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2014 Annual Conference Agenda NOW AVAILABLE

2014 Annual Conference: Behavioral Economics, Law, and Health Policy
May 2-3, 2014
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave.

Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein's book *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness* brought behavioral economics to the masses, beginning a discussion of libertarian paternalism and the many ways that "choice architects" can help nudge people to make better choices for themselves without forcing certain outcomes on anyone. Some of their examples fall in the realm of health policy, as is also the case of Daniel Kahneman's recent book, *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, which examines various cognitive errors people make in their judgments, choices, and conclusions, as well as how we might correct them. But the conversation has only just begun.

Building on the success of the behavioral economics movement, this conference will further develop the scholarly discussion by focusing on key issues in health law policy, bioethics, and biotechnology by addressing both broad conceptual questions and more specific policy applications.

The full conference agenda is now available on our website.

Attendance is free and open to the public, but space is limited and registration is required. Register here.

For questions, contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu or 617-496-4662.
The Petrie-Flom Center Is Hiring!

The Petrie-Flom Center will hire a new Project Coordinator in connection with our work on the Regulatory Foundations, Ethics, and Law Program of Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Center. Reporting to the Petrie-Flom Center's Executive Director and working closely with the Center's Administrative Director, Faculty Co-Directors, and other staff, the Project Coordinator will support the Center's work on the Harvard Catalyst Regulatory Foundations, Ethics, and Law Program (40% effort), as well as the Center's core administrative needs (20% effort). The position has four major areas of responsibility: (1) meeting and event support; (2) financial and compliance support; (3) other administrative support, including communications; and (4) special projects. For a full description and to apply click here. For questions, please contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu.

We are also hiring a Senior Law and Ethics Associate to work on the Regulatory Foundations, Ethics, and Law Program. View the full job description and apply here.

Scholarship & Commentary from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Patent Trolling: Why Bio & Pharmaceuticals Are at Risk
Robin Feldman and W. Nicholson Price II (Petrie-Flom Academic Fellow)
Available for download on SSRN, February 14, 2014

Abstract: Patent trolls - also known variously as non-practicing entities, patent assertion entities, and patent monetizers - are a top priority on legislative and regulatory reform agendas. In the modern debates, however, the biopharmaceutical industry goes conspicuously unmentioned. Although biopharmaceuticals are paradigmatically centered on patents, conventional wisdom holds that biopharmaceuticals are largely unthreatened by trolls. This article shows that the conventional wisdom is wrong, both theoretically and descriptively. In particular, the article presents a ground-breaking study of the life science holdings of 5 major universities to determine if these might be attractive to monetizers.

This was deliberately a light, rather than an exhaustive, search. Nevertheless, we identified dozens of patents that could be deployed against current industries. These include patents on active ingredients of drugs; methods of treatment; screening methods to identify new drugs; manufacturing methods; dosage forms; and ancillary technologies that could be deployed in a "peddler's bag" approach. The article describes the types of patents we found, including an example of each type.

In deciding whether to undertake this analysis, we lost sleep over whether the potential for harm outweighed the potential benefit. If reform efforts are not undertaken, our work could do no more than provide a handy road map for those who would follow. However, with scattered anecdotal evidence suggesting that monetization is moving into biopharmaceuticals, life sciences trolling is predictable and in its infancy. If reforms are implemented before
the problem proliferates, legislators and regulators could cabin the activity before it becomes deeply entrenched and too much harm occurs.

Download the full article.

Undocumented Injustice? Medical Repatriation and the Ends of Health Care
By Michael J. Young, M. Phil. (Petrie-Flom Student Fellow), and Lisa Soleymani Lehmann, M.D., Ph.D.
New England Journal of Medicine, February 13, 2014

Quelino Jimenez came to the United States at 18 years of age, seeking work to provide financial support to his family of 11 in Mexico. Jimenez found a construction job in Chicago, where he worked without a legal work or residence permit for more than a year until he sustained injuries after a 20-ft fall on the job, which resulted in quadriplegia. He was admitted to a Chicago hospital, where he remained for months. No long-term care facility was willing to accept Jimenez as a patient. One day, he recounted, "They told me, "Today you are going to your home." . . . I wanted to say something, but I couldn't talk. I wanted to ask why."1

Jimenez was subsequently discharged, by means of air ambulance, to a hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico. In the Oaxaca hospital, Jimenez had bedsores, two cardiac arrests, pneumonia, and sepsis. "I didn't want to come back [to Mexico]," he told family and reporters, "because here there's no medicine. . . . I need therapy, I need a lot of things they don't have." On January 3, 2012, Jimenez died at 21 years of age.1

Jimenez's case offers a poignant glimpse into medical repatriation, the transfer of undocumented patients in need of subacute care to their country of origin.2 Although data on the prevalence and circumstances surrounding medical repatriation are limited, owing to insufficient documentation and reporting requirements, a recent report based on observational data indicates that there have been at least 800 cases of attempted or successful involuntary medical repatriation of undocumented immigrants in the United States alone.3 The relatively scant attention that this practice has received among medical professionals is striking, given that medical repatriation impinges on the core values that have shaped medicine as a moral enterprise.

We examine the ethical boundaries of medical repatriation, particularly as they relate to patients, health care providers, and hospitals, while recognizing the need for increased comprehensive reporting and data to uncover the nature and scope of this practice. After exploration and critical evaluation of the history and motivations behind medical repatriation, considerations against the practice are advanced. Drawing on the ethical dimensions of informed consent, equality, distributive justice, transparency, and trust, we assess the tension between medical repatriation and the ethical duties of health care providers. At this time of great change in health care and immigration policy, clarity about our ethical obligations to undocumented immigrants is crucial if we are to create systems that are not only efficient, coordinated, and technologically sophisticated but also equitable for those who are vulnerable. […]

Read the full article.

Obama's executive actions can backfire on Democrats if GOP takes the White House: Republican could dismantle his law
By Tom Howell Jr., quoting I. Glenn Cohen (Petrie-Flom Faculty Co-Director)
The Washington Times, February 16, 2014

"Although he is taking advantage of discretion built into the Affordable Care Act of 2010, those executive powers also would give 'a future President Rand [Paul] or other ACA opponent room to throw a monkey wrench into the works and help try to dismantle the law from the inside,' said I. Glenn Cohen, a health policy analyst at Harvard Law School.

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"That said, it was not the president's decision to delay parts of implementation, so much as the design of the legislation itself, that leaves open this possibility,' he said."

Read the full article.

Will Your Clothing Spy on You? A scholar warns of the potential for wearable technology to annihilate privacy for good.

By David Whitford, on I. Glenn Cohen (Petrie-Flom Faculty Co-Director)
Fortune, February 13, 2014

Like it or not, we have entered the era of assumed ubiquitous snooping, and we have not begun to parse the implications. That was my takeaway from Cohen's lecture, "The Ethicist's and the Lawyer's New Clothes: The Law and Ethics of Smart Clothes," which will be available for free streaming by month's end on the Institute's website.

Cohen, himself dressed smartly for the occasion in red shoes and oversized red glasses, led us on a tour of the latest in wearable surveillance technology, including Google Glass, fully functional button cameras, and radio frequency identification (RFID) chips that can be woven into our clothing.

Cohen drew an analogy with Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, where the action takes place in two locales: Venice itself, a hotbed of commerce and greed; and nearby Belmont, the refuge to which the protagonists escape for love and art. Smart clothes threaten to "disrupt the place of refuge," even when we leave our phones behind. "At some point we squeeze out the space for living a life," he warned. "Lots of people have things they want to do and try but wouldn't if everything was archived."

Read the full article.

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From the Blog

http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/billofhealth/

Come join the conversation at the Bill of Health! During the last two weeks, our bloggers have been discussing:

Health insurance, health care reform/finance:
- "This Oscar Is No Grouch: Can Oscar Health Succeed in Making Health Insurance Fun?" (here)
- CMS, third-party payments, and discrimination (here)
- "News from OMHA Appellants Forum: Statistical Sampling Coming, Backlog Growing" (here)
- "The AOL Babies: Our Healthcare Crisis in a Nut" (here)
Reproductive Health/Rights:

- "Can You Be Taxed for Selling Your Eggs?" (here)
- "Are You My Mother?: The Spanish Supreme Court and Surrogacy Tourism" (here)

Pharmaceuticals:

- Patent trolls and Bio/Pharma (here)
- Issues with drug quality in India (here)
- Continuing drug shortages (here)
- The "bright side" of antibiotic resistance (here)

Food safety and regulation:

- "Subway Stops Using Azodicarbonamide in Bread Production" (here)

Genetics:

- "Disclosing Genetic Risks: Lessons from the Philosophy of Language" (here)

Human subjects/human tissue:

- "Are We Misusing the 'Brain Death' Diagnosis to Hurry Along Families?" (here)

General Health Law/Policy:

- Is CVS's decision to stop selling tobacco products the right thing to do? (here)
- "Potato Chips and Choice Architecture" (here)
- New Public Health Law Research papers (here)

If you'd like to join us as a guest blogger or if you have something you'd like us to post, please contact Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Petrie-Flom Center Administrative Director, at chutchisonjones@law.harvard.edu.

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Health Law Policy and Bioethics Workshops

Upcoming presenters for the Health Law Policy and Bioethics Workshop, this year run by Professors Cohen and Robertson, include:

March 24: Hank Greely, Center for Law and the Biosciences, Stanford Law School

April 7: David Gamage, UC Berkeley School of Law

April 21: Matthew J. B. Lawrence, Petrie-Flom Center Academic Fellow

All meetings will run from 5:00 to 7:00pm in Hauser 105 at the Law School. For questions and drafts of the papers being presented, contact Kaitlin Burroughs at kburroughs@law.harvard.edu.

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**NEXT WEEK:**

**Frances Kamm's Bioethical Prescriptions: Book Talk and Panel Discussion**

February 27, 2014, 2:00 to 3:30pm

Wasserstein Hall 1019, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave.

Please join us as we launch Professor Frances Kamm’s latest book, *Bioethical Prescriptions: To Create, End, Choose, and Improve Lives* (Oxford University Press, January 2014). The book showcases Professor Kamm’s articles on bioethics as parts of a coherent whole, with sections devoted to death and dying; early life (on conception and use of embryos, abortion, and childhood); genetics and other enhancements (on cloning and other genetic technologies); allocating scarce resources; and methodology (on the relation of moral theory and practical ethics).

Panelists include:

- **Frances Kamm**, Littauer Professor of Philosophy & Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Professor of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University; Former Senior Fellow, Petrie-Flom Center
- **Norman Daniels**, Mary B. Saltonstall Professor of Population Ethics and Professor of Ethics and Population Health, Harvard School of Public Health
- **Thomas (Tim) Scanlon, Jr.**, Alford Professor of Natural Religion, Moral Philosophy, and Civil Polity, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University
- Moderator: **Christopher T. Robertson**, Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Associate Professor, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona

This event is free and open to the public.

Cosponsored by the Petrie-Flom Center, [Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics](http://www.safraethics.org) at Harvard University, and the [Courtway Library of Medicine](http://www.med.harvard.edu) at Harvard Medical School. This event is supported by the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund.

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**Hot Topics at the President's Commission on Bioethical Issues: Plus Q&A on Careers in Law and Bioethics**

**Michelle Groman**, Associate Director, [President's Commission on Bioethical Issues](http://bioethicscommission.org)

**Monday, March 3, 2014, 12:00pm**

Austin Hall West (111), Harvard Law School, 1515 Massaschusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Please join us for an update from the [President’s Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues](http://bioethicscommission.org), delivered by Michelle Groman (HLS ’05), Associate Director at the Bioethics Commission. Since its inception in 2009, President Obama’s Commission has issued reports on synthetic biology, human subjects research, whole genome sequencing, pediatric medical countermeasure research, and incidental findings. Currently, the Commission is examining the ethical implications of neuroscience research and the application of neuroscience research findings as part of the federal government's BRAIN initiative. The Commission also has developed educational materials to support teaching of bioethics ideas, principles, and theories in traditional and non-traditional settings.

This final half-hour of this event will feature a discussion of career opportunities in law and bioethics, led by Ms.
Groman and Holly Fernandez Lynch, Petrie-Flom Center Executive Director. Bring your questions!

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be served.

Cosponsored by the Office of Career Services at Harvard Law School. This event is supported by the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund.

Evaluating the Revised Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)
Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 12:00pm
Wasserstein Hall 3018, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

The DSM is the reference used by clinicians, researchers, and insurers to diagnose and classify mental disorders, with the intent to provide specific, objective criteria by which to assess symptoms and determine whether to pay for treatment. The American Psychiatric Association released the manual's fifth edition in May 2013, nearly twenty years after the fourth edition, to substantial public and professional criticism. Please join us for a discussion of the new revisions and their implications for patients, medical practice, research, and the law.

Panelists:

- Steven E. Hyman, Director of the Stanley Center for Psychiatric Research at the Broad Institute and Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology
- Anne Becker, Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Global Health and Medicine, Harvard Medical School
- Nita Farahany, Professor of Law, Professor of Genome Sciences & Policy, and Professor of Philosophy at Duke University
- Moderator: I. Glenn Cohen, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Faculty Co-Director, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.

This event is supported by the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund.

Mark your calendars for these additional spring events:

- Thursday, March 27, 12:00pm: a panel discussion on current legal issues in HIV/AIDS work, cosponsored with Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)
- Wednesday, April 2, 12:00pm: "Hot Topics in European Biopatent Law," cosponsored with the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
- Friday, May 20: Conference on regulatory biostatistics, cosponsored with the Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI).

Look for more details on these events in future editions of this newsletter, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter to receive updates as soon as they're available!

Questions? Contact petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu or 617-496-4662.

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NEW POST:
Transgender Identity, Mental Health, and Human Rights: The DSM-5 and Beyond
Friday, February 28, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Hauser Hall 102, Harvard Law School, 1575 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

Please join us for a discussion with panelists: Sara Kimmell, staff psychologist at Harvard University Student Mental Health Services; Eszter Kismödi, international human rights lawyer on sexual and reproductive health law, policy, and research; Zack Paakkonen, staff attorney with GLAD's Transgender Rights Project; and moderator Mindy Roseman, Academic Director of the Human Rights Program and Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School.

A light lunch will be served.

Cosponsored by the Human Rights Program, the Radcliffe Institute, HLS Lambda, and the Petrie-Flom Center. Light lunch will be served.

NEW POST:
The Right to Life and the Inter American Court of Human Rights
March 5, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00pm
Wasserstein Hall 3007, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

Please join us for a brown bag talk with Professor Paola Bergallo, Faculty of Law, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, and HRP Visiting Fellow. Bergallo served as an expert witness in the landmark case Artavia Murillo et al. (“In Vitro Fertilization”) v. Costa Rica, discussing human rights definitions regarding the right to life, among other health and human rights matters. Professor Gerald Neuman will moderate.

This event is sponsored by the Human Rights Program and Harvard Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

The Medical Ethics Faculty Seminar, 2013-2014
Implementation of the Affordable Care Act: Ethics and Policy

Please join the HMS Division of Medical Ethics at the Faculty Seminars led by Marcia Angell, MD:

March 21, 2014
"Private insurance Reforms"
Timothy Jost, JD, Robert L. Willett Family Professorship of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law

April 25, 2014
"Setting Up State Insurance Exchanges"
Joshua Sharfstein, MD, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
May 16, 2014
"Where We Stand"
Robert Kuttner, co-founder and co-editor, The American Prospect magazine, and Distinguished Senior Fellow, Demos

For the full 2013-2014 Medical Ethics Faculty Seminar schedule, click here.

New Info-course at HMS Division of Medical Sciences: Patent Law in Academia
First meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 9:30am - 1:00pm
Location: TBD

While most scientists receive excellent training on how to conduct basic research, the job of a scientist, particularly at the level of university faculty, often requires many skills beyond the bench. One task a scientist may face during their career is how to manage a potentially patentable idea or discovery. This Info Course will provide a look into the process of obtaining a patent from the perspective of a principal investigator at a university. We will address many questions including what is a patent? and what ideas are worth patenting? We will also describe the patent process from the perspective of both the faculty member and the university.

Nanocourse Director: Dr. Fred Winston
Curriculum Fellow: Emily Gleason

Lecturers

- Anne I. Craig, Director of Intellectual Property, Office of Technology Development, Harvard University
- Dr. George Church, Robert Winthrop Professor of Genetics, Harvard
- Dr. Grant Zimmermann, Director of Business Development, Office of Technology Development, Harvard University.

For more information and to register, please click here.

The Dead-Donor Rule and the Future of Organ Transplantation
March 13, 2014, 4:30 - 6:00pm
Harvard Medical School, Medical Education Center (MEC) Amphitheater, 2nd Floor
260 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA

The ethics of organ transplantation have been premised on the "dead-donor rule," which states that vital organs should be taken only from persons who are dead. In this Public Forum, Professors James Bemar and Robert Truog will continue the discussion begun in their recent NEJM articles, and will debate whether our current approaches to diagnosing death actually comply with the dead-donor rule, and indeed whether the dead-donor rule should continue to be a foundational ethical principle for organ donation.

Clinical Ethics Continuing Education Day
March 19, 2014, 8:30am - 4:30pm
Harvard Medical School, Medical Education Center (MEC) Amphitheater, 2nd Floor
260 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA

This one day program provides up-to-date information on ethical issues in health care and discussion with colleagues serving on ethics committees and doing clinical ethics consults. Attendees are drawn from the disciplines of medicine, nursing, chaplaincy, law, psychology, philosophy, and allied health professions. Activities
and time are structured to meet colleagues doing similar work in clinical ethics, including a working lunch devoted to discussing ways to improve the effectiveness of clinical ethics committees. Small group sessions will address topics in ethics consultation and work with patients and families. While “everything you need to know” about clinical ethics cannot be contained in a single day, annual attendance at this program is intended to enable those serving on clinical ethics committees to keep their knowledge and skills current.

Tuition:
- $75 (USD) - reduced fee for staff and faculty of Harvard Medical School and its affiliated teaching hospitals and institutions
- $150 (USD) - all others

For more information and to register, click here.

*NOTE: The Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School often has public programs likely to be of interest. More information is available here. The Healthcare Initiative at Harvard Business School also hosts a number of relevant events. For details, see here.*

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**Outside Events**

**NEW POST:**

**Reproductive Law and Policy: Connecting the Dots**

A lecture by Professor Nancy Ehrenreich, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver

**Monday, February 24, 2014, 4:00pm**

First Floor Function Room, Suffolk Law School, 120 Tremont St., Boston

Professor Ehrenreich will discuss the ways in which laws and policies governing women's reproductive health impact communities of color.

The event is free and open to the public with a reception to follow.

Contact/RSVP to SuffolkWOCLSA@gmail.com.

Sponsored by the Suffolk University Law School Women of Color Law Students Association.

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**Opportunities at Harvard**

**Call for Applications: Fellowship in Medical Ethics, Harvard Medical School Division of Medical Ethics, 2014-2015**

**Deadline: April 14, 2014**

The Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School supports research and teaching on ethical issues in medicine, health, and healthcare policy and practice. The Fellowship in Medical Ethics is open to physicians,
nurses, lawyers, social workers, and others in academic fields related to medicine or health with a serious interest in medical ethics and a wish to further their knowledge of the history, philosophical underpinnings and contemporary practice of bioethics. Fellows attend a weekly three hour seminar designed to explore a wide range of issues, including ethical theory, clinical ethics, research ethics, and selected topics in public health ethics. Most weeks there is extensive reading and a brief paper. During the year, fellows participate in the intellectual life of the Division of Medical Ethics and are eligible to participate in Harvard University courses with permission of the course instructor as well as monthly division Faculty Seminars and various public programs in medical ethics sponsored by the Division.

Fellows must have external salary support. The fellowship fee is $7,000. Most Fellows receive this support from their sponsoring institutions, and The Division of Medical Ethics will assist applicants who would like help approaching their sponsoring institutions with such a request.

Fellows are selected on the basis of their previous academic achievement and the contribution they are likely to make as researchers, clinicians, and teachers in medical ethics. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a letter of not more than 750 words, describing the reasons for their interest in the Fellowship, including any particular topics or questions they are most interested in exploring. This letter is an important opportunity for applicants to tell us about themselves, their interests, and their motivations in pursuing training in medical ethics. Applicants should also provide two letters of reference and a third letter from their supervisor or key senior staff person, demonstrating institutional support for the candidate's involvement in the HMS Fellowship and likely opportunities the candidate will have to contribute to bioethics at their home institution, upon completion of the Fellowship.

Deadline for submission of application materials is April 14, 2014. Three copies of all application materials should be sent to: Dr. Mildred Solomon, Fellowship Director, c/o Helena Martins, Harvard Medical School, Division of Medical Ethics, 641 Huntington Ave, 2nd Flr, Boston, MA 02115. If you have any questions please contact Helena at helena_martins@hms.harvard.edu or 617-432-3041.

For full description and to apply click here.

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Jobs, Fellowships, and Other Opportunities

NEW POST:
Neuroethics Faculty Position
Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University
Review of applications begins February 28; position open until filled

The Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences at Michigan State University invites applications for a faculty position in bioethics, with a specialization in neuroethics. This will be a fixed-term (non-tenure track), academic year (9 month) appointment. Rank is open. Salary will be commensurate with experience. The initial term of appointment will be for two years. The appointment will begin August 16, 2014.

The successful applicant will devote 65% time to research and scholarship; 25% to teaching; and 10% to outreach.

Research will be primarily in the area of neuroethics. The individual will be expected to successfully pursue research collaborations, including projects with the potential for external funding, with faculty or clinicians in the Division of Clinical Neurosciences; The Department of Translational Science & Molecular Medicine, including its Translational Neuroscience Research Team; the Neuroscience Program; or others engaged in brain-based
clinical research or treatment.

Funds will be provided to support an active and productive research agenda. Teaching will primarily be in courses led by the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences in MSU’s College of Human Medicine and in relevant medical residency programs, with possibilities for teaching at the graduate level in departments appropriate to the individual’s doctoral training. Outreach will take a variety of forms, including presentations to health professional and public audiences.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or other terminal degree in a discipline relevant to bioethics scholarship, have an excellent scholarly record in neuroethics, and possess the ability to work collaboratively with those from other disciplines. Experience teaching bioethics to health professional students is highly desirable. We are particularly interested in candidates who will enhance faculty diversity and inclusion at Michigan State University.

To view this posted position, visit the MSU Applicant page jobs.ms.

Call for Applications: Duke University Science & Society

Deadline for application to all programs: March 3, 2014, 5:00pm

- Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program
- Associate in Research Program
- Residential Internship in Science and Society (RISS)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program
Duke University Science & Society invites applications for the 2014-2015 Post-doctoral Fellowship Program. This paid fellowship is intended for individuals with a doctoral degree (JD, PhD, MD, DPhil) who are interested in an academic or policy career working on issues in science and society, with a particular interest in the legal, ethical, and social implications of the biosciences.

Science & Society:
Duke Science & Society is an interdisciplinary initiative that examines the wide-ranging and integral role of science in social institutions and culture. Science & Society integrates and fosters innovation in related research, education, and engagement at Duke by adopting a pluralistic approach to understanding how science and human endeavors intersect with a specific focus on ethical, legal, and social implications for science. For more information, visit our website at http://www.scienceandsociety.duke.edu.

The Fellowship:
The Science & Society Fellowship is a residential fellowship that provides an opportunity to become involved in the activities of Science & Society and Duke University, while pursuing independent scholarship at the intersection of science and society. Candidates are offered a one-year position, with a possibility of renewal for a second one-year position. Fellows dedicate approximately one third of their time to supporting the activities of Science & Society, one third of their time supporting the research of the Director of Science & Society, and one third of their time on independent research. Fellows are provided with office space, a competitive stipend, and benefits. Applicants should have a JD or other doctoral level degree (MD, PhD) in a relevant area. A law degree is a significant advantage but is not a requirement.

Fellowship Responsibilities:
Independent scholarship at the intersection of biosciences and law:

- Complete at least one mentored research project which culminates in a manuscript of publishable quality
- Participate in bioethics conferences, workshops, and seminars as appropriate

Support Research of Director of Science & Society:

- Provide research support on research projects, presentations, and grant proposals under the supervision of the Director of Science & Society
- Draft manuscripts, engage in empirical and qualitative research activities in support of the research projects
of the Director of Science & Society

Support Science & Society activities:

• Organize and implement for the master's program the colloquium series "Contemporary Issues in Bioethics & Science Policy," which involves coordinating a series of speakers for the course.
• Serve on the Science & Society Workshop Committee, and help plan and implement Science & Society workshops
• Implement a training program for young researchers interested in learning more about Science & Society topics
• Support the work of Science & Society, including research, education, and engagement
• Complete other tasks as requested.

The Application Process:
Applicants should submit a CV, contact information for three references, a writing sample, and a research proposal (in 2000 words or less) to Julia Walker (julia.s.walker@duke.edu). Subject line of email application should read "Application 2014 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program" and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 3, 2014. Fellows will be chosen based on demonstrated academic merit, likelihood of future success in academia or science policy, and on strength of their research proposals. Decisions will be made by March 24, 2013. Duke University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Please contact Julia Walker at julia.s.walker@duke.edu or by phone at (919) 684-8839 if you have questions.

Associate in Research Program
Duke University Science & Society invites applications for the 2014-2015 Associate in Research Fellowship Program. This paid post-baccalaureate program aims to prepare motivated applicants for interdisciplinary scholarship in emerging ethical, social, policy and/or legal issues raised by research in the biosciences. This position is intended for post-baccalaureate students without a doctorate who are not current degree candidates.

Science & Society:
Duke Science & Society is an interdisciplinary initiative that examines the wide-ranging and integral role of science in social institutions and culture. Science & Society integrates and fosters innovation in related research, education, and engagement at Duke by adopting a pluralistic approach to understanding how science and human endeavors intersect with a specific focus on ethical, legal, and social implications for science. For more information, visit our website at http://www.scienceandsociety.duke.edu.

Job Description:

• Support the work and activities of Science & Society, including research, education, and engagement
• Conduct research, assist with presentations, and assist with courses and the development of related materials under the supervision of the Director of Science & Society
• Support the research activities of supervising mentors
• Conduct independent ELSI research in issues around biosciences

Other Opportunities:

• Participate in Science & Society intellectual life
• Be involved in research ethics
• Help plan and participate in Science & Society symposia, policy workshops, and other events and programs aimed at forging interdisciplinary dialogue in science and society

Required Qualifications:

• Completion of an undergraduate degree
• High academic achievement
• Excellent oral and written communication skills
• Strong interest in Science and Society
• Demonstration of good judgment, flexibility, and integrity
The Application Process:

Applicants should submit a CV, contact information for three references, a writing sample, and a statement of purpose (in 1000 words or less) to Julia Walker (julia.s.walker@duke.edu). Subject line of email applications must read "Application for 2014 Associate in Research," and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2014. Decisions will be made by March 24, 2013.

Residential Internship in Science and Society (RISS)
Duke University Science & Society invites applications for the 2014-2015 Residence Internship in Science & Society (RISS). This unpaid in-residence internship in Science & Society (RISS) is designed for post-baccalaureate or post-doctoral students seriously contemplating or furthering a career at the intersection of science and society. The internship provides a supportive environment to pursue scholarly interests related to the ethics of science, with a preference for those focused on neuroscience & society and genomics and society. The RISS works closely with mentors from Science & Society, who will help guide, train, and advise. The internship is located at Science & Society, Duke University, in Durham, NC.

Description
The RISS is focused on experiential learning in an academic research setting; the RISS will integrate previously learned knowledge and theory with practical research application and skills development. The RISS will have no prescribed duties related to the daily work of the initiative. The nature and extent of the RISS involvement with Science & Society are to be determined more by the RISS's own interests than by any demand on his or her time. The RISS will be invited to weekly bioethics seminars, journal clubs, conferences, and other educational opportunities related to the intersection of science and society.

To maximize the benefit of the internship, during the pendency of the term, the RISS shall not have any other full-time job, nor be a degree candidate in any college or graduate school. The specific term of the internship, which can range from 4 months up to 1 year, will be determined before the start of the program. Science & Society will provide facilities and work space during the internship.

Goals & Learning Objectives

- Understand the basic and contemporary issues in bioethics and science policy, as well as familiarity with the literature on these issues
- Gain valuable applied experience in a research and educational setting
- Make connections with mentors in fields related to science and society
- Build research skills
- Complete a mentored research project with the goal of publishing one or multiple first-authored articles for placement in premier academic journals
- Gain competency in oral and written presentation of the project/research results
- Participate in journal clubs and works-in-progress seminars

Required Qualifications

- Completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree
- High academic achievement
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strong interest in Science and Society
- Demonstration of good judgment, flexibility, and integrity
- Fluent English speaker
- Committed to the unpaid fellowship

The Application Process
Applicants should submit a CV, contact information for three references, a writing sample, and a statement of purpose (in 2000 words or less) to Julia Walker (julia.s.walker@duke.edu).
The subject line for all applications should read "RISS 2014 Application" and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2014. Decisions will be made by March 24, 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact Julia Walker at julia.s.walker@duke.edu or by phone at (919) 684-8839 if you have questions.

**NEW POST:**

**2-year Fellowship in Clinical Ethics**

**Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine and Houston Methodist Hospital System**

**Deadline: March 10, 2014**

The Baylor College of Medicine Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy and the Houston Methodist Hospital System Biomedical Ethics Program are seeking a full-time clinical ethics fellow to train with the Center faculty and staff who lead the Clinical Ethics Consultation Service at Houston Methodist Hospital, a premier, high-volume consultation service with over 450 annual consultations.

Applications for this two-year fellowship will be considered from professionals with terminal post-graduate degrees in bioethics, medicine, nursing, religious studies, law, and other related fields. This fellowship offers a competitive stipend, excellent benefits, and opportunities for continued professional development.

The fellowship offers:

- Comprehensive training in clinical ethics consultation including the opportunity to observe and conduct ethics consultations for a high-volume Clinical Ethics Consultation Service (~450 consultations per year) at the Houston Methodist Hospital and its affiliates, including on-call duties.
- Participation in clinical, research and educational activities within the Center with the support and mentoring of the Center faculty.
- Participation in Biomedical Ethics Committee and subcommittee meetings.
- Participation in activities related to our undergraduate and graduate medical curricula, including the award-winning ethics track program.
- Preparation and delivery of presentations on clinical ethics-related topics for clinical audiences.
- Opportunities for high quality collaborative ethics scholarship.
- Participation in outcomes research related to clinical ethics consultation.

Qualifications:

- Terminal post-graduate degree.
- Candidates with an interest in transplantation ethics preferred.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Strong organizational skills, working both independently and collaboratively to achieve mission goals and deadlines.
- Strong presentation and teaching skills.

Tentative start date: July 1, 2014.

Interested applicants should submit: (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume or CV, and (3) the names of at least three professional or academic references to Joseph Sayegh at sayegh@bcm.edu by March 10, 2014.

Further information about the Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy can be found at [www.bcm.edu/ethics](http://www.bcm.edu/ethics). Further information about Houston Methodist Hospital can be found at [www.houstonmethodist.org](http://www.houstonmethodist.org). Baylor College of Medicine and Houston Methodist Hospital are Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Equal Access Employers.
**Call for Papers: McGill Journal of Law and Health**

**Special Issue on Health Law, Biotechnology, and Intellectual Property**

**Deadline: March 24, 2014**

The McGill Journal of Law and Health is an academic, peer-reviewed journal that publishes multidisciplinary articles on the intersection of health and law, both within Canada and at the international level. Now in our eighth year, we have a history of publishing research by major Canadian scholars working in this field. Our journal is entirely run by students from the undergraduate and graduate programs of the Faculty of Law at McGill University (Montreal, Canada). All of our archives are publicly available at [http://mjlh.mcgill.ca](http://mjlh.mcgill.ca), as well as by subscription in the Hein Online Law Journal Library.

The MJLH is currently targeting scholarship focused on the intersection of health law, biotechnology, and intellectual property. We are seeking submissions of papers addressing the complex legal issues raised by biotechnological innovation as well as the impact of intellectual property law on health policy and research. Scholars with interest and expertise in any areas related to these topics are specifically invited to contribute to the journal.

Submissions are welcome at any time. Of particular note: Submissions received by 24 March 2014 will be considered for inclusion in a proposed Special Issue on health law, biotechnology, and intellectual property.

Complete submission guidelines are available on our website at [http://mjlh.mcgill.ca](http://mjlh.mcgill.ca) (choose "Submissions" from the menu).

View the full call [here](http://mjlh.mcgill.ca).

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**NEW POST:**

**Empirical Research on Ethical Issues Related to Central IRBs and Consent for Research Using Clinical Records and Data**

**Deadline: April 18, 2014, 5:00pm**

**Purpose:**

Ethical questions and challenges are inherent in the conduct of scientific research and the application of new knowledge and technologies in the clinic. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has a long history of supporting research on ethical issues, and the support of empirical bioethics research forms an integral component of the NIH commitment to enhance protections for human research subjects, increase the quality of biomedical, clinical, social, and behavioral research, and expand the evidence base to inform sound practice and policy. Furthermore, emerging scientific and technological advances may pose unforeseen risks or may be lacking ethical guidance. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage Research Project Grant (R01) applications to explore two timely issues of significance for policy development relevant to:

1. The principles and characteristics for central Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and
2. Consent and participant preferences for research using clinical records and data.

**Background:**

Two current issues in bioethics that are of interest to the Federal government and the research community involve the use of central IRBs and research involving the use of clinical records and data. First, the use of a single IRB for multi-site studies, which is permitted under current Federal human subjects research regulations (45 CFR part 46), was proposed as a requirement for domestic, multi-site studies in the 2011 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Common Rule. While central IRBs have been used effectively in some contexts, research and analysis could inform the move to broader use of central IRBs. Second, as clinical records are increasingly digitized and interoperable, new opportunities for research involving clinical records and data raise a host of issues including privacy, confidentiality, informed consent, and public and patient preferences. The Office of the Director FY2014 funds will be used to support research to help inform the operation of central IRBs and research using
clinical records and data.

Goals:
The goals of this FOA are to further the NIH commitment to enhanced protections for human research subjects, to increase the quality of biomedical, clinical, social, and behavioral research, and to expand the evidence base to inform sound practice and policy.

Scope:
Applications should address ethical issues with significant policy relevance relating to either central IRBs for multisite clinical trials or research involving clinical records and data.

Applications addressing central IRBs should focus on addressing one or more of the following issues:

- Principles that should guide the formation and conduct of central IRBs;
- Standard Operating Procedures for the functioning of central IRBs;
- New resources or tools that may be needed to support the operation of central IRBs; and,
- Any other ethical or logistical issues related to the use of central IRBs for oversight of multi-site studies.

Applications addressing research with clinical records and data should address at least one of the following issues:

- The appropriate content and duration of informed consent for research use of clinical records and data;
- Patient preferences about research use of clinical information, including preferred level of control, access to information about use of the clinical record or data, and return of results;
- Patient preferences about the availability of clinical information for research (open vs controlled access);
- Patient preferences about distinguishing between "research" activities and "quality improvement" activities
- Protecting privacy while enabling sharing of clinical records and data for research.

As part of developing plans for an application, applicants are encouraged to consult with the appropriate Scientific/Research Contact as early as possible. This will provide an opportunity to clarify the applicant's understanding of program goals and guidelines.

Copenhagen Summer University Course Offering:
Pharmaceutical Law and Policy - Hot Topics Shaping the Future of the European Pharmaceutical Industry
Registration deadline: May 28, 2014

What are the most significant current issues shaking and shaping the pharmaceutical industry today? The business environment and legal framework relevant to the pharmaceutical industry continues to change rapidly in the face of constant challenges posed by competition, politics and technological innovation. Considering the highly lucrative and competitive nature of the industry, it is more important than ever for professionals working with legal and regulatory aspects of drug development to stay abreast of the most recent developments.

This course provides a broad and practical understanding of the 'hot topics' and will present and analyse these topics from scientific, legal and policy perspectives.

The course will run August 12-16, 2014.

This course meets the Danish requirements for compulsory supplementary training for lawyers and trainee solicitors. Read more here.

Directed by Petrie-Flom Visiting Scholar Timo Minssen. For further information and to register please click here.

Additional opportunities:
News and Announcements from the Petrie-Flom Center

- **Postdoctoral Fellow to provide quantitative analytical support for Public Health Law research**, Temple University Beasley School of Law, open until filled
- **Engagement Manager, Axiom Law, New York**, open until filled
- Summer Internships, Axiom Law, contact recruitment manager Sutton Kraus at Sutton.Kauss@axiomiaw.com, open until filled
- **Duke Master of Arts in Bioethics & Science Policy**, Deadline: March 1, 2014

We share announcements of jobs and fellowships and calls for proposals as they are received. We generally include detailed descriptions for one month, or two cycles of the newsletter; after one month we share titles and deadlines along with a link to the item's online description, when available, until the deadline passes. If you have opportunities that you would like to share via the Petrie-Flom newsletter, please contact Administrative Director Cristine Hutchison-Jones at chutchisonjones@law.harvard.edu.

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