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Friday, October 27, 2017

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Book Launch: Specimen Science - Ethics and Policy Implications

November 9, 2017, 12:00 PM

[Countway Library, Lahey Room, Harvard Medical School
10 Shattuck St., Boston, MA](#)

Order the book now with 30% off!

In fall 2017, MIT Press published [Specimen Science: Ethics and Policy Implications](#), co-edited by [Holly Fernandez Lynch](#) (former Petrie-Flom Executive Director), Barbara Bierer, [I. Glenn Cohen](#) (Faculty Director), and Suzanne M. Rivera. This edited volume stems from a conference in 2015 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. The conference was a collaboration between [The Center for Child Health and Policy](#) at [Case Western Reserve University](#) and [University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital](#); the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School; the [Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center](#) of Harvard and Brigham and Women's Hospital; and [Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center](#). It was supported by funding from the [National Human Genome Research Institute](#) and the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund at Harvard University.

About the book: Advances in medicine often depend on the effective collection, storage, research use, and sharing of human biological specimens and associated data. But what about the sources of such specimens? When a blood specimen is drawn from a vein in your arm, is that specimen still you? Is it your property, intellectual or otherwise? Should you be allowed not only to consent to its use in research but also to specify under what circumstances it may be used? These and other questions are at the center of a vigorous debate over the use of human biospecimens in research. In this book, experts offer legal, regulatory, and ethical perspectives on balancing social benefit and human autonomy in biospecimen research.

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Dementia and Democracy: America's Aging Judges and Politicians

November 15, 2017, 12:00 PM

[Pound Hall, Room 102 Harvard Law School, 1563 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

Our judiciary and our elected officials are getting old. Five of the nine Supreme Court Justices are 67 or older, with two over age 80. The President is 71, the Senate Majority Leader is 75, and the House Minority Leader is 77. Does the public have a right to know whether these officials have been screened for dementia? If the individuals don't self-report their dementia status, should experts continue to adhere to the "Goldwater Rule" and refrain from offering an armchair diagnosis? As the nation reflects on its midterm elections, and prepares for the 2020 election cycle, these questions are timely and challenging.

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.

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Behind Bars: Ethics and Human Rights in U.S. Prisons

November 29 - December 1, 2017

[Harvard Medical School Campus, Longwood Medical Area, Boston, MA](#)

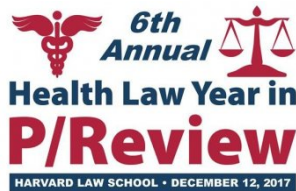
The United States leads the world in incarceration. The "War on Drugs" and prioritizing punishment over rehabilitation has led to mass imprisonment, mainly of the nation's most vulnerable populations: people of color, the economically disadvantaged and undereducated, and those suffering from mental illness. Although these social disparities are striking, the health discrepancies are even more pronounced. What can be done to address this health and human rights crisis?

This conference will examine various aspects of human rights and health issues in our prisons. In collaboration with educators, health professionals, and those involved in the criminal justice system-including former inmates, advocates, and law enforcement-the conference will clarify the issues, explore possible policy and educational responses, and establish avenues for action.

This conference is open to the public. There is a \$50 refreshment fee to offset costs for meals during the conference, and to reduce waste. If this fee would prevent you from attending, please contact the Center for Bioethics at 617-432-2570 for assistance with your registration.

Register for the conference [here!](#)

This event is cosponsored by the [Human Rights Program](#) at Harvard Law School, the [Center for Bioethics](#) at Harvard Medical School, and the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School, with support from the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund at Harvard University.



AGENDA AVAILABLE! Sixth Annual Health Law Year in P/Review

December 12, 2017 8:30 - 5:00 PM

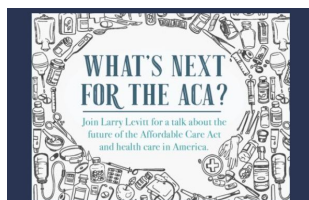
[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East AB Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

The Sixth Annual Health Law Year in P/Review symposium will feature leading experts discussing major developments during 2017 and what to watch out for in 2018. The discussion at this day-long event will cover hot topics in such areas as health policy under the new administration, regulatory issues in clinical research, law at the end-of-life, patient rights and advocacy, pharmaceutical policy, reproductive health, and public health law.

Read the agenda and register for the conference [here!](#)

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Video now available!



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

Event held on October 3, 2017, at Harvard Law School

Video of the lecture is available [here!](#)

Larry Levitt delivered a lecture on the future of the Affordable Care Act and health care in America. Larry is Senior Vice President for Special Initiatives at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Senior

Advisor to the President of the Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation, he served as a Senior Health Policy Advisor to the White House and Department of Health and Human Services. He holds a bachelors degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley, and a

masters degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

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

Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



[Contraceptive Coverage and the Balance Between Conscience and Access](#)

By Ronit Y. Stahl and Holly Fernandez Lynch (Former Executive Director and Academic Fellow Alumna)
JAMA, October 19, 2017

[Talking about Death](#)

By [Frances Kamm](#) (former Senior Fellow)
Boston Review, October 5, 2017



News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



[Medicaid's Best-Price Rule May Not Be Such a Big Problem](#)

By Physician's Weekly, quoting [Rachel E. Sachs](#) (Academic Fellow Alumna)
Physician's Weekly, October 23, 2017

[Allergan ruling casts doubt on tribal patent strategy](#)

By Jan Wolfe, quoting [Rachel E. Sachs](#)
Reuters, October 16, 2017

[Court Finds Restasis Patents Invalid, Raises Concerns About Allergan, Mohawk Tribe Agreement](#)

By Zachary Brennan, quoting [Rachel E. Sachs](#)
RAPS, October 17, 2017

[One of Allergan's blockbuster drugs was dealt a major legal blow](#)

By Lydia Ramsey, quoting [Rachel E. Sachs](#)
Business Insider, October 16, 2017

[Ohio Issue 2 ballot initiative proponents overstate impact on EpiPen prices](#)

By Manual Tobias, quoting [Rachel E. Sachs](#)
Politifact, October 13, 2017



[Desperate Quest For Herpes Cure Launched 'Rogue' Trial](#)

By Marisa Taylor, quoting Holly Fernandez Lynch (Former Executive Director, Academic Fellow Alumna)
Kaiser Health News, October 19, 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:

- "[Emergent Medical Data](#)," by Mason Marks
- "[Instagram and the Regulation of Eating Disorder Communities](#)," by Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair
- "[Patient Safety at the Crossroads](#)," by John Tingle

Bioethics:

- "[Siri, Should Robots Give Care?](#)" by Gali Katznelson
- "[What are Our Duties and Moral Responsibilities Toward Humans when Constructing AI?](#)," by Yusuf Lenfest
- "[Religion, Health, and Medicine: the Dialectic of Embedded Social Systems](#)," by Yusuf Lenfest

Pharmaceuticals:

- "[Errors in Patent Grants: More Common in Medical Patents](#)," by James Love

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "[Michelle Mello on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast](#)," by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale
- "[Amanda Pustilnik 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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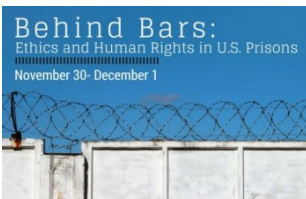


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Save the Date for These Other 2017-2018 PFC Events!

- **2018 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Conference: Beyond Disadvantage - Disability, Law, and Bioethics, June 1, 2018**
- **Ordeals in Healthcare: Ethics and Efficient Delivery, May 10-11, 2018**

Other Events

Webinar Series: Crafting Richer Public Health Messages

Various dates.

Webinar registration required. Register [here!](#)

Public Health Law Conference 2018

October 4-6, 2018

Phoenix, AZ

Health Law and Bioethics Workshop

The [Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics Workshop](#) provides a forum for discussion

of new scholarship 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 30: [Aziza Ahmed](#), Northeastern University School of Law
Paper now available! Please contact Jennifer Minnich at jminnich@law.harvard.edu.

November 6: [David M. Studdert](#), Stanford Law School
Paper now available for download [here!](#)

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



**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](#)

Harvard Opportunities



Edmond J. Safra
Center for Ethics

**Call for Applications: Graduate Fellowship in Ethics
2018-2019**

Application deadline: November 1, 2017

Other Opportunities

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

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Advanced Biomedical Ethics

Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

Application Due: December 4, 2017

Call for Abstracts: Public Health Law Conference 2018

The Network for Public Health Law, American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics

Application Due: December 15, 2017

Call for Submissions: Special Journal Issue to honor Professor John Robertson

Journal of Law and the Biosciences

Application Due: January 15, 2018

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