Mark Your Calendar for Our Fall Events!

2017 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Open House
September 13, 2017, 5:30 PM
HLS Pub, Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East (2036), 1st Floor Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Join faculty, colleagues, and students with shared interests in health law policy, biotechnology, and bioethics to learn about what the Petrie-Flom Center does and how people can get involved. Faculty Director I. Glenn Cohen will review our sponsored research portfolio, introduce our staff and fellows, including new Executive Director Carmel Shachar, and describe various opportunities for students and others. In addition, our partners including colleagues from the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School and the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital will speak about their programs and activities, including the Master of Bioethics program in the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School. And of course we will eat, drink, and make merry!

Sponsored by the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School and the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School.

Book Launch: Law, Religion, and Health in the United States
September 27, 2017, 12:00 PM
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein West A (2019), Harvard Law School 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

This edited volume stems from the Center's 2015 annual conference, which brought together leading experts to identify the various ways in which law intersects with religion and health care in the United States, examine the role of law in creating or mediating conflict between religion and health care, and explore potential legal solutions to allow both to simultaneously flourish in a culturally diverse nation. Join us for the panel discussion with editors and contributors I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), Elizabeth Sepper, Diane Moore and moderated by Intisar A. Rabb.


HLS in the World: New Technologies, New Dilemmas - Part of the HLS200 Bicentennial Celebration
October 27, 2017 4:00 PM
Room TBD, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

New technologies with implications for human health and enhancement are developing at breakneck speed, with fundamental changes in genomic medicine, reproductive technology, neuroscience, and even how we die. Each of these technologies raises important questions at the intersection of ethics, law, and politics. What role should the government have in regulating scientific innovation? How should we weigh potential risks and benefits, to individuals, vulnerable populations, and even the environment? Can these technologies be used to promote justice, or do they risk entrenching existing disparities? Panelists I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), Judith Edersheim, Atul Gawande, Eric Lander, and moderator Carmel Shachar (Incoming Executive Director) will discuss...
these pressing questions, and more, from their perspectives as lawyers, scientists, and clinicians.

This event is part of the HLS in the World sessions of HLS | 200, a bicentennial summit of academic sessions and programs devoted to legal issues of pressing importance. Events are open to Harvard Law School alumni and students, and registration is required.

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**Book Launch: Specimen Science - Ethics and Policy Implications**

November 9, 2017 12:00 PM  
Room TBD, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

This edited volume stems from a 2015 conference that brought together leading experts to address key ethical and policy issues raised by genetics and other research involving human biological materials, covering the entire trajectory from specimen source to new discovery. Join us for the panel discussion with the editors and contributors Barbara Bierer, Jane Perlmutter, and Suzanne Rivera, and moderated by I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director).

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**APPLY TODAY! 2017-2018 Petrie-Flom Center Student Fellowship**

The Student Fellowship Program is designed to support closely-mentored student research 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 program is open to all Harvard graduate students who will be enrolled at the University during the fellowship year and who are committed to undertaking a significant research project and fulfilling other program requirements. Although the fellowship is open to all graduate students, including those in one-year programs, we encourage those who are in multi-year programs to wait until after their first year to apply. Please note that the most successful research proposals will describe an idea and novel contribution, rather than simply a topic of interest. We recognize that students will be applying from a range of disciplines, which we strongly encourage; thus, we will account for a student's field and typical standards for work in their discipline when evaluating applications.

For more information on our recent fellows and their work, see our [website](#) and check out profiles of some of our past Fellows in the [PFC Spotlight](#)!

Student Fellow Alumnus [Matthew Baum](#) (2013-2014), MD, now in his fifth year of the MD-PhD Health Science and Technology combined program of Harvard and MIT, summarized his *experience as a Student Fellow*:

> The Student Fellowship has helped to shape the lens of my thinking; it has made me more aware of how (and when) my own interests intersect with areas of law and policy, and I now have a set of former mentors and colleagues I feel that I can contact for advice or collaboration. This feeling of continued community extends beyond legal-content too. When I was navigating the uncharted waters of a first academic book contract, for example, it was wonderful to be able to reach out to Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director) and discuss the process with someone who had been through it many times before. Glenn also generously read and commented on the book when Oxford University Press contacted him for that purpose. I imagine that the Student Fellowship will continue to influence my career in varied and unexpected ways as I move further down the path of physician-scientist.
News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

The FDA May Move to Shorten That Grim List of Side Effects in Every Drug Ad: Advertising Execs Can't Wait
By Megan Thielking, quoting Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director)
STAT News, June 28, 2017

Meet the People Doing Poop Transplants The Government Doesn't Want Them To
By Nidhi Subbaraman, quoting Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)
Buzzfeed, June 28, 2017

FDA to Speed Review of Generic Drug Applications Until It's Approved Three of Them
By Rebecca Robbins, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
STAT News, June 27, 2017

The Case for Giving Health-Care Consumers a 'Nudge'
By Lisa Ward, interviewing Christopher T. Robertson (Academic Fellow Alumnus) about the book "Nudging Health: Health Law and Behavioral Economics," also co-edited by I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director) and Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director)
Wall Street Journal, June 25, 2017

Recent Blog Posts

General health law/policy:
- "John A. Robertson (1943 - 2017)," by I. Glenn Cohen
- "Making Health Care Safer: What Good Looks Like," by John Tingle
- "Better Care Act Targets Immigrants," by Wendy E. Parmet
- "Keeping an Eye on the Eleventh," by Zack Buck
- "More on the ECJ Vaccine Liability Decision," by Alex Stein

Pharmaceuticals:

Bioethics:
- "Book Review: Phyllis Shacter's 'Choosing to Die' (A Story of Death by Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking)," by Norman Cantor

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:
- "Michele Goodwin on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast," by Nicolas P. Terry and Frank Pasquale
- "Leslie Francis and John Francis on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast," by Nicolas P.
Petrie-Flom Center Events

Check out our website for a more complete listing of events as well as full co-sponsorship information about our collaborators. Remember, you can find materials from many of our events, including slide presentations and full event videos, online in our events archive.

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Harvard Opportunities

2017-2018 Petrie-Flom Center Student Fellowship
Harvard Law School
Application Due: August 4, 2017

Harvard Graduate Student and Postdoc Bloggers
Bill of Health, Petrie-Flom Center
Application Due: Open until filled.
Other Opportunities

All opportunities are posted once in our newsletter. For the full posting and for other available positions, please visit our website.

**Deadline Extended: Call for Abstracts**
Postgraduate Bioethics Conference
Application Due: July 15, 2017

**Editor-in-Chief**
Journal of Medical Ethics
Application Due: October 31, 2017

**Greenwall Faculty Scholars Program in Bioethics**
The Greenwall Foundation
Application due: November 1, 2017

**Associate Director of Research**
Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment, & the Life Sciences, University of Minnesota
Application Due: Open until filled

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