



The fall semester is in full swing at the Petrie-Flom Center. We are excited to [welcome our newest cohort of Student Fellows for the 2021-2022](#) academic year. They each will undertake a year-long research project with mentorship from Center faculty and affiliates, and also will blog at [Bill of Health](#) regularly. Keep an eye out for their [bylines](#)!

We're also thrilled to announce another addition to the Petrie-Flom Center, [David Angelatos](#), who joined us in early September. David will serve as the Research Fellow for [the Project on Psychedelics Law and Regulation \(POPLAR\)](#). [Register now for POPLAR's launch symposium](#) on October 6th. Later that week, don't miss our [discussion on the rights of persons with disabilities in Latin America during COVID-19](#), featuring Mexican Supreme Court Justice [José Alfredo Gutiérrez Ortiz Mena](#) on October 8th.

Don't forget to [submit your abstract](#) 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](#). Submissions close on October 14th. Check out our [FAQ](#) on [Bill of Health](#) for more information.

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## *Spotlight on Scholarship*



**International Pandemic Lawmaking:  
Conceptual and Practical Issues — Launch**

# Editorial

This symposium was convened with two primary aims: to shed light on the inequities and imbalances exposed by global pandemic response, and to advocate recommendations on which principles should guide the framing and drafting of a potential international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response.

[Read the full article.](#)

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## *Upcoming Events*

### *Introducing POPLAR: The Future of Psychedelics Law and Regulation*

**DATE**

October 6, 2021, 12:30 PM, Online

Learn more about "Introducing  
POPLAR"

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### *Disruptions of Dignity: COVID-19 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Latin America*

**DATE**

October 8, 2021, 12:30 PM, Online

Learn more about "Disruptions of  
Dignity"

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### *Book Talk: The Genome Defense: Inside the Epic Legal Battle to Determine Who Owns Your DNA*

**DATE**

October 20, 2021, 12:30 PM, Online

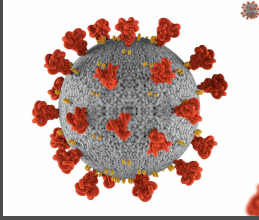
Learn more about "The Genome  
Defense"

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## *Affiliate News and Scholarship*

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

**"There's No Justice Without Health Justice,"** by Yolonda



Wilson.

**“Whose Global Health Security?”** by Aeyal Gross.

**“Health Justice for Immigrants, Revisited,”** by Medha D. Makhoul.

**“International Pandemic Lawmaking: Conceptual and Practical Issues — Launch Editorial,”** by Joelle Grogan, on behalf of the editors, Joelle Grogan, Pedro A. Villarreal, and Alicia Ely Yamin.

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

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**“The Supreme Court, the Texas Abortion Law (SB8), and the Beginning of the End of Roe v Wade?”** by I. Glenn Cohen, Eli Y. Adashi, and Lawrence O. Gostin in *JAMA*.

**“Mitochondrial disease: Replace or edit?”** by Eli Y. Adashi, Donald S. Rubenstein, Jim A. Mossman, Eric A. Schon, and I. Glenn Cohen in *Science*.

NEW COMMENTARY

**“Biden Orders Shots for Millions, Calling Unvaccinated a Threat,”** by Josh Wingrove and Jenny Leonard, featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *Bloomberg*.

**“FDA deploying 'fast-track' arsenal against COVID-19,”** by Tom Howell Jr., featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *The Washington Times*.

**“Biden careful not to play favorites, but Pfizer enjoys some 'comparative advantage' in mandate era,”** by Tom Howell Jr., featuring I. Glenn Cohen in *The Washington Times*.

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**Holly Fernandez Lynch (Former Executive Director)**

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**“A Snapshot of U.S. IRB Review of COVID-19 Research in the Early Pandemic,”** by Holly A. Taylor, Kimberley Serpico, Holly Fernandez Lynch, John Baumann, and Emily E. Anderson in *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*.

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



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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**“The Alchemy of Agency: Reflections on Supported Decision-Making, Health Systems and the Right to Health,”**  
by Alicia Ely Yamin in *Mental Health, Legal Capacity, and Human Rights*.

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**Elyssa Spitzer (Senior Fellow in Law and Applied Neuroscience)**

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**“Pregnancy’s Risks and the Health Exception in Abortion Jurisprudence,”** by Elyssa Spitzer in *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*.

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**Jacob S. Sherkow (Former Edmond J. Safra/Petrie-Flom Centers Joint Fellow-in-Residence)**

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**“Governance Choices of Genome Editing Patents,”** by Naomi Scheinerman and Jacob S. Sherkow in *Frontiers in Political Science*.

NEW COMMENTARY

**“US Federal Court Judge Rules BGI Sequencing Chemistries Infringe Illumina Patents,”** featuring Jacob S. Sherkow in *GenomeWeb*.

**“In new remarks, Cassava Sciences’ CEO shifts defense of embattled treatment for Alzheimer’s,”** by Adam Feuerstein, featuring Jacob S. Sherkow in *STAT News*.

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**Michelle N. Meyer (Former Academic Fellow)**

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NEW COMMENTARY

**“Picking Embryos With Best Health Odds Sparks New DNA Debate,”** by Carey Goldberg, featuring Michelle N. Meyer in *Bloomberg*.

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**Christopher T. Robertson (Former Academic Fellow)**



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NEW SCHOLARSHIP

**“Effects of Political versus Expert Messaging on Vaccination Intentions of Trump Voters.”** by Christopher T. Robertson, Keith Bentele, Beth Meyerson, Alexander S. A. Wood, and Jacqueline Salwa in *PLoS One*.

NEW COMMENTARY

**“Is it a crime to forge a vaccine card? And what’s the penalty for using a fake?”** by Christopher T. Robertson and Wesley Oliver in *Salon*.

**“Constitution allows Biden to mandate COVID vaccine. Federal government can do even more.”** by Christopher T. Robertson in *USA Today*.

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

**“Biden Drug Pricing Plan Seeks To Balance Access And Innovation.”** by Rachel E. Sachs in *Health Affairs Blog*.

**“FDA Wants To Team Up With USPTO Over Drug Pricing.”** by Adam Lidgett, featuring Rachel E. Sachs in *Law360*.

**“San Diego biotech allies warn drug pricing bill stifles cures. Critics don’t buy it.”** by Jonathan Wosen, featuring Rachel E. Sachs in *The San Diego Union-Tribune*.

**“Health experts discuss high drug prices and potential for reform at virtual Penn event.”** by Anushka Dasgupta, featuring Rachel E. Sachs in *The Daily Pennsylvanian*.

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**Jonathan Darrow (Former Student Fellow)**  
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NEW COMMENTARY

**“He Thought What He Was Doing Was Good For People’: Why is it so difficult to prevent unnecessary medical procedures in the U.S. health-care system?”** by Chris Outcalt, featuring Jonathan Darrow in *The Atlantic*.

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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 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:** [2022-23 Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Fellows-in-Residence](#)