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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Houston Law Center

Houston, TX

Research Assistant Professor, 2018 – present
Research Director, Health Law & Policy Institute

RECOGNITION

Honors and Awards:

2021 American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics/Saint Louis University Health Law Scholar
2021 Student Inductee, Delta Omega National Honorary Society in Public Health, Alpha Iota Chapter
2021 Center Service Award, Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine
Health Policy Scholar, Center for Medical Ethics & Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine
2020 Ethel M. Baker Faculty Award, University of Houston Law Center

Grants:

Principal Investigator, Secondhand Smoking Ordinances Database. Funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition. 2019 – present

Principal Investigator, An Empirical and Legal Analysis of Unilateral Amendment Provisions in Consumer Health Technology Contracts. Funded by an internal research grant from the University of Houston. 2020 – 2021

Co-Investigator, Identifying and Addressing Impediments to Data Sharing and Integration: A Qualitative Study of Medical-Legal Partnerships. Funded by an internal research grant from the University of Houston. 2018 – 2019

BOOKS & CHAPTERS

Data Management, in ASSESSING LEGAL RESPONSES TO COVID-19 (with Jessica L. Roberts & Nicolas P. Terry) (Scott Burris et al. eds., 2d. ed.) (2021).

CONTROL MEASURES AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES: A TEXAS BENCH BOOK (Leah R. Fowler ed., 2020), available at <https://www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/HLPIBenchBook.pdf>.

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Uncertain Terms (with Jessica L. Roberts & Jim Hawkins), 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. -- (forthcoming 2021).

A Qualitative Study of the Promises and Perils of Medical-Legal Partnerships (with Jessica L. Mantel) 12 NORTHEASTERN L. REV. 1 (2020) (selected from call for papers).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Let's Tok About Sex (with Lauren Schoen and Stephanie R. Morain) -- J. ADOLESCENT HEALTH -- (forthcoming 2021).

Sex Education on TikTok: A Content Analysis of Themes (with Lauren Schoen, Hadley Stevens Smith, and Stephanie R. Morain) -- HEALTH PROMOTION PRAC -- (forthcoming 2021).

Teen Use of Smartphone Applications for Menstrual Cycle Tracking (with Stephanie Morain and Charlotte Gillard) 145 PEDIATRICS 5 (2020).

Readability and Accessibility of Terms of Service and Privacy Policies for Menstruation-Tracking Smartphone Applications (with Stephanie R. Morain and Charlotte Gillard) 21 HEALTH PROMOTION PRAC. 5 (2020).

A Matter of Life and Longer Life (with Kristin Kostick and Christopher Scott). 50 J. AGING STUD. (2019).

From Cervical Cap to Mobile App: Examining the Potential Reproductive Health Impacts of New Technologies (with Stephanie R. Morain and Julie Marie Dorland), 20 HEALTH PROMOTION PRAC. 5, 642-647 (2019).

Engineering Eden: Does Earthly Pursuit of Eternal Life Threaten the Future of Religions? (with Kristin Kostick and Christopher Scott), 17 THEOLOGY AND SCI. 2 (2019).

A Nudge Toward Meaningful Choice (with Jessica L. Roberts), 19 AM. J. BIOETHICS 5 (2019).

What to Expect When [Your Employer Suspects] You're Expecting (with Stephanie R. Morain & Jessica L. Roberts), Viewpoint, 176 JAMA INTERN. MED. 1597 (2016).

SHORTER WORKS

COVID-19 Surveillance (with Emily Berman and Jessica L. Roberts) -- RICHMOND L. REV. -- (forthcoming 2022).

Patient Referral Failures (with Jessica Mantel) HEALTH MATRIX (forthcoming 2022).

Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy's 8th Annual Symposium: Redefining and Regulating Health Data, 21 HOUS. J. HEALTH L. & POL'Y 1 (forthcoming 2021).

Thinking Outside the Silos: Information Sharing in Medical-Legal Partnerships (with Jessica Mantel) 40 J. LEGAL MED. 3-4, 369-389 (2020).

Faculty Parental Leave Policies at Top Health Law Programs (with Lauren Schoen, Lindsey Limbaugh, Richa Lavingia, and Stephanie R. Morain) 45 J. LEGAL PRO. 37 (2020).

Schrödinger's App (with Stephanie R. Morain) 46 AM. J. L. & MED 2-3, 203-218 (2020) (selected from call for papers).

How Assuming Autonomy Undermines Wellness Programs (with Jessica L. Roberts), 27 HEALTH MATRIX 101 (2017) (invited symposium contribution).

BLOG POSTS

Blog post, *Birth Control During COVID-19*, (with Julie Marie Dorland, Stephanie R. Morain, and Lauren Schoen), Public Health Post, June 22, 2020, <https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/birth-control-during-covid19/>.

Memorandum, *How Does the Texas Declaration of a Public Health Disaster and the Court's Order of March 13, 2020, Affect Personal Control Measures Under the Health & Safety Code*, (with Seth Chandler), University of Houston Law Center COVID-19 Resources, March 23, 2020, <https://www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/covid-19/Public%20Health%20Disasters.pdf>.

Blog post, *Disability Rights and Health Care: Olmstead at 20* (with Jessica Roberts), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, February 7, 2020, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2020/02/07/disability-rights-and-healthcare-olmstead-at-20/>.

Blog post, *The Promises and Perils of Medical Legal Partnerships* (with Jessica Mantel), HARVARD PETRIE FLOM BILL OF HEALTH, November 18, 2019, <https://blog.petrieflom.law.harvard.edu/2019/11/18/the-promises-and-perils-of-medical-legal-partnerships/> (cross-posted from NORTHEASTERN L. REV. FORUM).

Blog post, *The Promises and Perils of Medical Legal Partnerships* (with Jessica Mantel), NORTHEASTERN L. REV. FORUM, October 15, 2019, <https://nulronlineforum.wordpress.com/2019/10/15/the-promises-and-perils-of-medical-legal-partnerships/>.

Blog post, *Providers and Lawyers Partnering for Patients*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, June 7, 2019, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2019/06/07/law-and-medicine-how-providers-and-lawyers-join-forces-for-patients/>.

Blog post, *How the Medical Community Can Encourage Gun Safety* (with Lea Kiefer), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, June 1, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/06/01/how-the-medical-community-can-encourage-gun-safety/>.

Blog post, *Medical Care: More Than Just the Doctor and Patient*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, May 16, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/05/16/medical-care-more-than-just-the-doctor-and-patient/>.

Blog post, *How Immigration Rhetoric Impacts Health* (with Stephanie Morain), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Feb. 9, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/02/09/immigration-rhetoric-impacts-health/>.

Blog post, *Frankenstein at 200*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Jan. 31, 2018, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2018/01/31/frankenstein-at-200/>.

Blog post, *A Year with PolicyWise*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Dec. 27, 2017, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2017/12/27/a-year-with-policywise/>.

Blog post, *Planning for the Unknown: How to Harness the Power of Predictive Thinking*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Oct. 20, 2017, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2017/10/20/planning-unknown-harness-power-predictive-thinking/>.

Blog post, *Crowdfunding Science: Promises and Problems* (with Christi Guerrini), BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Jun. 30, 2017, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2017/06/30/crowdfunding-science-promise-problems/>.

Blog post, *Social Media's Potential Impact on the Future of Medicine*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Jul. 29, 2016, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2016/07/29/social-medias-potential-impact-on-the-future-of-medicine/>.

Blog post, *An Outsider's Perspective on a Medical Data Sharing Conference*, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE POLICYWISE BLOG, Mar. 23, 2016, <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2016/03/23/an-outsiders-perspective-on-a-medical-data-sharing-conference/>.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Trustworthy Surveillance (with Emily Berman and Jessica L. Roberts).

Mind the App (with Jessica L. Roberts).

Reassessing Low Risk (law review)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Podcast, *Episode 64: What You Do and Don't Need to Fear in the COVID-19 Crisis*, CAP Impact Podcast, June 5, 2020, <https://www.capimpactca.com/2020/06/the-cap%E2%8B%85impact-podcast-covid-19-crisis/>

Media, *Menstrual cycle apps may pose problems for teens*, Reuters Health Medical News, April 17, 2020, <https://www.mdalert.com/news/article/menstrual-cycle-apps-may-pose-problems-for-teens>

Media, *UH Law Center's Health Law & Policy Institute organizes COVID-19 legal resources toolkit*, Yahoo News Mar. 26, 2020, <https://news.yahoo.com/uh-law-centers-health-law-171500333.html>

Podcast, *Medical-Legal Partnerships*, BRIEFCASE RADIO, April 17, 2019, <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/briefcase/2019/04/17/329573/briefcase-medical-legal-partnerships/>

Op-Ed, *In Zika Era, Pregnant Workers Are Due Accommodations*, Houston Chronicle Jul. 20, 2016, <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Fowler-In-Zika-era-pregnant-workers-are-due-8399305.php>

PRESENTATIONS

Health Law Discussion Session, Discussant, 2021 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, FL.

Health Harms of Health Apps, 2021 Association of Law, Medicine, and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference, Boston, MA (online).

Texas Smoke-Free Ordinance Database Overview. Texas Department of State Health Services Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition Regional Coordinator Fall Training, October 2020 (online).

Uncertain Terms (with Jessica Roberts), Workshop on Vulnerability and Corporate Subjectivity at Emory Law School, October 2-3, 2020 (online).

Health Law Discussion Session, Discussant, 2020 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL (online).

An Introduction to the Texas Bench Book, Control Measures and Public Health Emergencies: A Texas Bench Book Training 2020, Webinar available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zWzyrXA4ag&feature=emb_logo

Orders for Management of a Person with a Communicable Disease, Control Measures and Public Health Emergencies: A Texas Bench Book Training 2020, Webinar available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZQitEur5Gs>

Schrödinger's App (with Stephanie Morain), American Journal of Law and Medicine 2020 Symposium, Boston, MA.

Lowering Barriers to Embedding Lawyers in the Health Care Workforce (with Jessica Mantel), program on Advancing Health Equity by Addressing Social Determinants of Health, Poverty, and Racial Disparities 2020 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Health Law Year in Review: Health Care Delivery, Moderator, 2019 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL.

Health Law Discussion Session, Discussant, 2019 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL.

Medical-Legal Partnerships: A Legal Prescription for Improving Health, 2019 Humana Integrated Health System Sciences Institute & the University of Houston Law Center Lunch & Learn Event, Houston, TX.

Stranger in a Strange Land: Challenges for Attorneys in Medical Legal Partnerships, 2019 Association of Law, Medicine, and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference, Chicago, IL.

Identifying and Addressing Impediments to Data Sharing and Integration: A Qualitative Study of Medical-Legal Partnerships, 2019 Northeastern University Law School Health Law Conference, Paper Presentation, Boston, MA.

Law as Health Care: Challenges for Attorneys in Medical-Legal Partnerships, 2019 Belmont Health Law Journal Symposium, Nashville, TN.

An Update on the Tobacco Ordinances Database. Training session presentation given to the Texas Department of State Health Services Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition 2018 Fall Training, Austin, TX.

Make Aging Great Again: Imagining a YUGE Lifespan. Paper session presentation given at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, Kansas City, MO.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Professional Affiliations

University of Houston Health Law & Policy Institute
Baylor College of Medicine Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy

Law Center Committees

Online Learning Committee

University Committees

University of Houston Institutional Review Board

External Committees

Texas Tobacco Epidemiology Workgroup
Houston COVID-19 Biomedical and Public Health Response Expert Panel 2020-2021

Activities

Faculty Advisor, Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy
Faculty Advisor, Health Law Organization
Faculty Editor, Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy
Faculty Editor, Health Law Perspectives

TEACHING

Baylor College of Medicine

Invited Lecturer, MEETH-413 Introduction to Health Policy, Fall 2019, 2020, 2021
Invited Lecturer, MEETH-415 Methods & Analysis in Health Policy, Summer 2020
Small Group Leader, MBETH-MAIN Ethics, Spring 2018, 2019

LoneStar LEND Program

Disabilities and the Law, Invited Lecturer, Spring 2019

University of Houston College of Pharmacy

Disabilities and the Law, Invited Lecturer, Spring 2019

University of Houston College of Medicine

Population Health During a Pandemic: Contact Tracing and Beyond. Legal and Regulatory Issues in Contact Tracing, Coursera Instructor, Summer 2020

EDUCATION

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, M.P.H., August 2021 Houston, TX
Health Services Organization
Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health

University of Houston Law Center, J.D., May 2014 Houston, TX
Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy, Managing Editor
Blakely Fellowship, 2011
Public Interest Fellowship, 2013
Dean's Scholarship, 2011 – 2014
Prudential Life Insurance Scholarship, 2014

Georgetown University, B.S. May 2011 Washington, DC
Cum laude in International Health

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Baylor College of Medicine Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, 2016-2018 Houston, TX
Health Policy Program Manager

Black Law, P.C., 2015-2016 Houston, TX
Associate Attorney

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Texas State Bar No: 24093445, Licensed as of November 2014