



Last year, topics relating to bioethics, health law policy, and biotechnology took center stage both nationally and globally.

The Petrie-Flom Center sought to address these issues in our events, research, and publications. In April, as under-equipped hospitals in the U.S. grappled with the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, we hosted [Ethical Dilemmas in Mask and Equipment Shortages: Health Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). Subsequent events spotlighted issues including [How to Run a Hospital during a Pandemic](#), [Incarcerated Populations and COVID-19](#), and [Understanding the Role of Race in Health](#). The Center's blog, [Bill of Health](#), published [over 365 posts in 2020](#), many of which address aspects of the [COVID-19 pandemic](#), connections between [race and health](#), and other pressing issues in health law policy, bioethics, and tech.

At the start of this new year, it is clear that these topics will remain of critical importance. We are excited to be starting the year off with events that explore questions around [Public Options for Employers](#) and [Medical Stereotypes: Confronting Racism and Disparities in US Health Care](#). Be sure to also check out our upcoming seminar series on [COVID-19 and the Law](#). This seminar series, hosted in collaboration with the [Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy](#) at Yale Law School, takes the place of the Petrie-Flom Center 2021 annual conference. The series will highlight cutting edge scholarship on the impact that COVID-19 has on public policy and law. Our first session, [The Interaction of COVID-19 and Health Law](#), will occur on February 2.

Spotlight on Scholarship



What to Know About the COVID-19 Vaccine Dosing Debate

Faced with limited COVID-19 vaccine doses and the ever-mounting toll and strain of the pandemic, a new debate has emerged as to the best strategy for allocating the vaccines.

[Read the full article.](#)

Upcoming Events

Public Options for Employers: A Panel Discussion

DATE AND TIME

January 21, 2021 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Public Options for Employers"

Seminar Series: COVID-19 and the Law: The Interaction of COVID-19 and Health Law

DATE AND TIME

February 2, 2021 at 12:00 - 1:15 PM EST

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "COVID-19 and the Law"

Medical Stereotypes: Confronting Racism and Disparities in US Health Care

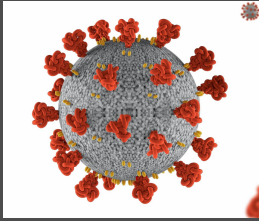
DATE AND TIME

February 12, 2021 at 12:30 - 1:30 PM EST

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Medical Stereotypes"



COVID-19 Coverage in *Bill of Health*

"Congress Should Enact No-Fault Compensation for COVID-19 Vaccine Injuries," by Dorit Rubinstein Reiss.

"Police Should Not Be Enforcing Emergency Public Health Orders," by Daniel Polonsky.

"The Constitutionality of Technology-Assisted Contact Tracing," by Dessie Otachliska.

"What You Should Know About the COVID-19 Vaccine," by Jeff Neal.

"COVID-19 Unmasks Issues Around Public Health Preemption," by Jessica Amoroso and Sarah Winston.

"An Equity-Based Strategy for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution," by Megan J. Shen.



I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)
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NEW COMMENTARY

"WCM-Q explores legal issues of telemedicine in pandemic,"
featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *The Peninsula*.



Carmel Shachar (Executive Director)
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NEW COMMENTARY

"Now That COVID-19 Vaccines Are Here, So Is the Prospect of Digital Immunity Passports," by Jane C. Hu, featuring Carmel Shachar in *Slate*.



Jacob S. Sherkow (Former Edmond J. Safra Center and Petrie-Flom Center Fellow in Ethics of Technology and Biomedical Innovation)
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NEW COMMENTARY

"How can policymakers encourage COVID-19 vaccine trials for children?" by Jacob S. Sherkow, Lisa Larrimore Ouellette, Nicholson Price, and Rachel Sachs in *Written Description*.



Matthew Lawrence (Former Academic Fellow)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Midnight Waivers: Can They Be Revoked Through the Congressional Review Act?" by Matthew Lawrence in *Yale Journal on Regulation*.



W. Nicholson Price II (Former Academic Fellow)
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NEW COMMENTARY

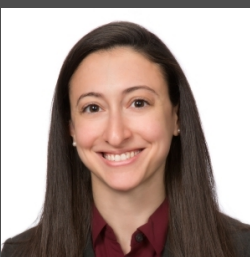
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Christopher Robertson (Former Academic Fellow)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Evidence Supporting the Value of Surgical Procedures: Can We Do Better?" by Jonathan J. Darrow, Christopher T. Robertson, and Willard S. Kasoff in *The American Surgeon*.



Rachel Sachs (Former Academic Fellow)
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NEW COMMENTARY

"Prescription Drug Policy: The Year In Review, And The Year Ahead," by Rachel Sachs in *Health Affairs Blog*.

"How can policymakers encourage COVID-19 vaccine trials for children?" by Jacob S. Sherkow, Lisa Larrimore Ouellette, Nicholson Price, and Rachel Sachs in *Written Description*.

"Trump leaves behind largely unworkable drug-pricing policies," by Erin Durkin, featuring Rachel Sachs in *National Journal*.

"Prospects Dim for Medicare Drug Reimbursement Cuts," by M. Alexander Otto, featuring Rachel Sachs in *Medscape*.

Timo Minssen (Former Visiting Scholar)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Social, cultural and economic aspects of antimicrobial resistance," by Timo Minssen, Kevin Outterson, Susan Rogers Van Katwyk, Pedro Henrique D. Batista, Clare I. R. Chandler, Francesco Ciabuschi, Stephan Harbarth, Aaron S. Kesselheim, Ramanan Laxminarayan, Kathleen Liddell, Michael T. Osterholm, Lance Price, and Steven J. Hoffman in *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*.

"At the Epicenter of COVID-19—the Tragic Failure of the Global Supply Chain for Medical Supplies," by Sonu Bhaskar, Jeremy Tan, Marcel L. A. M. Bogers, Timo Minssen, Hishamuddin Badaruddin, Simon Israeli-Korn, and Henry Chesbrough in *Frontiers in Public Health*.

"Lost on the High Seas without a Safe Harbor or a Shield? Navigating Cross-Border Transfers in the Pharmaceutical Sector After Schrems II Invalidation of the EU-US Privacy Shield," by Marcelo Corrales Compagnucci, Timo Minssen, Claudia Seitz, and Mateo Aboy in *European Pharmaceutical Law Review*.

"A qualitative study of biosimilar manufacturer and regulator perceptions on intellectual property and abbreviated approval pathways," by Louise C. Druedahl, Anna Birna Almarsdóttir, Sofia Kälvmemark Sporrang, Marie Louise De Bruin, Hans Hoogland, Timo Minssen, Marco van de Weert, Aaron S. Kesselheim, and Ameet Sarpatwari in *Nature Biotechnology*.

"ELSI Implications of Prioritizing Biological Therapies in Times of COVID-19," by Louise C. Druedahl, Audrey Lebret, and Timo Minssen in *The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*.



Christine Baugh (Former Student Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Accuracy of US College Football Players' Estimates of Their Risk of Concussion or Injury," by Christine M. Baugh, Emily Kroshus, William P. Meehan III, Thomas G. McGuire, and Laura A. Hatfield in *JAMA Network Open*.



Katherine L. Kraschel (Former Student Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"The 'Rules of the Road': Ethics, Firearms, and the

"Physician's 'Lane'," by Blake N. Shultz, Benjamin Tolchin, Katherine L. Kraschel in *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*.

"Understanding the Role of Law in Reducing Firearm Injury through Clinical Interventions," by Blake N. Shultz, Carolyn T. Lye, Gail D'Onofrio, Abbe R. Gluck, Jonathan Miller, Katherine L. Kraschel, Megan L. Ranney in *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*.



Emily Largent (Former Student Fellow)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"The Future Is P-Tau—Anticipating Direct-to-Consumer Alzheimer Disease Blood Tests," by Emily A. Largent, Anna Wexler, and Jason Karlawish in *JAMA Neurology*.

"US Public Attitudes Toward COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates," by Emily A. Largent, Govind Persad, Samantha Sangenito, Aaron Glickman, Connor Boyle, and Ezekiel J. Emanuel in *JAMA Network Open*.

"Problems With Paying People to Be Vaccinated Against COVID-19," by Emily A. Largent and Franklin G. Miller in *JAMA*.



James Toomey (Former Student Fellow)

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Understanding the Perspectives of Seniors on Dementia and Decision-Making," by James Toomey in *AJOB Empirical Bioethics*.



Jonathan J. Darrow (Former Student Fellow)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Evidence Supporting the Value of Surgical Procedures: Can We Do Better?" by Jonathan J. Darrow, Christopher T. Robertson, and Willard S. Kasoff in *The American Surgeon*.

Alex Pearlman (Former Communications Manager)
@Lexikon1

NEW SCHOLARSHIP



"Realizing Present and Future Promise of DIY Biology and Medicine through a Trust Architecture," by Lisa M. Rasmussen, Christi J. Guerrini, Todd Kuiken, Camille Nebeker, Alex Pearlman, Sarah B. Ware, Anna Wexler, and Patricia J. Zettler in *The Hastings Center Report*.

Selected Opportunity Listings

We choose a few upcoming opportunities to feature each week. To see [the full list, check our site](#). To post your own, [get in touch!](#)



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[Call for Applications: Technology and Public Purpose Fellowship](#)



The Hastings Center

[Call for Applications: Project Manager-Research Assistant](#)



[Call for Applications: MA State House Science and Technology Fellowship](#)



HARVARD
MEDICAL SCHOOL

[Call for Applications: Regulatory Affairs Operations Officer \(Project Manager\)](#)