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## AGENDA AVAILABLE & REGISTRATION OPEN! 2016 Annual Conference: Big Data, Health Law, and Bioethics



### **The Petrie-Flom Center's 2016 Annual Conference: Big Data, Health Law, and Bioethics**

**May 6, 2016**

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

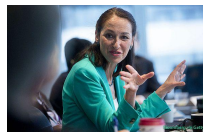
"Big Data" is a phrase that has been used pervasively by the media and the lay public in the last several years. While many definitions are possible, the common denominator seems to include the "three V's" - Volume (vast amounts of data), Variety (significant heterogeneity in the type of data available in the set), and Velocity (speed at which a data scientist or user can access and analyze the data).

This conference, and anticipated edited volume, will aim to: (1) identify the various ways in which law and ethics intersect with the use of big data in health care and health research, particularly in the United States; (2) understand the way U.S. law (and potentially other legal systems) currently promotes or stands as an obstacle to these potential uses; (3) determine what might be learned from the legal and ethical treatment of uses of big data in other sectors and countries; and (4) examine potential solutions (industry best practices, common law, legislative, executive, domestic and international) for better use of big data in health care and health research in the U.S.

This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and registration is required. [Register now!](#)

*Sponsored by the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School, with support from the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund. This year's conference is organized in collaboration with the [Berkman Center for Internet & Society](#) at Harvard University and the [Health Ethics and Policy Lab](#), University of Zurich.*

## REGISTER NOW! Don't Miss This Month's Petrie-Flom Center Events



### **A Conversation with Margaret A. Hamburg, FDA Commissioner 2009-2015**

**January 20, 2016 12:30 PM**

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

Please join the Petrie-Flom Center for a conversation with former FDA Commissioner (and former New York City Health Commissioner), Dr. Margaret A. Hamburg, led by [Peter Barton Hutt](#), former Chief Counsel to FDA and current Senior Counsel at Covington & Burling LLP and Lecturer on Law at HLS. Topics discussed will include FDA's role and the changing scientific, legal, political, and economic landscape; the overlap of science, innovation, and cost regarding biomedical products; food safety and nutrition; challenges of globalization, and more.

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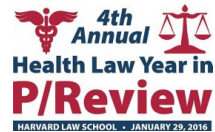
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## **UPDATED AGENDA: Fourth Annual Health Law Year in P/Review**

**January 29, 2016 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East C](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)



The Fourth Annual Health Law Year in P/Review symposium will feature leading experts discussing major developments during 2015 and what to watch out for in 2016. The discussion at this day long event will cover hot topics in such areas as health insurance, health care systems, public health, innovation, and other issues facing clinicians and patients.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. See the agenda and [Register now!](#)

*This year's Health Law Year in P/Review is sponsored by the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School, the [New England Journal of Medicine, Health Affairs](#), the [Hastings Center](#), [Harvard Health Publications](#) at Harvard Medical School, and the [Center for Bioethics](#) at Harvard Medical School, with support from the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund at Harvard University.*

### **VIDEOS AVAILABLE!**

#### **In Case You Missed It: Fall's Petrie-Flom Center Events**



#### **Specimen Science: Ethics and Policy Implications, with Lunchtime Talk on "Biospecimens and the NPRM"**

**November 16, 2015**

Check out event details and find videos of the full event [here](#).

#### **Should the Science of Adolescent Brain Development Inform Legal Policy? A lecture by Laurence Steinberg, PhD**

**November 13, 2015**

Check out event details and find videos of the full event [here](#).



#### **Reflections in Honor of the Life and Influence of Professor Alan Wertheimer**

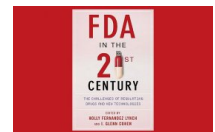
**November 4, 2015**

Check out event details and find videos of the full event [here](#).

#### **Book Launch: FDA in the 21st Century**

**October 28, 2015**

Check out event details and find videos of the full event [here](#).



#### **Moral Bioprediction, Bioenhancement, and the Law: A Lecture by Julian Savulescu**

**October 20, 2015**

Check out event details and find videos of the full event [here](#).

### **News & Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Associates**

#### **Health Care Organizations and the Power of Procedure**

By [Emily A. Largent](#) (Student Fellow Alumna)

*The American Journal of Bioethics, Vol. 16, Issue 1, January 2016*



**Brief of *Amici Curiae*: Whole Woman's Health et al. v. Kirk Cole, Commissioner, Texas Dept of State Health Services, et al.**  
 Melissa Murray, I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), B. Jessie Hill  
 Filed January 2016



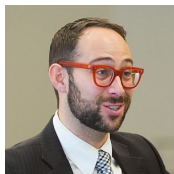
**Forbes 30 Under 30: Sports**  
 Featuring Christine Baugh (Student Fellow Alumna)  
 Forbes, January 4, 2016

**Why Preventing Cancer Is Not the Priority in Drug Development**  
 Austin Frakt, citing Benjamin N. Roin (Academic Fellow Alumnus and former Faculty Co-Director)  
 The Upshot Blog, The New York Times, December 28, 2015



**FDA Says Gay Men Can Give Blood - But Only If They Don't Have Sex for a Year**  
 VICE News Staff, quoting I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)  
 VICE News, December 22, 2015

**FDA eases blood donation ban on gay men**  
 Interview with I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)  
 CBS News, December 21, 2015



**Clinical Decision Making Regarding Suicide Risk: Effect of Patient and Clinician Age**  
I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director) et al.  
 Death Studies, ePublication December 17, 2015

**A big week ahead, as lawmakers look to fund the government**  
 Erin Mershon, referencing Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow)  
 POLITICO Pro Health Care, December 14, 2015



**Le tourisme médical, entre risques et espoirs**  
 Anne-Diandra Louarn, quoting I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)  
 ICI Radio-Canada, December 6, 2015

## From the Blog



# Bill of Health

Examining the intersection of law and health care, biotech, & bioethics  
A blog by the Petrie-Flom Center and friends

## Recent Blog Posts

### Health insurance, health care reform/finance:

- "[Cost Control's Growing Complexity](#)," by Zack Buck
- "[Senator Cruz's RESULT Act Contains a Particular View of the FDA's Role - But What About CMS?](#)" by Rachel E. Sachs
- "[Senator Cruz's RESULT Act Unlikely to Achieve Results](#)," by Rachel E. Sachs
- "[Mind the Coverage Gap \(A Look at Healthcare Sharing Ministries\)](#)," by Gregory M. Lipper

### Reproductive Health/Rights:

- "[Crisis Pregnancy Center Fighting for Right to Create More Crisis Pregnancies](#)," by Gregory M. Lipper

### Pharmaceuticals

- "[Peeling the Onion: How to Promote Pharmaceutical Innovation and Access to Medicine](#)," by Timo Minssen

### Human subjects/human tissue:

- "[NPRM Symposium: How Should We Think About Whether To Donate Our Leftover, Non-Identified Tissue to Research?](#)" by Michelle Meyer

### General health law/policy:

- "[Medical Malpractice in an Emergency Room: What Constitutes an Emergency Treatment?](#)" by Alex Stein
- "[Juvenile crime is down and high school graduation is up: Good news or distraction?](#)" by Robert Kinscherff
- "[Products Liability or Medical Malpractice? The Definition of a Healthcare Provider](#)," by Alex Stein
- "[New Developments in the Guatemala STD Experiments Case](#)," by Holly F. Lynch
- "[The 'Ashley Treatment' - Thoughts about Avoiding Sexualization](#)," by Maayan Sudai
- "[Changing How We Think \(and Talk\) About Public Health Law](#)," by Scott Burris

If you'd like to join us as a guest blogger or if you have something you'd like us to post, please contact us at [petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu](mailto:petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu).

## Petrie-Flom Center Events

Check out our [website](#) for a more complete listing of events scheduled for 2016, as well as full co-sponsorship information about our collaborators. Remember, you can find materials from many of our events, including slide presentations and full event videos, online in our [events archive](#).



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### **Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience Panel Discussion: Fetal Pain - An Update on the Science and Legal Implications**

**February 10, 2016 12:00 PM**

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East C \(2036\)](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

### **The Limits to Consumerism in Healthcare: A lecture by Mary Anne Bobinski**

**February 24, 2016 12:00 PM**

[Room TBD](#)

[Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA](#)



### **The Petrie-Flom Center's 10th Anniversary Conference Celebration: The Future of Health Law and Policy**

**March 29, 2016 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

## **Check Out These Great Upcoming 2016 Petrie-Flom Events!**

- [The National Security Implications of the Genetics Revolution](#), April 12, 2016
- [SAVE THE DATE: Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience Panel Discussion](#), April 13, 2016
- [AGENDA AVAILABLE! 2016 Annual Conference](#), May 6, 2016
- [Special Opening Lecture by Don Berwick: Part of ASLME's 39th Annual Health Law Professors Conference](#), June 2, 2016

## **Health Law Policy & Bioethics Workshops**

The 2015-2016 [Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics Workshops](#) provide a forum for discussion of new scholarship in these fields from the world's leading experts. Harvard graduate students may register to take the workshop for course credit, but it is also open to the public.

This year, the workshop is led by Petrie-Flom Faculty Director and Professor of Law [I. Glenn Cohen](#), and meets on selected Monday evenings from 5-7 PM [on the Harvard Law School campus](#). The invited presenter generally speaks for about 30 minutes, after which the floor is opened for Q&A. It is recommended to read the papers in advance. Papers will usually be posted on the [website](#) one week before they are scheduled for presentation, but occasionally are available by request only.

The spring semester workshops include:

**February 1: [Michelle M. Mello](#)**, Stanford Law School & Stanford School of Medicine

**February 22: [Tom Shakespeare](#)**, Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia

**March 7: [Michael Frakes](#)**, Northwestern Law

**April 4: [Nicolas P. Terry](#)**, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

The full workshop schedule is available on our [website](#).

## **Harvard Opportunities**

**Health Law, Policy, and Bioethics Course: Cross-Registration Opportunity**

Harvard Medical School

**Application Deadline: January 15, 2016****Call for Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications**

Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women's Hospital Program On Regulation, Therapeutics, And Law (PORTAL)

**Application Deadline: February 19, 2016****Research Assistant, Transparency Policy Project**

Ash Center for Democratic Governance &amp; Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School

**Application Deadline: Open until filled****Other Opportunities**

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

**University Academic Fellow in the Ethics of Data Analytics**

University of Leeds

**Application Deadline: January 18, 2016****Science, Ethics, and Democracy Post-Doctoral Fellowships**

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Tel Aviv University

**Application Deadline: February 15, 2016****Healthcare Research Analyst (Part-time)**

Altarum Institute's Systems Research &amp; Initiatives

**Application Deadline: Open until filled****Health Policy Program Manager**

Baylor College of Medicine

**Application Deadline: Open until filled****Analyst in Science and Technology**

Library of Congress

**Application Deadline: Open until filled****Assistant Professor of Bioethics**

Assistant Professor of Bioethics Kansas City University of Medicine &amp; Biosciences

**Application Deadline: Open until filled****Editorial Assistant**

American Medical Association Journal of Ethics

**Application Deadline: Open until filled****Stay Connected!**[Join Our Mailing List!](#)