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Goodbye and Congratulations to Faculty Co-Director Benjamin N. Roin

The Petrie-Flom Center congratulates our co-director, Ben Roin, who effective June 30, 2014 will be taking up an offer to join the faculty of MIT Sloan School of Management. As part of this transition Ben will give up his co-directorship of the Center (I, Glenn Cohen will remain as sole faculty director), but he will continue as a faculty affiliate and be involved with Petrie-Flom programs. We are extremely grateful for his role in helping to build the Center and its program, and take solace in the fact that while he is moving to MIT he will not be very far away.

Please join us in congratulating Ben and thanking him for his years of leadership with the Petrie-Flom Center!

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Petrie-Flom Welcomes New Staff!

This Spring, Petrie-Flom launched two new sponsored research programs focused on law and ethics, one with Harvard Catalyst, Harvard's Clinical and Translational Science Center, and one with the Football Players Health Study at Harvard University funded by the NFL Players Association. Please join us in welcoming our new staff on these projects, and look out for additional updates as our work proceeds:
Christopher Deubert  
Senior Law and Ethics Associate  
The Football Players Health Study

Robin Pierce  
Senior Law and Ethics Associate  
Harvard Catalyst

Adrian Velasquez  
Project Coordinator  
The Football Players Health Study

Yennifer Pedraza  
Project Coordinator  
Harvard Catalyst

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Join Us for a Reception at the ASLME Health Law Professors conference!

All Bill of Health bloggers and readers and friends of the Petrie-Flom Center who are attending the annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference are invited to a cocktail reception.

Thursday, June 5, 2014, 6:30pm  
Bin 55 (restaurant), lobby level, Marriott Marquis  
780 Mission St.  
San Francisco, CA

We hope to see you there!

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Physicians, Medical Ethics, and Execution by Lethal Injection

Robert D. Truog, MD; I. Glenn Cohen, JD (Faculty Director); Mark A. Rockoff, MD
JAMA, May 19, 2014

Petrie-Flom Faculty Director I. Glenn Cohen has coauthored a new opinion piece now available through JAMA.

From the article:

In an opinion dissenting from a Supreme Court decision to deny review in a death penalty case, Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun famously wrote, "From this day forward, I no longer shall tinker with the machinery of death." In the wake of the recent botched execution by lethal injection in Oklahoma, however, a group of eminent legal professionals known as the Death Penalty Committee of The Constitution Project has published a sweeping set of 39 recommendations that not only tinker with, but hope to fix, the multitude of problems that affect this method of capital punishment.

Many of the recommendations this committee makes with regard to legal and administrative reforms appear worthwhile and reasonable. Their final recommendation, however, concerns the role of the medical profession in performing lethal injection. It states: "Jurisdictions should ensure that qualified medical personnel are present at executions and responsible for all medically-related elements of executions."

In particular, the recommendation specifies that "Execution team members...are licensed, practicing doctors, nurses or emergency medical technicians who are responsible for performing functions in their day-to-day practice that are similar to those they will perform at the execution." Regardless of this committee's recommendations, physician participation in capital punishment is an ethical dilemma that the profession of medicine must address. […]

Read the full article.

Stem Cell Therapies: Opportunities for Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Clinical Offerings: Summary of a Joint Workshop

Adam C. Berger, Sarah H. Beachy, and Steve Olson, featuring I. Glenn Cohen
Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences, 2014

Stem cells hold tremendous potential to advance health and medicine. Through replacement of damaged cells and organs or supporting intrinsic repair, stem cell offer promising treatments for debilitating diseases and conditions such as Parkinson's disease, diabetes, and spinal cord injury. Currently, however, the evidence base to support the medical use of stem cells is still limited, with few clinical applications shown to be safe and effective. Despite the preliminary nature of clinical evidence, consumer demand for treatments using stem cells has risen, fueled by direct-to-consumer advertising of stem cell-based treatments. Clinics have been established throughout the world, both in newly industrialized nations such as China, India, and Mexico, as well as developed countries such as the United States and within Europe, that offer "stem cell therapies" for a wide range of diseases and conditions. Often provided at great expense and often promoted as established and effective, these treatments have generally not received stringent regulatory oversight, have not been tested through rigorous trials to determine safety and likely benefit, and the claims remain largely unsubstantiated by medical science. Complications from treatments have ranged from tumor formation to the death of patients. Some feel that the false claims and potential for harm to patients could significantly damage the real potential of research to produce valid stem cell therapies.

The Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences co-hosted a workshop with the International
Society for Stem Cell Research that will take a critical look at the practice of unproven stem cell treatments. Speakers examined the evidence base of unsubstantiated treatment offerings and the associated research and clinical risks and concerns. Discussions delved into legal hurdles for establishing standards and criteria to govern stem cell trials and treatments and explore a range of potential solutions for assuring the quality of unregulated therapies.

Watch the webcast.

**Harvard Law Professor: Suing the VA is Full of Challenges**

*Courtney Coren interviewing I. Glenn Cohen*

*Newsmax TV, May 27, 2014*

From the interview:

Those affected by the scandal at Veterans Affairs hospitals across the country could file a class action lawsuit, but such a move also presents "some challenges," says I. Glenn Cohen, Harvard University Law School professor and medical ethics expert.

"The main vehicle for bringing a lawsuit here is a statute known as the Federal Torts Claims Act. This is a general statute by which the government waives its immunity when you try to sue it for the action of a federal official or a federal department, so that is the lawsuit they would have to bring," Cohen told John Bachman and Francesca Page on "America's Forum" on Newsmax TV Tuesday.

"The problem with bringing that lawsuit is before you bring it, you're required to go to the agency that's responsible - this case the VA - and basically present the claim administratively for them, and only once they either deny it or give you less than you ask for can you then initiate suit in the federal courts," Cohen said. […]

Watch the full interview.

**California Counties Sue 5 Narcotics Makers**

*Robin Young interviewing I. Glenn Cohen*

*WBUR: Here and Now, May 22, 2014*

Two counties in California - Orange and Santa Clara - are suing five major drug companies, accusing them of causing the growing prescription drug epidemic across the country. The complaint, filed on behalf of the state of California, accuses the companies, which make painkilling drugs such as OxyContin, of deceptive marketing. The lawsuit seeks financial damages.

Here & Now's Robin Young discusses the lawsuit with Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and Harvard Law professor Glenn Cohen.

The companies named in the lawsuit include: Actavis, Endo Health Solutions Inc., Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Purdue Pharma and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries' Cephalon Inc. […]

Hear the full interview.

**Doctors assist in executions despite ethics rules**

*Molly Hennessy-Fiske and Seth Klamann, citing I. Glenn Cohen*

*Los Angeles Times, May 21, 2014*

[...] A group of legal experts called the Death Penalty Committee of the Constitution Project recently recommended that doctors or other medical personnel supervise all medical aspects of executions, even when barred by their governing bodies.
On Monday, several Harvard Medical School doctors responded with a scathing article in the *Journal of the American Medical Assn.*, in which they recommended that medical boards revoke such doctors' certification. [...] Read the full article.

**Harvard Law Prof: Administration Chose Not to Act on VA Scandal**

*Courtney Coren, interviewing I. Glenn Cohen*

*Newsmax TV, May 21, 2014*

From the interview:

The Veterans Affairs scandal is the most disturbing scandal this year because the Obama administration seemed to know about it but didn't do anything, says I. Glenn Cohen, leading expert in bioethics and law at Harvard University Law School.

"This year, it is the most disturbing scandal, and one of the things that's disturbing, of course, is that there were at least two instances where the administration was tipped off and didn't seem to act," Cohen told J.D. Hayworth and Morgan Thompson on "America's Forum" on Newsmax TV.

Cohen explained that in 2012, the the head of healthcare at the Government Accountability Office, Debra Draper, found that four VA hospitals were having scheduling problems, and Republican Rep. Jeff Miller, chair of the House Veterans Affairs Committee sent a letter to President Barack Obama in May 2013 about problems that were surfacing in the VA, after Democratic Rep. David Scott said that he was not getting information from the VA that he was requesting. [...] View the full interview.

**Delaying Pregnancy and Parenthood: The Risks and Rewards**

*Featuring I. Glenn Cohen*

*Harvard School of Public Health, PRI's The World and WGBH, May 21, 2014*

In a new report, the National Center for Health Statistics at the CDC has confirmed that the average age at which American women deliver their first babies has increased in the last 40 years. The Center reports that there were more than nine times as many first births to women 35 years old or older in 2012 than there were four decades earlier. Juxtaposed to this trend is a decrease in the last decade in first birth rates for women younger than 30 years old. This Forum examined the societal and technological factors driving delayed pregnancy, including fertility treatments; delve into the health risks to older mothers and their babies; and explore both the risks and the benefits to older parenthood.

Watch the broadcast.

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

**Bioethics:**
- Recent opinion pieces by Art Caplan on "right to try" laws and on handshakes in medical settings ([here](#)) and ([here](#))
- "Doctors, Lethal Injection, and Firing Squads" ([here](#))
- "Risks and Benefits" ([here](#))

**General health law/policy:**
- "Wait Times in the News in Canada" ([here](#))
- "Technology and the Horrors of Child Pornography" ([here](#))
- "Boko Haram Kidnappings and the Victims’ Mental Health" ([here](#))
- "How Medicine Leans About the Law" ([here](#))
- "Vaccines and Spying" ([here](#))
- "Fixing California’s Tort Reform" ([here](#))
- "That’s a Lot of Marijuana" ([here](#))
- "The Law of Breast Cancer" ([here](#))
- "The U.S. Supreme Court vs. the American Psychological Association" ([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](http://www.petrie-flomcenter.org) 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](http://www.petrie-flomcenter.org/events). Check it out!

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**Post-Trial Access to Medicines: Responsibilities and Implementation**

**Thursday, September 18, 2014, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East AB, [1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](http://www.petrie-flomcenter.org/events/harvard-law-school-wasserstein-hall-milstein-east-1585-massachusetts-ave-cambridge-ma)

Please join us for a day-long conference, which will include presentations by leading experts and varied stakeholders as well as small group discussion and break out sessions that will work toward developing consensus in this difficult area.

Key questions include:

- How should post-trial access be defined?
- What type of interventions should be included in post-trial access obligations?
- What are the responsibilities of various stakeholders?

More information, including the developing agenda, will be posted here as it becomes available.

Cosponsored with the [Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center](http://www.petrie-flomcenter.org/events/multi-regional-clinical-trials-center) at Harvard University.

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The [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](http://www.petrie-flomcenter.org) at Harvard Law School and the [Food and Drug Law Institute](http://www.fooddruglaw.org) are pleased to announce an upcoming collaborative academic symposium:

**Emerging Issues and New Frontiers for FDA Regulation**

**Monday, October 20, 2014**

Washington, DC

**Abstracts due Monday, June 3, 2014**

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• Gene therapies
• Personalized medicine
• Comparative efficacy research
• Drug resistant pathogens
• Globalized markets
• Tobacco
• GMO
• Bioterrorism countermeasures
• Mobile health technologies
• Health IT
• Drug shortages
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Other Harvard Events

What is Life? The Science and Ethics of Making New Life in the Laboratory
Featuring I. Glenn Cohen
Friday, May 30, 2014,
4:00 - 5:15 PM
Knafe Center, Radcliffe Yard, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Registration is required. Please register here.

How has knowledge of the human genome transformed the biological sciences? How should we assess the promises, perils, and ethics of creating new organisms in the laboratory?

Eric S. Lander (moderator), president and founding director, Broad Institute of Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); professor of biology, MIT; and professor of systems biology, Harvard Medical School

I. Glenn Cohen JD ’03, RI ’13, professor of law and codirector, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics, Harvard Law School

Linda Griffith RI ’11, professor of biological and mechanical engineering and director, Center for Gynepathology
Research, MIT

David Liu ’94, professor of chemistry and chemical biology, Harvard University; senior associate member, Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT; investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Pamela Silver RI ’12, professor of systems biology, Harvard Medical School; founding core faculty member, Wyss Institute, Harvard University

For more information about this panel and other Radcliffe Day activities, please visit http://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2014-radcliffe-day.

Research on Potential Pandemic Pathogens: Are Limits Necessary to Contain Risks?
June 5, 2014, 4:30 - 6:00pm
Harvard Medical School, MEC Room 227, 260 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA

Speakers:

- Marc Lipsitch, DPhil, Professor of Epidemiology, Director, Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics, Harvard School of Public Health
- David A. Relman, MD, Thomas C. and Joan M. Merigan Professor, Departments of Medicine and of Microbiology and Immunology, Stanford University
- Moderator: Robert Truog, MD, Professor of Medical Ethics, Anesthesiology, and Pediatrics, Director of Clinical Ethics, Harvard Medical School

Experimental studies involving the creation of potential pandemic pathogens - novel infectious agents that combine high human virulence with the likely ability to spread efficiently in human populations - have become increasingly common. Proponents claim that these experiments enhance our ability to detect naturally evolving pandemic threats and to develop countermeasures such as vaccines. Critics argue that the potential for accidental or malicious release, as well as the dissemination of information to others who may re-create these agents, pose measurable risks to human life and society. What ethical and risk-benefit frameworks might help in deciding whether imposed limitations on this research are advisable and justified?

Register Now:
What Evidence is Essential for New Medical Products?: Implications for Patients and Health Policy
June 13, 2014, 8:30am - 6:00pm
American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

This event is co-sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics of Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School, and National Research Center for Women & Families.

Conference Focus
Better implementation of evidence-based medicine can improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care in the U.S. This can be challenging in evaluating newly approved drugs and medical devices. While current law requires that medical products be proven safe and effective, there is growing pressure to expedite access to promising therapies and to lessen the research and regulatory requirements for manufacturers. Unmet medical
needs and patient demands call for a flexible approach to prescription drug and device regulation, but truncated premarket review may also lead to approval of products that are less effective than expected or have unanticipated safety problems. This groundbreaking conference will review the growing body of research on the medical and public health implications of medical product approval criteria, and examine these findings in the context of patient outcomes, costs, and health policy.

Confirmed Speakers Include
Jerry Avorn, MD, Professor, Harvard Medical School; Greg Curfman, MD, Executive Editor, New England Journal of Medicine; Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro; Bernard Lo, MD, President, Greenwall Foundation; Rita Redberg, MD, Editor, JAMA Internal Medicine; Joseph Ross, MD, Yale Medical School; Patrick Ryan, MEng, PhD, Janssen Research and Development; Sebastian Schneeweiss, MD, Harvard Medical School; Lisa Schwartz, MD, Dartmouth; Joe Selby, MD, Executive Director, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute; Steven Woloshin, MD, Dartmouth; Robert Yarchoan, MD, National Cancer Institute.

For more details on the program and registration, please go to http://www.aaas.org/oZT. There is no cost for attending the event, but space is limited and advance registration is required.

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

Register Now:

Harvard Clinical Bioethics Course

June 18-20, 2014
Harvard Medical School, Tosteson Medical Education Center, 260 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

Petrie-Flom Executive Director, Holly Fernandez Lynch will speak on Thursday, June 19, on "What Ethicists Should Know about the Law."

For more details about the course, including registration information, please visit the full course description.

This intensive course is designed for members of ethics committees and others interested in ethical aspects of clinical practice. The target audience are physicians, ethics consultants, nurses, chaplains, social workers, health care administrators, respiratory and other therapists, human rights officers, patient representatives, psychologists, risk managers, moral philosophers, hospital attorneys and trustees. Any or all of these health professionals may be members of hospital ethics committees. Members of clinical ethics committees, organizational ethics task forces and ethics support services identified the need to learn theories of ethics and ethical analysis of clinical cases to prepare staff to serve on clinical ethics committees and perform clinical ethics consultations. Knowledge of common ethical problems and dilemmas in medicine, and strategies to address them will help participants increase their competence in addressing ethical questions in medical care. The combination of lectures, case discussions and seminars cover core information about ethical theories, principles, and methods, key bioethics cases from US courts, evolving standards for ethics consultation, and areas of clinical ethical controversy and consensus. Faculty for the course are drawn from the Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School and from the Harvard-affiliated hospitals and institutions who are experts published in the specialty areas in which they teach, including bioethics, moral philosophy, medicine and health care.
2014 Summer Institute for Informed Patient Choice
The Legal and Ethical Implications of Keeping Patients in the Dark
June 25-27, 2014
Dartmouth, Hanover, NH

The 2014 Summer Institute for Informed Patient Choice (SIIPC), taking place in Hanover, New Hampshire June 25-27, will convene medical, legal, ethics, and policy professionals and patient advocates around the individual and systems-level consequences of the lack of transparency and patient involvement in health care (i.e, "keeping patients in the dark"). Aims include facilitating a deeper understanding of the importance of greater transparency in health care; engaging in joint learning about innovative health care delivery methods to promote patient-centered care; and spreading innovative solutions such as value-based purchasing.

The program for this CLE and CME credit eligible event features a dynamic roster of over 20 confirmed speakers, two round robin style poster presentation sessions, and moderated small group working sessions during which breakthrough ideas will be channeled toward tangible outcomes such as a future special section in the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics.

For more information, including the full program and registration information, visit the website.

Cosponsored by the Dartmouth Center for Health Care Delivery Science; the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics; Informed Medical Decisions Foundation; the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice; BMJ; and emmi solutions.

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NEW POST
Research Assistant, BWH Department of Medicine, The Division of Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmacoeconomics
Open until filled.

General Summary/Overview Statement
Working under the direction of the Research Manager, Division Chief, and faculty of the Division of Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmacoeconomics, the Research Assistant is responsible for the daily organization, coordination, and conduct of activities related to studies of the safe and effective use of medications in a variety of contexts. The majority of research in the division is neither clinical nor bench science, and is conducted in an office setting with minimal to no patient interaction. Please see division website for more information on faculty and research topics: http://www.drugepi.org/.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities
Tasks include, but are not limited to, data management and manipulation (MS Excel, MS Access, statistical software), data entry relevant to studies, conducting inquiries on various policy initiatives, performing literature searches, generating graphs and figures, gathering research materials for ongoing and future research projects as needed, and other duties as required. Some responsibilities will be individual and others will be shared with the Research Assistant team. Assigned projects will vary in amount of work required and duration.

Qualifications
BA/BS required. Strong attention to detail and ability to manage multiple priorities is a must. Competency with MS Excel, MS Word, MS PowerPoint is required; familiarity with MS Access and/or Illustrator is preferred. Prior social science or medical research experience is preferred, and epidemiology and/or biostatistics exposure is a plus. A strong applicant will display the ability to communicate with multiple levels of staff and work effectively with others in a team environment. We are looking for a minimum two year commitment.

Skills and Abilities Required
• BA/BS degree (please no graduate degrees)
Competency with MS Excel, MS Word, MS PowerPoint; knowledge of MS Access and/or Illustrator preferred
Ability to adapt to fast-paced environment
Ability to learn quickly
Attention to detail
Ability to manage multiple priorities
Organizational skills
Ability to use independent judgment
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, telephone and email etiquette
Teamwork and cooperation

Please send cover letter and resume to askdope@partners.org.

In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification document form upon hire.

Jobs, Fellowships, and Other Opportunities

**NEW POST**
Lecturer in Medical Law, Ethics and Policy (Fixed Term) and Research Fellowship in Medical Law and Ethics, University of Cambridge Faculty of Law

**Application Deadline: June 9, 2014**

Lecturer in Medical Law, Ethics and Policy (Fixed Term)
The Faculty of Law invites applications for a full-time Temporary Lectureship (5-year fixed term) in Medical Law, Ethics and Policy commencing on 1 September 2014 for a fixed period of five years. The person appointed will teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level, helping to expand the range of medical law papers offered by the Faculty, conduct and assist in supervising research, and participate in the general work of the Faculty. It is hoped that the postholder will also contribute to the establishment of a Faculty Centre for Medical Law, Ethics and Policy, with the support of a Junior Research Fellow at Trinity Hall who will also work in this area with effect from the academical year 2014-15.

This post runs alongside a Research Fellowship in Medical Law and Ethics at Trinity Hall. Information about the Faculty can be found at [http://www.law.cam.ac.uk](http://www.law.cam.ac.uk) and about the University of Cambridge at: [http://www.cam.ac.uk](http://www.cam.ac.uk).

Further particulars and details of the application procedure are available to download, telephone (01223) 330038 or by email: jb234@cam.ac.uk. Online application is available via [http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/3749/](http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/3749/)

Quote Reference: JK03201
Salary: £37,756-£47,787 pa
Closing Date: 9 June 2014

Research Fellowship in Medical Law and Ethics
Trinity Hall invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a Research Fellowship in Medical Law and Ethics tenable for three years from 1 October 2014. A Research Fellowship offers an initial post-doctoral position appropriate to the start of an academic career. There is no age limit, but applicants are expected to have recently completed a PhD, or to have submitted a PhD before starting the Fellowship, in a field related to medical law and ethics. The Research Fellowship primarily facilitates freedom for individual research in this area, possibly with some teaching, in association with colleagues in the Faculty of Law in the University of Cambridge and the
University of Hong Kong. The current stipend is up to £21,049 per annum with associated benefits of a Fellowship at Trinity Hall. Further particulars are available here or from the Master's PA, Mrs Mary Richmond, mcr41@cam.ac.uk.

A letter of application including a CV, the names of three referees and a statement of future research plans in the area, should reach the Master's PA by 5 pm on Monday 9 June 2014; interviews are likely to be held on 23 June 2014.

NEW POST

Three Positions in Ethics of Technology
3TU.Centre for Ethics and Technology in the Netherlands
Application Deadline: June 10, 2014

View the Full Call

We are looking for three talented PhD students for projects in the areas of:

- Technology & Ethics (various areas) (Delft University of Technology)
- Ethics of Technology (various areas) (Eindhoven University of Technology)
- Ethics of Emerging Medical Technologies (University of Twente)

Job specifications:

PhD in Ethics of Emerging Medical Technologies (University of Twente)
The aim of the PhD position is to perform advanced research in the area of ethics of medical technology. We welcome innovative, cutting-edge proposals on emerging medical technologies that raise serious ethical concerns, such as neurotechnologies, anti-ageing technologies, neuro-enhancement technologies, new assistive technologies, bioprinting, personalized medicine and others. We also welcome theoretical contributions that should, however, include case studies and have clear societal relevance.

Profile
A Master's degree or equivalent degree in philosophy, preferably with a specialization in ethics. Consideration will also be given to candidates with a medical, (bio) engineering or multidisciplinary Master's degree on a topic relevant to the project and some background in philosophy. Demonstrable interest in ethical and philosophical issues relating to medical technology (although previous work in this area is not required).

PhD in Technology & Ethics (Delft University of Technology)
We welcome proposals for PhD projects that focus on ethical questions arising from the use of current technologies such as ethical issues arising in the context of energy supply and demand, ethical problems associated with the shift from a carbon-based economy to renewables, or ethical questions relating to privacy and ICT. We therefore welcome proposals that address questions related to one of these three topics or related issues.

Profile
A Master's degree or equivalent degree in philosophy, preferably with a specialization in ethics, or a multidisciplinary Master's degree on a topic relevant to the project, or a disciplinary Master in an technology-related field (science or engineering). Some background in philosophy is mandatory. Demonstrable interest in ethical and philosophical issues relating to the PhD project (although previous work in this area is not required). Familiarity with formal mathematical calculus is recommended.

PhD in Ethics of Technology (Eindhoven University of Technology)
We welcome proposals for PhD research in several areas of ethics of technology, including ethics and ICT (Big Data), ethics and medical technology, and ethics & epistemology of climate modelling. The PhD student is expected to do both supervised and unsupervised research, write a PhD thesis and research papers, and to participate in the 3TU.Ethics PhD program and the Dutch Research School of Philosophy.
Profile
Your prior studies and current interests prepare you to do research and write a thesis on ethical issues related to technology. Preferably you have a degree in philosophy and a specialization in ethics. PhD candidates with an additional background in one of the natural or engineering sciences are particularly invited to apply.

Requirements for all three positions
Good analytical skills. Good communication skills in English, in writing as well as orally. Good team spirit. Strong international orientation. Creativity, open-mindedness, and an ability to develop new ideas. Experience in interdisciplinary work is considered a plus. The PhD student is expected to participate in the 3TU.Ethics PhD program and the Dutch Research School of Philosophy. Up to 10% of the work may involve teaching, in courses offered by the Philosophy section.

Our offer
The PhD programme is fully funded by the 3TU.Centre for Ethics and Technology. We offer you a four-year full-time Ph.D. position, starting September 1st, 2014. The gross salary is € 2083 per month in the first year going up to € 2664 in the fourth year. Additionally, the three universities provide excellent facilities for professional and personal development, a holiday allowance (amounts to 8% of the annual salary), an end-of-year bonus (amounts to 8,3%) and a number of additional benefits. The positions also come with a travel budget.

How to apply
Your application should contain the following documents:

- a two-page research proposal for the PhD position
- a letter of application which explains your interest in the position and your qualifications for it
- a curriculum vitae which includes the name and e-mail address/telephone number of one of your professors, preferably the supervisor of your master's thesis
- a copy of your Master's thesis (and copies of publications, if any). If you have not yet finished your master's degree, please send an outline of your Master's thesis, and evidence that the thesis will be defended before September 1st, 2014.
- an academic transcript that contains a list of subjects taken and grades received (this may be an unofficial version or scanned copy; we can request the original later).

Application process for PhD Ethics of Medical Technology, University of Twente
You can upload application after May 12th, 2014, to www.utwente.nl/vacatures/en where you will find the corresponding vacancy; click on it, and you will get to see an upload link. Since this site only allows uploading of three documents, please combine documents into max. three files. For questions about the position, please contact Prof. dr. Philip Brey (p.a.e.brey@utwente.nl; phone: +31 534894426).

Application process for PhD in Technology & Ethics, Delft University of Technology
Please send you application via email with the subject header "3TU PhD" to r.c.hillerbrand@tudelft.nl. For further questions, please contact Dr. Rafaela Hillerbrand (r.c.hillerbrand@tudelft.nl, +31 152787470).

Application process for PhD in Ethics of Technology, Eindhoven University of Technology
Please send your application via email with the subject header "3TU PhD" to a.spahn@tue.nl. For further questions, please contact Dr. Andreas Spahn (a.spahn@tue.nl, +31 402472746)

Interviews will probably be held between June 17th and 19th.

For further clarification on how to apply please contact the 3TU.Ethics Coordinator Dr. Agnieszka Hunka via e-mail (a.d.hunka@utwente.nl) or phone +31 534893401.

NEW POST
Health Science Administrator (Deputy Director, OHRP)
Office of the Secretary, Office of the Asst. Secretary for Health (OASH), Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP)
Application Deadline: June 13, 2014

The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is pleased to announce the following job vacancy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH). OHRP is actively seeking to fill a vacancy for its Deputy Director.

Series and Grade: GS-0601-15

Salary Range: $124,995.00 to $157,100.00 Per Year

Announcement numbers: HHS-OASH-DE-14-1120493; HHS-OASH-MP-14-1120495

Who May Apply? United States Citizens, HHS-OASH-DE-14-1120493; Status

Candidates (Merit Promotion and VEOA Eligibles, Noncompetitive eligibles, PHS Commissioned Corps Officers), HHS-OASH-MP-14-1120495

Position: Health Science Administrator (Deputy Director, OHRP)

Become a part of the Department that touches the lives of every American! At the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), you can give back to your community, state, and country by making a difference in the lives of Americans everywhere. It is the principal agency for protecting the health of citizens. Join HHS and help to make our world healthier, safer, and better for all Americans.

This position is located in the Office of the Secretary, OASH, OHRP.

OHRP provides leadership in the protection of the rights, welfare, and well-being of subjects involved in research conducted or supported by HHS. OHRP helps ensure this by providing clarification and guidance, developing educational programs and materials, maintaining regulatory oversight, and providing advice on ethical and regulatory issues in biomedical and social-behavioral research.

How to apply: Depending on your status, you can apply for this position at one or the other of the following links on the USAJobs website:

HHS-OASH-DE-14-1120493: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/369942700

HHS-OASH-MP-14-1120495: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/369940300

NEW POST
Early Career Advisor Program
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
Application Deadline: August 1, 2014

The ASBH Early Career Advisor Program gives individuals early in their career in bioethics or the humanities the opportunity to present a paper or project to more experienced members of ASBH. There will be an opportunity for advisors and authors to discuss their project/paper over a 1-1.5 hour meeting in San Diego. The expectation is that this discussion will assist early career members of ASBH to advance toward publication or completion of a specific paper or project that is significant for their career. Application forms and CVs must be submitted by August 1.

ASBH also seeks volunteers to help review applications and identify possible advisors. Volunteers will be asked to review applications between August 4 and August 13, 2014 to determine the eligibility of applicants and to recommend advisors for eligible papers/projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brianna Wixted by July 1. If you have any questions about the Early Career Advisor Program, please contact Ana Ilitis.
NEW POST
Senior Lecturing Fellow/Associate Director of Engagement
Science & Society at Duke University, Durham, NC
Open until filled.

Job Description: [Duke Science & Society](#) (and its MA in Bioethics & Science Policy) is dedicated to interdisciplinary education, scholarship, and policy engagement relating to the integral role of science in law, policy, social institutions, and culture. We are seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Associate Director of Engagement/Senior Lecturing Fellow/Adjunct Professor of Science & Society. The position is a non-tenure track, full-time position with benefits, with the possibility of renewal for 1-3 years. Candidates are expected to support their research with 50% grant funding and will be funded by Science & Society for the other 50%. The anticipated start date is August 1, 2014.

Minimum Requirements:

- A PhD, MD, JD, or other doctorate from an accredited higher education university
- Knowledge and experience in communication, marketing, engagement, and/or outreach
- Knowledge and experience in law and science policy
- Excellent analytical, organizational, and oral and written communication skills
- Track record of successful grant funding
- Scholarly research and publications in fields related to science & society

Preferred Qualifications:

- Teaching experience at an accredited higher education institution
- Leadership experience in a higher education institution
- Degree and/or experience in bioethics and/or science policy

Job Duties:

50% time in independent or collaborative scholarship

- Actively engage in scholarship activities, including initiating or collaborating with other faculty in the submission of grant proposals, writing, and research for publication in fields related to the intersection of science and society
- Secure sufficient external research, project, or grant funding of 50% effort.

50% time in Engagement Activities for Science & Society:

- Establish, implement, and oversee a legislative briefing program. This program will seek to engage policymakers with academics to help bring empirical evidence to bear on questions of law, policy and governance. Requires working with the legislative affairs office, and identifying pertinent policy issues on which academics may provide key insights, testimony, and evidence to improve policy decision-making.
- Plan, organize, and implement the Science Communication program. This program includes a training series for scientists on communicating with myriad audiences, and a science outreach program for surrounding communities.
- Plan, organize, and implement the Science Amicus Brief program. This program includes identifying key court cases in which science is at issue, and helping to organize and oversee a team of lawyers and students representing scientists to accurately and neutrally advise courts on the state of the science of pertinence to legal cases.
- Teach MA and/or Science & Society courses
- Establish and maintain relationships with biotechnology firms, pharmaceutical companies, federal agencies, non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other such entities in the Research Triangle area, in Washington, DC, and in other appropriate regions. Build these strategic partnerships to increase the visibility of Science & Society, to provide possible practicum and job placements for MA students, to encourage potential mid-career professionals to explore the MA, and to establish potential collaboration opportunities.
• Use strategic partnerships with university faculty, external stakeholders, and policymakers to establish opportunities for collaboration on Science & Society programs, projects, and research. Seek to identify opportunities, identify Duke faculty and other possible collaborators, and coordinate the activities of collaborators to successfully submit applications and execute approved programs. Such programs may include interdisciplinary research, visiting scholars, and guest speakers.
• Supervise the implementation of communications strategies, including a framework for communicating and building awareness of and support for Science & Society's mission and activities.
• Assist in recruitment of MA students, and advise/mentor MA in Bioethics & Science Policy students.
• Assist the Director in developing program reports, proposals, and requests for funds. Seek and apply for additional funding from University, state, federal and foundational sources to support engagement. Develop budgetary recommendations for engagement programs and needs.

Annual Salary: The salary will be commensurate with background and experience.

How to Apply: 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). The subject line of the email application should read "Application 2014 Associate Director Engagement." Applications may be submitted for review until the position is filled.

Duke University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer committed to providing employment opportunity without regard to an individual's age, color, disability, genetic information, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Additional opportunities:

• AJOB Editorial Manager/Research Assistant; Center for Biomedical Ethics at Stanford University School of Medicine, open until filled. Apply online at: www.jobs.stanford.edu; search "staff" job position #62388.
• 2014 Causal Inference Workshops: Main and Advanced; Northwestern University and Duke University, registration open until filled.
• Health Law Counsel, Aetna, Inc., open until filled.
• Neuroethics Faculty Position, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University, review of applications began February 28–position open until filled.
• Postdoctoral Fellow to provide quantitative analytical support for Public Health Law research, Temple University Beasley School of Law, open until filled.
• Summer Internships, Axiom Law, contact recruitment manager Sutton Kraus at Sutton.Kauss@axiomlaw.com, open until filled.
• Director, Master of Arts in Bioethics Program, Emory University Center for Ethics and Laney Graduate School; for questions contact Paul Root Wolpe, Center Director, at pwolpe@emory.edu; review of applications began on March 31, 2014–position open until filled.

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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