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## [2017-2018 Petrie-Flom Center Student Fellowship](#)

**Application Deadline: TODAY, August 4, 2017**

Read the full call [here](#).

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!](#)

Friday, August 4, 2017

## Farewell from Holly Fernandez Lynch, Petrie-Flom Center's Executive Director, 2012 - 2017

Dear Petrie-Flom Community,

Today marks my last day as the Petrie-Flom Center's Executive Director. In September, I will embark on the next phase of my career, joining the faculty at the [Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy](#) at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine. I am thrilled to have found such a wonderful successor in [Carmel Shachar](#), the Center's new Executive Director, and I look forward to watching the Petrie-Flom Center continue to grow and thrive over many years to come.

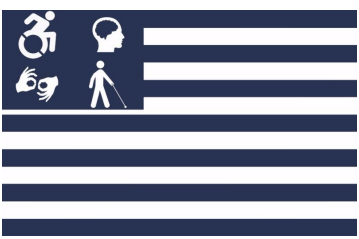


Read Holly's full farewell [here](#).

Please join us in wishing her all the best in Philadelphia!

## APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY! 2017-2018 Petrie-Flom Center Student Fellowship

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS! Petrie-Flom 2018 Annual Conference Beyond Disadvantage: Disability, Law, and Bioethics



Read the [Full Call](#)

Conference Date: June 1, 2018

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: October 15, 2017

Historically and across societies people with disabilities have been stigmatized and excluded from social opportunities on a variety of culturally specific grounds. These justifications include assertions that people with disabilities are biologically defective, less than capable, costly, suffering, or fundamentally inappropriate for social inclusion. Rethinking the idea of disability so as to detach being disabled from inescapable disadvantage has been considered a key to twenty-first century reconstruction of how disablement is best understood.

Such 'destigmatizing' has prompted hot contestation about disability. Bioethicists in the 'destigmatizing' camp have lined up to present non-normative accounts, ranging from modest to audacious, that characterize disablement as "mere difference" or in other neutral terms. The arguments for their approach range from applications of standards for epistemic justice to insights provided by evolutionary biology. Conversely, other bioethicists vehemently reject such non-normative or "mere difference" accounts, arguing instead for a "bad difference" stance. "Bad difference" proponents contend that our strongest intuitions make us weigh disability negatively.

The "mere difference" vs. "bad difference" debate can have serious implications for legal and policy treatment of disability, and shape strategies for allocating and accessing health care. The aim of the conference is to construct a twenty-first century conception of disablement that resolves the tension about whether being disabled is merely neutral or must be bad, examines and articulates the clinical, philosophical, and practical implications of that determination, and attempts to integrate these conclusions into medical and legal practices.

Read the full call online [here!](#)

One-page abstracts are due to [petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu](mailto:petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu) no later than **October 15, 2017**.

*Sponsored by the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School. This year's conference is organized in collaboration with the [Harvard Law School Project on Disability](#).*

## Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



### Artificial Wombs and Abortion Rights

By I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)

*The Hasting Center Report, July 27, 2017*

## News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



### Academic Fellow Alum Matthew J. B. Lawrence Joins Faculty at Dickinson Law (Penn State)

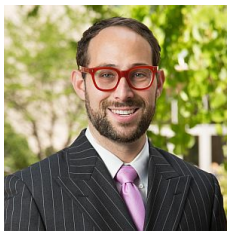
Featuring Matthew J.B. Lawrence (Academic Fellow Alumnus)

*Penn State's Dickinson Law News, August 1, 2017*

### Why Only The NFL Doesn't Guarantee Contracts

By Dom Cosentino, quoting Christopher R. Deubert (former Senior Law & Ethics Associate) and citing the Comparative League Analysis Report, part of the Football Players Health Study Law & Ethics Initiative  
*Deadspin, August 1, 2017*





## How New Technology Could Threaten a Woman's Right to Abortion

Kristen V. Brown, quoting I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)  
*Gizmodo*, July 28, 2017

### Recent Blog Posts



## Bill of Health

Examining the intersection of law and health care, biotech & bioethics  
A blog by the Petrie-Flom Center and friends

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#### General health law/policy:

- "[Is There a Fourth Amendment Expectation of Privacy in Prescription Records? According to the Utah District Court, Maybe Not](#)," by Leslie Francis
- "[Prime Health: Should Amazon Purchase a Hospital Chain?](#)" by Nicolas P. Terry
- "[The Rising Cost of Clinical Negligence: Who Pays the Price?](#)" by John Tingle
- "[Housing Equity Week in Review](#)," by Center for Public Health Law Research
- "[New Data: Baby-Friendly Hospital Laws](#)," by Center for Public Health Law Research
- "[Introducing New Executive Co-Editor and Contributor Carmel Shachar](#)," by Petrie-Flom Center
- "[The State of Care in Mental Health Services in England 2014-2017](#)," by John Tingle

#### Healthcare reform/finance:

- "[OK, Now What? Health Care Reform Next Steps](#)" by Carmel Shachar
- "[Obamacare as Superstatute](#)," by Abbe R. Gluck
- "[It's Time To Take Responsibility, Senators](#)," by Rachel E. Sachs

#### Pharmaceuticals:

- "[Monthly Round-Up of What to Read on Pharma Law and Policy](#)," by Ameet Sarpatwari, Michael S. Sinha, and Aaron S. Kesselheim

#### 'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "[Claudia Pagliari on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast](#)," by Nicolas P. Terry and Frank Pasquale
- "[Wendy Epstein on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast](#)," by Nicolas P. Terry and Frank Pasquale

### Petrie-Flom Center Events

Check out our [website](#) for a more complete listing of our 2017-2018 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](#).



## The Neurolaw Revolution: A Lecture by Francis X. Shen

September 13, 2017, 4:00 PM

[Milstein East A \(2036\), Wasserstein Hall, Harvard Law School](#)  
[1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

Part of the [Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience](#), a

collaboration between the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

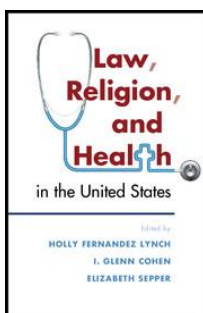
*This lecture will be followed by the Petrie-Flom Center's 2017 Open House reception!*



### **2017 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Open House**

**September 13, 2017, 5:30 PM**

[Wasserstein Hall, HLS Pub \(1st Floor\), Harvard Law School  
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)



### **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](#)

Sponsored by the [Harvard Law School Library](#) and the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School.



### **Fourth Annual Harvard-UCLA Food Law and Policy Conference: Food Innovation and the Law: Navigating the Next Frontier**

**October 13, 2017, 9:00AM**

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein West AB \(2019\), Harvard Law School,  
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

Sponsored by the [Food Law Lab](#) at Harvard Law School and the [Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy](#) at UCLA School of Law, with support from the [Animal Law & Policy Program](#) at Harvard Law School and the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School.



### **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](#)

Featuring panelists [I. Glenn Cohen](#) (Faculty Director), [Judith Edersheim](#), [Atul Gawande](#), [Eric Lander](#), and moderator

[Carmel Shachar](#) (Incoming Executive Director)

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](#).**

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE OTHER 2017-2018 PFC EVENTS!**

- **Book Launch: Specimen Science - Ethics and Policy Implications, November 9, 2017**
- **Sixth Annual Health Law Year in P/Review, December 12, 2017**
- **2018 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Conference: Beyond Disadvantage: Disability, Law, and Bioethics, June 1, 2018**

## Other Harvard Events

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### Intensive Care for Human Beings, with Dr. Samuel M. Brown

Anesthesia Grand Rounds , Harvard Medical School

**August 16, 2017 7:00 AM Sherman Auditorium, East Campus, BIDMC**

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## Harvard Opportunities

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### 2017-2018 Petrie-Flom Center Student Fellowship

Harvard Law School

**Application Due: TODAY, August 4, 2017**

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### Academic and Research Integrity Program Manager

Office for Academic and Research Integrity, Harvard Medical School

**Application Due: Open until filled**

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### IRB Administrator

Office of the President and Provost at Harvard University

**Application Due: Open until filled**

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## Other Opportunities

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

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### Public Health Fellowship in Government

American Public Health Association

**Application Due: August 14, 2017**

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### Postdoctoral Fellowship

Sydney Law School

**Application Due: September 10, 2017**

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### Healthcare Corporate Counsel

Juno Therapeutics

**Application due: Open until filled**

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