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Synthetic Biology: Science, Policy, and Ethics

October 8, 2015, 4:00 PM

[Harkness South Dining Room \(205\), Casperson Student Center, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA](#)

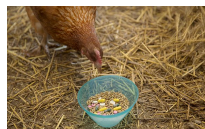
Synthetic biology, "which aims to apply standardized engineering techniques to biology and thereby create organisms or biological systems with novel or specialized functions to address countless needs,"* offers the potential for tremendous benefit, alongside a range of possible risks. How should these benefits and risks be balanced, from a scientific, ethical, and policy perspective? Please join us for a discussion of these issues with a leader in the field of synthetic biology and an expert in risk regulation and policy.

Panelists:

- [George Church](#), Professor of Genetics, Harvard Medical School and Director, PersonalGenomes.org
- [Adam Finkel](#), Senior Fellow and Executive Director, Penn Program on Regulation, University of Pennsylvania Law School and Clinical Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Michigan School of Public Health
- Moderator: [Holly Fernandez Lynch](#), Executive Director, the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School

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October 23, 2015 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

[Pound Hall, Room 102, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA](#)

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

November 4, 2015 1:00 - 5:00 PM

[Austin Hall, North \(100\), Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA](#)

Sponsored by the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law and the [Center for Bioethics](#) at Harvard Medical School.

Specimen Science: Ethics and Policy Implications, with NEW Lunchtime Talk on "Biospecimens and the NPRMs"

November 16, 2015 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



[Austin Hall, North \(100\) \(Morning\), Langdell Hall South, Room 272 \(Afternoon\) Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA](#)

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](#).

News & Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Associates



Heidi Williams wins MacArthur "genius grant"

By Peter Dizikes, on [Heidi Williams](#) (Student Fellow Alumna)
MIT News, September 29, 2015

Scholars Discuss Role of Neuroscience in Youth Criminal Justice: Summary of Project on Law & Applied Neuroscience Panel on the Neuroscience of Teen Sentencing

By Jonah S. Lefkoe

Harvard Crimson, September 29, 2015

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



Salad Days: Professor Jacob Gersen on the rise of food law

Michael Zuckerman, quoting [Jacob Gersen](#) (Director, Food Law Lab at the Petrie-Flom Center & Affiliated Faculty)
Harvard Crimson, September 29, 2015

How Patent Law Can Block Even Lifesaving Drugs

By Austin Frakt, quoting [Benjamin Roin](#) (Former Faculty Co-Director & Academic Fellow; Current Affiliated Faculty)
New York Times, September 28, 2015



How Prescription Drugs Get So Wildly Expensive

By Nick Stockton, quoting [Rachel E. Sachs](#) (Academic Fellow)
WIRED, September 23, 2015

Ruling against Obamacare birth control mandate creates legal limbo

By Jessica Mendoza, quoting [Holly F. Lynch](#) (Executive Director)
The Christian Science Monitor, September 18, 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:

- "[Which state will be the next to expand Medicaid?](#)" by Emma Sandoe
- "[Medicaid Is Not a Welfare Program](#)," by Michael Anne Kyle
- "[Generic Drug Price Increases: Implications for Medicaid](#)," by Rachel E. Sachs

Reproductive health/rights:

- "[A Circuit Split on Contraceptives Coverage](#)," by Holly F. Lynch
- "[RFRA Jumps The Shark: The 8th Circuit Strikes Down the Contraception Accommodation \(Part 1\)](#)," by Gregory M. Lipper
- "[RFRA Jumps The Shark: The 8th Circuit Strikes Down the Contraception Accommodation \(Part 2\)](#)," by Gregory M. Lipper
- "[Texas, Abortion, and the Supreme Court](#)," by Jessie Hill
- "[Texas, Abortion, and the Supreme Court - Part II](#)," by Jessie Hill

General health law/policy:

- "[Assisted Suicide and Lethal Injection: FDA's Regulatory Dilemma?](#)" by Elizabeth Guo
- "[NPRM Symposium: Escape for Many, Scant Relief for Those Left Behind](#)," by Zachary Schrag
- "[Presidential Campaigns Focus on Drug Costs](#)," by Katherine Kwong
- "[Worth Reading This Week](#)," by Nicholas Terry
- "[What's the Difference Between Anorexia Nervosa and Hunger Strike?](#)" by Maayan Sudai
- "[How Privacy Law Affects Medical and Scientific Research](#)," by John Conley
- "[Managing Diabetes: Is Silicon Valley the Solution?](#)" by Emma Sandoe

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](#).



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Is Professional Football Safe? Could We Make It Safer? Perspectives from Neuroscience, Law, and Ethics

October 15, 2015 Panel: 5:00 - 6:30 PM Reception: 6:30 - 7:15 PM

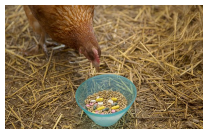
[Northwestern University Hughes Auditorium
303 E. Superior Street, Chicago, IL](#)

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



October 20, 2015 12:00 PM
[Pound Hall, Room 102](#)
[Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA](#)

This lecture is part of a series of events cosponsored by the [Center for Bioethics](#) at Harvard Medical School, [Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics](#) at Harvard University, and the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School.



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Save the Date for More Upcoming Petrie-Flom Events!

- [Book Launch: FDA in the 21st Century](#), October 28, 2015
- [REGISTER NOW! Reflections in Honor of the Life and Influence of Professor Alan Wertheimer](#), November 4, 2015
- [Should the Science of Adolescent Brain Development Inform Legal Policy? A lecture by Laurence Steinberg](#), November 13, 2015
- [Petrie-Flom Reception at 2015 PRIM&R Annual Conference](#), November 13, 2015
- [REGISTER NOW! Specimen Science: Ethics and Policy Implications: with NEW Lunchtime Talk on "Biospecimens and the NPRMs"](#), November 16, 2015
- [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

Other Events

The Role of the Courts in Promoting Equity

October 7, 2015, 12:30 - 1:30 PM
 Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

Innovations in Health Law and Policy: Regulatory Challenges and Strategies for Change Conference

October 26, 2015, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 University of New Hampshire School of Law

2016 Public Health Law Conference

September 15 - 17, 2016
 The Network for Public Health Law, Washington, DC

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:

October 19: [Julian Savulescu](#), Oxford University

October 26: [Adam Kolber](#), Brooklyn Law School

November 2: [Jaime S. King](#), UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Science, Law and Health Policy and [Erin C. Fuse Brown](#), Georgia State University School of Law

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](#).

Other Opportunities

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

Duke Law & Biosciences Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

Duke University

Application Deadline: December 1, 2015

Summer Ethics Fellowship for Law Students

Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE)

Application Deadline: January 5, 2016

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