



We are happy to announce the topic for the 2022 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Conference, [Diagnosing in the Home: The Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities of Digital Diagnostics and Therapeutics Outside of Traditional Clinical Settings](#). This conference will engage with the vision for a 21st-century health care system that embraces the potential of at-home digital products to support diagnoses, improve care, encourage caregivers, maximize pandemic resilience, and allow individuals to stay within the home when preferable.

Interested in contributing to our annual conference? Check out our [call for abstracts](#) and [FAQ](#) on [Bill of Health](#). Abstracts are due October 14th. And keep up to date on the conference planning and agenda by [registering now!](#)

Spotlight on Scholarship



Passing the Buck: What the CDC Guidance on Masks Gets Wrong About Public Health

As Americans shed their masks in response to recent U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, the most vulnerable among us face an unfair choice: either to enforce public health hygiene or forgo being in public spaces entirely.

Upcoming Events

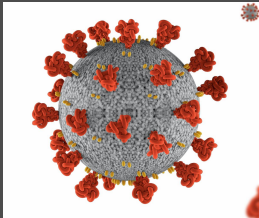
2022 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Conference

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June 2022

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Affiliate News and Scholarship



COVID-19 Coverage in *Bill of Health*

"A Critical Analysis of the Eurocentric Response to COVID-19: Data Colonialism," by Hayley Evans.

"Are Employers That Ditch Mask Mandates Liable for COVID-19 Infections at Work?" by Chloe Reichel.

"What Makes a Bad Public Health Decision? And How Can We Make Good Ones?" by Jennifer S. Bard.

"Key Takeaways from Petrie-Flom Center Discussion on Vaccine Passports," by Petrie-Flom Center Staff.

"Public Health Law vs. Individual Advice: Why Discarding Indoor Mask Mandates Is a Mistake," by Jennifer S. Bard.



I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)

@CohenProf

NEW COMMENTARY

"Explaining HIPAA: No, it doesn't ban questions about your vaccination status," by Allyson Chiu, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *The Washington Post*.

"Federal law allows businesses to ask for proof of vaccination," by Ali Swenson, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *AP News*.

"The US worried about vaccine tourists. Now it's encouraging them," by Eileen Guo, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *MIT Technology Review*.

"For a second year, Harvard Law to offer pre-term 'Zero-L'

"course to other law schools for free," by HLS News Staff, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Harvard Law Today*.

"Law, Ethics, and COVID-19: An interview with I. Glenn Cohen," by Mark Polk, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Harvard Health Policy Review*.

"Is it a HIPAA violation if businesses request proof of COVID vaccine? What experts say," by Simone Jasper, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Mahoning Matters*.

"Beloit College requiring students to prove they've been vaccinated," by WTVO, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *mystateline.com*.

"VERIFY: Yes, businesses can require unvaccinated customers to wear masks even if there are no mandates," by Nate Hanson, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *WUSA9*.

"VERIFY: Are COVID-19 vaccine mandates for college students legal?" by Eliana Block, featuring I. Glenn Cohen and Carmel Shachar in *WUSA9*.

"New normal: Can employers, businesses require COVID-19 vaccines?" by Cristian Benavides, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *PIX11*.



Carmel Shachar (Executive Director)
@CarmelShachar

NEW COMMENTARY

"Can New York state force people to get COVID-19 vaccines?" by Zach Williams, featuring Carmel Shachar in *City & State New York*.

"VERIFY: Are COVID-19 vaccine mandates for college students legal?" by Eliana Block, featuring I. Glenn Cohen and Carmel Shachar in *WUSA9*.



Holly Fernandez Lynch (Former Executive Director)
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NEW COMMENTARY

"Is it OK to offer a shot at lottery money to get people vaccinated? As bioethicists, we say yes. | Opinion," by Holly Fernandez Lynch and Emily Largent in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.



Alicia Ely Yamin (Academic Fellow)

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PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

[Amicus Curiae Brief: Case of Manuela and Family v. El Salvador](#), co-signed by Alicia Yamin, submitted by Center for Human Rights and Global Justice before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.



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

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

["Emergent Medical Data: Health Information Inferred by Artificial Intelligence,"](#) by Mason Marks in *UC Irvine Law Review*.



Christopher Robertson (Former Academic Fellow)

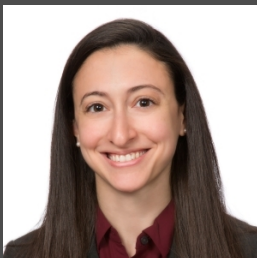
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

["The Need for a Strong and Stable Federal Public Health Agency Independent from Politicians,"](#) by Jacqueline Salwa and Christopher Robertson in *COVID-19 Policy Playbook: Legal Recommendations for a Safer, More Equitable Future*.

NEW COMMENTARY

["Paying people to get vaccinated might work – but is it ethical?"](#) by Christopher Robertson in *The Conversation*.



Rachel Sachs (Former Academic Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

["Encouraging Interagency Collaboration: Learning from COVID-19,"](#) by Rachel Sachs in *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law & Innovation*.

Minerva Rivas Velarde (Former Visiting Scholar)



NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Citizens' views on sharing their health data: the role of competence, reliability and pursuing the common good," by Minerva C. Rivas Velarde, Petros Tsantoulis, Claudine Burton-Jeangros, Monica Aceti, Pierre Chappuis, and Samia Hurst-Majno in *BMC Medical Ethics*.

"Ethics review of big data research: What should stay and what should be reformed?" by Marcello Ienca, Mark Sheehan, Alessandro Blasimme, Edward S. Dove, Bobbie Farsides, Phoebe Friesen, Jeff Kahn, Walter Karlen, Peter Kleist, S. Matthew Liao, Camille Nebeker, Gabrielle Samuel, Mahsa Shabani, Minerva Rivas Velarde, and Effy Vayena in *BMC Medical Ethics*.



Emily Largent (Former Student Fellow)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"That would be dreadful': The ethical, legal, and social challenges of sharing your Alzheimer's disease biomarker and genetic testing results with others," by Emily A. Largent, Shana D. Stites, Kristin Harkins, and Jason Karlawish in *Journal of Law and Biosciences*.

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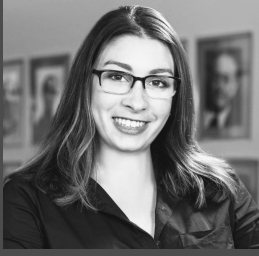
"A Look at Covid-19 Vaccine Incentives: Will They Work?" featuring Emily Largent on *The Takeaway*.

"States Are One-Upping Each Other with Vaccine Rewards — But Will It Work?" by Elizabeth Yuko, featuring Emily Largent in *RollingStone*.

"Ohio's vaccine lottery is a game-show approach to incentivize people to get the COVID-19 shot. Will it work?" by Evan MacDonald, featuring Emily Largent in *cleveland.com*.

Alex Pearlman (Former Communications Manager)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP



"A Cohort of Pirate Ships": Biomedical Citizen Scientists' Attitudes Toward Ethical Oversight, by Meredith Trejo, Isabel Canfield, Whitney Bash Brooks, Alex Pearlman, and Christi Guerrini in *Citizen Science: Theory and Practice*.

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 Abstracts: Diagnosing in the Home: The Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities of Digital Diagnostics and Therapeutics Outside of Traditional Clinical Settings



Call for Applications: Petrie-Flom Student Fellowship 2021-2022



Call for Applications: Solomon Center Senior Research Fellow



Call for Essays: Neuroethics Essay Contest in 2021