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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.

FEATURED PANEL: Law & Ethics of Breakthrough Reproductive Technologies - From Gene Editing to In Vitro Gametogenesis

- **Eli Adashi**, Professor of Medical Science, the Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University
- **I. Glenn Cohen**, Professor of Law and Faculty Director, the Petrie-Flom Center, Harvard Law School
- **George Church**, Professor of Genetics, Harvard Medical School and Director, PersonalGenomes.org
- **George Q. Daley**, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Caroline Shields Walker Professor of Medicine, and Professor of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Harvard Medical School

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

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NEW EVENT: Future Directions for Laboratory Animal Law in the United States
January 26, 2018
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East, Harvard Law School
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Join us for a for a one-day meeting to discuss the future of animal law.

Register for the conference [here](#)

This event is cosponsored by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law
Value-based health care is one of the most pressing topics in health care finance and policy today. Value-based payment structures are widely touted as critical to controlling runaway health care costs, but are often difficult for health care entities to incorporate into their existing infrastructures. Because value-based health care initiatives have bipartisan support, it is likely that these programs will continue to play a major role in both the public and private health insurance systems. As such, there is a pressing need to evaluate the implementation of these initiatives thus far and to discuss the direction that American health care financing will take in the coming years.

To explore this important issue, the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics is collaborating with Ropes & Gray LLP to host a one-day conference on value-based health care. This event will bring together scholars, health law practitioners, and health care entities to evaluate the impact of value-based health care on the American health care system.

Register for the conference [here](#)

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Dementia and Democracy: America’s Aging Judges and Politicians

*Event held November 15, 2017, at Harvard Law School*

Check out video and slides from the event [here](#)

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, our multi-discipline expert panel addressed these timely and challenging questions.

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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HLS in the World: New Technologies, New Dilemmas:

*Event held October 27, 2017, at Harvard Law School*

Check out video from the event [here](#)

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 discussed these pressing questions, and more, from their perspectives as lawyers, scientists, and clinicians.
This event was sponsored by Harvard Law School as part of the HLS 200 bicentennial celebrations.

Book Launch: Law, Religion, and Health in the United States
Event held September 27, 2017, at Harvard Law School

Check out video from the event [here](#)!

Order the book now from [Cambridge University Press](#)!

In July 2017, Cambridge University Press published Law, Religion, and Health in the United States, co-edited by outgoing Petrie-Flom Center Executive Director Holly Fernandez Lynch, Faculty Director I. Glenn Cohen, and Elizabeth Sepper, 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.

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

Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Germ-Line Gene Editing and Congressional Reaction in Context: Learning From Almost 50 Years of Congressional Reactions to Biomedical Breakthroughs
By Russell A. Spivak, I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), and Eli Y. Adashi
Journal of Law and Health, Vol. 30 (2017), Issue 1

Artificial Intelligence in Health Care: Applications and Legal Issues
By W. Nicholson Price II (Academic Fellow Alumnus)

AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER: Big Data, Health Law, and Bioethics
Edited by I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), Holly Fernandez Lynch (former Executive Director), Urs Gasser, and Effy Vayena
Cambridge University Press, March 2018 (forthcoming)

This edited volume stems from the Petrie-Flom Center's [2016 annual conference](#).

News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates
FDA-Approved Digital Pill Causes Concerns
By Steve Goldstein, interviewing I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)
KJZZ Radio, November 28, 2017

Digital pill offers chance of new life to old drugs
By FT Staff, quoting I. Glenn Cohen
Financial Times, November 22, 2017

First Digital Pill Approved to Worries About Biomedical 'Big Brother'
By Pam Belluck, quoting I. Glenn Cohen
New York Times, November 13, 2017

The Debate over Postmortem Sperm Retrieval of Fallen Soldiers
By Avishalom Westreich (former Visiting Scholar), describing research conducted and discussed at the Petrie-Flom Center
The Jerusalem Post, November 22, 2017

Harvard Forum: Should Older Politicians And Judges Be Tested For Mental Decline?
By Carey Goldberg, describing the event “Dementia and Democracy: America’s Aging Judges and Politicians,” held November 15, 2017 at Harvard Law School
WBUR, November 17, 2017

A patent ploy: Allergan’s unusual legal tactic attracts political scrutiny
By Economist Staff, citing Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)
The Economist, November 16, 2017

Recent Blog Posts

General health law/policy:

- "The Illusion of Choice in Health Care Consumerism," by Aobo Dong
- "Reflecting on Dementia and Democracy: America’s Aging Judges and Politicians," by Gali Katznelson
- "The NHS in England: Running to Stand Still?," by John Tingle
- "Housing Equity Week in Review (Week of November 6 -10)," by the Center for Public Health Law Research

Pharmaceuticals:

- "What does the Orphan Drug Tax Credit tell us about the Costs of Clinical Trials?," by James Love
- "Roche and City of Hope Claim Pfizer Biosimilar Version of Trastuzumab Will Infringe "At
Reproductive rights:

- "The Mexico City Rule and Maternal Death," by Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "Leo Beletsky on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast," by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale
- "Vinay Prasad on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast," by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale

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NEW EVENT: Will Value-based Care Save the Health Care System?
March 2, 2018 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Register for the conference here!

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Save the Date for These Additional 2018 PFC Events!

- Ordeals in Health Care: Ethics and Efficient Delivery, May 10-11, 2018
Other Events

Webinar: Housing for Health: Cross-Sector Impacts of Supportive Housing for Homeless High Users of Health Care
Systems for Action, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
December 6, 2017 12:00 PM

Webinar: Menu Labeling and Other Food Labeling Laws - What do we have a right to know and does it matter?
Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Health Law Institute
December 7, 2017 8:00 AM (CT)

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:

December 4: Rachel E. Sachs, Washington University School of Law (St. Louis)
Paper now available! Please contact Jennifer Minnich at jminnich@law.harvard.edu to request a copy.

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Revolutionizing the Delivery of Health Care
December 8, 2017 12:30 PM
Gordon Hall, Waterhouse Room Harvard Medical School
25 Shattuck St., Boston, MA

Opportunities

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

Manager, Health Policy
Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
Applications Due: Open until filled.

Research Fellow
Center for Public Health Law, Temple University
Applications Due: Open until filled (rolling admissions).

Call for Papers on the History of Public Health
Public Health Reports Journal
Applications Due: Various (first deadline: December 25, 2017).

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