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**[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:

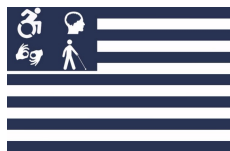
- Updates on our ongoing research, including the [Football Players Health Study](#), the [Regulatory Foundations, Ethics, and Law Program](#) of Harvard Catalyst, the [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Oversight Study](#) (PCOROS), and our collaborative projects in [Law and Applied Neuroscience](#) 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



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**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](mailto: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!

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## Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

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### 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

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### Mobile Health Innovation and Interagency Coordination

By Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)  
*Annals of Health Law*, Vol. 26, Issue 22



### 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

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## News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

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### 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

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### 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

## **Axios Vitals post from October 4**

By Sam Baker, featuring work by Rachel E. Sachs

*Axios, October 4, 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*

## **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:**

- "[Privacy and Confidentiality: Bill of Health at Five Years and Beyond](#)," by Leslie Francis
- "[From Westworld to U.S. Prisons: Reframing the Debate on the Right to Health](#)," by Aobo Dong
- "[An Analysis of Five Years of Cerebral Palsy Claims in the UK](#)," by John Tingle
- "[Emergent Medical Data](#)," by Mason Marks
- "["Siri, Should Robots Give Care?"](#)" by Gali Katznelson

### **Bioethics:**

- "[American Beverage Association v. San Francisco: When the First Amendment Jeopardizes Public Health](#)," by Wendy Parmet
- "[New York's Highest Court Summarily Rejects a Constitutional Challenge to New York's Ban on Physician-Assisted Suicide](#)," by Norman L. Cantor
- "[Book Review: "Into the Gray Zone" by Adrian Owen](#)," by Leslie C. Griffin
- "[Religion, Health, and Medicine: the Dialectic of Embedded Social Systems](#)," by Yusuf Lenfest

### **Pharmaceuticals:**

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

### **Reproductive Health/Rights:**

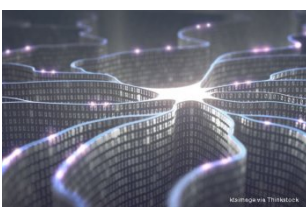
- "[Ireland's Abortion Referendum and Medical Care in Pregnancy](#)," by Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair

### **Health Care Reform/Finance:**

- "[Autopsy of a Failed Health Insurance Experiment: Did It Die of Natural Causes, or Was It Murdered?](#)," by Anthony Orlando
- "[Medical Bills are Open-Price Contracts: A Victory for the Little Guy](#)," by Christopher Robertson

## **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](#).



## **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

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. Members of the HLS community can [register now!](#)

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.*

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### ***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**

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**CENTER FOR  
BIOETHICS**  
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

**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

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

Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School

**Application Due: October 15, 2017**

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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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**Faculty Fellow in Health Law and Intellectual Property**

Jaharis Health Law Institute at DePaul University

**Application Due: Open until filled.**

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**Bernard J. Beazley Chair in Health Law and Policy**

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

**Application Due: Open until filled.**

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**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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