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Welcome New Academic Fellow Rachel Sachs!

We are pleased to announce that Rachel Sachs will be joining the Center later this summer as an Academic Fellow for the 2014-2016 fellowship term. In 2013, Rachel earned her J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where she was the Articles Chair of the Harvard Law Review and a student fellow with both the Petrie-Flom Center and the John M. Olin Center for Law, Economics, and Business. Rachel has also earned a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health, during which she interned at the United States Department of Health and Human Services. She also holds an A.B. in Bioethics from Princeton University. After law school Rachel clerked for the Honorable Richard A. Posner of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Rachel's primary research interests lie at the intersection of patent law and public health, with a particular focus on problems of innovation and access and the ways in which law helps or hinders these problems. Her past scholarship has examined the interactions between patent law and FDA regulation in the area of diagnostic tests, and explored the mechanisms behind the passage of patent-related legislation. Her current scholarship applies this focus on innovation and access to the intersection of patent law and drug reimbursement policies.

You can learn more about Rachel on our website.

Welcome Rachel!
NEW Joint "Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience" for 2014-2016

The MGH Center for Law, Brain and Behavior and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School will collaborate on a joint venture - the Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience - beginning in Fall 2014. The collaboration will include a Senior Fellow in residence, public symposia, and an HLS Law and Neuroscience Seminar.

The Center for Law, Brain and Behavior ("CLBB") provides ethical and scientifically sound translation of neuroscience into the legal arena, advancing new discoveries about the brain and behavior while defining best practices for using them in the application of justice. Founded in 2009 out of the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, CLBB achieves its mission through neuroscience education for judges and lawyers, public seminars and interdisciplinary workshops, and faculty initiatives designed to spur out-of-the-box solutions to complex social issues. Active program areas include questions of intent and responsibility, lie detection, decision-making capacity, neuroimaging as courtroom evidence, and juvenile justice.

Established in 2005, the Petrie-Flom Center seeks to promote interdisciplinary scholarship and analysis at the intersection of law, health policy, medicine, and bio-science and technology. To achieve this goal, the Center hosts post-doctoral fellows, graduate student fellows, and interns; organizes public events, workshops, and conferences; participates in various sponsored research projects; hosts a collaborative health policy blog, Bill of Health; and publishes the peer-reviewed Journal of Law and Biosciences with partners at Duke and Stanford.

Amanda Pustilnik, JD, currently a Professor at the University of Maryland School of Law, will be the first resident Senior Fellow in Law and Neuroscience in 2014-2015. Professor Pustilnik will pursue original research, mentoring, and public engagement related to issues of pain and the law. The Project will also include expert symposia and public events to promote focused discussion on questions at the intersection of pain, addictions, and the law. Finally, the Hon. Nancy Gertner, who is an HLS Professor of Practice as well as a CLBB faculty member and Petrie-Flom affiliated faculty, will teach a Law and Neuroscience Seminar to introduce students to this complex and growing translational field. The course will draw on HLS and CLBB's interdisciplinary legal and scientific faculty. Said Gertner, "I am delighted to be part of this venture which brings together the extraordinary resources of MGH's Center for Law, Brain and Behavior and Harvard Law School's Petrie-Flom Center. The subject - the intersection of law and neuroscience - deserves no less."

The Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience will be led by J. Glenn Cohen, Professor of Law at HLS and faculty co-director of the Petrie-Flom Center, Hon. Nancy Gertner, Judith G. Edersheim, co-director of CLBB, Senior Consultant to the MGH Law and Psychiatry Service, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and Bruce H. Price, co-director of CLBB, Chief of Neurology at McLean Hospital, Associate in Neurology at MGH, Associate Professor of Neurology at HMS.

"This project offers a unique synergy of legal scholarship with clinical neuroscience expertise and we believe in its power to enhance justice at the cusp of law and the brain," Edersheim noted. "The collaboration promises to let us make important gains for the law in understanding pain, intention, responsibility and other topics," said Cohen. Price added, "We look forward to addressing problems in imaginative, forward thinking, and interdisciplinary ways."

Judi Flom, CLBB Advisory Board member and widow of Joseph H. Flom, Founding Benefactor of the Petrie-Flom Center, commented, "I am delighted that the Petrie-Flom Center and the CLBB will be collaborating on some projects of mutual and public importance and I know Joe would be happy too. Joe was very proud of the part he played in the formation and development of both entities and I believe he felt any future collaboration would be natural. It is wonderful to see this come to fruition."
For more information, visit CLBB's website, and the Petrie-Flom Center's website.

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Scholarship & Commentary from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

The Presumption Against Expensive Health Care Consumption
By Christopher T. Robertson (Affiliated Faculty)
Tulsa Law Review 49 (forthcoming 2014)

Abstract: This essay, as part of a symposium in honor of Professor Einer Elhauge, starts with his recognition that, for both epistemic and normative reasons, it remains profoundly difficult to regulate particular uses of medical technologies on the basis of their cost-benefit ratios. Nonetheless, this essay argues in favor of a general regulatory presumption against consumption for the most expensive medical technology usages, which drive most of aggregate healthcare spending. This essay synthesizes twelve facts about the ways in which medical technologies are produced, regulated, studied, and consumed to suggest that it is quite unlikely that the most expensive usages of medical technologies will have benefits exceeding their costs. These considerations include the contingent relationship between research investments and health outcomes, the FDA’s lack of authority to consider cost-effectiveness, and the prevalence of off-label uses that have no proof of efficacy. Where efficacy is shown, there are problems in scientific research including publication biases, lack of effective randomization and blinding, commercial biases in design and conduct, the use of surrogates for improved health, small demonstrated benefits not enjoyed by most consumers, and the lack of power and time to detect adverse outcomes. There are also market failures because consumers are unable to estimate benefits and have little or no exposure to cost, while their advisors, physicians, have misaligned incentives. Ultimately, aggregate data across time, geography, and experimental conditions shows that much medical spending is along the “flat of the curve,” not delivering commensurate healthcare value. Thus even without particularized rationing decisions, crude regulatory tools that reduce consumption, while preserving choice, are likely to promote rather than hinder welfare.

Download the article.

Many states avoiding paying for glitchy health care sites:
Contractors replaced, stand to lose millions from deals
By Tom Howell Jr., quoting I. Glenn Cohen (Petrie-Flom Faculty Co-Director)
Washington Times, April 15, 2014

"I think these will be handled as is most government contracting: threats of litigation or excluding the contractors, followed by real negotiations and agreements," said I. Glenn Cohen, a health care policy analyst at Harvard Law School. "The tougher issue, I think, is how much new contractors will be stuck with old models or platforms."

Read the full article.

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

Health insurance, health care reform/finance:

- The ACA's "peculiar" legislative history (here)
- "Repealing the ACA: Will the Debate Ever End?" (here)
- NEJM's recent discussion of ACA delays (here)

Reproductive Health/Rights:

- "Sex Selection or Gender Selection?: Queering the Ratio Question" (here)

Pharmaceuticals/Medical Devices:

- Massachusetts' attempted ban of Zohydro and the arguments for and against (here)
- The price of the new hepatitis C drug and international implications (here)
- "Generics, Bioequivalence, and Justice" (here)
- " Expedited FDA Approvals for Breakthrough Therapies: Promises and Pitfalls" (here)

Food safety and regulation:

- "The Future of 'Country of Origin' Label Regulations" (here)

Human subjects/human tissue:

- "Whose Business Is It If You Want to Induce a Bee to Sting Your Penis?" (here)

Personhood/animals:

- "Killing for Species Health" (here)

General health law/policy:

- "Lax Enforcement of Vaccine Laws Put Young Adults at Risk" (here)
- Implications of the National Arbitration Forum (NAF) "fiasco" for nursing home patients (here)
- "Admissions and Mental Health" (here)

Other:

- "Messing with the data: law school edition" (here)

And finally we introduced new contributors Katherine Record (here) and Joel Lexchin (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:

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

PAPER NOW AVAILABLE: "Rationing Justice"

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

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.

**Biostatistics and FDA Regulation: The Convergence of Science and Law**

Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Wasserstein Hall Milsent West, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave.

Symposium Presented by the Drug Information Association (DIA), the Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School, in collaboration with the Harvard School of Public Health Department of Biostatistics and Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center.

Biostatistics is the application of statistics - the study of the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation and presentation of data - to a wide range of topics in life sciences. Biostatistics informs the Food and Drug Administration's regulatory decision-making processes for premarket review of investigational drugs and devices and post-market surveillance of medical products, including decisions to require safety labeling changes and withdraw approval. Recent developments, such as Congress's creation of a new federal infrastructure for the dissemination of comparative effectiveness information, point to the need for a fresh look at the way in which biostatistical principles inform federal health care policy, particularly at the FDA. This one-day symposium will give attendees the foundational knowledge they need to understand how biostatistics applies in FDA regulation, and will also address closely related issues residing at the intersection of statistical analysis and life sciences litigation.

The full agenda is available online.

Registration is required to attend this event. For more information on registration fees and to register, please visit our website.

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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Other Harvard Events
Faculty Seminars led by Marcia Angell, MD

NEXT WEEK:
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.

**Register Now:**
**What Evidence is Essential for New Medical Products?: Implications for Patients and Health Policy**
June 13, 2014, 8:30am - 6:00pm
American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

This event is co-sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics of Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School, and National Research Center for Women & Families.

**Conference Focus**
Better implementation of evidence-based medicine can improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care in the U.S. This can be challenging in evaluating newly approved drugs and medical devices. While current law requires that medical products be proven safe and effective, there is growing pressure to expedite access to promising therapies and to lessen the research and regulatory requirements for manufacturers. Unmet medical needs and patient demands call for a flexible approach to prescription drug and device regulation, but truncated premarket review may also lead to approval of products that are less effective than expected or have unanticipated safety problems. This groundbreaking conference will review the growing body of research on the medical and public health implications of medical product approval criteria, and examine these findings in the context of patient outcomes, costs, and health policy.

**Confirmed Speakers Include**
Jerry Avorn, MD, Professor, Harvard Medical School; Greg Curfman, MD, Executive Editor, New England Journal of Medicine; Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro; Bernard Lo, MD, President, Greenwall Foundation; Rita Redberg, MD, Editor, *JAMA* Internal Medicine; Joseph Ross, MD, Yale Medical School; Patrick Ryan, MEng, PhD, Janssen Research and Development; Sebastian Schneeweiss, MD, Harvard Medical School; Lisa Schwartz, MD, Dartmouth; Joe Selby, MD, Executive Director, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute; Steven Woloshin, MD, Dartmouth; Robert Yarchoon, MD, National Cancer Institute.

For more details on the program and registration, please go to [http://www.aaas.org/oZT](http://www.aaas.org/oZT). There is no cost for attending the event, but space is limited and advance registration is required.

**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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Outside Events

**Clashing Rights: Free Speech and Reproductive Autonomy**
Friday, April 25, 2014, 12:00 - 6:00pm
Dockser Hall, 65 Forsyth Street, Boston, MA

In recent years, the First Amendment's free speech clause has played an increasingly critical role in the battle over reproductive rights. For example, states seeking to limit access to abortion have passed laws requiring abortion providers to inform women about the alleged mental health risks of abortion. These laws have been challenged in court as violating physicians' rights to free speech.

On April 25, 2014, join prominent legal scholars and practitioners to explore the relationship between free speech and reproductive autonomy. Panel discussions will focus on key issues, including the rights of physicians to speak freely to their patients, the rights of abortion protesters to have their message heard and the way that courts should review the clash of rights.

For more information, including a full agenda, visit the [conference website](#).

**2014 Summer Institute for Informed Patient Choice**
**The Legal and Ethical Implications of Keeping Patients in the Dark**
June 25-27, 2014
Dartmouth, Hanover, NH

The 2014 Summer Institute for Informed Patient Choice (SIIPC), taking place in Hanover, New Hampshire June 25-27, will convene medical, legal, ethics, and policy professionals and patient advocates around the individual and systems-level consequences of the lack of transparency and patient involvement in health care (i.e., “keeping patients in the dark”). Aims include facilitating a deeper understanding of the importance of greater transparency in health care; engaging in joint learning about innovative health care delivery methods to promote patient-centered care; and spreading innovative solutions such as value-based purchasing.

The program for this CLE and CME credit eligible event features a dynamic roster of over 20 confirmed speakers, two round robin style poster presentation sessions, and moderated small group working sessions during which breakthrough ideas will be channeled toward tangible outcomes such as a future special section in the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics.

For more information, including the full program and registration information, visit the [website](#).

*Cosponsored by the Dartmouth Center for Health Care Delivery Science; the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics; Informed Medical Decisions Foundation; the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice; BMJ; and emmi solutions.*

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New Event Videos Available Online

Hot Topics at the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues: Plus Q&A on Careers in Law and Bioethics!
April 11, 2014

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

Accepting Applications for 2014-2015 Fellows

The O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Deadline: April 25, 2014

The O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law is seeking exceptionally qualified candidates to serve as O'Neill Institute Law Fellows. Housed at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., the O'Neill Institute is a leading research institute for health law. For more details about O'Neill and its ongoing work please visit www.oneillinstitute.org.

Law Fellows are based at the O'Neill Institute and report to the O'Neill Executive Director and Faculty Director. Fellows work on academic legal research and scholarly projects. Duties include working closely with faculty to produce scholarly works for publication, in some cases leading to joint publication. Allocation of time is primarily determined by O'Neill Institute faculty needs; additionally, limited time may be allocated to independent research

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and O'Neil Institute projects.

Fellowship terms are one year, with possible extension to two years, and will begin in Fall 2014. Fellows receive an annual salary of $65,000 with outstanding benefits.

Candidates must have a J.D. degree (or the equivalent), exceptional academic credentials including publications, and health law-related research interests in areas like public health law, global health law, domestic health care law, empirical studies, regulatory impacts on health, health and human rights. Successful candidates will have knowledge and/or experience in aspects of national and/or global health law and ethics. A post-graduate degree (M.P.H., LL.M.) or significant work experience is preferred.

Applications should be submitted electronically here: http://www.law.georgetown.edu/oneillinstitute/about/application-fellowship.cfm and must include: CV, cover letter, writing sample, professional references, official law school transcripts and other graduate school transcripts (if applicable).

Applications must include: CV, cover letter, writing sample, professional references, unofficial law school transcripts (official transcripts may be requested at a later time), and other graduate school transcripts (if applicable). The application deadline is Friday, April 25, 2014. Any questions about the position should be directed to oneillinstitute@law.georgetown.edu.

Visiting Fellows Programme: Global Health, Ethics, Philosophy, and Human Rights
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Deadline: April 30, 2014

2014-2015 Visiting Fellowships

LSHTM is offering a limited number of visiting fellowships during the academic year 2014-2015 (Sept-June) for individuals wanting to conduct ethics or philosophical research and/or scoping activities for future joint research. Visiting fellows will be provided work space, and be free to explore all three research faculties as well as surrounding University of London institutions.

Terms of Appointment

A Visiting Fellow ('Visitor') may stay at LSHTM from 4 to 12 weeks depending on the work plan. They are expected to make a lunchtime presentation during their stay. There is no stipend attached to the fellowship. Whenever possible, visiting fellows are expected to contribute to modest administrative costs. Suitable candidates from low and middle income countries with no available support may be considered for bursaries. Due to the nature of the position, LSHTM will be unable to sponsor a Visitor who does not already have right to work in the UK and/or obtain an appropriate visitor visa. Please do inform us if you need guidance, and consult https://www.gov.uk/business-visitor-visa.

Qualifications

Applicants can be experienced professionals or must have completed all of their requirements for a PhD or other equivalent degree prior to their visit. The applicant may have any background but the research should be related to ethics, philosophy of human health, and human rights. The application will be evaluated on the content, feasibility, and reasons for carrying it out specifically at LSHTM.

How to Apply:

Applicants should submit the following materials by 30 April 2014:

1. A curriculum vitae;
2. A research proposal (not to exceed 1,500 words);
3. An example of previous scholarship (journal or newspaper article, report);
4. Contact information for two references;
5. A copy of your current passport (front cover; details page; any visa/right to work information).

Candidates can expect to hear back by the second week in May.

Please direct any questions and send application materials Johanna.Hanefield@lshtm.ac.uk.

**Journal of Law and the Biosciences Soliciting Commentaries**

**Deadline: May 5, 2014**

*Journal of Law and the Biosciences (JLB)* is pleased to solicit Peer Commentaries for the following articles:

- **Towards an Ethics Safe Harbor for Global Biomedical Research**, by Edward S. Dove, Bartha M. Knoppers, and Ma’n H. Zawati

Peer Commentaries provide experts in a specific field an opportunity to share their views on an article within that field that has been published in the journal. Commentators can provide critiques, different perspectives, and complementary materials. Peer Commentaries may be a maximum of 2,500 words including citations.

To apply for submission, commentators should first submit a short, 250-word summary of the proposed Peer Commentary here. Proposals should be submitted as manuscript type "Commentary." Proposals will then be evaluated, and a select number of authors will be asked to submit a full commentary for review. For more information about peer commentaries, click here.

*JLB* is the first fully open access peer-reviewed legal journal focused on the advances at the intersection of law and the biosciences. A co-venture between Duke University, Harvard Law School, and Stanford University, and published by Oxford University Press, this open access, online, and interdisciplinary academic journal publishes cutting-edge scholarship in this important new field.

*JLB* is published as one volume with three issues per year with new articles posted online on an ongoing basis.

*JLB* encourages the submission of original manuscripts, responses, essays, and new developments devoted to the examination of issues related to the intersection of law and biosciences, including bioethics, neuroethics, genetics, reproductive technologies, stem cells, enhancement, patent law, and food and drug regulation. The Journal welcomes submissions of varying length, with a theoretical, empirical, practical, or policy oriented focus. For more information about *JLB*, click here. To submit a manuscript, click here. *JLB* is actively soliciting articles for the next issue, which will be published on July 8, 2014.

**Foundation for Child Development Young Scholars Program**

**Deadline: Early May (check website for updates on deadlines and application links)**

The *FCD Young Scholars Program (YSP)* supports policy- and practice-relevant research on the development and learning needs of the nation's young children growing up under conditions of poverty and low-income. FCD believes that early learning is a solid first step towards lifelong development and that promoting research in this area, conducted in a holistic and culturally sensitive manner, will help address the disparities in children's outcomes.

Eligible researchers will have received their doctoral degrees (e.g., Ph.D., J.D., Ed.D., Psy.D., M.D.) within seven years of application submission. Ten years for physician applicants.

To view additional eligibility criteria, research focus and for more information about applying to the YSP, please visit the YSP Program page of the FCD Website.
NEW POST:
Call for Papers: McGill Journal of Law and Health
Special Issue on Health Law, Biotechnology, and Intellectual Property
Extended Deadline: May 19, 2014

The McGill Journal of Law and Health is an academic, peer-reviewed journal that publishes multidisciplinary articles on the intersection of health and law, both within Canada and at the international level. Now in our eighth year, we have a history of publishing research by major Canadian scholars working in this field. Our journal is entirely run by students from the undergraduate and graduate programs of the Faculty of Law at McGill University (Montreal, Canada). All of our archives are publicly available at http://mjlh.mcgill.ca, as well as by subscription in the Hein Online Law Journal Library.

The MJLH is currently targeting scholarship focused on the intersection of health law, biotechnology, and intellectual property. We are seeking submissions of papers addressing the complex legal issues raised by biotechnological innovation as well as the impact of intellectual property law on health policy and research. Scholars with interest and expertise in any areas related to these topics are specifically invited to contribute to the journal.

Submissions are welcome at any time. Of particular note: Submissions received by 24 March 2014 will be considered for inclusion in a proposed Special Issue on health law, biotechnology, and intellectual property.

Complete submission guidelines are available on our website at http://mjlh.mcgill.ca (choose "Submissions" from the menu).

View the full call here.

NEW POST:
Call for Submissions:
The 1st Annual International Neuroethics Society Student Essay Prize
Deadline: May 20, 2014

The International Neuroethics Society is pleased to announce a call for submissions for a new student prize in neuroethics, which is envisioned to promote interest in neuroethics at an early stage in student’s careers. All current postsecondary students in any discipline (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) are eligible and invited to submit a single-author essay on any topic in Neuroethics (e.g. ethical, legal, policy and social implications of neuroscience).

The benefits of having an essay selected as one of the top two scholarly essays include:

- Essay published in the Kopf Carrier (Newsletter of Kopf Instruments) as part of the "Neuroethics in Neuroscience Series" edited by Judy Illes (Director, National Core for Neuroethics, UBC),
- Essay fast-tracked for submission to the American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience (AJOB-N), where it will be peer-reviewed and considered for publication,
- One year free membership with the International Neuroethics Society,
- Two $250 Michael Patterson Travel Stipends, which must be used to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of the International Neuroethics Society in Washington, D.C. (Nov 13 & 14)
- Special opportunity to network with senior members and students at the November meeting.

Submission requirements:

- Essays should be single author, shorter than 2000 words (excluding references), double spaced, written in English, and should not have any identifying information (e.g., should not contain the student’s name); authors will be anonymous to the reviewers
- Students should include a cover page with name and contact information (address, phone, email),
university, program affiliation, and year of study.

- Each Student may submit only one essay
- Students may submit an original essay or one they have written previously as part of a course
- If students submit an abstract to the INS meeting, they may also submit an essay here on the same topic
- **Submission deadline is 20-May-2014.** Cover page and essay should be saved as a single file in the format "Surname_INS_Student_Essay_Prize.doc" and **emailed** to administrator@neuroethicssociety.org with the subject line: "INS Student Essay Prize".

**About the International Neuroethics Society**

The International Neuroethics Society is an interdisciplinary group of scholars, scientists, clinicians and other professionals who share an interest in the social, legal, ethical and policy implications of advances in neuroscience. The late 20th century saw unprecedented progress in the basic sciences of mind and brain and in the treatment of psychiatric and neurologic disorders. Now, in the 21st century, neuroscience plays an expanding role in human life beyond the research lab and clinic. In classrooms, courtrooms, offices and homes around the world, neuroscience is giving us powerful new tools for achieving our goals and prompting a new understanding of ourselves as social, moral and spiritual beings. Our mission is to promote the development and responsible application of neuroscience through interdisciplinary and international research, education, outreach and public engagement for the benefit of people of all nations, ethnicities, and cultures. For more information, see [www.neuroethicssociety.org](http://www.neuroethicssociety.org).

**NEW POST:**

**2014 Causal Inference Workshops: Main and Advanced**

Registration open until filled.

Northwestern University and Duke University are holding two workshops on Research Design for Causal Inference this year. We invite you to attend either or both. Apologies for the length of this message, which covers both.

**Main workshop:** Monday - Friday, July 7-11, 2014 [at Northwestern]

**Advanced workshop:** Wednesday - Friday, August 13-15, 2014 [at Duke]

Both workshops will be taught by world-class causal inference researchers. See below for details. Registration for each is limited to 100 participants. We filled the main workshop quickly last year, so please register soon.

**For information and to register:** [law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/](http://law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/)

**Main Workshop Overview:** Research design for causal inference is at the heart of a "credibility revolution" in empirical research. We will cover the design of true randomized experiments and contrast them to "natural" or "quasi" experiments and to "pure observational studies," where part of the sample is "treated" in some way, and the remainder is a control group, but the researcher controls neither the assignment of cases to treatment and control groups nor administration of the treatment. We will assess what causal inferences one can draw from a research design, threats to valid inference, and research designs that can mitigate those threats.

Most empirical methods courses survey a variety of methods. We will begin instead with the goal of causal inference, and discuss how to design research to come closer to that goal. The methods are often adapted to a particular study. Some of the methods are covered in PhD programs, but rarely in depth, and rarely with a focus on causal inference and on which methods to use with messy, real-world datasets and limited sample sizes. Each day will include with a Stata "workshop" to illustrate selected methods with real data and Stata code.

**Advanced Workshop Overview:** The advanced workshop seeks to provide an in-depth discussion of selected topics that are beyond what we can cover in the main workshop. Principal topics for 2014 include: Day 1: Choosing estimands (the science), and how choice of estimand affects research design. Principal stratification methods (a little known, but very powerful extension of the always taker/never-taker/complier/defer categories developed in "causal IV") advanced matching methods; multiple imputation of missing potential outcomes. Day
2: Simulation studies; bootstrap methods; advanced topics in regression discontinuity design. Day 3: Causal inference with panel data. Topics will include handling treatment heterogeneity, handling time dynamics, synthetic controls, marginal structural models, and standard errors.

Registration and Workshop Cost: Main workshop tuition is $850 ($500 for graduate students (PhD, SJD, or law) and post-docs). Advanced workshop tuition is $550 ($350 for graduate students and post-docs). There are additional discounts (to $350 and $200) for Northwestern or Duke-affiliated attendees. The workshop fees include all materials, temporary Stata13 license, breakfast, lunch, snacks, and an evening reception on the first day of each program. All amounts will increase by $50 roughly two months before the workshop (May 22 for the main workshop, but this workshop is likely to fill up before then). See website for registration deadlines and cancellation policy. We know the workshops are not cheap. We use the funds to pay our speakers and for meals and other expenses; we don't pay ourselves.

Workshop Organizers:
Bernard Black (Northwestern University, Law and Kellogg School of Management). Bernie Black is Nicholas J. Chabraja Professor at Northwestern University, with positions in the Law School and Kellogg School of Management. Principal research interests: law and finance, international corporate governance, health law and policy; empirical legal studies. Papers on SSRN: http://ssrn.com/author=16042.

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Questions about the workshops: Please email Bernie Black (bblack@northwestern.edu) or Mat McCubbins (mathew.mccubbins@duke.edu) for substantive questions or fee waiver requests, and Michael Cooper (causalinfrence@law.northwestern.edu) for logistics and registration.

**Health Law Counsel, Aetna, Inc.**

Open until filled.

POSITION SUMMARY
This position will support Lead Privacy and Behavioral Health Counsel in providing legal advice and recommendations for action regarding matters of complexity as well as more routine privacy matters. This position is generally focused on providing day-to-day legal guidance to the Privacy Office and applying knowledge in the following areas of law: federal and state privacy laws (i.e., HIPAA, Federal Substance Abuse confidentiality, state privacy laws, etc.), data security laws and other areas as needed, as s/he develops a deeper knowledge of the business operations of the company.

Among other duties, this position may: (i) research legal principles and precedents; (ii) draft and negotiate Business Associate Agreements, Data Use Agreements and various non-disclosure agreements; (iii) draft and review privacy policies, including privacy policies for websites and mobile apps; (iv) assist with regulatory complaints, and related matters; and (vi) provide general privacy counsel to internal clients.

EDUCATION
The highest level of education desired for candidates in this position is a JD.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS
Legal/Bar Association is required

FUNCTIONAL EXPERIENCES
Functional - Legal/Compliance/1-3 Years
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REQUIRED SKILLS
Leadership/Creating Accountability/MASTERY
Leadership/Driving a Culture of Compliance/MASTERY
General Business/Maximizing Work Practices/MASTERY

DESIRED SKILLS
General Business/Communicating for Impact/MASTERY
Sales/Negotiating collaboratively/MASTERY
Service/Handling Service Challenges/MASTERY

ADDITIONAL JOB INFORMATION
Basic knowledge of state and federal health benefits privacy law preferable. IT literacy desirable. Candidate should be interested in developing a mastery of this legal area and applying skills to problem solving and risk management in a rapidly changing and critical area.

Please note that benefit eligibility may vary by position. Click here to review the benefits associated with this position.

Additional opportunities:

- [Neuroethics Faculty Position, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University](#), review of applications began February 28–position open until filled.
- [Postdoctoral Fellow to provide quantitative analytical support for Public Health Law research](#), Temple University Beasley School of Law, open until filled
- Summer internships, Axiom Law, contact recruitment manager Sutton Kraus at Sutton.Kauss@axiomlaw.com, open until filled
- Director, Master of Arts in Bioethics Program, Emory University Center for Ethics and Laney Graduate School; for questions contact Paul Root Wolpe, Center Director, at pwolpe@emory.edu; review of applications began on March 31, 2014–position 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
- [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 chutchisonjones@law.harvard.edu.

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