



Before the start of classes, Petrie-Flom Center Faculty Director and Deputy Dean I. Glenn Cohen [spoke to Harvard Law Today about the remote term.](#)

"While this year is definitely going to be different," he said, "We owe it to our students to make it great."

To that end, we're hosting [topical virtual events](#) on issues such as [the role of race in health](#) and [how COVID-19 is affecting the rule of law in South America](#), gearing up to welcome a new cohort of student fellows, and launching a new digital symposium on [Bill of Health](#) on race, public health, and health law policy.

We hope you'll join us in these new endeavors. And despite all the change, we're glad for the constant — another semester to explore the ever-relevant fields of health law policy, bioethics, and biotechnology.

Spotlight on Scholarship



Ugandan Court Decision Enshrines Access to Basic Maternal Health Care as a Right

On August 19, 2020, the Constitutional Court of Uganda passed a landmark judgment in which it pronounced that the Government of Uganda's omission to adequately provide basic

maternal health care services and emergency obstetric care in public health facilities violates the right to health, the right to life, and the rights of women as guaranteed under the country's Constitution.

[Read the full article.](#)

Upcoming Events

COVID-19 and the Stakes for Democracy in South America

DATE AND TIME

September 17, 2020 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "COVID-19 and the Stakes for Democracy in South America"

Understanding the Role of Race in Health: A Moderated Discussion

DATE AND TIME

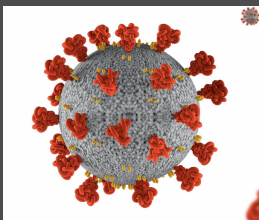
September 21, 2020 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT

LOCATION

ONLINE ONLY

Learn more about "Understanding the Role of Race in Health"

Affiliate News and Scholarship



COVID-19 Coverage in Bill of Health

"Great Responsibility: Navigating Moral Hazards During COVID-19," by Jacqueline Salwa.

"The Case for Face Shields: Improving the COVID-19 Public Health Policy Toolkit," by Timothy Wiemken, Ana Santos Rutschman, and Robert Gatter.

"How Does Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine Work, and Who Is Funding Its Development?" by Jacob S. Sherkow, Lisa Larrimore Ouellette, Nicholson Price, and Rachel Sachs.

"New Report Assesses Legal Responses to COVID-19," by Nicolas P. Terry.



I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)

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NEW COMMENTARY

"COVID adaptation," by Elaine McArdle, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Harvard Law Today*.



Holly Lynch Fernandez (Former Executive Director)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Ethical Payment to Participants in Human Infection Challenge Studies, with a Focus on SARS-CoV-2: Report and Recommendations," by Holly Fernandez Lynch, Thomas Darton, Emily Largent, Jae Levy, Frank McCormick, Ubaka Ogbogu, Ruth Payne, Alvin E. Roth, Akilah Jefferson Shah, and Thomas Smiley in *SSRN*.

"Ethically Allocating COVID-19 Drugs Via Pre-approval Access and Emergency Use Authorization," by Jamie Webb, Lesha D. Shah, and Holly Fernandez Lynch in *The American Journal of Bioethics*.

"No Easy Answers in Allocating Unapproved COVID-19 Drugs Outside Clinical Trials," Jamie Webb, Lesha Shah, and Holly Fernandez Lynch in *The American Journal of Bioethics*.



Francis Shen (Senior Fellow)

NEW COMMENTARY

"Why every story is a brain story," by Francis Shen for *TEDMED*.



Jean-Christophe Bélise-Pipon (Visiting Researcher)

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PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

Jean-Christophe will be joining the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University as Assistant Professor in Health Ethics, starting January 2021.



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

"Why is HHS blocking FDA from regulating some diagnostics, and how will this affect COVID-19 testing?" by Lisa Larrimore Ouellette, Nicholson Price, Rachel Sachs, and Jacob S. Sherkow in *Written Description*.

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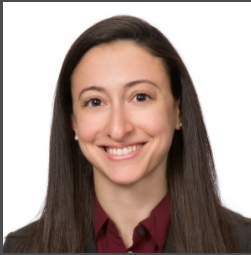


Christopher Roberston (Former Academic Fellow)

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Indemnifying precaution: economic insights for regulation of a highly infectious disease," by Christopher T. Robertson, K Aleks Schaefer, Daniel Scheitrum, Sergio Puig, and Keith Joiner in



Rachel Sachs (Former Academic Fellow)

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NEW COMMENTARY

"Understanding The FDA's Controversial Convalescent Plasma Authorization," by Rachel Sachs in *Health Affairs*.

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"Trump Keeps Promoting a Drug Order That No One Has Seen," by Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Margot Sanger-Katz, featuring Rachel Sachs in *The New York Times*.

"Insurers' offers to cover COVID-19 treatment are expiring," by Erika Beras, featuring Rachel Sachs in *Marketplace*.

"Trump suggests government scientists held back plasma therapy for political reasons," by Sarah Owerhohle and Zachary Brennan, featuring Rachel Sachs in *Politico*.

"Trump Again Claims He's Bringing Down Drug Prices, But Details of How Are Skimpy," by Victoria Knight, featuring Rachel Sachs in *KHN*.

"US FDA risks eroding public trust with broad COVID-19 vaccines meeting – experts," by Donna Young, featuring Rachel Sachs in *S&P*.

"October COVID-19 vaccine meeting may lend transparency but timing is curious," by Donna Young, featuring Rachel Sachs in *S&P*.

"House panel demands HHS briefing on decision to nix premarket review for COVID-19 lab developed tests," by Greg



Jonathan J. Darrow (Former Student Fellow)
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

"Comparing Onset of Biosimilar Versus Generic Competition in the United States," by Reed F. Beall, Paul E. Ronksley, James Wick, Jonathan J. Darrow, Ameet Sarpatwari, and Aaron S. Kesselheim in *ASCPT*.

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 Proposals: Birth Rights Bar Association 2021 Virtual Conference: Childbirth and the Law](#)