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The Petrie-Flom Center is pleased to announce publication of Human Subjects Research Regulation: Perspectives on the Future (MIT Press 2014), co-edited by Petrie-Flom Center Faculty Director, I. Glenn Cohen, and Executive Director, Holly Fernandez Lynch. This edited volume stems from the Center's 2012 annual conference, which brought together leading experts in a conversation about whether and how the current system of human subjects research regulation in the U.S. ought to change to fit evolving trends, fill substantial gaps, and respond to identified shortcomings.

The book is currently available from MIT Press and Amazon, in hardcover and paperback. We will be hosting a book discussion at Harvard Law School on October 22, and in Baltimore on December 5 at Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIMR)'s annual Advancing Ethical Research Conference. Details will be announced shortly.

From the book jacket:

The current framework for the regulation of human subjects research emerged largely in reaction to the horrors of Nazi human experimentation, revealed at the Nuremberg trials, and the Tuskegee syphilis study, conducted by U.S. government researchers from 1932 to 1972. This framework, combining elements of paternalism with efforts to preserve individual autonomy, has remained fundamentally unchanged for decades. Yet, as this book documents, it has significant flaws—including its potential to burden important research, overprotect some subjects and inadequately protect others, generate inconsistent results, and lag behind developments in how research is conducted. Invigorated by the U.S. government's first steps toward
change in over twenty years, Human Subjects Research Regulation brings together the leading thinkers in this field from ethics, law, medicine, and public policy to discuss how to make the system better. The result is a collection of novel ideas—some incremental, some radical—for the future of research oversight and human subject protection.

After reviewing the history of U.S. research regulations, the contributors consider such topics as risk-based regulation; research involving vulnerable populations (including military personnel, children, and prisoners); the relationships among subjects, investigators, sponsors, and institutional review boards; privacy, especially regarding biospecimens and tissue banking; and the possibility of fundamental paradigm shifts.


For more information, including a full Table of Contents, check out the book on the MIT website.

Buy the Book!

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VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE:
2014 Annual Conference: Behavioral Economics, Law, and Health Policy

The Petrie-Flom Center held its 2014 annual conference on May 2-3, 2014. Building on the success of the behavioral economics movement, this conference further developed 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.

Watch the full conference online!

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Scholarship & Commentary from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Human Subjects Research Regulation: Perspectives on the Future

I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director) and Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director), eds.
MIT Press, August 2014

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FDA Regulation of Mobile Health Technologies
Nathan G. Cortez, J.D., I. Glenn Cohen, J.D., and Aaron S. Kesselheim, M.D., J.D., M.P.H.
NEJM, July 23, 2014

From the article:

Medicine may stand at the cusp of a mobile transformation. Mobile health, or "mHealth," is the use of portable devices such as smartphones and tablets for medical purposes, including diagnosis, treatment, or support of general health and well-being. Users can interface with mobile devices through software applications ("apps") that typically gather input from interactive questionnaires, separate medical devices connected to the mobile device, or functionalities of the device itself, such as its camera, motion sensor, or microphone. Apps may even process these data with the use of medical algorithms or calculators to generate customized diagnoses and treatment recommendations. Mobile devices make it possible to collect more granular patient data than can be collected from devices that are typically used in hospitals or physicians' offices. The experiences of a single patient can then be measured against large data sets to provide timely recommendations about managing both acute symptoms and chronic conditions.

Read the full article.

Reconsideration of the Lifetime Ban on Blood Donation by Men Who Have Sex With Men
I. Glenn Cohen, JD; Jeremy Feigenbaum, JD; Eli Y. Adashi, MD, MS
JAMA, July 23, 2014

Faculty Director I. Glenn Cohen has co-authored a new Viewpoint piece in the July 23/30, 2014 issue of JAMA, arguing for the end of the FDA's lifetime ban on blood donation by men who have sex with men.

From the piece:

In 2013, the US Supreme Court took a historic step in United States v Windsor by striking down the Defense of Marriage Act on the grounds that it imposed a "disability on the class [of gay Americans] by refusing to acknowledge a status the State finds to be dignified and proper." This milestone in gay rights stands in stark contrast to the ongoing lifetime ban imposed in 1983 on blood donation by men who have ever had sex with men (MSMs) even once. As it stands, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to uphold this 30-year-old policy, unaltered, on the grounds that MSMs remain at increased risk of contracting transfusion-transmissible pathogens such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

This indefinite and indiscriminate policy has hardly gone unchallenged. The American Red Cross, America's Blood Centers, and the American Association of Blood Banks have opposed the ban as "medically and scientifically unwarranted." More recently, the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association called for the replacement of the current policy with "rational, scientifically based deferral periods that are fairly and consistently applied." In addition, a bipartisan and bicameral contingent of members of Congress wrote former Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to "express concern with the progress of ... evaluations of the current blood donation criteria for men who have sex with men." The above notwithstanding, the DHHS Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA) reaffirmed the lifetime ban on blood donation by sexually active MSMs at its most recent meeting in December 2013. A change in policy is presently contingent on the establishment of "an ongoing, integrated, coordinated, and nationally representative US transfusion transmissible infections..."
monitoring system" and on the conclusion of several federally funded studies. In this Viewpoint, we explore the shortcomings of the current policy of the FDA, examine its social, moral, and legal ramifications, and propose that an "assess and test" protocol, one focused on individual risk assessment, be instituted in its stead.

For more read Cohen's recent post on the subject at Bill of Health, or access the full article.

**Clinical Trials and the Right to Remain Silent**

_Michelle M. Mello, JD, PhD, MPhil and I. Glenn Cohen, JD_

_JAMA Internal Medicine, July 21, 2014_

I. Glenn Cohen has coauthored a new Invited Commentary piece in JAMA on access to clinical trial data.

From the article:

In this issue of JAMA Internal Medicine, Kernan et al chronicle Yale University’s experience responding to a subpoena for data from an ongoing, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of pioglitazone. The subpoena arose from litigation brought by Sara J. Kincaid, who believed she had been injured by pioglitazone but who was not a clinical trial participant. Yale's legal team was troubled because they believed that releasing the data would compromise the integrity of the trial and threaten the investigators’ scientific interests.

The authors' account of their struggle to balance their legal obligations with fidelity to good science is fascinating. Herein we provide broader context to this important issue by examining the subpoena power and the authors’ conclusion that there is a "duty to resist" subpoenas for data from ongoing clinical trials. Two considerations qualify such a duty. First, intermediate solutions may exist between publicly disclosing and refusing to turn over clinical trial data. Second, the balance of the various interests involved in weighing responses to a subpoena tips in different directions depending on the stage of the clinical trial.

For more, check out the full article and watch a Podcast interview with Cohen about this piece.

**JAMA opinion piece calls for ending lifetime ban on blood donation by gay men**

_Cheryl Wetzstein, citing I. Glenn Cohen_

_Washington Times, July 19, 2014_

From the article:

Gay marriage laws and court rulings against sexual-orientation discrimination are all signs that it’s time for the federal government to change its blood-donor policy for gay and bisexual men, authors said in a commentary released Saturday.

The lifetime ban for blood donation by men who have sex with men (MSM) "may be perpetuating outdated homophobic perceptions," wrote Dr. Eli Y. Adashi of Brown University and scholars I. Glenn Cohen and Jeremy Feigenbaum, both of Harvard Law School, in the July 23/30 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Even though well intentioned and guided by a need to protect the integrity of the national blood supply, a policy that demands permanent deferrals for sexually active MSMs raises the specter of exclusion, stigmatization and marginalization," they wrote.

Read the full article.

**Hated the Facebook experiment? You'll hate what's next for health care**

_Adriana McIntyre interviewing I. Glenn Cohen_

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Vox, July 16, 2014

From the article:

Facebook isn't the only company that wants to capitalize on information collected from millions of people do research. Health care systems want to use the immense sea of data in patients' medical records to try and improve health and reduce costs.

For example, doctors might use patterns in hospital data to determine whether a patient is at high risk of cardiac arrest and should be admitted to the intensive care unit. The data used to make those decisions will be collected from thousands - or millions - of hospital visits, raising questions about the security of the data, and whether it's appropriate to use it to make medical decisions for individual patients.

I. Glenn Cohen is a professor of health law and ethics at Harvard Law School. He recently co-authored a paper on the new role that data is starting to play in health, and the legal and ethical wrinkles introduced by using that data to make medical decisions. We discussed some of those problems, and how they might be handled in the future.

Read the full article.

After Hobby Lobby, ACA exceptions may become the rule

David Morgan, interviewing Holly Fernandez Lynch

Reuters, July 15, 2014

Harvard's Holly Fernandez Lynch analyzes the impact of the Supreme Court's recent decision, saying the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), passed by Congress, will shape the impact as much as the court itself, because the high court used RFRA as its guide.

View the full interview.

Misjudgements will drive social trials underground

Michelle N. Meyer (Academic Fellow alumna) et al.

Nature, July 16, 2014

Former Petrie-Flom Academic Fellow Michelle N. Meyer has joined with a group of other scholars to defend the recently publicized social contagion experiment conducted by Facebook, arguing that the experiment "was controversial, but it was not an egregious breach of either ethics or law."

From the full statement:

Some bioethicists have said that Facebook's recent study of user behaviour is "scandalous", "violates accepted research ethics" and "should never have been performed".

I write with 5 co-authors, on behalf of 27 other ethicists, to disagree with these sweeping condemnations (see go.nature.com/XI7szI).

We are making this stand because the vitriolic criticism of this study could have a chilling effect on valuable research. Worse, it perpetuates the presumption that research is dangerous.

Read the full piece here. See the full list of co-authors and signatories of the statement here.
Everything You Need to Know About Facebook's Controversial Emotion Experiment
Michelle N. Meyer
Wired, June 30, 2014

From the article:

The closest any of us who might have participated in Facebook's huge social engineering study came to actually consenting to participate was signing up for the service. Facebook's Data Use Policy warns users that Facebook "may use the information we receive about you...for internal operations, including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, research and service improvement." This has led to charges that the study violated laws designed to protect human research subjects. But it turns out that those laws don't apply to the study, and even if they did, it could have been approved, perhaps with some tweaks. Why this is the case requires a bit of explanation.

From the Blog

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

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

Health insurance, health care reform/finance:

- "Update and Thoughts on Lawsuit Over Medicare Hearing Backlog" (here)
- "Obama Administration to Revise Contraceptives Coverage Accommodation" (here)
- "The ObamaCare Subsidies Rulings-and the D.C. Circuit's Disappointing Misreading of the ACA" (here)
- "A Mixed Message on Obamacare from Two Federal Circuits" (here)
- "Don't Buy the Cooperative-Federalism-Makes-Halbig-Logical-Argument" (here)
- "How En Banc Review Would Work in Halbig" (here)

Pharmaceuticals:

- Pharmaceutical Pricing- The Story That Just Keeps Going "(here)

Personhood/animals:

- "Recent opinion piece by Art Caplan on personhood (here)

Bioethics:

- "Translating 'ELSI' into Policy" (here)

General health law/policy:

- "Medical Malpractice: FTCA's Trap for the Unwary" (here)
"Limelight v. Akamai: Implications for Medical Method Patents" (here)
"Suits for nursing-home neglects sound in general negligence rather than medical malpractice, and are consequently not subject to damage caps" (here)
"Just 'Fix-It'" (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

The 2013-2014 Health Law Policy and Bioethics Workshops have concluded. Workshops will resume in fall 2014, and we will post the schedule of presenters here and on our website when it becomes available in late summer.

To download papers from this year's workshops, visit the individual workshop pages in our online Events Archive.

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Petrie-Flom Center Events

The Petrie-Flom Center's 2013-2014 schedule of events has concluded. We will resume holding events in September 2014. Check back here or on our website for more information about upcoming events.

And remember -- you can find materials from many of our events, including slide presentations and full event videos, online in our events archive. Check it out!

Post-Trial Access to Medicines: Responsibilities and Implementation

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 7:30AM - 5:30 PM
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East AB, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Registration for the conference is open now! Register online.

Law, policy, and guidance are vague, sometimes conflicting, and generally lacking in concrete solutions for questions regarding post-trial responsibilities. The issues are complex and demand thoughtful discourse to move the clinical trial enterprise towards meaningful solutions. Areas that currently lack clarity include:
What types of interventions or resources should be included within post-trial responsibilities?
What is a reasonable duration for post-trial responsibilities to extend?
What is the mission and purpose of various stakeholders in the conduct of clinical research and how do these roles intersect with post-trial access responsibilities?

This conference will bring together diverse stakeholders to address and develop consensus around some of these questions.

Objectives:

- To discuss implications of international guidance on post-trial responsibilities for clinical research sponsors, investigators, and other stakeholders
- To articulate and understand the range of perspectives on post-trial responsibilities
- To draw lessons from successful and unsuccessful attempts to implement post-trial access policies
- To discuss potential scenarios and practical solutions for post trial responsibilities that may inform policy in this important area moving forward
- To identify key priorities for a Post-Trial Responsibilities Working Group to be launched by the Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center at Harvard.

The full agenda is now available on our website.

Cosponsored with the Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center at Harvard University.
Other Harvard Events

Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School Launch
September 4, 2014, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Gordon Hall, Benjamin Waterhouse Room, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA

The new Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School will host an opening event on Thursday, September 4, 2014, 4-7 PM in the Benjamin Waterhouse Room, Gordon Hall. Come here about exciting new initiatives, along with information about the Center's ongoing commitment to providing bioethics education and bringing together ethics faculty and services from the HMS affiliated hospitals and the University. Faculty, Fellows (past and current), Hospital staff and ethics committee members, regional colleagues, and the HMS Community Ethics Committee are invited to attend and join the discussion of future endeavors at the Center for Bioethics.

RSVP Here.

Apply Now:
Introduction to Translational Medicine
September 29 - October 1, 2014
Sheraton Commander Hotel, 16 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA

Application deadline is August 1, 2014. Apply online.

Petrie-Flom Executive Director, Holly Fernandez Lynch will be teaching a session on Ethics of Human Research.

For more information about the course, including application information, please visit the full course description or email itmcourse@catalyst.harvard.edu.

Course themes:

- Preclinical Discovery
- Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology
- Conflicts of Interest
- Leadership and Team Dynamics in Research
- Ethics of Human Research
- Academic/Industrial Relationships in Drug Development

Eligibility

- MD, DMD, PharmD, DNP, PhD, or equivalent
- Involvement in basic or clinical research
- Endorsement from immediate supervisor

Tuition-free for Harvard-affiliated institutions. Harvard Catalyst Education Program's policy requires full attendance and completion of all activity surveys to be eligible for CME credit; no partial credit is allowed. Apply now.

Utilizing both case studies and a didactic curriculum, Introduction to Translational Medicine (ITTM) is a survey
A course that offers an introduction to the skills necessary to embark on a career in translational research, particularly in the process of bringing an idea from the laboratory to first-in-human trials (called T1 translational research). This course focuses on the principles and practices of translational medicine as they apply to the development of a new drug (small molecules and/or biologics), device, or diagnostic. Case studies allow participants to grasp the realization of the concepts discussed. Each attendee receives training in the pre-clinical development of novel targets and leads, clinical pharmacology, the regulatory process, and design of the first-in-human clinical trial. In addition, participants learn about funding opportunities for translational research, as well as how to navigate academic/industrial collaborations that lead to the successful development of new drugs or methodologies.

Opportunities at Harvard

Research Assistant
Petrie-Flom Center, Harvard Law School
Open until filled.

The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law and Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics, seeks a part-time research assistant for project collaboration with Harvard Catalyst (Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center) on challenges and innovation in human subjects research, addressing such issues as privacy and big data, research access to PHI, health information in the Cloud, the use of social media, and involving vulnerable populations. The work will initially involve 6-12 hours per week for 3 months. Applicants who have completed at least one year of a law program or health policy or related program are particularly encouraged to apply. Please contact Robin Pierce, J.D., Ph.D. at rpierce@law.harvard.edu.

Jobs, Fellowships, and Other Opportunities

NEW POST
ORISE Fellowship
Office of Health System Collaboration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Application Deadline: August 1, 2014

In partnership with the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is pleased to announce a fellowship opportunity for an ORISE fellow in the Office of Health System Collaboration within CDC's Office of the Associate Director of Policy (OADP). The applicant should have a background in health policy or public health law and strong familiarity with the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, the applicant should indicate interest or past experience in coordinating systematic reviews of health-related regulations and policies. Master's-level (or JD a plus) applicants with significant public health policy experience should apply.

To be considered, send a current CV/resume to the attention of Jocelyn Wheaton at jwheaton@cdc.gov by Friday, August 1, 2014.
NEW POST
Fall 2014 Venture Incubation Program
Harvard Innovation Lab, Harvard University
Application Deadline: August 17, 2014, 11:59 PM

The Venture Incubation Program is a 12-week program designed to help current Harvard students make progress on their entrepreneurial ventures. Students committed to building their venture among an engaging community at the i-lab are encouraged to apply. Selected teams will have access to VIP-only workshops, mentoring, resources and dedicated space at the i-lab.

Applications must be submitted by matriculated, degree-seeking Harvard students. The lead Harvard student team member must have a presence at the i-lab on a regular basis.

Applications will be accepted until Sunday, August 17 at 11:59 PM.

Awarded space will be for the period of September 29 through December 12. Decisions will be announced the second week of September.

Teams will be chosen by a panel of evaluators. We are encouraging students and teams from across the University to apply. Special consideration may be given to teams already formed around a venture and focused on implementation and growth. Please note that any awards of space to team(s) will be subject to agreement by the team to the i-lab's Terms of Use agreement.

If you are accepted, please plan to attend an orientation the week of September 22. (details to follow)

NEW POST
Call for Papers: AALS Joint Program
The Association of American Law Schools
Application Deadline: August 31, 2014, 5:00 pm

The AALS Section on Aging and the Law and the AALS Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care are sponsoring a joint program at the January 2015 Annual Meeting. The program will consider many of the issues faced by elders, doctors, and the health care and social services systems when making medical treatment decisions for those incapacitated patients and residents who have no reasonably available legally authorized decision maker.

There are three confirmed panelists for this program:

(1) Ellen Fox, MD, former Chief Officer for Ethics in Health Care, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

(2) Professor Lawrence A. Frolik, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

(3) Erica Wood, JD, Assistant Director, ABA Commission on Law and Aging

Two additional panelists will be selected through this call for papers. Either paper proposals or completed papers are acceptable for submission. Selected panelists may receive an offer for publication from the Journal of International Aging, Law & Policy, a joint publication of Stetson University College of Law and AARP. The Journal is interested in papers that have an international or comparative component. Acceptance of a publication offer is not a condition for serving as a panelist. There is no formal requirement as to length of the proposal or final paper. Preference will be given to papers that offer novel scholarly insights on the panel topic. A paper may have already been accepted for publication as long as it will not be published prior to the Annual Meeting.

A successful proposal may focus on the broader legal, medical, or social aspects of making medical treatment
Paper proposals will be reviewed by a committee of law professors from both AALS sections. Please submit your paper or proposal by 

**Friday, August 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** Please send it BOTH to Mark Bauer (Chair, AALS Section on Aging and the Law), Stetson University College of Law, mbauer@law.stetson.edu; and to Thaddeus Pope (Chair-Elect, Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care), Hamline University School of Law, t pope01@hamline.edu.

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**NEW POST**

Call for Papers: AALS Section on Law, Medicine & Health Care

The Association of American Law Schools

**Application Deadline: September 1, 2014**

The AALS Section on Law, Medicine and Health Care is pleased to announce a Call for Papers for a special Works-in-Progress for New Law School Teachers Program. The Section will run the Program from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, at the AALS 2015 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

This program will bring together junior and senior health law scholars for a lively discussion of the junior scholar's works-in-progress. Junior health law scholars will submit papers that they expect to submit in the spring 2015 law review submission cycle. After they briefly present their papers in a concurrent roundtable setting, senior scholars will provide oral comments and critiques. This new program presents an opportunity for the audience to hear cutting edge health law scholarship by recent members of the academy.

We will limit our selection to two or three papers.

**Form & Length of Submission**

Eligible faculty members are invited to submit either manuscripts or abstracts dealing with any aspect of health law or policy. Abstracts must be comprehensive enough to allow the committee to meaningfully evaluate the aims and likely content of the papers proposed. Papers may be accepted for publication but must be at a stage where input still would be useful. Papers must not be published prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Deadline & Submission Method**

To be considered, manuscripts or abstracts and a CV must be submitted electronically to both:

- Chair, Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care: Ani B. Satz, Emory University School of Law, asatz@law.emory.edu
- Chair-elect, Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care: Thaddeus Pope, Hamline University School of Law, t pope01@hamline.edu

The deadline for submission is **September 1, 2014**.

**Selection & Notification**

Papers will be selected after careful review and discussion by the Executive Board of the AALS Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care.

The authors of the selected papers will be notified by September 22, 2014.

If a selected author has submitted only an abstract for review, the author must submit the corresponding manuscript by December 15, 2014. The Call for Paper participants will be responsible for paying their annual meeting registration fee and travel expenses.

**Eligibility**

Full-time untenured faculty members of AALS member law schools are eligible to submit papers. The following
are ineligible to submit: foreign, visiting (without a full-time position at an AALS member law school) and adjunct faculty members, graduate students who are not also enrolled in a qualifying J.D. program, fellows, non-law school faculty, and faculty at fee-paid non-member schools. Papers co-authored with a person ineligible to submit on their own may be submitted by the eligible co-author.

**NEW POST**

**Call for Papers: The Society for Public Health's 66th Annual Meeting**

**Society for Public Health**

The Society for Public Health Education's 66th Annual Meeting, Blazing a Trail for Health Education and Health Promotion, offers an exciting opportunity to share your research findings, program impacts, policy changes, perspectives, and expertise with the health education and health promotion professional community. The conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, **April 23-25, 2015**. Join us in sharing your latest research and practice in health education and health promotion. You are invited to submit a proposal for an oral presentation, workshop, poster, think tank, and/or roundtable at the [Society for Public Health Education](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=0ecb07aa-5d99-442d-b74f-c9a1df0016&c=64fd4d50-4d19-11e3-b50a-d4ae52712b64&ch=65c3aa90-4d1317) (SOPHE) 2015 Annual Meeting.

For more information, please [click here](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=0ecb07aa-5d99-442d-b74f-c9a1df0016&c=64fd4d50-4d19-11e3-b50a-d4ae52712b64&ch=65c3aa90-4d1317).

**NEW POST**

**Research Program Coordinator**

**Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, John Hopkins University**

Open until filled.

This position (61443) involves both research and outreach work and provides an opportunity to work with a range of Berman Institute faculty. The Research Program Coordinator will assist in the management of outreach activities including both digital assets, such as websites, social media platforms, and email marketing, as well as live events. S/he will assist in the development of grant proposals; data management as well as data collection, entry, and cleaning for both qualitative and quantitative studies; gathering research and drafting materials for research papers, Op-Eds, presentations, grant proposals, blog posts, and other media; literature searches and reviews; developing reports; editing reports and manuscripts; and administrative functions including coordination of meetings, preparation of meeting materials, preparing meeting summaries or notes, and other meeting related tasks. Additional responsibilities include assisting faculty in pursuing opportunities for research on issues that emerge suddenly and offer a significant likelihood of important scholarly or policy impact. The Research Program Coordinator will work with Institute faculty to provide timely and concise information on emerging issues in the ethics of healthcare, science and public health through outlets and mechanisms widely available to the public. Additional duties may be assigned as needed.

For more information, please visit: [https://hrmt.jhu.edu/jhujobs/job_view.cfm?view_req_id=61443](https://hrmt.jhu.edu/jhujobs/job_view.cfm?view_req_id=61443)

**Call for Papers: Winter 2015 The SciTech Lawyer**

**American Bar Association**

**Deadline: August 1, 2014**

This is a call for authors for the [Winter 2015 The SciTech Lawyer](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=0ecb07aa-5d99-442d-b74f-c9a1df0016&c=64fd4d50-4d19-11e3-b50a-d4ae52712b64&ch=65c3aa90-4d1317), focusing on current developments in law, science, medicine, and technology that is of professional interest to the members of the American Bar Association Section of Science & Technology Law.

Writing for The SciTech Lawyer gives you an opportunity to get published and make a meaningful contribution to your Science & Technology section colleagues and readers in science and technology field.

We are in need of approximately 6 timely footnoted articles ranging about 2000 words in length, but we also have published longer and shorter articles. If you have published any books related to potential topics of Winter issue, we could publish one or two book reviews too. Some ideas for articles include the following, but you are free to suggest others:
(1) Brain-imaging and (moral/legal) responsibility
(2) Brain-imaging as evidence: brain injury and trial issues
(3) Free will, decision-making and legal responsibility

If you are interested in authoring an article, please send an email to Jung Jin Lee (jungjinlee@wustl.edu) or Lisa von Biela (lisavonbiela@live.com) with a summary of your article proposal, along with information about you and what you do by August 1, 2014.

Proposals will be reviewed by the SciTech Lawyer Editorial Board for selection and approval. Note: for those articles selected, the deadline for submission of articles for publication is September 15, 2014.

To see past editions of the SciTech Lawyer, please go to:
http://www.americanbar.org/publications/scitech_lawyer/

For more information on the SciTech Lawyer publication guidelines, please go to:
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/science_technology/pages/scitechlawyerguidelines.html

Two Clinical Ethicist Positions

Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA

Open until filled.

Temporary Clinical Ethicist
The Clinical Ethicist (33200BR) provides formal and informal ethics consultations and collaborates with clinical teams, patients and families, managers, and consultants to address ethical issues in pediatric health care and research. Documents ethics activities. May participate in clinical ethics rounds and other educational activities.

Requires working knowledge of theories, principles and concepts typically acquired through completion of a graduate degree in ethics, bioethics, or moral philosophy; a working knowledge of health care and hospitals or clinical degree in a health professional field; and extensive experience in clinical bioethics, preferably in hospital or health delivery systems. Work requires excellent interpersonal, organizational, oral and written communication skills in order to mediate moral disagreements or concerns and develop consensus, compromises, or other ethically acceptable resolutions. Work requires sensitivity in speaking with parents, patients, staff and others in stressful circumstances, in discussing ethical decisions regarding life support, dying and death, disclosure of bad news, participation in research, organ donation and transplantation, and other potential conflicts of interest and values. Work requires demonstrated ability in multidisciplinary collaboration and the ability to initiate, prioritize, and manage multiple projects, working across multiple departmental lines of authority and accountability and under pressure to meet deadlines.

Clinical Ethicist
The Clinical Ethicist (32902BR) provides formal and informal ethics consultations. Organizes and participates in clinical ethics rounds, and collaborates with clinical teams, patients and families, to address ethical issues in pediatric health care and research. Develops ethics resources and education and serves as a facilitator for change directed toward strengthening the Hospital staff's sense of moral responsibility and moral community.

Work requires at least 5 years clinical inpatient experience in a staff physician or nursing role with substantial prior ethics education and experience derived from completion of an ethics fellowship or other advanced ethics training and/or significant ethics consultation experience. Preference for a clinical degree in a health professional field and graduate level preparation in this discipline, clinical ethics fellowship completion, graduate degree in bioethics or related field, a strong understanding of acute care pediatric health care, and five or more years of experience in clinical bioethics, preferably in a pediatric hospital or health delivery system. Significant focus on inpatient pediatric ethics consultations with active collaboration with nursing, social work, medical staff, and other internal and external individuals and groups.

Work requires excellent interpersonal, organizational, oral and written communication skills in order to mediate moral disagreements or concerns and develop consensus or other ethically acceptable resolutions. Work requires
sensitivity in speaking with parents, patients, staff and others of diverse cultures in stressful circumstances, in discussing ethical decisions regarding life support, dying and death, disclosure of bad news, participation in research, organ donation and transplantation, and other issues that can involve conflicting interests and values.

Work requires demonstrated ability in multidisciplinary collaboration and the ability to initiate, prioritize, and manage multiple projects, working across multiple departmental lines of authority and accountability and under pressure to meet deadlines. Work requires the ability to motivate and manage employees, committee members, a volunteer staff, and consultants. Work requires remaining current in the fields of bioethics, relevant patient care law, philosophy, and religious ethics.

For more information, please visit: www.childrenshospital.jobs.

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MPH Program Manager
The Master of Public Health Program in Urban Health, Northeastern University
Open until filled.

Requisition Number: STFR001604

Division/College: Bouve College of Health Sciences

Interdisciplinary Division/College Location: Boston Main Campus

Full-time/Part-time: Full Time

Grade: 11

Responsibilities
The MPH Program Manager will independently direct and otherwise assist the Director of the MPH Program on all administrative aspects of the program, including student admissions, recruitment, retention activities; career development and mentoring; and program evaluation. The Program Manager will contribute to teaching and mentoring of students, be responsible for practicum, assist with capstone projects, and assist with workforce development activities. The Program Manager will develop and maintain relationships with students, faculty, and alumni in order to address student and faculty queries and concerns and evaluate the MPH program. The responsibilities of the Program Manager are critical to the MPH program overall and to maintaining accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Qualifications
Mature, experienced professional capable of independently leading program development, management, and diverse educational support functions. Master's degree in Public Health is required. Four-to-five years of experience in Public Health practice and/or in Public Health or other Health related graduate education preferred. Familiarity with the administration of a Master of Public Health Program and/or other health related graduate program preferred. Familiarity with CEPH accreditation requirements preferred. Demonstrated public health related teaching support and research related experience and skills in evaluation methodologies including database management required. Experience in student undergraduate or graduate health education recruitment, admissions, course guidance, community placement development and capstone completion preferred.

Additional opportunities:

- **AHCJ-NLM Health Journalism Fellowships**, Association of Health Care Journalists and National Library of Medicine. For questions contact Ev Ruch-Graham (ev@healthjournalism.org or 573-884-8103) Application Deadline: July 28, 2014
- 2014-2015 Health Law Fellowship, Yale Law School; open until filled. Interested applicants should email their CV and references to abbe.gluck@yale.edu.
- Call for Papers: Rutgers Journal of Bioethics, Bioethics Society of Rutgers University. Send completed papers to RUBioethics.journ@gmail.com Attn: ARTICLE SUBMISSION. Deadline: September 15, 2014.
- Health Law Attorney, Shaheen & Gordon, P.A., Attorneys at Law, Concord, NH; open until filled. Please forward cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, references and salary requirements to D. Michael Noonan, Esq., Managing Director at mnoonan@shaheengordon.com
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Biomedical Ethics Research, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MI; open until filled.
- Senior Lecturing Fellow/Associate Director of Engagement, Science & Society at Duke University, open until filled. Applicants should submit a cover letter, CV, an example of scholarly work, and contact information for three references to Julia Walker (julia.s.walker@duke.edu).
- **2014 Causal Inference Workshops: Main and Advanced**, Northwestern University and Duke University, registration open until filled.
- Postdoctoral Fellow to provide quantitative analytical support for Public Health Law research, Temple University Beasley School of Law, open until filled.
- International Conference on End of Life: Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice, Health Law Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

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