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Friday, September 15, 2017

Celebrating Five Years of *Bill of Health*, the Petrie-Flom Center's Blog

On September 5, 2012, [the first post](#) went up on [Bill of Health](#).

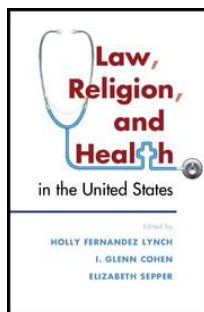


In the five years since, the blog has received over 980,000 unique page views from 220 countries, helping to further the discussion of issues in health law policy, biotechnology, and bioethics and to share opportunities in the field. Over 3,100 posts have covered everything from [ethical issues with bioengineered interspecies organ transplants](#) to [potential medical malpractice concerns with artificial intelligence](#) to [fetal personhood and the Constitution](#) to [analysis of surrogacy arrangements gone awry](#) to [food safety issues in China](#). An interesting list of the top five most viewed posts each year is [here](#).

As the field has changed over the past five years, so too has the blog. We've developed collaborations with [other organizations](#) and [blogs](#), hosted a series of [blog symposia](#), blogged "live" from [conferences](#), and expanded the participation of our center's diverse [Fellows](#). In celebration of our anniversary, this month we will feature posts that highlight these past contributions and new posts that explore the development of issues in health law policy, biotechnology, and bioethics over the past five years.

Thank you to our many contributors and to our readers: we look forward to many more years of growth. Happy reading!

Mark Your Calendars!



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](#)

In July 2017, Cambridge University Press published [Law, Religion, and Health in the United States](#), co-edited by former Petrie-Flom Center Executive Director [Holly Fernandez Lynch](#), Faculty Director [I. Glenn Cohen](#), and [Elizabeth Sepper](#), Associate Professor of Law at Washington University School of Law. 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 religion and health care to simultaneously flourish in a culturally diverse nation.

Panelists:

- [I. Glenn Cohen, JD](#), Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Petrie-Flom Center, Harvard Law School (co-editor)
- [Diane L. Moore, MDiv, DMin, PhD](#), Director of the Religious Literacy Project, Senior Lecturer on Religious Studies and Education, and Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School
- [Elizabeth Sepper, JD, LLM](#), Associate Professor of Law, Washington University

School of Law (co-editor)

- Moderator: [Intisar A. Rabb, JD, PhD](#), Professor of Law and Director of the Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School; Susan S. and Kenneth L. Wallach Professor, Harvard University Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study; Professor of History, Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Plus: [Order the book online](#) now and enter the code **LAWRELIGIONHEALTH** at checkout to get 20% off!

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Introducing the 2017-2018 Student Fellows

The Petrie-Flom Center is pleased to welcome our new 2017-2018 Student Fellows. In the coming year, each fellow will pursue independent scholarly projects related to health law policy, biotechnology, and bioethics under the mentorship of Center faculty and fellows. They will also be regular contributors at [Bill of Health](#) on issues related to their research.

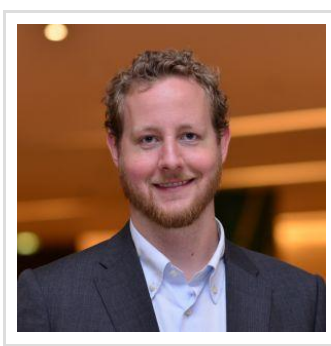
Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair is an LL.M student from Ireland at Harvard Law School, and holds a BCL degree in Law and Philosophy from University College Dublin. Prior to her masters, she worked as a teaching assistant in criminal law, company law and the philosophy of law in University College Dublin and as a paralegal in a corporate firm, with a focus on healthcare litigation and employment law. Her primary research interests are in the intersection of feminist legal theory and health law, ethics and the philosophy of law, particularly in relation to questions of consent and objectivity. For her Fellowship project, Clíodhna will study the manner in which health law and policy intersects with issues of personhood and autonomy in the context of pregnancy.



Aobo Dong is an M.T.S. candidate in Religion, Politics, and Ethics at the Harvard Divinity School. He graduated from Wesleyan University, where he majored in Social Studies and examined the alliance between American evangelicals and the GOP in his honors thesis. At Harvard, his research interests have shifted toward reconciling potential conflicts between religion and the modern human rights discourse, particularly in terms of sexuality, health, and other social-economic rights. He is also a junior fellow at the Science, Religion & Culture (SRC) program. For his Fellowship project, Aobo will investigate the legal and ethical challenges surrounding the fast-expanding healthcare cost-sharing ministries (HCSMs) that provide members with an alternative to traditional insurance models.

Gali Katznelson is a M.Be. candidate at the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School. She completed a bachelor's degree in Arts & Science at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada. Her research interests include the ethics of emerging healthcare technologies. For her Fellowship project, she will focus on physician perceptions of the use and regulations of mobile health applications.





Yusuf Lenfest is an M.T.S. candidate in Islamic Studies at the Harvard Divinity School. He pursued undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Vermont (B.A.) and the London School of Economics (M.Sc.) in the fields of literature, philosophy, and comparative politics. He is trained as a jurist in the Maliki school of law, in which he is qualified to issue fatwa, and he also completed advanced training in the fields of legal theory and theology under the tutelage of renowned Mauritanian scholar Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah. For his Fellowship project, Yusuf will examine bioethical issues in contemporary Islamic legal and religious thought.

Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



Influence, integrity, and the FDA: An ethical framework

By Spencer Phillips Hey, L. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), Eli Y. Adashi, and Aaron S. Kesselheim
Science, Vol. 357, Issue 6354, pp. 876-877 (Sept 1, 2017)

News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



PFC Spotlight: Student Fellow Alumna Sara Abiola

By Petrie-Flom Center, featuring Sara Abiola
September 14, 2017

Why a Drug Company Is Selling Patents to a Native American Tribe

By Ryan F. Mandelbaum, quoting Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)
Gizmodo, September 12, 2017



U.S. tribal patent deal could have big impact on generic drug market

By Jan Wolfe, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
Reuters, September 11, 2017

POLITICO Pulse: What We're Reading

By Dan Diamond, citing Bill of Health blog post by Rachel E. Sachs
POLITICO, September 11, 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:

- ["What if Trump Censors Climate Science? Scientific Research Policy and Law under the Trump Administration,"](#) by Dov Fox
- ["Housing Equity Week in Review \(Week of Aug 28-Sep 5\),"](#) by Center for Public Health Law Research
- ["States Tackle Youth Sports Concussions - New Data,"](#) by Benjamin Hartung, Joshua Waimberg, and Nicolas Wilhelm
- ["First, Do No Harm: NGOs and Corporate Donations,"](#) by Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair
- ["Is Your Medical Bill "Eligible for Sharing?" New research on Christian Health Care Sharing Ministries \(HCSMs\),"](#) by Aobo Dong
- ["Housing Equity Week in Review \(Week of Sep 4-Sep 11\),"](#) by Center for Public Health Law Research
- ["The 21st Century Trolley,"](#) by Gali Katznelson

Bioethics:

- ["Medicine and Ethics: Religious or Secular?"](#) by Yusuf Lenfest

Pharmaceuticals:

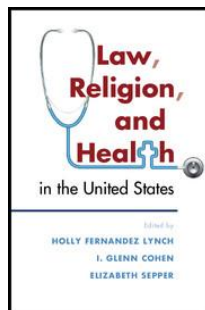
- ["Monthly Round-Up of What to Read on Pharma Law and Policy,"](#) by Ameet Sarpatwari, Michael S. Sinha, and Aaron S. Kesselheim
- ["Be Very, Very Concerned About What Allergan Just Did,"](#) by Rachel Sachs
- ["Federal "Right to Try" Legislation - Perpetuating a Misguided Skepticism Towards the FDA,"](#) by Jeanie Kim
- ["Perspectives on Cancer Drug Development Costs in JAMA,"](#) by James Love

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- ["Julia Powles on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast,"](#) by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale
- ["Lewis Grossman on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast,"](#) by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale
- ["Adam Gaffney on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast,"](#) by Nicolas 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](#).

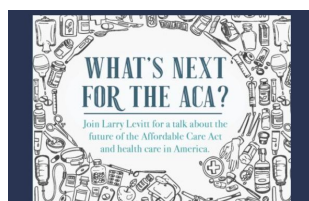


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What's Next for the ACA?: A Lecture by Larry Levitt

October 3, 2017, 12:00PM

[Wasserstein Hall, Room 1010 Harvard Law School, 1585](#)
[Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

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



The Cost of Medications: Current Realities and the Future of Pharmaceutical Pricing Regulations in the United States

October 4, 2017, 12:00PM

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

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

Save the Date for These Other 2017-2018 PFC Events!

- **HLS in the World: New Technologies, New Dilemmas - Part of the HLS200 Bicentennial Celebration, October 27, 2017**
- **The Promise and Peril of Neuroscience in the Courtroom, November 3, 2017**
- **Book Launch: Specimen Science - Ethics and Policy Implications, November 9, 2017**
- **Dementia and Democracy: America's Aging Judges and Politicians, November 15, 2017**
- **Behind Bars: Ethics and Human Rights in U.S. Prisons, November 30-December 1, 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**

Health Law and Bioethics Workshop

The [Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics Workshop](#) provides a forum for discussion of new scholarship in these fields from the world's leading experts. Harvard graduate students may register to take the workshop for course credit, but it is also open to the public.

This year, the workshop is led by Professor I. Glenn Cohen, and meets on selected Monday evenings from 5-7pm on the Harvard Law School campus (room locations are noted in the individual session listings below). The invited presenter generally speaks for about 30 minutes, after which the floor is opened for Q&A. It is recommended to read the papers in advance. Papers will usually be posted below one week before they are scheduled for presentation, but occasionally are available by request only.

Questions about the workshop should be directed to Jennifer Minnich at jminnich@law.harvard.edu.

For past workshops, please visit our [Events Archive](#).

Upcoming workshops include:

September 18: Jody L. Madeira, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
Paper now available for download [here!](#)

September 25: Francis X. Shen, University of Minnesota Law School
Paper now available! Please contact Jennifer Minnich at jminnich@law.harvard.edu to request a copy of the paper.

October 2: **Renée M. Landers**, Suffolk University Law School

October 16: **Alicia Ely Yamin**, Georgetown University Law Center

October 23: **Belinda Bennett**, Queensland University of Technology School of Law

October 30: **Aziza Ahmed**, Northeastern University School of Law

November 6: **David M. Studdert**, Stanford Law School

November 13: **Allison K. Hoffman**, University of Pennsylvania Law School

November 20: **Thaddeus Mason Pope**, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

November 27: **Vardit Ravitsky**, University of Montreal School of Public Health

December 4: **Rachel E. Sachs**, Washington University School of Law (St. Louis)

Health Policy and Bioethics Consortia



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[Avenue, Boston, MA 02115](#)

September Health Policy and Bioethics Consortium: The Ethics of Health Care Reform

September 15, 2017, 12:45 - 2:00 PM

[TMEC Amphitheater, Harvard Medical School, 260 Longwood](#)



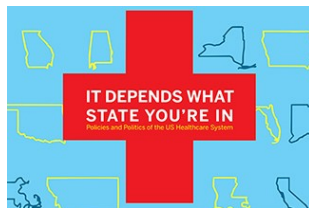
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October Health Policy and Bioethics Consortium: Caring for High Need Patients

October 13, 2017 12:30 PM

[Room TBD, Harvard Medical School](#)

Other Harvard Events



It Depends What State You're In: Policies and Politics of the U.S. Health Care System

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University

September 15, 2017, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Free and open to the public; [registration required](#)

Harvard Opportunities

Call for Abstracts: Beyond Disadvantage - Disability, Law, and Bioethics

Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School

Application Due: October 15, 2017

Other Opportunities

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

Michael E. DeBakey Fellowship in the History of Medicine

The National Library of Medicine

Application Due: September 30, 2017

Fifth National Nursing Ethics Conference: Call for Poster Abstracts

Ethics of Caring

Application Due: October 6, 2017

Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Application Due: November 1, 2017

Call for Papers: Diseases of Despair - The Role of Law and Policy

Center for Health Policy and Law, Northeastern University School of Law

Application Due: November 15, 2017

Corporate Paralegal or Junior Attorney (entry level)

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Application Due: Open until filled.

Bioinformatics and Data Science for Public Health

Silent Spring Institute

Application Due: Open until filled.

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