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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Ohio State University	2021-present
Assistant Professor of Law (tenure-track)	2021-present
Affiliate, Center for Ethics and Human Values	2023-present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law	Summer 2021
Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital	2019-2021
Research Fellow, Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law (PORTAL)	
Stanford Law School	2016-2019
Fellow, Center for Law and the Biosciences	
National Institutes of Health	2007-2009
Predocoral Bioethics Fellow, Department of Bioethics, Clinical Center	

EDUCATION

Yale University, Philosophy Department
Ph.D. (2021), M.Phil., M.A.
Dissertation: *Drug Manufacturers, Pricing, and Ethical Obligations*
Committee: Shelly Kagan (chair), Stephen Darwall, Daniel Markovits, and Michelle Mello

Yale Law School, J.D. (2014)

Rutgers University, Rutgers College, B.A. (2007)
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Sanford Doolittle Philosophy Prize, Dean's List, Rutgers College Honors Program

TEACHING

Business Associations, Biotechnology Law & Policy, Health Law Colloquium

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Published and Forthcoming Articles

Shareholder Resolutions and Access to Medications, in HEALTH LAW AS PRIVATE LAW (Susannah Baruch, I. Glenn Cohen, Wendy Epstein, Carmel Shachar, & Christopher Robertson eds., forthcoming 2024)

[Government Patent Use to Promote Public Health in the United States: Overcoming Non-Patent Exclusivities](#), 112 AM. J. PUB. HEALTH 1110 (2022) (with Jonathan Darrow & Aaron Kesselheim) (peer-reviewed)

[States, Preemption, and Patented Drug Pricing](#), 52 SETON HALL L. REV. 385 (2021)

[Legal Strategies for Reining in “Unconscionable” Prices for Prescription Drugs](#), 114 NW. U. L. REV. 859 (2020) (with Michelle Mello)

[The Pay-Twice Critique, Government Funding, and Reasonable Pricing Clauses](#), 39 J. LEGAL MEDICINE 177 (2019) (peer-reviewed)

[A Corporate Duty to Rescue: Biopharmaceutical Companies and Access to Medications](#), 94 IND. L. J. 1163 (2019) (selected for [review](#) in JOTWELL by Zack Buck)

[Refocusing the Responsiveness Requirement](#), 27 BIOETHICS 151 (2013) (with Seema Shah and Ezekiel Emanuel) (peer-reviewed)

[The Use of Experimental Therapies](#), in THE PICTURE OF HEALTH: MEDICAL ETHICS AND THE MOVIES 284 (Henri Colt et al. eds., 2011) (with Christine Grady)

[Rethinking the Responsiveness Requirement for International Research](#), 374 LANCET 847 (2009) (with Seema Shah and Ezekiel Emanuel) (peer-reviewed)

Works in Progress

Shareholder Primacy’s Failed Guardrails

Medicaid and Mifepristone: Pharmacies’ Obligations Post-Dobbs (with Helen Gianakopoulos)

Reasonable Pricing Clauses 2.0 (with Sarah Gabriele & Aaron Kesselheim)

What We Are Owed

State Sovereign Immunity in the Service of Physical and Fiscal Health

OTHER WRITING

[States, Preemption, and Patented Drug Pricing](#), THE NETWORK FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LAW (April 20, 2022).

[Recent Litigation Developments Regarding Drug Pricing and Access](#), LAW AND BIOSCIENCES BLOG (January 3, 2020)

[New GAO Report on Drug Industry Profits](#), LAW AND BIOSCIENCES BLOG (January 10, 2018)

[Litigation Watch: California's Drug Pricing Transparency Bill SB-17](#), LAW AND BIOSCIENCES BLOG (January 6, 2018)

[Problematic Pharmaceutical Pricing as an Investor Collective Action Problem](#), LAW AND BIOSCIENCES BLOG (February 8, 2017)

ACADEMIC GRANTS

Academic Firestarter Grantee, The Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University (2023)

- Awarded funding to establish a Health Law Colloquium

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

What We Are Owed

- Regulation and Innovation in the Biosciences Workshop, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, May 2-3, 2024 (anticipated)

Invited Panelist, Prescription Drug Regulation: Affordability, Constitutionality, & Accessibility

- Spring 2024 Symposium, Journal of Health Care Law & Policy, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Baltimore, MD, March 7, 2024

Shareholder Primacy's Failed Guardrails

- National Business Law Scholars Conference, U.C. Davis School of Law, Davis, CA, June 24-25, 2024 (anticipated)
- BioLawLapalooza 6.0, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, May 17-18, 2024 (anticipated)
- Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, March 2, 2024

Shareholder Resolutions and Access to Medications

- 47th Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, June 5, 2024 (anticipated)
- Health Law as Private Law, The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, June 23, 2023 (selected)

- Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA, June 22, 2023

Drug Pricing: Ethical Questions and Recent Reforms

- Bioethics Grand Rounds, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH, November 10, 2022 (invited)

Invited Discussant, Law & Technology Workshop

- Commented on Janet Freilich’s “Patent’s New Salience” (forthcoming in the Virginia Law Review), Zoom, November 16, 2022

Invited Panelist, Discussions from Drinko Hall: Supreme Court Year in Review

- Spoke about “Vaccine Mandates at the Supreme Court,” Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (Zoom), July 27, 2022

Invited Participant, Brocher Summer Academy in Global Population Health

- Brocher Foundation, Hermance (Geneva), Switzerland, June 27-July 1, 2022 (unable to attend)

Government Patent Use to Promote Public Health in the United States: Overcoming Non-Patent Exclusivities

- 45th Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Phoenix, AZ June 2, 2022

State Sovereign Immunity in the Service of Physical and Fiscal Health

- Regulation and Innovation in the Biosciences Workshop, Zoom, May 27, 2021 (selected for the plenary)
- Fellows Workshop, Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Zoom, May 11, 2021

States, Preemption, and Patented Drug Pricing

- Fifth Annual Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat, Seton Hall Law School (Zoom), February 5, 2021(selected)
- 41st Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, OH, June 8, 2018
- SLS Fellows Workshop, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, June 4, 2018
- 2018 BioLawLapalooza, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, March 22, 2018
- SLS Fellows Workshop, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, November 13, 2017
- 2017 Wiet Life Science Law Scholars Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL, October 13, 2017 (selected)
- 17th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, August 10-11, 2017

- 40th Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA, June 9, 2017
- Center for Law and the Biosciences, Works in Progress, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, May 10, 2017

The Pay-Twice Critique, Government Funding, and Reasonable Pricing Clauses

- American Enterprise Institute, Zoom, December 15, 2020 (invited)
- Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA, October 8, 2019
- 42nd Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL, June 6, 2019
- “The Future of Healthcare Symposium,” Stanford Technology Law Review and Stanford Law and Policy Review, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, April 27, 2019 (invited)
- BioLawLapalooza, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, March 29, 2019
- “Solving America’s Drug Pricing Problem,” Georgia State University College of Law and the American College of Legal Medicine, Atlanta, GA, January 24-25, 2019 (invited)

A Corporate Duty to Rescue: Biopharmaceutical Companies and Access to Medications/ Corporate Rescue and Causal Contributions

- Biomedical Ethics Brown Bag, Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Stanford Medical School, Stanford, CA, February 7, 2018 (invited)
- Regulation and Innovation in the Biosciences Workshop, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, April 28-29, 2017
- Business and Human Rights Young Researchers Summit, University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland, April 7, 2017 (selected)

MEDIA

Interviewed in Eric Gardner, [Big Pharma’s 20-Year War on America Explained](#), More Perfect Union (Oct. 25, 2023).

Quoted in Celine Castronuovo & Jeannie Baumann, [Pharma Companies Unappeased by Medicare Price Negotiation Revamp](#), BLOOMBERG LAW (July 7, 2023).

Quoted in Elly Yu, [Maryland Could Become First State to Cap Prescription Drug Costs](#), WAMU 88.5 (Jan. 22, 2019).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Associate (2014-2016)
 United States Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut, Spring Legal Extern (2013)
 Natural Resources Defense Council, Summer Intern (2011)
 Lawyers for Equal Justice, Summer Law Clerk (2010)

SERVICE

Moritz College of Law (OSU), Administration Committee (Spring 2024)
Moritz College of Law (OSU), Academic Affairs Committee (2021-2022; 2022-2023)
Moritz College of Law (OSU), Faculty Workshop Committee (2022-2023)
Moritz College of Law (OSU), Junior Lightning Rounds Committee (Summers 2022, 2023)

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of California
United States District Court for the Northern District of California