



As efforts mount to return to "normal," COVID-19 digital health passes, more commonly known as [COVID-19 immunity passports or certification programs](#), have been floated as a way to safely get people back to work, school, and social activities.

Programs such as these could help reboot economies and protect public health. However, novel digital health platforms may put personal privacy at risk and entrench existing inequities. Join us on April 28 for a [moderated discussion on the legal, ethical, and public health complexities of COVID-19 immunity certification](#).

The following day, April 29, we will host three advanced care experts for a discussion of [Trends Transforming Advanced Illness Care](#). The panelists will discuss how technology has potential to accelerate community care, along with potential challenges. We hope to see you there.

The application for the 2021-2022 Petrie-Flom Student Fellowship is now open for priority consideration for Harvard Law Students. Applications for priority consideration are due May 28. Other Harvard Graduate Students, don't worry—you'll be eligible to apply over the summer during our general round. More information about the fellowship and application requirements can be found on the [application page](#).

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## *Spotlight on Scholarship*



# Is It Time to Reverse Health System Consolidation?

Concentrated corporate power poses an obstacle to the provision of affordable health care across the state of Massachusetts.

In particular, a few large hospital systems wield monopoly power to maintain supracompetitive hospital prices. Is it time to consider breaking up large health systems?

[Read the full article.](#)

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## *Upcoming Events*

### *Vaccine Passports: A Path to the New Normal?*

#### DATE AND TIME

April 28, 2021 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT

#### LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Vaccine Passports"

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### *Trends Transforming Advanced Illness Care: The Promise of Technology*

#### DATE AND TIME

April 29, 2021 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT

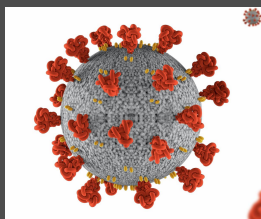
#### LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Trends Transforming Advanced Illness Care"

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## *Affiliate News and Scholarship*



### *COVID-19 Coverage in Bill of Health*

"Institutional Reforms Needed to Strengthen Health Care Post-Pandemic," by Marissa Wagner Mery.

"How Preclinical Medical Students Have Embraced Advocacy Amid Virtual Education," by Tarika Srinivasan.

"One Year Later: COVID-19, Human Rights, and the Rule of

[Law in South Africa,](#)" by Chloe Reichel.

["Family Caregivers' Critical, Overlooked Role in Our Health Care Workforce,"](#) by Judith Iwanski and Laurance Stuntz.

["How the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Changed Caregiver Education and Training,"](#) by Elizabeth Hansen.

["Mass Vaccine Sites Aren't for the Masses,"](#) by Chloe Reichel.

["From Pain to Progress: Nursing After the Pandemic,"](#) by Victoria L. Tiase and William M. Sage.

["Ethical, Legal, and Scientific Challenges for COVID-19 Vaccine Passports,"](#) by Chloe Reichel.

["Challenges Facing Home Health Caregivers During COVID-19 Pandemic,"](#) by Vicki Hoak.

["Telehealth and the Future of Long-Term Care,"](#) by Tara Sklar.

["How COVID-19 Has Widened the Experience-Complexity Gap in Nursing,"](#) by Julie Miller.

["Viewing Telehealth Policymaking Through the Lens of Disability,"](#) by Laura C. Hoffman.

["Ethical and Legal Challenges Faced by Hospitals in New York's First COVID-19 Surge,"](#) by Zachary E. Shapiro.



**I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)**

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

["Industry-Sponsored Speaker Programs—End of the Line?"](#)

by Eli Y. Adashi and I. Glenn Cohen in *JAMA*.

["Digital Health Passes in the Age of COVID-19: Are 'Vaccine Passports' Lawful and Ethical?"](#) by Lawrence O. Gostin, I. Glenn Cohen, and Jana Shaw in *JAMA*.

["Artificial Intelligence and Liability in Medicine: Balancing Safety and Innovation,"](#) by George Maliha, Sara Gerke, I. Glenn Cohen, and Ravi B. Parikh in *The Milbank Quarterly*.

NEW COMMENTARY

["More Colleges to Require Student Covid-19 Vaccinations,"](#)

by Yoree Koh, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *The Wall Street Journal*.

["An Unexpected Boon to America's Vaccine Towns,"](#) by Daniel Block, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *The Atlantic*.

["'Authorization' status is a red herring when it comes to mandating Covid-19 vaccination,"](#) by Dorit R. Reiss, I. Glenn

Cohen, and Carmel Shachar in *STAT News*.

**"US colleges divided over requiring student vaccinations,"**

by Collin Binkley, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *AP News*.

**"Vaccine Requirements Spread in U.S., Sowing Concern on Overreach,"** by David R. Baker, featuring I. Glenn Cohen and Carmel Shachar in *Bloomberg*.

**"Vaccine tourism: Why are people crossing borders for a jab?"** by Priyanka Shankar, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Al Jazeera*.

**"US colleges weigh vaccine mandates for fall,"** featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Yahoo! News*.

**"VERIFY: No, vaccine passports do not violate HIPAA laws,"** by Liza Lucas, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *11 Alive*.

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**Carmel Shachar (Executive Director)**

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NEW COMMENTARY

**"'Authorization' status is a red herring when it comes to mandating Covid-19 vaccination,"** by Dorit R. Reiss, I. Glenn Cohen, and Carmel Shachar in *STAT News*.

**"Vaccine Requirements Spread in U.S., Sowing Concern on Overreach,"** by David R. Baker, featuring I. Glenn Cohen and Carmel Shachar in *Bloomberg*.

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**Sara Gerke (Research Fellow, Medicine, Artificial Intelligence, and Law)**

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**"Artificial Intelligence and Liability in Medicine: Balancing Safety and Innovation,"** by George Maliha, Sara Gerke, I. Glenn Cohen, and Ravi B. Parikh in *The Milbank Quarterly*.

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**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

**"Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is 90% effective for at least 6 months and protects against South Africa variant, study shows,"** by Karen Weintraub, featuring Jacob S. Sherkow in *USA Today*.

**"How can Congress create infrastructure for the next pandemic?"** by Nicholson Price, Rachel Sachs, Jacob S. Sherkow, and Lisa Larrimore Ouellette in *Written Description*.

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

**"How can Congress create infrastructure for the next pandemic?"** by Nicholson Price, Rachel Sachs, Jacob S. Sherkow, and Lisa Larrimore Ouellette in *Written Description*.

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**Christopher Robertson (Former Academic Fellow)**  
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NEW COMMENTARY

**"Biden's attempts to diversify federal courts can't come fast enough,"** by Robert L. Tsai and Christopher Robertson in *The Hill*.

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**Rachel Sachs (Former Academic Fellow)**  
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NEW COMMENTARY

**"How can Congress create infrastructure for the next pandemic?"** by Nicholson Price, Rachel Sachs, Jacob S. Sherkow, and Lisa Larrimore Ouellette in *Written Description*.

**"Drug pricing on the agenda for massive infrastructure bill,"** by Health Affairs, featuring Rachel Sachs on *Health Affairs This Week*.

**"Drug-price negotiation proposals could clear Senate rules,"** by Erin Durkin, featuring Rachel Sachs in *National Journal*.

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**Jennifer S. Bard (Former Visiting Scholar)**  
**@ProfBardLaw**

NEW SCHOLARSHIP



**"Lifting the Barriers Excluding People Living with Disabilities from the Benefits of Inclusion in Research Studies,"** by Jennifer Bard in *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law & Public Affairs*.

NEW COMMENTARY

**"Healthiest & Unhealthiest Cities in America,"** by Adam McCann, featuring Jennifer Bard in *WalletHub*.

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**Katie Hammond (Former Visiting Scholar)**  
**@HammKatie**

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**"Unnecessary and Redundant? Evaluating Canada's Genetic Non-Discrimination Act 2017,"** by Kathleen Hammond in *The Canadian Bar Review*.

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**Jennifer D. Oliva (Former Visiting Scholar)**  
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**"Public Health Surveillance in the Context of COVID-19,"** by Jennifer D. Oliva in *Indiana Health Law Review*.

**"Surveillance, Privacy, and App Tracking,"** by Jennifer D. Oliva in *COVID-19 Policy Playbook: Legal Recommendations for a Safer, More Equitable Future*.

NEW COMMENTARY

**"Why are COVID vaccine passports so controversial?"** by Karen Price Mueller, featuring Jennifer D. Oliva in *NJ.com*.

**"The Opioid Crisis, Fueled by Covid, Is Worse Than Ever,"** by Valerie Bauman and Ian Lopez, featuring Jennifer D. Oliva in *Bloomberg Businessweek*.

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**Minerva Rivas Velarde (Former Visiting Scholar)**

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

Minerva Rivas Velarde has been appointed as a member of the Editorial Board of [Bioethica Forum](#), the official journal of the Swiss Society for Biomedical Ethics.

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## Emily Largent (Former Student Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**"Public Attitudes toward Consent When Research Is Integrated into Care—Any 'Ought' from All the 'Is'?"** by Stephanie R. Morain and Emily A. Largent in *The Hastings Center Report*.

**"Public Perspectives on COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization,"** by Govind Persad, Ezekiel J. Emanuel, Samantha Sangenito, Aaron Glickman, Steven Phillips, and Emily A. Largent in *JAMA Network Open*.

NEW COMMENTARY

**"Biden's attempts to diversify federal courts can't come fast enough,"** by Robert L. Tsai and Christopher Robertson, featuring Emily Largent in *The Hill*.

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## Ching-Fu Lin (Former Student Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**"Breaking State-Centric Shackles in the WHO: Taiwan as a Catalyst for a New Global Health Order,"** by Ching-Fu Lin, Han-Wei Liu, and Chien-Huei Wu in *Virginia Journal of International Law Online*.

**"COVID-19 and the Institutional Resilience of the IHR (2005): Time for a Dispute Settlement Redesign?"** by Ching-Fu Lin in *Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal*.

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## Wendy Salkin (Former Student Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**"The Conscription of Informal Political Representatives,"** by Wendy Salkin in *The Journal of Political Philosophy*.

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## Jonathan Darrow (Former Student Fellow)

NEW SCHOLARSHIP



**"Safeguarding evidence-based decision making in the FDA for COVID-19 vaccines,"** by Aris Angelis and Jonathan Darrow in *Vaccine*.

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## ***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 Student Fellowship 2021-2022**



**Call for Applications: The Ginkgo Public Policy Fellowship**



**Call for Applications: Research Assistant II at Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy**