Happy Holidays!

The Petrie-Flom Center wishes you very happy holidays! Our offices will be closed for Harvard University’s intersession period from Friday, December 22, 2017, through Monday, January 1, 2018. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2. We look forward to resuming our conversations on health law and bioethics in the New Year. You can look forward to the next issue of our newsletter on Friday, January 5!

Save the Date for these 2018 Events!

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 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 Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School; and the Animal Law & Policy Program at Harvard Law School.

Crimes of Passion: New Neuroscience vs. Old Doctrine

February 14, 2018 12:00 PM
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On Valentine’s Day we celebrate love. But the criminal law often sees love and passion turned into violence. How does this happen? And how should law respond? Many doctrines, most notably the "heat of passion" defense - which historically has been used disproportionately to excuse the crimes of men against women - rely on a distinction between defendants who acted "emotionally" instead of "rationally." But modern neuroscience has debunked the idea that reason and emotion are two entirely different mental states. This panel will explore how law should respond to this neuroscientific challenge to long-held doctrine.

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.
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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Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Regulating Black-Box Medicine
By W. Nicholson Price II (Academic Fellow Alumnus)

Encouraging New Uses for Old Drugs
By Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna), Paul B. Ginsburg, and Dana P. Goldman
*JAMA, December 4, 2017*

News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Sanofi scandal in the Philippines could spread dangerous mistrust of vaccines
By Ed Silverman, quoting I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)
*STAT, December 11, 2017*
The Health 202: Jeff Sessions wants to put more cops on the opioid beat. Experts say that won't solve the problem.

By Paige Winfield Cunningham, quoting Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)
The Washington Post, November 30, 2017

Recent Blog Posts

General health law/policy:

- "Reflecting on Behind Bars: Ethics and Human Rights in U.S. Prisons," by Gali Katznelson
- "The CVS/Aetna Deal: The Promise in Data Integration," by Wendy Netter Epstein
- "Genomic Screening: What's Age Got To Do With It?," by Margaret Waltz, Jean Cadigan, Anya E. R. Prince, Debra Skinner, and Gail E. Henderson

Pharmaceuticals:


Bioethics:

- "Islam and the Beginning of Human Life," by Yusuf Lenfest

Reproductive rights:

- "Soliciting Surrogacy in the Hallowed Halls of Congress," by Judith Daar
- "Morality, Maturity, and Abortion Access in the US," by Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "Wendy Mariner 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 and additional information about our 2017-2018 events. 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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**Will Value-based Care Save the Health Care System?**
March 2, 2018 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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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
- **REGISTER NOW! 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.

The Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics Workshop series has concluded for the 2017-2018 academic year. We look forward to resuming in Fall 2018.

For past workshops, please visit our [Events Archive](#).

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**Harvard Opportunities**

**2018 Health Law & Policy Summer Internship**
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School (CHLPI)
Applications Due: January 27, 2018 (rolling admissions)

**Fellowship in Bioethics**
Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics
Applications Due: March 19, 2018

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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](#).

**2018-2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**  
Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine (CBSSM), University of Michigan  
Applications Due: January 12, 2018

**Full Professor for Quantitative Methods in Public Health and Health Services Research**  
University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology in Tirol, Austria  
Applications Due: January 31, 2018

**Postdoc in Economics and Management of Innovation**  
Collaborative Research Program in Biomedical Innovation Law (CeBIL), University of Copenhagen  
Applications Due: February 15, 2018

**Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Policy, and Practice**  
Simmons College  
Applications Due: Open until filled.

**Blog Contributor**  
Nursing Clio  
Applications Due: Open until filled.

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