



In early 2018, we launched the [Project on Precision Medicine, Artificial Intelligence, and the Law \(PMAIL\)](#). Since then PMAIL has explored liability issues, appropriate regulatory approaches, privacy concerns, and other cutting edge legal and ethical questions regarding health AI. This week, PMAIL was recognized by the [Tech Spotlight](#) at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center as a model of technology that seeks a more inclusive, fair, and safer future. We're very proud of the recognition and the work that PMAIL, and, in particular, Research Fellow [Sara Gerke](#) has accomplished.

Don't miss the opportunity to register for our [upcoming events](#). Just this month we have two timely panels coming up – "[Constitutional Democracy and the Role of High Courts in Times of Crisis: The Case of Mexico](#)," on October 23rd at 12 pm, and "[Can Psychedelics Help Save America?](#)" on October 28th at 12 pm. And in November, we will host events on [organ donation](#), [IVF add-on procedures](#), [technological innovations in dementia detection](#), and court rulings on the [right to health in Kenya](#). We hope you'll join us.

Also, Harvard graduate students with an interest in our work – we're hiring! Applications are now open for our paid student internships. Learn more [about the role and application process here](#).

Spotlight on Scholarship



How Telehealth Could Improve — or

Worsen — Racial Disparities

While telehealth may be, in many ways, a panacea for access to healthcare, particularly in COVID times, we should be concerned that patients of color may be left behind.

[Read the full article.](#)

Upcoming Events

Constitutional Democracy and the Role of High Courts in Times of Crisis: The Case of Mexico

DATE AND TIME

October 23, 2020 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Constitutional Democracy and the Role of High Courts in Times of Crisis: The Case of Mexico"

Can Psychedelics Help Save America?

DATE AND TIME

October 28, 2020 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Can Psychedelics Help Save America?"

Nudging Organ Donation: Tools to Encourage Organ Availability

DATE AND TIME

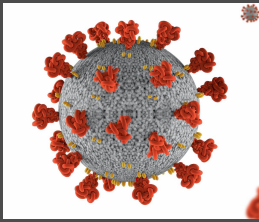
November 6, 2020 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Nudging Organ Donation"

Affiliate News and Scholarship



COVID-19 Coverage in *Bill of Health*

["Why Buck v. Bell Still Matters,"](#) by Jasmine E. Harris.

["Duplicate Discounts Threaten the 340B Program During COVID-19,"](#) by Sravya Chary.

["Health Justice Strategies to Combat the Pandemic: Video Preview with Ruqaiyah Yearby,"](#) featuring Ruqaiyah Yearby.

["The Ethics of COVID-19 Vaccine Trials in Developing Countries, Part 2,"](#) by Sunnie Ning.

["Addressing Health Inequities in End-of-Life Care in the Era of COVID-19,"](#) by Megan J. Shen.

["Expendable Lives and COVID-19,"](#) by Matiangai Sirleaf.

["Violence Against Health Care Workers: Legislative Responses,"](#) by Stephen Wood.



I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

["Gene Editing Sperm and Eggs \(not Embryos\): Does it Make a Legal or Ethical Difference?"](#) by I. Glenn Cohen, Jacob S. Sherkow, and Eli Y. Adashi in *The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*.

NEW COMMENTARY

["I've Spent Decades Studying How People Build Their Families. Here's What I've Learned Matters Most,"](#) by Susan Golombok, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Time*.



Carmel Shachar (Executive Director)

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NEW COMMENTARY

["The Preemption Clause That Swallowed Health Care: How ERISA Litigation Threatens State Health Policy Efforts,"](#) by Carmel Shachar in *Health Affairs*.



Holly Fernandez Lynch (Former Executive Director)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

["Compensating for research risk: permissible but not](#)

obligatory." by Holly Fernandez Lynch and Emily A. Largent in *Journal of Medical Ethics*.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"A Bioethicist on Trump's COVID-19 Treatment Plan," by James D. Walsh, featuring Holly Fernandez Lynch in *Intelligencer*.



Alicia Ely Yamin (Senior Fellow in Global Health and Rights)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"A Wake-Up Call in Our Upside-Down World: Three Starting-Points for Advancing Health Rights and Social Justice in a Post-Pandemic Future," by Alicia Ely Yamin in *Journal of Human Rights Practice*.



Francis Shen (Senior Fellow in Law and Applied Neuroscience)

NEW COMMENTARY

"Nobody Knew She Suffered from Alzheimer's," by Joe Sexton, featuring Francis Shen in *ProPublica*.

"Majority of Respondents Support Chimeric Animal Research: Survey," by Amanda Heidt, featuring Francis Shen in *The Scientist*.

"Survey finds American support for human-animal chimera research," by Cell Press, featuring Francis Shen in *ScienceDaily*.



Mason Marks (Edmond J. Safra Center and Petrie-Flom Center Fellow in Ethics of Technology and Biomedical Innovation)

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NEW COMMENTARY

"D.C. voters to weigh in on 'magic mushroom' decriminalization after months-long campaign," by Justin Wm. Moyer, featuring Mason Marks in *The Washington Post*.

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

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"How are COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers aiming to encourage trust in the FDA's approval process?" by Rachel Sachs, Jacob S. Sherkow, Lisa Larrimore Ouellette, and Nicholson Price in *Written Description*.

"Homemade COVID-19 Vaccine: Does it Work and is it Safe?" by Dana Cruz, featuring Jacob S. Sherkow in *Latin Post*.

"The Chronicles of CRISPR," by John Sterling, featuring Jacob S. Sherkow in *GEN News*.



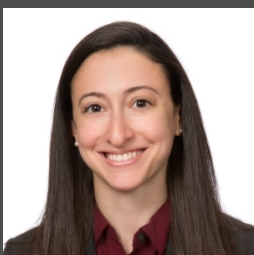
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Rachel Sachs (Former Academic Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Confronting State Medicaid Drug Spending Pressures," by Rachel E. Sachs, Julie M. Donohue, and Stacie B. Dusetzina in *JAMA*.

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"Experts Uncertain If the President's Drug Import Plan Will Save Consumers Money," by Roz Platter, featuring Rachel Sachs in *healthline*.

"For Many in the U.S., Prescription Drugs Still Unaffordable," by Tanzina Vega, interviewing Rachel Sachs on *The Takeaway*.

"Accelerated Approval: US FDA Request For Makena's Withdrawal Goes Beyond Failed Confirmatory Trial," by Sue Sutter, featuring Rachel Sachs in *Pink Sheet*.

"Trump's Operation Warp Speed could be a success. The problem is Trump," by Dylan Scott, featuring Rachel Sachs in *Vox*.

"Health officials scrambling to produce Trump's 'last-minute' drug cards by Election Day," by Dan Diamond, featuring Rachel Sachs in *Politico*.

"Trump's Last-Minute Push For Legally Tenuous Prescription Drug Cards," by Jonathan Cohn and Matt Fuller, featuring Rachel Sachs in *HuffPost*.



Emily A. Largent (Former Student Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Compensating for research risk: permissible but not obligatory," by Holly Fernandez Lynch and Emily A. Largent in *Journal of Medical Ethics*.



Jonathan J. Darrow (Former Student Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Origins and Ownership of Remdesivir: Implications for Pricing," by ChangWon C. Lee, Jonathan J. Darrow, Jerry Avorn,

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!](#)



[Call for Applications: Petrie-Flom Center Student Internship](#)



[Virtual Event: "Obesity, COVID-19, and Systemic Racism," Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery](#)



[Nanocourse Series: "Governance and Ethics of Biotechnology," Scientific Citizenship Initiative](#)



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