Technical Malfunction!

Due to a problem with our email software, our newsletter didn't go out as scheduled on Friday. The good news is that all of the information is still relevant today. Enjoy!

Have a great week,
The Petrie-Flom Center Team

Don't Miss Our Next Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience Event!

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.

Register Now for Upcoming Conferences!

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.

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**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!**

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

Event was held on October 4, 2017, at Harvard Law School

Video of the panel is available [here](#)

From "Pharma Bro" Martin Shkreli to huge price jumps for the EpiPen to the Hepatitis C treatment that costs $1000 per pill, pharmaceutical pricing is a major issue in the news and in Washington. The regular introduction of new, often expensive therapeutics as well as controversial price increases for familiar drugs attract bipartisan attention and ensure that drug costs will remain an important topic of public policy debate.

This panel of experts discussed current laws and regulations governing pharmaceutical pricing in the United States, the impact of breakthrough therapeutics on drug pricing, and the future of drug pricing policy in the United States.

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**News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates**

**Ohio's Drug-Pricing Ballot Question Triggers Voter Confusion**

By Shefali Luthra, quoting Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)

*Kaiser Health News, November 7, 2017*

7 ways biopharma would win - and lose - under the new tax bill
Recent Blog Posts

General health law/policy:

- "Elderly Care in the Age of Machine and Automation," by Aobo Dong
- "AI Citizen Sophia and Legal Status," by Gali Katznelson
- "Housing Equity Week in Review (Week of October 30-November 3)," by the Center for Public Health Law Research

Pharmaceuticals:


Bioethics:

- "Bioethics in Islam: Principles, Perspectives, Comparisons," by Yusuf Lenfest

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "Spencer Waller 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 cosponsorship 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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Save the Date for These Other 2017-2018 PFC Events!

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

Harvard Events

**President’s Innovation Challenge**
Various dates.
Check out the Harvard Innovation Lab’s webpage for a full list of events here!

**13th Annual Personalized Medicine Conference**
November 14-16, 2017
Check out the event details and register here!

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:

**November 13:** Allison K. Hoffman, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Paper now available! Please contact Jennifer Minnich at jminnich@law.harvard.edu.

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

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

Harvard Opportunities

Clinical Fellow, Environmental Law & Policy Clinic
Harvard Law School
Application Due: Open until filled.

Call for Applications: President's Innovation Challenge
Harvard Innovation Labs
Application Due: January 2, 2018

Other Opportunities

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

Deputy Director of new Collaborative Research Programme in Biomedical Innovation Law (CeBIL)
Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
Application Due: December 4, 2017

Associate Professor, Biomedical Innovation Law (CeBIL)
Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
Application Due: December 4, 2017

NIH Bioethics Fellowship, Post-doctoral and Post-baccalaureate
National Institutes of Health
Application Due: December 31, 2017 (Post-doc) and January 15, 2018 (Post-bac)

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

Call for Submissions: Special Issue "Genetic Discrimination and the Law"
Laws (Journal)
Application Due: February 5, 2018

Stay Connected!