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School of Public Health

Center for Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights

Promoting Justice & Protecting Health.



2020

MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the public's health and human rights through the critical lens of law and ethics.

WELCOME
TO THE
CENTER



Left to Right: Professors Michael Grodin, Sondra Crosby, Nicole Huberfeld, Wendy Mariner, George Annas, and Michael Ulrich

CONCURRENT & ADVANCED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Center's Course Offerings

JD/ MPH Program

The Center for Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights offers a fellowship opportunity each year for a qualified Boston University MPH student, including JD/MPH dual degree students. The JD-MPH Fellowship provides one to two semesters of tuition for a student focusing on health law and policy and matriculated in the MPH degree program at SPH. Preferences are given to students who have a JD or are in the BU JD/MPH dual degree program. For JD/MPH dual degree students, the fellowship usually begins after completing the JD program.

Certificates in the Master's of Public Health:

Human Rights & Social Justice

Health is strongly affected by racism, sexism, poverty, violence, and discrimination. Consequently, public health strategies that promote human rights and social justice are needed to empower vulnerable and marginalized populations, including the elderly and immigrants, to improve their health and well-being. This 12-credit certificate equips students to engage communities at the local, state, country, and global levels to address critical public health problems in a human rights framework.

Health Policy & Law

Improving healthcare requires smart policies and effective laws that rest on sound evidence. Major challenges include assuring affordable healthcare for all; containing costs and cutting waste; assuring availability of the right caregivers in the right places; and relying on governments, professionals, and markets to take on jobs they are competent to perform. This 16-credit certificate equips students to analyze, design, and improve policies and laws in the US or globally.

Health Law Systems

Ethical Issues in Medicine
and Public Health

Health and Human Rights

Health Insurance and the
Affordable Care Act

Health Law, Bioethics, and
Human Rights

Public Health Law

Mental Health Law, Policy &
Ethics

Immigrant Health

CENTER NEWS & EVENTS

Annual Events:

Supreme Court Watch
 Monthly HRSJ Certificate Student Lunch
 Human Rights Day
 Cathy Shine Lecture
 Health Politics, Voting Rights, & the Elections
 ACA in the Courts

Upcoming Events:

Voting and the Health of Populations:
 Celebrating the 19th Amendment Centennial
 Law and the Health of Populations



BUSPH CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW, ETHICS & HUMAN RIGHTS SUPREME COURT WATCH

A discussion of recent US Supreme Court decisions that affect public health as well as important cases and considerations for the term that begins October 7.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
 1:00-2:00PM
 L-112 (INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING)
 COME MEET OUR HEALTH LAW PROFESSORS!
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Join Prof. Grodin for a discussion on the 70th Anniversary of the Geneva Convention.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 10th
Time: 1-2PM
Location: L-112

RSVP by:
 3PM on Friday, Dec. 6th

45TH ANNUAL HUMANITIES & HEALTH SEMINAR SERIES

Weekly Luncheon Series - Wednesdays 11:50PM - L-112
 Led by **Mary Annas, Michael Grodin, & George Annas**
 BUSPH Center for Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights
 "Co-Sponsored by BUMS Creative Arts Society"

Date	Topic
March 25	Poetry Reading & Discussion by Mary Annas and Keith Tornheim
April 1	Immigration & Open Borders Graphic Essays by Bryan Caplan & Zach Weinersmith Led by Mary Annas
April 8	Short Plays: "Use of Force" (William Carlos Williams) & "Antibulance" (Guan Xidong) Led by Michael Grodin
April 22	Stanley Cundy: "What's Funny about Death & Aging?" (with apologies to Freud) by George Annas
April 29	"Tulips" and "Lady Lazarus" by Sylvia Plath Led by Mary Annas

Lunch will be provided at all sessions. **RSVP is required.** Please follow the QR code above or this link to RSVP: bit.ly/22P7V0Z

NOTE: ALL READINGS WILL BE EMAILLED AND/OR HANDLED OUT BEFORE EACH SESSION. FOR MORE INFO OR HOW TO GET ON THE MAILING LIST, CONTACT BARBARA KU AT SKUBERS@BU.SIU.EDU

BUSPH CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW, ETHICS & HUMAN RIGHTS
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LAW, POLICY & MANAGEMENT

HEALTH POLITICS, VOTING RIGHTS & THE 2020 ELECTION

A discussion about how health politics, voting rights, & the 2020 presidential election affect our health.

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST
TIME: 1-2PM
LOCATION: L-112

RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH AT THE LINK BELOW
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WILL THE ACA SURVIVE?

A discussion of the ongoing challenges to the ACA in the courts and beyond.

RSVP by Monday, 1/18: bit.ly/2CAk47i **DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 18th**
TIME: 1-2PM
LOCATION: L-112

KEEP GOVT. OUT OF MY MEDICARE

BUSPH CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW, ETHICS & HUMAN RIGHTS

MONTHLY STUDENT LUNCHES

CLER faculty & MPH students meet to discuss current news and events on public health, health law, human rights & ethics.

RSVP BY JAN. 31ST AT THE LINK BELOW TO JOIN OUR 1ST LUNCH OF SPRING 2020 SEMESTER!
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Wednesday, February 12, 2020

9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 BREAKFAST (DOORS OPEN), 8:30 A.M.
 Hiebert Lounge
 72 East Concord Street
 Boston

[Please Register](#)

Services for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People Provided

#VotingandHealth #Vote100

[Livestreaming Available During Event](#)

This half-day symposium will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, while acknowledging the current state of voting disenfranchisement in the United States.

Cohosted with the Center for Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights.



Cathy Shine Lecture 2020

\$629 Band-Aids and \$20,243 Bike Crashes:
 The High Prices of America's Emergency Rooms

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

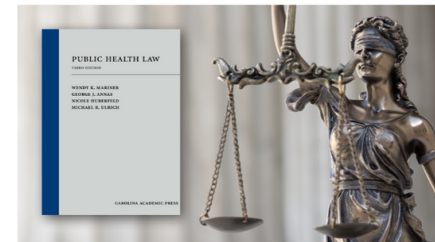
1-2:30 p.m.

Speaker



Sarah Killip, Investigative Reporter, the New York Times

[Read More](#)



Law and the Health of Populations

Monday, March 30, 2020

4-6 p.m.

DOORS OPEN, 3:30 P.M.

Hiebert Lounge
 72 East Concord Street
 Boston

HEALTH LAW ALUMNI

MEGAN WULFF, JD, MPH



I am the Director of Market Oversight and Monitoring at the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC), and have been a member of the HPC staff since June 2013. I supervise the HPC's evaluation of the impact of significant provider transactions on health care costs, quality, and access for Massachusetts residents, managing a team of attorneys, economists, and other health care experts.

I am also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine, where I have taught since January 2017.

During my master's degree, I was deciding whether to pursue a clinical career or a career in law and policy. The health law courses I took at BU, including mental health law, genetics and the law, and bioethics, in addition to other courses on race, ethnicity, and health and children with complex health care needs, underscored for me how systemic discrimination in education, health care, and the legal system - particularly in the absence of adequate social safety nets - further marginalizes underserved populations in this country. I graduated from BU determined to incorporate this social justice lens into my work as I pursued a career in health care policy to help bring about change on a larger scale.

JD, Yale Law School, 2013

MPH, Health Law, Bioethics, and Human Rights, Boston University, 2009

BS, Cognitive Neuroscience, Brown University, 2005

CASSANDRA SOUCY, MPH



I am the program manager for Oregon's Drug Price Transparency Program at the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. The department is Oregon's largest business regulator and consumer protection agency. I've been in this role for about a year and previously worked as a Legislative Analyst at the Oregon State Legislature for the health and human services committees.

In my current role, I have established one of the nation's first drug price transparency programs with the goal of providing accountability for prescription drug pricing through transparency of specific cost and price information from pharmaceutical manufacturers and health insurers.

Health law, ethics, and human rights was the right choice for my public health emphasis knowing that health is influenced considerably from laws and policies structuring the built environment. The classes on legal strategies and human rights provided a solid foundation for my career in public service, which I utilize on a daily basis. I've been able to directly apply the knowledge and skills learned at BU to work on complex legislation and policies related to distracted driving, health care, and housing to improve the health of Oregonians.

MPH, Health Law, Bioethics, and Human Rights, Boston University

BS, Human Physiology & Religious Studies, University of Oregon

CENTER FACULTY BIOGRAPHY & SELECTIVE PUBLICATIONS



George Annas, JD, MPH

George Annas, Warren Distinguished Professor at Boston University, is the author or editor of 20 books on health law and bioethics, and for 25 years wrote a regular feature in the *New England Journal of Medicine* on “Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights.” He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the National Academy of Medicine, and a former member of the National Academies’ Human Rights Committee.

Publications: His books include *The Rights of Patients*, 3rd ed (2004); *Judging Medicine* (1988), *American Bioethics* (2005), *Some Choice* (1998), *Standard of Care* (1993), and *Worst Case Bioethics* (2010). He coauthored *Genomic Messages* (2015), *Gene Mapping* (1992), and *Reproductive Genetics and the Law* (1997) with Dr Sherman Elias.



Nicole Huberfeld, JD

Nicole Huberfeld is Professor of Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights and Professor of Law at Boston University. Her scholarship explores health law and constitutional law, often addressing health reform (especially Medicaid), federalism, and the spending power. She is co-author of two health law casebooks and many book chapters and articles including *What Is Federalism in Healthcare For?* (*Stanford Law Review*, 2018, with Abbe Gluck) and *Federalizing Medicaid*, cited in the first Supreme Court decision on the ACA.

Publications:

The Law of American Health Care (Aspen 2016) (with Outterson & Weeks) (2d ed. 2018)
What Is Federalism in Health Care For?, 70 *Stan. L. Rev.* 1689 (2018) (with A. Gluck)
Rural Health, Universality, and Legislative Targeting, 12 *Harv. L. & Pol’y Rev.* 241 (2019)
Can Work Be Required in the Medicaid Program?, 378 *New Eng. J. Med.* 788 (2018)
Federalism in Health Care Reform, in *Holes in the Safety Net: Federalism and Poverty* (2019)

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Wendy K. Mariner, JD, LLM, MPH



Wendy K. Mariner is Edward R. Utley Professor of Health Law at Boston University School of Public Health, Professor of Law at BU School of Law, and Professor of Medicine at BU School of Medicine. She currently chairs the American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice. Prof. Mariner has chaired the Boston University Faculty Council and been a Trustee of the University. Her research focuses on regulating health insurance, including the ACA and ERISA, public health law, reproductive rights and privacy.

Publications: She has co-authored all three editions of Public Health Law, and published over 100 articles in the health law and policy literature, including *Beyond Lifestyle: Governing the Social Determinants of Health*, *American Journal of Law & Medicine* (2016), *Reconsidering Constitutional Protection for Health Information Privacy*, *Univ. Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* (2016), *Health Insurance Is Dead; Long Live Health Insurance*, *American Journal of Law & Medicine* (2014), *Social Solidarity and Personal Responsibility in Health Reform*, *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal* (2008).

Michael Ulrich, JD, MPH



Michael Ulrich's scholarship exists at the intersection of public health, constitutional law, bioethics, and social justice, focusing on health outcomes of vulnerable and underserved populations. His current work centers on gun violence and Second Amendment jurisprudence, aiming to bridge the gap between empirical public health research and constitutional theory. Prof. Ulrich's other writing includes reproductive justice, contagious disease control, and LGBTQ health. His work has appeared in national and international journals, and has been recognized by the American Society for Law, Medicine, and Ethics and the American Constitution Society.

Publications: *A Public Health Law Path for Second Amendment Jurisprudence*, *Hastings Law Journal*; *Law and Politics, an Emerging Epidemic: A Call for Evidence-Based Public Health Law*, *American Journal of Law & Medicine*; *The Impact of Law on the Right to Water and Adding Normative Change to the Global Agenda*, *George Washington International Law Review*; *Challenges for People With Disabilities Within the Health Care Safety Net*, *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, & Ethics*; *With Child, Without Rights?: Restoring a Pregnant Woman's Right to Refuse Medical Treatment Through the HIV Lens*, *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism*

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Sondra Crosby, MD

Dr. Sondra Crosby is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health, in the Center of Health Law, Ethics, and Human Rights. Dr. Crosby is an internationally recognized expert in documentation of human rights violations, and on performing forensic medical evaluations utilizing the Istanbul Protocol in countries around the world. Dr. Crosby is served as a drafter on the Istanbul Protocol Supplement (IPS) Project, an international committee to update and write a supplement for the Istanbul Protocol. She has made significant contributions to the fields of trauma documentation of and providing care to refugees who have suffered human right violations.

Publications:

Virginity testing: recommendations for primary care physicians in Europe and North America (2020)
From Nuremberg to Guantanamo Bay: Uses of Physicians in the War on Terror (2017)
Post-9/11 Torture at CIA “Black Sites” – Physicians and Lawyers Working Together (2015)



Michael Grodin, MD

Michael A. Grodin, M.D. is Professor of Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights at the Boston University School of Public Health. He is also a Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine in the School of Medicine and Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Studies at the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Grodin is the Medical Ethicist for the Boston Medical Center and Co-Director of Global Lawyers and Physicians: Working Together for Human Rights, a transnational NGO. His primary areas of interest include the relationship of health and human rights, and bioethics.

Publications: Selective books published include *The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code: Human Rights in Human Experimentation*; *Meta-Medical Ethics: The Philosophical Foundations of Bioethics*; *Health and Human Rights in a Changing World*.

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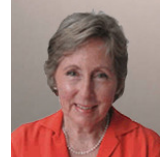
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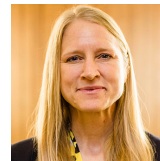
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