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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS DUE DECEMBER 1! **2016 Annual Conference: Big Data, Health Law, and Bioethics**



2016 Annual Conference: Big Data, Health Law, and Bioethics **May 6 - 7, 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.

If you are interested in participating, please send a 1-page abstract of the paper you would plan to present to petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu as soon as possible, but not later than **December 1, 2015**. If your abstract is selected, your final paper will be due on **April 4, 2016**, and you will be assigned a presentation slot for the conference. Please note that all presenters must provide a full final draft in order to participate and that presenters are expected to attend the conference for its full duration. Depending on how many abstracts are selected, the conference may run for part of a second day; therefore, please hold both May 6 and May 7, 2016 open. We will pay travel expenses for presenters who must travel to Cambridge; co-authored papers must name a single presenter. More detailed information is available on our [website](#).

FEATURING NEW LUNCHTIME TALK ON BIOSPECIMENS & THE NPRM! **Specimen Science: Ethics and Policy Implications Symposium**



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

November 16, 2015 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

[Austin Hall North \(100\) until 12:40 PM, Langdell Hall South, Room 272](#)
[after 12:40 PM, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA](#)

Many important advances in human health depend on the effective collection, storage, use, and sharing of biological specimens and their associated data. However, recent controversies involving specimen-based research have raised important questions about ownership, data-sharing, privacy considerations, group harms, and standards for responsible specimen stewardship.

Please join us for a symposium to discuss the key ethical and policy issues raised by genetics and other research involving human biological materials, covering the entire trajectory from specimen source to new discovery. The experts at this day-long event will cover key topics, such as historical, legal, and international perspectives; donor attitudes, researcher perspectives, and institutional considerations; broad vs. specific informed consent; privacy, ownership, and control; use of specimens collected through mandatory newborn screening; research with discrete and insular populations; and others. Conference papers eventually will be published as an edited volume with a major academic press.

Event registration is now closed, but video will be available after the event on our [website](#).

This event is a collaboration between The [Center for Child Health and Policy](#) at [Case Western Reserve University](#) and [University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital](#); the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School; the [Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center](#) of Harvard and Brigham and Women's Hospital; and [Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center](#). It is supported by funding from the [National Human Genome Research Institute](#) and the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund at Harvard University.

News & Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Associates



Big Pharma, the game, makes it "easy to be villainous"
Ike Swetlitz, referencing [Rachel E. Sachs](#) (Academic Fellow)
STAT, November 11, 2015

NPRM on the Common Rule

Nicolas Terry, interviewing [I. Glenn Cohen](#) (Faculty Director) and [Holly F. Lynch](#) (Executive Director)
This Week in Health Law Podcast, November 7, 2015

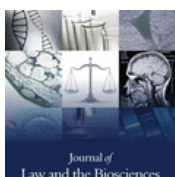


Translational Microbiome Workshop: Patent Law and Microbiome-Based Technologies

Presenter [Rachel E. Sachs](#) (Academic Fellow)
MIT Center for Microbiome Informatics and Therapeutics, November 6, 2015

U.S. Supreme Court and Texas Abortion Case

Brian M. Rosenthal, interviewing [I. Glenn Cohen](#) (Faculty Director)
Houston Chronicle, November 6, 2015



FDA's Pathway for Regulation of Fecal Microbiota Transplants
Margaret F. Riley and Bernat Olle, in response to [Rachel E. Sachs](#) (Academic Fellow)
Journal of Law and the Biosciences, October 26, 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:

- "[Premiums in Medicaid: The \(not so\) Recent Trend](#)," by Emma Sandoe
- "[The ACA's Nondiscrimination Rule: Hobby Lobby 2.0?](#)," by Liz Sepper
- "[The ACA's Nondiscrimination Rule: Puzzling Misreading of the Statute](#)," by Liz Sepper
- "[The ACA's Nondiscrimination Rule: Kudos and Critiques](#)," by Liz Sepper
- "[CMS Issues Notice Regarding Barriers to HCV Treatment](#)," by Dalia Deak
- "[Finally, a Final Rule on Advance Care Planning](#)," by Michael Anne Kyle
- "[The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Physician Coverage under the ACA](#)," by Elizabeth Guo

Reproductive Health/Rights:

- "[The Supreme Court and Contraceptive Coverage-Take 2](#)," by Gregory M. Lipper

General health law/policy:

- "[Actions for Sexual Assault Incidental to Medical Treatment Placed Outside the Scope of Medical Liability](#)," by Alex Stein
- "[The Common Rule NPRM: Biospecimens](#)," by Academic and Clinical Research Group at Verrill Dana LLP
- "[Nevada's \\$350,000 Cap on Noneconomic Damages Held Constitutional and Applicable Per Incident](#)," by Alex Stein
- "[The Ongoing Push for E-Cigarette Regulations](#)," by Katherine Kwong
- "[Understanding 'Lost Chances to Recover' and Looney v. Moore](#)," by Alex Stein
- "[House of Reps v. Burwell: A Case Worth Following](#)," by Matthew Ryan
- "[The Right to Health and Free Speech: Supreme Court of Argentina Rules Against Tobacco Advertising](#)," by Martin Hevia
- "[The Record-Breaking Resolution of a Groundbreaking Fraud Investigation](#)," by Zack Buck

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 Center Events

Check out our [website](#) for a more complete listing of events scheduled for 2015-2016. Remember, you can find materials from many of our events, including slide presentations and full event videos, online in our [events archive](#).



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

November 13, 2015 12 PM

[Austin Hall, West \(111\) Harvard Law School, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

Part of the [Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience](#), a collaboration between the [Center for Law, Brain & Behavior](#) at Massachusetts General Hospital and the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School.



Harvard Reception at 2015 PRIM&R Annual Conference

November 13, 2015 6:30 PM

[Hynes Convention Center, Room 201900 Boylston St., Boston, MA](#)

Cosponsored by the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School; the [Center for Bioethics](#) at Harvard Medical School; [Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center](#) at Harvard Medical School; and the [MRCT Center](#) of Harvard and Brigham and Women's Hospital.



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Ethical Challenges in Compassionate Access to Investigational Medicines: A lecture by Joanne Waldstreicher, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Johnson & Johnson
December 7, 2015 12:30 - 2:00 PM
[Harvard Medical School 641 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA](#)

Cosponsored by the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School; the [Center for Bioethics](#) at Harvard Medical School; [Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center](#) at Harvard Medical School; and the [MRCT Center](#) of Harvard and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Check Out These Great Upcoming 2016 Petrie-Flom Events!

- [A Conversation with Margaret A. Hamburg, FDA Commissioner 2009-2015](#), January 20, 2016
- [AGENDA NOW AVAILABLE! Fourth Annual Health Law Year in P/Review](#), January 29, 2016
- [SAVE THE DATE: Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience Panel Discussion](#), February 10, 2016
- [The Petrie-Flom Center's 10th Anniversary Conference Celebration: The Future of Health Law and Policy](#), March 29, 2016
- [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
- [CALL FOR ABSTRACTS! 2016 Annual Conference](#), May 6 - 7, 2016
- [Special Opening Lecture by Don Berwick: Part of ASLME's 39th Annual Health Law Professors Conference](#), June 2, 2016

Harvard Events

Partners Healthcare Personalized Medicine Program

November 18-19, 2015, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, Harvard Medical School

Joseph Fin's Book Talk: "Rights Come to Mind: Brain Injury, Ethics, and the Struggle for Consciousness"

November 19, 2015, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

TMEC 250, Harvard Medical School

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 in [Lewis 214A 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 fall semester workshops include:

PAPER NOW AVAILABLE! November 16: Seema Shah, National Institutes of Health Clinical Center

November 23: Amanda C. Pustilnik, University of Maryland School of Law

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

Harvard Opportunities

Law Science and Technology Fellow

Petrie-Flom Center

Application Deadline: November 20, 2015

Other Opportunities

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

Baby Markets: Call for Abstracts

University of California, Irvine School of Law

Application Deadline: December 1, 2015

Analyst in Science and Technology Policy

Library of Congress

Application Deadline: December 4, 2015

Clinical Ethics Fellowship

University of California, Los Angeles

Application Deadline: December 11, 2015

Intensive Workshop in Conflict Resolution

Penn Clinical Ethics Mediation Program

Application Deadline: January 15, 2016

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Medicine

Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation at Yale University

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Assistant Professor in Global Ethics and Feminist Philosophy

Michigan State University

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Staff Writer

Retraction Watch

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

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