Petrie-Flom Center Annual Report, 2016-2017

Check out the Petrie-Flom Center’s latest annual report, which reviews all of our activities in 2016-2017! Highlights include:

- Updates on our ongoing research, including the Football Players Health Study, the Regulatory Foundations, Ethics, and Law Program of Harvard Catalyst, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Oversight Study (PCOROS), and our collaborative projects in Law and Applied Neuroscience and Advanced Care and Health Policy
- New Petrie-Flom publications, including several edited volumes, the latest issues of the Journal of Law and the Biosciences (JLB), and our blog, Bill of Health
- A round-up of scholarship and commentary from Petrie-Flom faculty, staff, fellows, and visiting scholars
- An overview of events hosted and co-sponsored by the Petrie-Flom Center
- Contributions to the Harvard Law School curriculum and other student engagement with the Center
- An overview of our plans for 2017-2018

Read the full report now!

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

Submissions Due October 15, 2017!
Full call online here!
Conference: June 1, 2018

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.

The characterization of disability also has health care allocation and accessibility ramifications, such as the treatment of preexisting condition preclusions in health insurance. 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.

We seek proposals that offer innovative conceptualizations and advance inventive approaches. Proposals should focus on the fresh contributions the presentation will make, including sketches of the supporting arguments. The abstract should include (but not be limited to) a paragraph summarizing the issue that will be addressed and any currently contending views about its resolution. Successful abstracts will explicitly address how the proposed presentation will address the challenges of integrating legal and medical understandings of disablement.
If you are interested in participating, please send a 1-page abstract of the paper you would plan to present to petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu as soon as possible, but not later than October 15, 2017.

Read the full call online, with all submission details!

Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Opportunities for Organ Donor Intervention Research: Saving Lives by Improving the Quality and Quantity of Organs for Transplantation
By I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director) and members of the Committee on Issues in Organ Donor Intervention Research
The National Academic Press, October 10, 2017

Mobile Health Innovation and Interagency Coordination
By Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)

Innovative Contracting for Pharmaceuticals and Medicaid’s Best-Price Rule
By Rachel E. Sachs, Nicholas Bagley, and Darius N. Lakdawalla
Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, September 28, 2017

News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Organ Donor Research: Overcoming Challenges, Increasing Opportunities
By James F. Childress, reviewing report co-authored by I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)
Journal of the American Medical Association, October 10, 2017

Battle over drug prices shifts back to the states
By Rachel Roubein, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
The Hill, October 11, 2017

‘That should be illegal’: Lawmakers are taking aim at pharma giant Allergan over an unusual deal with a Native American tribe
By Lydia Ramsey, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
Business Insider, October 10, 2017

Congress keeps the heat on 340B
By Sarah Karlin-Smith, citing work by Rachel E. Sachs
Politico, October 10, 2017

ICER Weekly View 10-06-17
By Mitchell Stein, featuring work by Rachel E. Sachs
ICER, October 6, 2017

Letter to Allergan plc
By Trey Gowdy, Elijah E. Cummings, Dennis A. Ross, and Peter Welch, citing blog post by Rachel E. Sachs
The House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 3, 2017
Absent federal action, states take the lead on curbing drug costs
By Shefali Luthra, citing Rachel E. Sachs
The Washington Post, September 29, 2017

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.
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? This group of speakers will discuss these pressing questions, and more, from their perspectives as lawyers, scientists, and clinicians.

This event is sponsored by Harvard Law School as part of the HLS │200 bicentennial celebrations.

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

- 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:

- **October 16:** New Presenter! I. Glenn Cohen, Harvard Law School
  Paper now available! Please contact Jennifer Minnich at jminnich@law.harvard.edu.

- **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)

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**Health Policy and Bioethics Consortia**

**November Health Policy and Bioethics Consortium: Gender Equity in Academic Medicine: Issues and Solutions**
November 29, 2017 12:30 PM
Gordon Hall, Waterhouse Room Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck St., Boston, MA

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**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](#).

**Faculty Fellow in Health Law and Intellectual Property**
Jaharis Health Law Institute at DePaul University
Application Due: Open until filled.

**Bernard J. Beazley Chair in Health Law and Policy**
Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Application Due: Open until filled.

**Summer Ethics Fellowship for Law Students and Recent Graduates**
FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics)
Application Due: January 11, 2018

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