The Petrie-Flom Center Welcomes Amanda Pustilnik, Senior Fellow in Law and Neuroscience

The Petrie-Flom Center welcomes our first Senior Fellow in Law and Neuroscience, Amanda C. Pustilnik, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Maryland School of Law. Professor Pustilnik teaches Law & Neuroscience, Evidence, and Criminal Law at the University of Maryland School of Law, and has served as lecturer at Harvard Law School and a visiting scholar at the University of Cambridge in the History and Philosophy of Science department. Before entering the academy, she practiced litigation, clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and worked at McKinsey & Company. She serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Science and Law and the board of directors of the John Harvard Scholarships.

The Senior Fellowship in Law and Neuroscience is one component of the new Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience, a joint venture between the Petrie-Flom Center and the Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital; other components include a Seminar on Law and Neuroscience at Harvard Law School, and a range of public symposia.

In the Project's first year, it will focus primarily on pain, as described here. The question of how to recognize and treat pain and suffering is an issue with important legal, scientific, medical, and ethical dimensions. Professor Pustilnik will bring together experts in pain, emotion, and the law, from within Harvard and beyond, to explore the complex intersection of the neuroscience and ethics of pain and suffering and its implications for civil and criminal law.

More information on the project is available here. Please join us in welcoming Amanda!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Improving the Health and Safety of Football Players

The Football Players Health Study at Harvard University is seeking novel, breakthrough proposals that have the potential to affect the health and wellbeing of future, current, or former football players. A broad range of areas will be considered: sports medicine studies; repetitive brain trauma; topics in wellness, aging, and cardiovascular disease; medical ethics; and additional topics that address common diagnoses observed in professional football players, and in athletes in general. Applications in any of these areas are encouraged, but applications outside these areas will also be considered. Applications due October 24, 2014.

Please see the Football Players Health Study website for complete information, and contact pilotstudies@footballplayershealth.harvard.edu with any questions.

News & Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Associates

Jeanne Shaheen says Scott Brown backed bill to let employers use religious opt-out on mammograms

Louis Jacobson, quoting Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director) PolitiFact, October 10, 2014
Can Big Data Cure Cancer?
Lindsey Cook, quoting I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)
U.S. News, October 15, 2014

Facebook and Apple Are Now Paying For Egg Freezing
Nancy Redd, interviewing I. Glenn Cohen
HuffPost Live, October 15, 2014

Apple, Facebook Will Pay for Employees to Freeze Their Eggs
Alyssa Newcomb and Catherine Cole, quoting I. Glenn Cohen
ABC World News, October 14, 2014

U.S. Troops and Patients Were Used as Malaria Guinea Pigs: Book
Bill Briggs, quoting I. Glenn Cohen
NBC News, October 7, 2014

Newmax Panel: Experimental Ebola Drugs Have Run Out
America's Forum, interviewing I. Glenn Cohen
Newmax TV, October 6, 2014

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 posts from Bill of Health!

- "Is Corruption Partly Responsible for the Ebola Crisis?," Matthew Stephenson
- "PhRMA Sues HHS (Again) For Trying To Expand 340B Discounts To Orphan Drugs," Rachel Sachs
- "Limited Access to Contraceptives in Illinois," Alexandra Gross
- "State Concussion Legislation: Variable Implementation," Christine Baugh
- "The Response to Brittany Maynard," Lauren Taylor
- "Organ Transplantation: Legal and Ethical Challenges (EdX Course)," Pablo de Lora
- "Ebola, Flight Bans, and Politics," Zachary Shapiro
- "NAS on Eyewitness Identification," David Korn
- "Happy National Health Observances!" Emily Largent
- "Facebook Rumored To Be Planning Foray Into the Online Health Space," Michelle Meyer
- "Rapid Rise in IND's for Biosimilars," Bob Bohrer
- "Congressmen Express Concern About Proposed Changes to Generic Drug Labeling Rules," Bob Bohrer
- "Exploring the Brain in Pain: An Applied Neuroscience & Law Initiative," Amanda C. Pustilnik
- "The inadequacy of voluntary measures to reduce the use of antimicrobials in animal feed," Diana R. H. Winters
- "Expelling Immigrants from the Exchanges," Wendy Parmet
- "Facebook Announces New Research Policies," Michelle Meyer
- "What's Next If the FDA Holds the Line on Social Media?" Kate Greenwood
- "A Situational Definition of Sex," Vadim Shetyler
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.

Petrie-Flom Events

Check out our website for a more complete listing of events scheduled in 2014-2015. Remember, you can find materials from many of our events, including slide presentations and full event videos, online in our events archive.

Emerging Issues and New Frontiers for FDA Regulation
Monday, October 20, 2014, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Washington, DC

Book Launch: Human Subjects Research Regulation: Perspectives on the Future
Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 12:00 PM
Harvard Law School Library, Langdell Hall, Caspersen Room, 1557 Massachusetts Ave., 4th floor, Cambridge, MA

Screening of Fed Up
Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Harvard Law School, Ames Courtroom, 1575 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138

Transparency in the Global Food System: How Much Information and to What Ends?
October 24 - 25, 2014
UCLA Faculty Center, 480 Charles Young Drive, Los Angeles, CA

Global Reproduction: Health, Law, and Human Rights in Surrogacy and Egg Donation
Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Wasserstein Hall, Room 1010, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Law and Ethics of Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing
Thursday, November 6, 2014, 12:00 PM
Wasserstein Hall, Room 3018, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Book Launch: Patients with Passports: Medical Tourism, Law, and Ethics
Thursday, November 19, 2014, 12:00 PM
Harvard Law School Library, Langdell Hall, Caspersen Room, 1557 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Save the Date for More Upcoming Petrie-Flom Events!
• Petrie-Flom Reception at 2014 PRIM&R Annual Conference, December 5, 2014
• Third Annual Health Law Year in P/Review, January 30, 2015
• Families Matter: Ethically, Legally, and Clinically, March 18 - 21, 2015

Health Law Policy & Bioethics Workshops

"Regulating Identity: Medical Regulation as Social Control"
Monday, November 03, 2014
Matt Lamkin, University of Tulsa College of Law

"More Insurers Lower Premiums: Evidence from Initial Pricing in the Health Insurance Marketplaces"
Monday, November 10, 2014
Leemore S. Dafny, Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University

Papers will be posted to our website one week in advance. A full list of the workshop schedule is available on our website.

All meetings will run from 5:00 to 7:00pm in Griswold Hall Room 110, 1525 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Other Harvard Events

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics

Lawrence Lessig Interviews Edward Snowden
Monday, October 20, 2014, 12:00 PM
Harvard Law School, Ames Courtroom, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA

Harvard Innovation Lab

Deans' Food System Challenge
Kickoff Event: Monday, October 27, 2014, 6:00 PM
Harvard Innovation Lab, 125 Western Avenue, Boston, MA

Center for Bioethics
Harvard Medical School

"Autonomy's Price: Choosing Not to Choose"
Thursday, October 30, 2014, 4:30 PM
Harvard Medical School, Armenise Building, D Amphitheater
210 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA

Outside Events

NYU School of Medicine

Advances in Global Health: A Symposium Honoring Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin on World Polio Day and Dr. Salk's Centenary
New York University Langone Medical Center
October 23 - 24, 2014
Farkas Auditorium, 550 First Avenue, New York, NY

The Law of Medicare and Medicaid at 50: A Gathering of the Nation’s Health Policy Leaders at Yale Law School
November 6 - 7, 2014
Yale Law School, Sterling Law Building, 127 Wall Street, New Haven, CT

Other Opportunities

Going forward, all opportunities will only be posted once in our newsletter. For the full posting and for other available positions, please visit our website.

Information Session: CPMC Bioethicist Opportunity in West Bay Region
Program in Medicine and Human Values, Sutter Health
Date: October 16, 2014, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Student Contractor
Program in Human Research Ethics and Oversight, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Application Deadline: October 31, 2014

Full or Part-Time Bioethics Junior Faculty Member
Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School
Application Deadline: November 07, 2014

Neuroethics Faculty Position
Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University
Application Deadline: December 1, 2014

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Advanced Biomedical Ethics
Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy
University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
Application Deadline: January 2, 2015

EdX Course: Organ Transplantation - Ethical and Legal Challenges
Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
Classes start: February 2015

2015-2016 Law & Biosciences Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program
Science and Society, Duke University
Application Deadline: February 1, 2015

Associate Director for Research
Center for Bioethics, Geisinger Health System
Application Deadline: Open until filled

Full-Time Staff Assistant
Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School
Application Deadline: Open until filled

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