced graduate students to population-level bioethics. This fast-developing academic field addresses ethical questions in population- and global health rather than ones in individual patient care.

The Global Burden of Disease (GBD) project is a systematic, scientific effort to quantify the comparative magnitude of health loss due to diseases, injuries, and risk factors. From its inception in the early 1990s, scientists and philosophers recognized that ethical and philosophical questions arise at every turn. For example, it must be decided whether each year in the lifespan is to count alike, and whether future deaths and disabilities should be given the same weight as those in the present. These choices and decisions matter: the share of disease burden due to myocardial infarction could vary as much as 400% depending on what position is adopted on two of the ethical choices described in the GBD 2010 report.

Key experts in the field of global health policy, along with senior academics in several fields, will lecture and lead
discussions with talented younger scholars for five full days. Issues will include those most likely to arise in the GBD area during the next several years. Among these are the choice between health and (health-related) well-being as the object of study and measurement; the role of GBD in priority-setting (cost-effectiveness analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and other methods); and issues arising from the mix of categorical attribution (by cause of death, according to a classification system) and counter-factual analysis.

Younger scholars and advanced graduate students will be invited to participate, and will be selected for their potential to become prominent contributors to the field. Early morning sessions will address broad themes and methodological issues.

TARGET AUDIENCE: 40 young scholars (post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty, and advanced graduate students) in philosophy, political science, economics and other social sciences, the biomedical sciences, and global health, and practitioners and professionals in health policy and global health, selected from applications. Participation is free, but a fee of CH 550 is required of all accepted participants to cover course documentation, five nights of accommodation, five lunches and four dinners, and local transportation.

The application form, which can be found here (under "Inscription à l’événement" or "Call for participation" on the call for applications page), should be accompanied by a short CV, one writing sample, and a one-paragraph description of your current research interests.


Organizers: Daniel Wikler (Harvard), Nir Eyal (Harvard), Samia Hurst (U of Geneva)

Global Health Governance: Call for Submissions

Deadline: March 30, 2014

Global Health Governance will be publishing a special issue on a proposed Framework Convention on Global Health (FCGH) in December 2014. The proposal for an FCGH would create a new international framework, grounded in the international human right to health, that would support health at the national and global levels.

For this FCGH special issue, Global Health Governance invites submission of theoretical and empirical policy research articles that examine and analyze how the FCGH could improve health through improved governance and realization of the right to health. We have particular interest in articles on

1. defining and articulating the underlying normative aspects of the FCGH and the prospects of implementing these norms across global, national, and local levels;
2. global health diplomacy and the process of drafting a Framework Convention;
3. institutional and political implementation concerns;
4. the roles of and relationship between state and non-state actors in the formulation and implementation of the FCGH;
5. the connection between existing norms and institutions and the FCGH;
6. strategies and challenges for integrating the norms of the FCGH into existing global, national, and local institutions;
7. accountability under the FCGH; and
8. strategies and challenges for using the FCGH to reshape or build on existing global, national, and local institutions to advance health equity and realization of the right to health. We welcome diverse perspectives on the FCGH, including articles that are supportive or critical of this proposed Framework Convention, as
well as articles that propose innovative or alternative models to address global governance for health.

The website for the Joint Action and Learning Initiative on National and Global Responsibilities for Health (JALI): http://www.jalihealth.org/ has more information about the FCGH.

Abstracts (up to 400 words) for proposed articles are due March 30, 2014. Articles selected for submission will be due July 31, 2014.

This special issue of Global Health Governance will be edited by guest editors Lance Gable (Wayne State University Law School), Benjamin Mason Meier (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Jennifer Prah Ruger (University of Pennsylvania), Robert Marten (Rockefeller Foundation and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), and Ames Dhal (Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, University of Witwatersrand).

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Director, Master of Arts in Bioethics Program
Emory University Center for Ethics and Laney Graduate School
Open until filled. Review begins on March 31, 2014, and applicants are strongly encouraged to apply earlier.

The Center for Ethics at Emory University seeks a bioethics scholar to direct our Master of Arts in Bioethics (MAB) program. Rank and area of specialty are open.

The MAB program has grown rapidly from its origins five years ago, and now includes dual degree programs with many Emory schools. The next phase of the program’s development will concentrate on attracting scholarships, recruitment of new students, and strengthening existing areas of focus (such as clinical ethics, research ethics, religion and bioethics, and neuroethics) while developing new ones. We are looking for a creative thinker with strong organizational skills.

The ideal candidate will have experience teaching bioethics at the graduate or professional level, organizational and leadership experience, and a solid record of bioethics scholarship. Experience helping build or run a Masters-level program in bioethics or related field is a plus. A PhD or professional equivalent in a bioethics-related discipline, or an advanced degree in a related field with training at the masters or fellowship level in bioethics level is required. The Director will teach three courses/year in the MA program, with some teaching in other Emory schools as well.

The Director will join the faculty of our prominent Center for Ethics. Center faculty hold appointments in a variety of schools including Emory College, and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, and Law. A primary, non-tenured appointment in a medical school department is anticipated, though a tenured appointment is a possibility for senior candidates.

The Emory Center for Ethics is a dynamic Center with 9 onsite and 35 university-wide faculty members, a tradition of research and scholarship, and a range of programming that touches every school at the university and includes multiple collaborative relationships with the community and its institutions. The Center is a general ethics center with a robust bioethics program equal to that of most bioethics centers in the United States. Emory as a
university has made a deep and abiding commitment to ethical research, teaching, and faculty development. Throughout Emory's history, the University has maintained the vital importance of ethical thinking and action. The University vision statement characterizes Emory as "an inquiry-driven, ethically engaged, and diverse community" characterized by "courageous leadership." For that reason, the Center for Ethics at Emory, which is organized under the Provost's Office, is a central player in the life of the university and in the decision-making processes of the administration to a degree that is rare in American universities.

Candidates should provide a letter of interest, including a description of personal scholarship and a statement of teaching philosophy; a full CV; and the names and contact information of three references to: Jamila Garrett-Bell, Center for Ethics, Emory University, 1531 Dickey Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30322, or email to jrgarre@emory.edu. Applications received by March 31, 2014 will have priority, and candidates are strongly encouraged to apply earlier, but the search will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries should be directed to Kathy Kinlaw, Center Associate Director, at kkinlaw@emory.edu or Paul Root Wolpe, Center Director, at pwolpe@emory.edu.

2014 Health Law Scholars Workshop
The Center for Health Law Studies, Saint Louis University School of Law and the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics
Deadline: April 7, 2014

The Health Law Scholars Workshop is a collegial forum in which faculty new to health law and bioethics scholarship present works-in-progress and receive in-depth advice from experienced scholars and teachers in the field of health law and bioethics. The workshop encourages health and bioethics scholarship, fosters the professional development of emerging scholars and furthers the sense of community among health law academics. Past scholars have placed their papers for publication in preeminent law journals.

Scholars workshop their work-in-progress before a group of experienced peer reviewers and commentators. Each author's work-in-progress accepted for the Health Law Scholars Workshop will be read in advance by several faculty members in relevant fields. During the workshop weekend, each author presents his or her paper to the full group. After extensive oral feedback from the readers, the floor is opened for a sustained exchange between the presenter and full group.

Those interested in presenting a health law or bioethics work-in-progress at the Health Law Scholars Workshop should submit a 500-word abstract of the proposed paper together with a resumé to Cheryl Cooper at Saint Louis University School of Law by April 7, 2014. Because a blind selection process is used, please do not include the author's name or institutional affiliation on the abstract. Questions about the submission process should be directed to Prof. Sidney D. Watson at watsons@slu.edu or 314-977-2751.

Submissions may be made by mail, fax or email to:
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View the full 2014 Health Law Scholars Workshop Brochure here.

Additional opportunities:

- [Postdoctoral Fellow to provide quantitative analytical support for Public Health Law research](#), Temple University Beasley School of Law, open until filled
• Engagement Manager, Axiom Law, New York, open until filled
• Summer Internships, Axiom Law, contact recruitment manager Sutton Kraus at Sutton.Kauss@axiomlaw.com, open until filled
• Empirical Research on Ethical Issues Related to Central IRBs and Consent for Research Using Clinical Records and Data, the National Institutes of Health, Deadline: April 18, 2014, 5:00pm
• Pharmaceutical Law and Policy - Hot Topics Shaping the Future of European Pharmaceutical Industry, Copenhagen Summer University, Deadline: May 28, 2014
• International Conference on End of Life: Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice, Health Law Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology, Australia, Deadline for Abstracts: April 30, 2014; Deadline for earlybird registration: May 31, 2014

We share announcements of jobs and fellowships and calls for proposals as they are received. We generally include detailed descriptions for one month, or two cycles of the newsletter; after one month we share titles and deadlines along with a link to the item’s online description, when available, until the deadline passes. If you have opportunities that you would like to share via the Petrie-Flom newsletter, please contact Administrative Director Cristine Hutchison-Jones at hutchisonjones@law.harvard.edu.

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