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FOR OVER FOUR DECADES, THE HEALTH LAW & POLICY INSTITUTE (HLPI) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER (UHLC) HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF LEGAL EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIP AND POLICY ANALYSIS RELATED TO HEALTH CARE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY. In October 2009, the University became a member institution of the famed Texas Medical Center, solidifying HLPI’s link to the world’s largest medical complex. Formed in 1978 to advise the Texas Legislature on health law and policy issues, HLPI has built a diverse portfolio of research on a variety of topics, including health finance systems; disability law; health information exchange; genetic data; health care quality and access improvement; integrated provider organizations and questions of individual rights in health care; and biomedical research. Our mission is threefold:

- **Education:** to provide one of the nation’s most rigorous, comprehensive and cutting-edge programs in health law at the basic (J.D.) and advanced (L.L.M.) levels with the goal of preparing students for careers in health law practice or in scholarly or policy-oriented positions

- **Research:** to facilitate independent and grant-funded research and to cultivate the next generation of health law scholars by providing mentoring and support to our students

- **Service:** to share our knowledge through public commentary and engagement and to advise the Texas Legislature and state regulatory agencies on matters involving health care and public health

**JESSICA L. ROBERTS**
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*Director Jessica L. Roberts and Co-Director Jessica L. Mantel*
The HEALTH LAW & POLICY INSTITUTE (HLPI) at the University of Houston Law Center

TURN ON THE TELEVISION; PICK UP A NEWSPAPER; SEARCH THE WEB. All will confirm the importance of health law and policy issues in the world around us. As the debates continue, leaders in government and private industry must rely on legal scholars to inform and refine their perspectives. HLPI has advanced the understanding of health law issues and provided guidance for significant policy decisions affecting health care for four decades.

On the campus of the University of Houston Law Center, HLPI engages in teaching, research and policymaking related to health law and policy. Beyond the university, HLPI maintains connections with academic and health institutions locally, nationally and around the world.

HLPI’s concentrations are as varied as the topics in health care, one of the fastest growing areas of the economy. They include biotechnology, public health, electronic medical records, health care reform, genetics, bioethics, disability rights, health care finance, health insurance, end-of-life issues, corporate transactions, health care fraud and abuse, children’s health, hospital law and ethics, health legislation, regulation of health care, Medicaid and Medicare.

The University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One University. The UH Law Center has been cited as one of the best values in legal education today. We are the leading law school in the nation’s fourth-largest city, and our health law curriculum is among the broadest offered in the Southwest.
Houston... 

There’s a good reason why a large percent of the UH Law Center’s alumni live in the greater Houston area. Along with its friendly, laid-back sensibility, Houston still offers a low cost of living compared to many larger American cities.

...a city on the move!

Houston’s dramatic skyline is a showcase of post-modern architecture. The nearby Johnson Space Center is NASA’s Mission Control. The Hobby Center is a jewel for Houston’s vibrant performing arts scene. The Kemah Boardwalk beckons tourists on the way to Galveston Island. Bicycle riding and racing are year-round pursuits in Houston. NRG Stadium, home to the Houston Texans of the NFL, dwarfs the legendary Astrodome. Nightclubs and outstanding restaurants add energy to downtown Houston. Houston is one of a handful of cities with resident troupes in the major performing arts. A Hermann Park sculpture honors the city’s namesake: General Sam Houston.
Jessica L. Roberts is the Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute and the Leonard Childs Professor in Law and a Professor of Medicine, who specializes in genetics and the law, health law, and disability law. Prior to UH, Professor Roberts was an Associate-in-Law at Columbia Law School and an Adjunct Professor of Disability Studies at the City University of New York. Immediately after law school, she clerked for the Honorable Dale Wainwright of the Texas Supreme Court and the Honorable Roger L. Gregory of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor Roberts’ research operates at the intersection of health law, ethics, and social justice. Her scholarship has appeared in the Yale Law Journal, Northwestern Law Review, Michigan Law Review, Notre Dame Law Review (twice), University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics, the American Journal of Bioethics, Nature Biotechnology (twice), and JAMA Internal Medicine, among others. Cambridge University Press published her book on “healthism,” co-authored with Elizabeth Weeks Leonard, in 2018.

Her recent scholarship focuses on people’s legal interests in their genetic data. Professor Roberts has received funding from the Greenwall Foundation and the National Institutes of Health for her work on the legal implications of genetic technology.

A noted expert on diverse issues of health law, Professor Roberts has been interviewed by several leading media outlets, including U.S. News, the New York Times (twice), the Washington Post, the Houston Chronicle, National Public Radio, and BBC World Service.

Professor Roberts has received the university-wide Teaching Excellence Award and the Provost’s Certificate of Excellence. She was named a 2018 Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics and is a Health Policy Scholar with Baylor College of Medicine’s Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy.

Professor Roberts teaches, or has taught, Genetics & the Law, Disabilities & the Law, Contracts, and Health Law.
JESSICA L. MANTEL  
Co-Director, Health Law & Policy Institute  
Associate Professor of Law and George Butler Research Professor

B.A., University of Pennsylvania  
J.D., M.P.P., University of Michigan Law School

Jessica L. Mantel is an Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Health Law & Policy Institute. Her research interests include the impact of legislative and regulatory schemes on emerging trends in the health care delivery system, the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the allocation of limited health care resources. Her most recent work has focused on how payment reforms impact the physician-patient relationship and cross-sector collaborations to address the social determinants of health. Prior to joining the UH Law Center in 2010, Professor Mantel served as a senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While in government, Professor Mantel worked on a range of Medicare matters, including advising the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on implementation of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, inpatient hospital payments and incentive payments for providers adopting electronic health records. Previously, she was a health analyst at the Government Accountability Office and was an associate in the health care practice at Ropes & Gray.

SETH J. CHANDLER  
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Seth J. Chandler is a Law Foundation Professor of Law at the UH Law Center who specializes in insurance law and the application of mathematics and computer science to law. Professor Chandler won a prestigious university-wide teaching excellence award in 1995, was a first year winner of the Innovator Award from Wolfram Research, received the President's Medal from Loyola University for extraordinary service in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and has been called on twice to testify before Congress on the Affordable Care Act. Professor Chandler has a broad Internet presence; he is the author of over 100 interactive Demonstrations, 18 Resource Functions and several Data Repositories on the Wolfram Research website. He founded two blogs, acadeathspiral.org, which addressed the ACA, and cattrisk.net, which addressed catastrophic insurance in Texas. Professor Chandler's blog entries have over 400,000 views. He practiced with Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles and Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C. before beginning his academic career in 1990 at the UH Law Center. Professor Chandler teaches contracts, health law, analytic methods and constitutional law.
Dr. Michael S. Ewer is a Professor of Medicine and an administrator at MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he has served for the last 40 years. He is also a faculty member at the University of Bern in Switzerland. Dr. Ewer holds a doctorate degree from The University of Texas and received his J.D. and LL.M. degrees from the University of Houston Law Center. He has broad experience in medical ethics, conflicts of interest and uncompensated (charity) medical care. Dr. Ewer has published extensively in the fields of oncology, medical ethics and philosophy of medical care; has authored four medical texts and is a sought-after international speaker. He teaches public health law, hospital law & ethics, HIPAA and foundational issues in health law.

Professor Griffin was the inaugural holder of the Larry and Joanne Doherty Chair in Legal Ethics. She is author of the Foundation Press casebooks, Law and Religion: Cases and Materials (4th edition, 2017) and Practicing Bioethics Law (2015), which was co-authored with Joan H. Krause, Dan K. Moore Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina School of Law. Recent articles include Religious Freedom, Human Rights, and Peaceful Coexistence, 50 Loyola University Chicago Law Journal 77 (2018). She is teaching bioethics, torts and constitutional law during her visit to UH. She has also written numerous briefs defending employees’ religious freedom.
LEAH R. FOWLER
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J.D., University of Houston Law Center

Leah R. Fowler is a Research Assistant Professor and the Research Director for the Health Law & Policy Institute, focusing on public health law, bioethics, and health legislation and policy. Her current research includes a project exploring barriers to the exchange of patient/client information among the professionals participating in medical-legal partnerships. She is also interested in the ethical and legal impact of health care innovation on vulnerable populations. Her current projects explore state variation in insurance utilization review and grant-funded work tracking Texas municipal smoking ordinances. In addition to her research duties, Professor Fowler is involved in several Health Law & Policy Institute initiatives, including oversight of the Health Legislative Fellows Program and development of a medical-legal partnership. She is also a faculty advisor to the Health Law Organization and the Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy.

Prior to joining the UH, Professor Fowler worked as the Health Policy Program Manager in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine where she maintains a designation as a Health Policy Scholar.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES
HLPI IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO RESEARCH AND IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING THE STATE AND THE NATION. Its studies on mental health, nonfinancial barriers to health care, E-Health, long-term care, universal health insurance, family violence, disease control and the health care system have provided the foundation for legislative action. HLPI and its faculty receive research funding from external entities, including the Greenwall Foundation, the Texas Legislature, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and TIRR Memorial Hermann. Selected areas of faculty research interests include:

- Children’s Rights
- Disability Rights
- E-Health
- Genetic Data
- Health Care Modernization
- Health Care Reimbursement
- Health Disparities
- Health Insurance
- Regulation of Provider Organizations
- Tobacco Regulation
BARBARA J. EVANS

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Barbara J. Evans is the Mary Ann and Lawrence E. Faust Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Biotechnology & Law at the University of Houston Law Center and holds a joint appointment as Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the UH Cullen College of Engineering. Her research interests include health information systems, medical applications of artificial intelligence software, genomic testing, gene editing and neurotechnology. She was a Greenwall Foundation Faculty Scholar in Bioethics for 2010-2014 and is a member of the American Law Institute. She is currently involved with several multi-site research projects sponsored by the National Institutes of Health/National Human Genome Research Institute, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

JIM HAWKINS

Professor of Law and Alumnae College Professor in Law

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law
B.A., Baylor University

Jim Hawkins earned his J.D. from The University of Texas, where he was the Grand Chancellor and served as the Chief Articles Editor of the Texas Law Review. He has published articles in the UCLA Law Review, the Minnesota Law Review, Indiana Law Journal, the Washington and Lee Law Review, the William and Mary Law Review and the Harvard Journal on Legislation, among other journals. His papers have been selected for the Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum and for the Petrie-Flom Center’s annual conference at Harvard Law School.

Professor Hawkins joined the University of Houston Law Center after clerking for The Honorable Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and working with the Houston office of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP. His research and teaching interests include consumer borrowing, the fringe banking industry and the fertility business. His research has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post and other media outlets.
DAVID KWOK
Associate Professor of Law
B.S., Northwestern University
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J.D., University of California, Berkeley
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David Kwok graduated Northwestern University with a B.S. from the McCormick School of Engineering and received his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he was elected to Order of the Coif. At Berkeley, he also received his Master’s Degree in Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy and his Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy.

After law school, Professor Kwok clerked for The Honorable John T. Noonan, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Professor Kwok teaches and writes about white collar crime, public policy, and law and the social sciences.

ELLEN MARRUS
Royce Till Professor of Law
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LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center

Ellen Marrus teaches in the areas of juvenile law, professional responsibility, children and the law and practice skills. She concentrates her scholarship in the areas of children’s rights, juvenile justice and professionalism. Professor Marrus also directed and taught in the clinical programs at the UH Law Center for 10 years. She currently directs the Center for Children, Law & Policy at the UH Law Center. Professor Marrus serves on various local and national boards, including the National Juvenile Defender Center, the Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, the Center for Urban Transformation, the Houston Association of Counsel for Children and the Clinical Legal Education Association.

RONALD TURNER
A.A. White Professor of Law
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Ronald Turner is the A.A. White Professor of Law and teaches and writes in the areas of labor and employment law, constitutional law, torts, race and the law, and HIV/AIDS and the law. He has published over 90 articles and is the author or co-author of three books as well as employment discrimination and torts casebooks.

Prior to joining the Law Center, he practiced labor and employment law in Chicago, Illinois and was a member of the faculty at the University of Alabama School of Law. He has also served as a Visiting Professor of law at the William & Mary School of Law and as a Visiting Professor of history at Rice University. Professor Turner is a member of the American Law Institute and an American Bar Foundation Fellow.
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Following is a representative sampling of recent faculty scholarship and activities:

**JESSICA L. ROBERTS**
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*Forensic Genealogy and the Power of Defaults* (with Natalie Ram), Correspondence, 37 Nature Biotech. 707 (2019).


*Healthism* (with Elizabeth Weeks) (Cambridge University Press 2018).


**JESSICA L. MANTEL**
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George Butler Research Professor of Law


*An Unintended Consequence of Payment Reform: Providers Avoiding Nonadherent Patients,* 46 J. of Law, Medicine, and Ethics 931 (2019).


**SETH J. CHANDLER**
Law Foundation Professor of Law

Selected Recent Faculty Publications (continued)

BARBARA J. EVANS
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Ethical Standards for Unconsented Data Use in Genomic Data Commons, in Routledge Handbook of the Study of the Commons 294 (Blake Hudson, Jonathan Rosenblum & Dan Cole, eds. 2019).


Improving Recommendations for Genomic Medicine: Building an Evolutionary Process from Clinical Practice Advisory Documents to Guidelines, 21 GENETICS IN MEDICINE 1 (2019) (as part of a team led by Wylie M. Burke).


Defending Return of Results and Data, 362 SCIENCE 1255 (2018) (with Susan M. Wolf).


Return of Results & Data to Study Participants, 362 SCIENCE 159 (2018) (with Susan M. Wolf).


Response to Dreyfus and Sobel, 103 American Journal of Human Genetics 166 (2018).


MICHAEL S. EWER  
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LEAH R. FOWLER  
Research Director, Health Law & Policy Institute  
A Qualitative Study of the Promises and Perils of Medical-Legal Partnerships (with Jessica Mantel) northeastern L. Rev. (forthcoming)(selected from call for papers).  
A Nudge Toward Meaningful Choice (with Jessica L. Roberts), 19 AM. J. Bioethics 5 (2019).

JIM HAWKINS  
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DAVID KWOK  
Associate Professor of Law  

ELLEN MARRUS  
Royce Till Professor of Law  
Director, Center for Children, Law & Policy  
Rights, Race, and Reform: 50 Years of Child Advocacy in the Juvenile Justice System (Laura Cohen, kristen Henning & Ellen Marrus eds.) (oct. 2018).  

RONALD TURNER  
A.A. White Professor of Law  
The FAA, the NLRA, and Epic Systems’ Epic Fail, Texas Law Review Online (forthcoming 2019).
CONCURRENT AND ADVANCED DEGREE PROGRAMS

LL.M. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center offers a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Health Law, which according to the LL.M. Guide, is one of the top 10 programs in the world. The program has graduated over 200 attorneys since beginning in 1992. Students must complete 24 credit hours, including a minimum of 18 hours in health law courses. Students also have the option of writing a 50-page thesis. Many LL.M. students combine classes with research projects, externships or other practice or policy experiences. They frequently publish their research.

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J.D./M.D. PROGRAM

Students can receive a concurrent J.D. from the UH Law Center and an M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine in six years of full-time study. Students in this program attend their first, second, and fifth years of study at Baylor College of Medicine; take law school classes during their third and fourth years; and complete both degrees in their sixth year.

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J.D./M.P.H. PROGRAM

The J.D./M.P.H. Program offers students the ability to pursue a concurrent J.D. degree from the UH Law Center and a Masters of Public Health from The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH), Health Sciences Center at Houston. By receiving joint credit for courses approved by both institutions, a student may earn both degrees in a shorter time. The joint degree allows students to concentrate their studies on such areas as health services delivery, occupational and environmental health, access to insurance, patient safety issues, and other public health concerns.

JOINT J.D./LL.M. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center offers a joint J.D./LL.M. degree program which allows students to earn both degrees in 3.5 years (105 credit hours). University of Houston law students are eligible to apply for the joint J.D./LL.M. program after the completion of 30 credit hours. Joint degree students must meet all J.D. and LL.M. degree requirements to complete the program.

SEMESTER IN HOUSTON

Second- and third-year law students in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school can apply to spend a semester at the UH Law Center studying health law. Students may also enroll in other courses at the UH Law Center, UTMB at Galveston and UTSPH at the UT Health Sciences Center at Houston. Students transfer credit to their home institution according to that institution’s requirements.

Students in the program have “visiting” status and receive their law degrees from their home institutions. Students can also take any specialty courses at the UH Law Center and transfer those credits to the J.D./LL.M. program.

HEALTH LAW EXTERNSHIPS

Students may earn academic credit by serving in externship positions in nonprofit or public entities. Numerous placements are available in the Houston area, including hospital general counsel offices, hospital risk management departments, government and compliance agencies, the Texas Legislature and nonprofit advocacy groups.

“"The dual J.D./M.D. program helped position me to have a successful career in health policy. Health policy is a difficult field to break into, but having both degrees gives me a unique perspective and understanding of the complexities of health care and health policy, which has set me apart from others working in the field.”

QUIANTA MOORE, M.D., J.D. ’09
Scholar in Health Policy
Baker Institute for Public Policy
Rice University
COURSE OFFERINGS

WITH 30 COURSES, THE UH LAW CENTER OFFERS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH LAW CURRICULA IN THE COUNTRY. The UH Law Center also has recognized strengths in the complementary fields of intellectual property, environmental law, international law, business/transactional law, trial advocacy and other areas. Health law classes are taught by full-time HLPI faculty members with national and international reputations and by successful practicing attorneys who serve as adjunct professors. The following is a list of recent health law offerings.

Advanced Health Law
Bioethics
Biotechnology and the Law
Comparative Health Law
Disabilities and the Law
E-Health Law Writing Course
Elder Law
Employment Discrimination
ERISA
Food and Drug Law
Foundational Issues in Health Law: Patient, Provider, Society and Law
Fraud and Abuse
Genetics and the Law
Health Care Compliance
Health Care Transactions
Health Industry Basics: Providers-Innovators-Regulators
Health Law Externship

Health Law Research
Health Legislation and Advocacy
HIPAA
Hot Topics in Health Policy
Insurance Law
Life and Health Insurance
Long-Term Care Law
Medical Malpractice Litigation
Mental Health Law
Public Health Law
Scientific Evidence
The U.S. Health System: An Introduction to Managed Care, Transactions and Policy
Toxic Torts

* Not all classes are offered every year, and offerings are subject to change. Please visit www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/ for current information and course descriptions.
**THE HEALTH LAW ORGANIZATION**

The Health Law Organization (HLO) provides opportunities for students to discuss health law issues and to work with faculty on projects that promote learning in health law and policy. HLO also sponsors speakers, initiates charity fundraisers, provides information and networking for students on career opportunities in health law and organizes social activities for health law students.

**HOUSTON JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY**

The Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy (HJHLP) provides a scholarly forum to explore interdisciplinary issues in health law and policy. It publishes one issue of professional and student-authored pieces each year focusing on an emerging issue in health care. Symposium topics have included health access and health justice (2016), telemedicine (2017), climate change and public health (2018) and health law and policy challenges posed by human space flight (2019). Staffed by law students who are committed to health law, editors may earn academic credit while gaining valuable research, writing and editing experience.

**MOOT COURT**

HLPI supports two health law moot court competitions in collaboration with the Law Center’s Blakely Advocacy Institute: the L. Edward Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Moot Court Competition and the SIU National Health Law Competition. Students hone their advocacy skills by analyzing and arguing a health law legal issue.

**HEALTH LAW FELLOWSHIPS**

HLPI offers congressional and state legislative fellowships for students to work with lawmakers in Austin, Texas every biennium. The fellowships provide students with a unique opportunity to participate in health policymaking at the federal and state levels and to forge strong networks with policy leaders. Fellows research issues related to health law, analyze health policies and contribute to the development of legislation.

“The health law program at UHLC exposes students to both academic and practical aspects of health law, allowing the individual to gain an appreciation for the many specific areas of law that are encompassed within the general term ‘health law.’ The program provided a pathway to confidence and poise, allowing me to constructively manage the various issues encountered while serving as in-house counsel for a hospital.”

NATHAN ANDERSEN, LL.M. ’08
Senior Legal Officer
The University of Texas Medical Branch
THE HEALTH LAW SECTION & HLPI SPONSORED THREE HEALTH LAW STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS HEALTH LAW CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN

Three UHLC students were selected to attend the annual Texas Health Law Conference hosted by the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas on October 8-9, 2018. The three-day event held in Austin is one of the preeminent health law conferences in Texas. Topics ranged from insurance and health care reform to privacy and ethical issues.

As part of its commitment to education and to the practice of health law, the Bar’s Health Law Section sponsors two scholarships for Texas law school students who are interested in the field. Scholarship recipients nominated by the faculty of the UHLC Health Law & Policy Institute for the 2018 conference were Elizabeth P. Wroblewski, Megan E. Brown and Caitlin M. Erchick.

HEALTH LAW STUDENTS PLACE IN HEALTH LAW MOOT COURT TOURNAMENT

Last November, 28 moot court teams from around the country descended on Carbondale, Illinois for the SIU National Health Law Moot Court Competition. After the preliminary rounds, the UHLC team of McKenna Andrepon and Elizabeth Wroblewski was ranked 3rd and the UHLC team of Ken Deng and Pedro Segura was 6th. The team of Deng/Segura won third place and were awarded Best Brief in the competition. UHLC JD/LLM alum Julia Peebles coached the teams.
HLPI held an award ceremony on April 25, 2019 to honor law students for writing papers related to health law. Sponsored by special donors and HLPI, we gave two writing awards to three exceptional student authors.

- Alexandra Abston earned the 2019 Dr. Alvin Goldstein Health Law Writing Scholarship for her piece *Could the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Latest Public Health Crisis be Related to Ethics? An Examination of the Modern Ethical Dilemmas Facing the FDA in 2018*. Established by Wendy C. Goldstein-Feldman, this writing award recognizes an outstanding paper prepared by a J.D. or LL.M. student on a current health/life sciences law topic that embodies the professional spirit of Dr. Goldstein.

- The 12th Annual Ewer-Oren Health Law Writing Award was split between Alexandra Grafton, who wrote on *CRISPR Germline Editing & the Limits of Liberty’s Substantive Reach* and Taylor Hood, for his piece entitled *A Constitutional Challenge to the Uniform Determination of Death Act*. Professor Laura Oren, Ph.D., J.D., established this writing award in honor of Dr. Michael Ewer and her mother, Grace Oren, for the best health law paper written by a J.D. student.
HLPI News & Events

HLPI TEAMS UP WITH NASA FOR THE ANNUAL HJHLP HEALTH LAW SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP ON HEALTH LAW AND POLICY IN SPACE

In November, the Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy hosted its annual symposium on cutting-edge health policy concerns related to space travel. Capitalizing on our location in Space City, USA, HLPI partnered with NASA to discuss issues as diverse as informed consent and quarantine. Fascinating presentations considered the health risks to humans inherent in space travel and how to protect individuals in long-duration space flight. Others explored the promises and perils of genetic information and what it means to utilize the power of personalized medicine in space.

NASA astronaut Dr. Lee M. Morin served as the keynote speaker.
Panelists included NASA employees Dr. Erik Antonsen and Dr. Rebekah Reed. Dr. Antonsen is the Assistant Director, Human System Risk Management as well as an emergency physician at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Reed is the Chief, Space and Occupational Medicine Branch Human Health and Performance Directorate. HLPI was pleased to benefit from their extensive expertise and personal experience. Several of their NASA colleagues joined in the audience and participated meaningfully in the post-presentation questions, providing for a rich discussion.

Additionally, the panel included Texas Tech Professor Dr. Victoria Sutton. Her work on space biocontamination and permissible quarantine practices raised many provocative questions. Dr. Sutton’s innovative use of technology for her presentation enhanced the audience’s viewing experience. Benjamin Sproule, a recent graduate of the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs presented a portion of his Master’s thesis on the physiological risks of human space travel. Select papers presented at the symposium will be featured in a forthcoming issue of the Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy.

This successful event marked the 6th annual health law symposium for the Journal. The combined efforts of our esteemed authors and hardworking student editors helps the Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy maintain a top ranking among health law journals.
DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS COME TO UHLC

Professor Abbe Gluck, UHLC Order of the Coif Speaker

Last October, HLPI joined forces with UHLC and the Order of the Coif to host Professor Abbe Gluck from Yale Law School’s Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy as part of the Order of the Coif’s Distinguished Visitor Program. The University of Houston was one of only three schools selected for the honor of hosting Professor Gluck. She spoke to three different audiences on issues related to the opioid epidemic and the Affordable Care Act during her whirlwind trip.

Gluck is the faculty director of the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School. She joined Yale Law School in 2012, having previously served on the faculty of Columbia Law School. Her scholarship has been published in the Yale Law Journal, the Harvard Law Review, the Stanford Law Review, the Columbia Law Review, the New England Journal of Medicine, Health Affairs and many others.

Professor Nicholson Price

Professor Nicholson Price, a professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School, joined HLPI on March 4th. Professor Price, one of the nation’s leading experts on the intersection of law and the life sciences, presented his paper, Medical AI and Contextual Bias. In it, he explored the problems raised by artificial intelligence when used in high- versus low-resource health care settings. This paper is forthcoming in the Harvard Journal of Law & Technology.
Professor Natalie Ram

Natalie Ram, associate professor at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, joined HLPI on February 11th. Professor Ram specializes in genetics and criminal law and shared her current research on the scope of law enforcement’s ability to access and use genetic information uploaded to public and private databases in light of the recent Supreme Court decision Carpenter v. United States. This paper is the first in a pair of pieces exploring new challenges posed by genetic databases and criminal investigation. This publication is forthcoming in the Virginia Law Review.

Professor Dayna Matthew

On March 25, 2019, Professor Dayna Matthew of the University of Virginia School of Law joined HLPI to give a talk called Preventive Lawyering: Empirical Evidence That Medical Legal Partnerships Improve Lives. Professor Matthew, a renowned expert in civil liberties, human rights, and public health, shared her recent research to a packed room. The audience included members of the University of Houston College of Medicine, including the founding dean Dr. Stephen Spann. These colleagues share our vision for developing a medical-legal partnership at the University of Houston. As part of her presentation, Professor Matthew provided an in-depth look at racial, residential, educational, and nutritional disparities in Houston, Texas. This information only strengthened our resolve to develop this important resource for our community.
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