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**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**The Pennsylvania State University, 2018-present**

*Professor* (2025-present), Penn State Dickinson Law, University Park

*Professor* (2023-2025, Associate 2022-2023, Assistant 2018-22), Penn State Law, University Park

*Professor* (2023-present, Assistant 2018-2023), Department of Public Health Sciences, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey

*Professor* (2023-present, Assistant 2018-2023), Department of Humanities, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey

*Affiliate Faculty*, Department of Sociology and Criminology, College of the Liberal Arts, University Park

*Affiliate Faculty*, The Rock Ethics Institute, University Park

*Affiliate Faculty*, Bioethics Program, University Park

**Yale Law School**

*Visiting Lecturer in Law*, 2023-2024

**Weill Cornell Medical College**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics in Medicine*, 2020-present

*Postdoctoral Associate of Medical Ethics*, 2016-2018

*Summer Research Associate*, 2015

**Solomon Center for Health Law & Policy (Yale Law School)**

*Research Fellow and Senior Advisor to Brain Injury Project*, 2016-2018

**James E. Rogers College of Law (University of Arizona)**

*Law and Social Science Research Fellow*, 2012-2013

**Southwest Institute for Research on Women (University of Arizona)**

*Qualitative Analyst*, 2012-2013

**EDUCATION**

**Yale Law School**, J.D., 2016

**University of Arizona**, Ph.D. in Sociology, 2012

**University of Arizona**, M.A. in Sociology, 2006

**Brigham Young University**, B.S. in Sociology, 2003

- Magna cum laude

**JOURNAL EDITING**

Guest co-editor for Special Issue of JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS on “Supported Decision Making and Clinical Research,” with Robert Dinerstein and Leslie Francis.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Healthcare Decision Making

*Reconsidering Capacity Assessments*, \_\_ AM. J. L. MED. \_\_ (forthcoming) (peer-reviewed).

*Legal Issues in Dementia*, in THE BEHAVIORAL NEUROLOGY OF DEMENTIA (Bruce Miller & Brad Bouve eds. forthcoming), with Jalayne Arias and Ana Tyler.

*Using Disability Law to Expand Access to Medical Aid in Dying for Persons with Cognitive and Other Impairments*, in LAW AND ASSISTED DYING (Ben White ed. forthcoming) (invited).

Symposium, *Planning for Cognitive Decline: Combining Formal Supported Decision-Making Agreements and Healthcare Advance Directives*, 35 HEALTH MATRIX 225 (2025) (invited).

*Healthcare Organization Policies about the California End of Life Option Act: The Paper Victory of the Medical Aid in Dying Movement*, in HEALTH LAW AS PRIVATE LAW: PATHOLOGY OR PATHWAY? (I. Glenn Cohen et al. eds. 2025), with Cindy L. Cain.

Symposium, *More Choosers, Fewer Choices? Supported and Medical Decision-Making Law Post-Dobbs*, 45 PACE L. R. 139 (2024).

*Resuscitating Consent*, 63 B.C. L. REV. 889 (2022).

- Reviewed in JOTWELL

*Equality of Autonomy? Physician Aid in Dying and Supported Decision-Making*, 63 ARIZ. L. REV. 157 (2021).

*Dementia, Autonomy, and Supported Healthcare Decisionmaking*, 79 MD. L. REV. 257 (2020).

- Selected for Health Law Scholars Workshop, American Society for Law, Medicine, & Ethics

*Dementia, Healthcare Decision Making, and Disability Law*, 47 J.L. MED. & ETHICS 25 (2019).

- Selected for Health Law Professors Conference Symposium Issue (8/150 selected)

*End of Life and Autonomy: The Case for Relational Nudges in End-of-Life Decision-Making Law and Policy*, 77 MD. L. REV. 1062 (2018).

*Guardianship and End-of-Life Decision Making*, 175 JAMA INTERNAL MED. 1687 (2015), with Andrew B. Cohen, Leo Cooney, Jr., and Terri Fried (second author) (peer-reviewed).

### Human Subjects Research

*The Legal Landscape for Supported Decision-Making in the United States*, \_\_ J. L. MED. & ETHICS \_\_ (forthcoming 2025), with Nina A. Kohn and Robert Dinerstein (third author).

*Who Decides? Legal Changes to Facilitate Inclusion of Participants with Impaired Cognition in Research*, in RESEARCH INVOLVING PARTICIPANTS WITH COGNITIVE DISABILITY AND DIFFERENCE: ETHICS, AUTONOMY, INCLUSION, AND INNOVATION (Ariel Cascio & Eric Racine eds., 2019).

Comment, *A Case for Randomized, Double-Blinded, Sham-Controlled Class III Medical Device Trials*, 34 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 199 (2016).

*Heterogeneity in IRB Policies with Regard to Disclosures about Payment for Participation in Recruitment Materials*, 42 J.L. MED. & ETHICS 375 (2014), with Christopher T. Robertson (peer-reviewed).

### **Empirical Legal Studies**

*Dimensions of Prosecutor Decisions: Revealing Hidden Factors with Correspondence Analysis*, 15 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 271 (2024), with Cindy L. Cain and Shima Baradaran Baughman.

*Inside the Black Box of Prosecutor Discretion*, 55 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 2133 (2022), with Shima Baradaran Baughman and Christopher Robertson.

*Prosecutors and Mass Incarceration*, 94 S. CAL. L. REV. 1123 (2020), with Shima Baradaran Baughman (second author).

*Race and Class: A Randomized Experiment with Prosecutors*, 16 J. EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUD. 807 (2019), with Christopher Robertson and Shima Baradaran Baughman (third author) (peer-reviewed).

*Mock Juror and Jury Assessment of Blind Expert Witnesses*, in BLINDING AS A SOLUTION TO BIAS: STRENGTHENING BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE, FORENSIC SCIENCE, AND LAW (Christopher T. Robertson & Aaron S. Kesselheim eds., 2016), with Christopher T. Robertson and David V. Yokum.

- Recipient of 2013 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies Poster Award

*Installment Housing Contracts: Presumptively Unconscionable*, 18 BERKELEY J. AFR.-AM. L. & POL'Y 97 (2016).

Symposium, *Perceptions of Efficacy, Morality, and Politics of Potential Cadaveric Organ Transplantation Reforms: A Randomized Population-based Experiment*, 77 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 101 (2014), with Christopher T. Robertson and David V. Yokum (third author).

### **Severe Brain Injury and Law: Consortium for the Advanced Study of Brain Injury**

*A Qualitative Analysis of Symptoms from the Central Thalamic Deep Brain Stimulation Trial for Traumatic Brain Injury*, \_\_ NEUROREHABILITATION \_\_ (forthcoming), with Linda M. Gerber, Kaiulani S. Shulman, Nicholas D. Schiff, & Joseph J. Fins (third author) (peer-reviewed).

*Acknowledging the Algorithm: A Proactive Approach to Regulate Artificial Intelligence in Neuroscience and Healthcare*, \_\_ DUKE L. & TECH. R. \_\_ (forthcoming), with Zachary E. Shapiro, Joseph J. Fins, Melisa Olgun, Victor C. Agbafé, Fiona Furnari, Deepika Baskar, Sonal Purohit, Michaela Phan, and Kaiulani S. Shulman.

*Realizing the Americans with Abilities Act: Promoting Capabilities and Interagency Coordination in the Service of Individuals with Brain Injury and Civil Rights*, 76 U.C. L.J. \_\_ (forthcoming), with Zachary E.

Shapiro, Tiffany Li, Kaiulani S. Shulman, Melisa Olgun, Chantelle van Wiltenburg, Molly S. Teague, Emma Kromm, Katherine Fang, Brandy Allen, Elliot E. C. Ping, John D. Bowers, Rebecca Harris, Nayla Basma, Apurv Hirsh Shekhar, Gregory E. Antill, & Joseph J. Fins (sixteenth author).

*Identity Theft, Deep Brain Stimulation, and the Primacy of Post-Trial Obligations*, 51 HASTINGS CTR. REP. 34 (2024), with Joseph J. Fins, Amanda R. Merner, and Gabriel Lázaro-Muñoz (third author) (peer-reviewed).

*Brain Injury, Medical Progress, and the Disability Paradox: Towards an Americans with Abilities Act*, 54 NEUROREHABILITATION 141 (2024), with Joseph J. Fins, Kaiulani Schulman, and Zachary E. Shapiro (third author).

*The Scholarly and Pedagogical Benefits of the Legal Lab: Lessons from the Consortium for the Advanced Study of Brain Injury at Yale Law School*, 51 J. L. MED. ETHICS 672 (2023), with Zachary E. Shapiro, Chaarushena Deb, Caroline Lawrence, Allison Rabkin Golden, Katherine L. Kraschel, and Joseph J. Fins (fifth author) (peer-reviewed).

*Subject and Family Perspectives from the Central Thalamic Stimulation for Traumatic Brain Injury Study—Part 2*, \_\_ CAMBRIDGE Q. HEALTHCARE ETHICS—CLINICAL NEUROETHICS \_\_ (2023), with Joseph J. Fins, Kaiulani S. Shulman, Jaimie Henderson, and Nicholas D. Schiff (second author).

*Subject and Family Perspectives from the Central Thalamic Stimulation for Traumatic Brain Injury Study—Part 1*, 31 CAMBRIDGE Q. HEALTHCARE ETHICS—CLINICAL NEUROETHICS 419 (2022), with Joseph J. Fins, Jaimie Henderson, and Nicholas D. Schiff (second author).

*The Dignity of Risk, Reemergent Agency, and the Central Thalamic Stimulation Trial for Moderate to Severe Brain Injury*, 65 PERSP. BIOLOGY & MED. 307 (2022), with Joseph J. Fins (second author).

*Designing An Americans with Abilities Act: Consciousness, Capabilities, and Civil Rights*, 63 B.C. L. REV. 1729 (2022), with Zachary E. Shapiro, Allison Rabkin Golden, Gregory E. Antill, Chaarushena Deb, Katherine Fang, Elizabeth Clarke, Alexis Kallen, Kai Schulman, Hanya M. Qureshi, Caroline V. Lawrence, Laura C. Hoffman, and Joseph J. Fins (twelfth author).

*Regulating Post-Trial Access to In-Dwelling Class III Neural Devices*, in THE FUTURE OF MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION: INNOVATION AND PROTECTION (I. Glenn Cohen et al. eds., 2022), with Joseph J. Fins.

*Olmstead Enforcements for Moderate to Severe Brain Injury: The Pursuit of Civil Rights through an Application of Law, Neuroscience, and Ethics*, 95 TULANE L. REV. 525 (2021), with Zachary E. Shapiro, Chaarushena Deb, Caroline Lawrence, Allison Rabkin Golden, Jaclyn Wilner, Allison Durkin, Zoe M. Adams, Wenqing Zhao, Keturah James, Adam Pan, and Joseph J. Fins (eleventh author).

*Disorders of Consciousness and Disability Law*, 95 MAYO CLINIC PROC. P1732 (2020), with Joseph J. Fins and Samuel Bagenstos (second author) (peer-reviewed).

- Mayo Proceedings Podcast

*The Neglect of Persons with Severe Brain Injury in the United States: An International Human Rights Analysis*, 22 HEALTH & HUM. RIGHTS J. 265 (2020), with Tamar Ezer and Joseph J. Fins (second author) (peer-reviewed).

*Nothing Generic About It: Promoting Therapeutic Access by Overcoming Regulatory and Legal Barriers to a Robust Generic Medical Device Market*, 98 N.C. L. REV. 595 (2020), with Adam Pan, Keturah James, Zachary E. Shapiro, and Joseph J. Fins (fourth author).

- Reviewed in [THE REGULATORY REVIEW](#)

*Severe Brain Injury, Disability, and the Law: Achieving Justice for a Marginalized Population*, 45 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 313 (2018), with Nina Varsava, Joel Ramirez, Kyle Edwards, Nathan Guevremont, Tamar Ezer, and Joseph J. Fins.

*When Biomarkers Are Not Enough: FDA Evaluation of Effectiveness of Neuropsychiatric Devices for Disorders of Consciousness*, 21 STANFORD TECH. L. REV. 276 (2018), with Keturah James, Adam Pan, and Joseph J. Fins.

*Disorders of Consciousness, Agency, and Healthcare Decision-Making: Lessons from a Developmental Model*, 9 AJOB NEUROSCIENCE 55 (2018), with Claudia Kraft, Michael R. Ulrich, and Joseph J. Fins (peer-reviewed).

*Rights Language and Disorders of Consciousness: A Call for Advocacy*, 32 BRAIN INJ. 670 (2018), with Joseph J. Fins (second author) (peer-reviewed).

*Guardianship and Clinical Research Participation: The Case of Wards with Disorders of Consciousness*, 27 KENNEDY INST. ETHICS J. 43 (2017), with Michael R. Ulrich and Joseph J. Fins (peer-reviewed).

*Rehabilitation, Education, and the Integration of Individuals with Severe Brain Injury into Civil Society: Towards an Expanded Rights Agenda in Response to New Insights from Translational Neuroethics and Neuroscience*, 16 YALE J. HEALTH POL'Y L. & ETHICS 233 (2016), with Joseph J. Fins (peer-reviewed).

*Whither the "Improvement Standard"? Coverage for Severe Brain Injury after Jimmo v. Sebelius*, 44 J.L. MED. & ETHICS 182 (2016), with Joseph J. Fins, Claudia Kraft, Alix Rogers, Marina B. Romani, Samantha Godwin, and Michael R. Ulrich (second author) (peer-reviewed).

## **Public Health and Public Policy Research**

*Timing of Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder among Birthing People*, 161 J. SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT 209289 (2024), with Kyungha Kim, Guodong Liu, Andrew W. Dick, Sung W. Choi, Edyanya Agbese, Tammy E. Corr, Charleen Hsuan, Sujeong Park, Dianna Velott, and Douglas L. Leslie (eighth author) (peer-reviewed).

*Coordinating and Accessing Low-Income Energy Efficiency Programs*, (Nov. 2023), with Rahman Azari, Seth Blumsack, Lisa Domenica Iulo, Jingyu Go, Michael Helbing, Daniel J. Mallinson, Selena E. Ortiz, Tasneem Tariq, and Hannah Wiseman.

*COVID-19 Vaccine Dissemination: A Public Health Ethical Evaluation of Pennsylvania's Plan during Phase 1A*, 24 ETHICS MED. PUBLIC HEALTH 100815 (2022), with Cheryl Richardson & Casey Pinto (second author) (peer-reviewed).

*Community Engagement: Perspectives on an Essential Element of Juvenile Drug Courts Implementing Reclaiming Futures*, 10 DRUG CT. REV. 116 (2016), with Alison Greene, Kendra Thompson-Dyck, Monica Davis, and Katie Haverly (third author) (peer-reviewed).

## Scholarly Commentaries

*More, Fewer, Reconceptualized, or Relational Criteria? Recent Trends in Bioethics Scholarship on Decision-Making Capacity*, 24 AM. J. BIOETHICS 121 (2024).

*Hospitals are not Prisons: Decision-making Capacity, Autonomy, and the Legal Right to Refuse Medical Care, including Observation*, 24 AM. J. BIOETHICS 37 (2024).

*Different MAiD Laws, Different MAiD Outcomes: Expected Rather than “Disturbing”*, 23 AM. J. BIOETHICS 92 (2023), with Cindy L. Cain.

*Supported Decision Making in the United States: Supporters Provide Decision-Making Assistance but Are Not Decision Makers*, 14 AJOB NEUROSCIENCE 252 (2023).

*Current Aid-in-Dying Laws Discriminate against Individuals with Disabilities*, 23 AM. J. BIOETHICS 33 (2023).

*What to do about Despair: Some Roles for the Medical Humanities*, 44 J. MED. HUMANITIES 347 (2023), with Cindy L. Cain (invited).

*Supported Decision Making, Treatment Refusal, and Decisional Capacity*, 22 AM. J. BIOETHICS 89 (2022).

*Against Externalism: Maintaining Patient Autonomy and the Right to Refuse Medical Treatment*, 22 AM. J. BIOETHICS 58 (2022).

*In Pursuit of Agency ex Machina: Expanding the Map in Severe Brain Injury*, 12 AJOB NEUROSCIENCE 200 (2021), with Joseph J. Fins, Joseph T. Giacino, Jaimie Henderson, and Nicholas D. Schiff (second author).

*Implementing Ethical and Legal Supported Decision Making: Some Unresolved Issues*, 21 AM. J. BIOETHICS 40 (2021) (invited).

*Dementia, Cognitive Transformation, and Supported Decision Making*, 20 AM. J. BIOETHICS 88 (2020).

*Repurposing Ethnography to Assess Consent Capacity, in RESEARCH INVOLVING PARTICIPANTS WITH COGNITIVE DISABILITY AND DIFFERENCE: ETHICS, AUTONOMY, INCLUSION, AND INNOVATION* (Ariel Cascio & Eric Racine eds., 2019).

*Change without Change? Assessing Medicare Reimbursement for Advance Care Planning*, 48 HASTINGS CTR. REP. 8 (2018) (invited).

## Public Scholarship

*New Legal Support Emerges for End-of-Life Decision Making*, 33 EXPERIENCE MAGAZINE 16 (2023) (invited).

*Cracking the Black Box*, INQUEST (September 13, 2021), with Shima Baradaran Baughman and Christopher Robertson (third author) (invited).



*Lincoln's Promise: Congress, Veterans, and Traumatic Brain Injury*, HASTINGS CTR. F. BLOG (June 21, 2016), with Michael R. Ulrich, Kyle Edwards, Nathan Guevremont, Joel Ramirez, Nina Varsava, and Joseph J. Fins (second author).

## Book Reviews

Review of MARA BUCHBINDER, *SCRIPTING DEATH: STORIES OF ASSISTED DYING IN AMERICA*, DISABILITY STUD. Q. (forthcoming).

[Review](#) of BIANCA EASTERLY, *THE CHRONIC SILENCE OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN END OF LIFE POLICYMAKING IN THE UNITED STATES*, LAW & POL. BOOK REV. (2022) (invited).

Review of NANCY E. DOWD, *THE MAN QUESTION: MALE SUBORDINATION AND PRIVILEGE*, TEACHERS COLL. REC. (2011).

## Podcasts

Panelist, *Pandemic Justice*, ROCK ETHICS INSTITUTE ETHICS NOW PODCAST, June 12, 2020.

## Select Works in Progress

*Mediating Autonomy: Healthcare Organizations' Response to the California End of Life Option Act*, with Cindy L. Cain

- Data analysis stage

*Opioid Use Disorder, Pregnancy, and State Laws and Policies*, with Penn State Public Health Sciences research team

- Data analysis stage, multiple papers in preparation for submission to peer-reviewed journals, funded by AHRQ

*Post-Trial Access, Clinical Care, Psychosocial Support, and Scientific Progress in Experimental Deep Brain Stimulation Research*, with Joseph J. Fins and Gabriel Lázaro-Muñoz

- Data collection stage, funded by NIH

*Theorizing Capacity*

- In preparation for submission to law reviews

*Supported Decision Making and Clinical Research Participation*

- Editing symposium journal issue, multiple papers in preparation for submission to peer-reviewed journals

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

“Post-trial Access, Clinical Care, Psychosocial Support, and Scientific Progress in Experimental Deep Brain Stimulation Research” (\$1,985,006), Co-Investigator (PIs: Gabriel Lázaro-Muñoz and Joseph J. Fins). National Institutes of Health: R01[MH133657], 8/18/2023-5/31/2027.

“Resolving Discord between Medical Recommendations and Religious or Spiritual Values: A Pilot Study of an Educational Program for Hospital Medicine and Spiritual Care Faculty” (\$25,000), Co-Investigator

(PI: Ezra Gabbay). Weill Cornell Division of General Internal Medicine Primary Care Innovations (PCI) Program, 2023.

“Understanding Gaps and Opportunities in Neuroscience and Neurotechnology,” (\$14,001.46), Co-Investigator (PI: Laura Cabrera). Penn State Rock Ethics Institute, 7/1/2023-6/30/24.

“COVID-19, Health Systems and Vulnerable Populations: Policies Affecting Maternal Opioid Use During Pregnancy” (\$1,178,365), Co-Investigator (PIs: Douglas L. Leslie and Cynthia H. Chuang). Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: R01[HS028651-01A1], 9/30/22-9/29/25.

“Cognitive Restoration: Neuroethics and Disability Rights” (\$858,243), Co-Investigator (PI: Joseph J. Fins). *BRAIN Initiative: Research on the Ethical Implications of Advancements in Neurotechnology and Brain Science*. National Institutes of Health: R01[1RF1MH12378-01], 9/17/2019-8/31/2023.

“Giving Voice to Neuroethics: Narrative Perspectives of Subjects and Families in the Central Thalamic Stimulation for Traumatic Brain Injury Study” (\$47,779), Co-Investigator (Supplement PI: Joseph J. Fins, Admin PI: Nicholas D. Schiff). *Neuroethics Supplement*. National Institutes of Health: UH3 NS095554-01, 10/1/2019-9/30/2020.

“Giving Voice to Neuroethics: Narrative Perspectives of Subjects and Families in the Central Thalamic Stimulation for Traumatic Brain Injury Study” (\$41,773), Postdoctoral Associate (Supplement PI: Joseph J. Fins, Admin PI: Nicholas D. Schiff). *Neuroethics Supplement*. National Institutes of Health: UH3 NS095554-01, 10/1/2016-9/30/2017.

“Men on Methadone: Fatherhood, Family, and Partners” (\$800), Primary Investigator. *Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Grant*. University of Arizona, 2010.

*Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Pre-Doctoral Research Grant* (\$524), with Karen E. Gordon, University of Arizona, 2006.

#### **AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

*Dean’s Faculty Fellow*, Penn State Law, 2021-2022

*Health Law Scholar*, Health Law Scholars Workshop, Center for Health Law Studies at Saint Louis University School of Law and American Society for Law, Medicine, & Ethics, 2018

*Poster Award*, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2013

*William K. Bunis Graduate Student Teaching Award*, University of Arizona, 2009

*Sage/Pine Forge Press Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award* (\$500), 2008

*Graduate College Fellowship* (.25 Funding), University of Arizona, 2004-2005

*Heritage Scholarship* (Full Tuition Academic Scholarship), Brigham Young University, 2000-2003

#### **RECENT CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

*Phantom Trials? On the Ambiguity of “Post”-Trial in Therapeutic Neural Device Trials* (with others)



- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, Portland, OR, 2025 (blind, peer-reviewed selection process)

*Theorizing Capacity*

- 48<sup>th</sup> Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA, 2025

*Firing Line Debate: Assisted Suicide*

- Buckley Institute, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2025 (invited)

*Planning for Cognitive Decline: Combining Formal Supported Decision Making and Power of Attorney*

- Cognitive Decline and the Law Conference, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, 2024

*Medical Decision-Making Law and Practice Post-Dobbs*

- Bioethics after *Dobbs*, Pace Law Review Symposium, White Plains, NY, 2024

*Reconsidering Capacity Assessments*

- 47<sup>th</sup> Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, 2024
- 46<sup>th</sup> Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Baltimore, MD, 2023
- Bioethics Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2022
- Mental Disability and Law Section's "Mental Healthcare Decision-Making: Innovations and Comparative Perspectives," AALS Annual Meeting, 2022 (selected from open call)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, 2021 (blind, peer-reviewed selection process)
- Faculty Works in Progress, Penn State Law, University Park, PA, 2021, 2023

*Mediating Autonomy: Healthcare Organizations' Response to the California End of Life Option Act*, with Cindy L. Cain

- 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on End of Life: Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice, Salt Lake City, UT, 2024 (selected from open call)
- Bioethics Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2024
- 2023 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Conference: Health Law as Private Law, Cambridge, MA, 2023 (selected from open call)
- 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, 2022
- 2022 ComplianceNet Conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2022
- Law and Society Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2019
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, Anaheim, CA, 2018 (blind, peer-reviewed selection process)
- 41<sup>st</sup> Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Case Western Reserve School of Law, Cleveland, OH, 2018

*Assisted Dying, Decisional Capacity, and Supported Decision Making*

- 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on End of Life: Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice, Salt Lake City, UT, 2024 (selected from open call)

*Opioid Use Disorder, Pregnancy, and State Laws and Policies (various papers)*, with Diana Velott, Kyungha Kim, Andrew Dick, Guodong Liu, Charleen Hsuan, Tammy Corr, Sujeong Park, Edeanya Agbese, Anne-Marie Dyer, and Douglas Leslie (PI)

- Polysubstance Use Among Privately-Insured Pregnant Women, AcademyHealth, Annual Research Meeting, 2023
- Publicly Insured Pregnant Women with an Opioid Related Problem: Timing of Diagnosis Relative to Delivery, AcademyHealth, Annual Research Meeting, 2023
- Understanding Differences in Two Databases on State Laws on Prenatal Substance Use, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, 2022
- Women with Opioid Related Problems during Pregnancy: Timing of Diagnosis Relative to Delivery, AcademyHealth, Annual Research Meeting, 2022
- Prevalence of Opioid-Related Problems among Commercially Insured Pregnant Women, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, 2021

*Resuscitating Consent*

- Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law Faculty Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, 2021
- Virtual Health Law Workshop, 2021
- 44<sup>th</sup> Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Northeastern University School of Law, 2021
- Humanities Research Colloquium, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA, 2020
- Bioethics Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2020
- Faculty Works in Progress, Penn State Law, University Park, PA, 2020
- New Scholars Workshop on Health, Science, and Intellectual Property, SEALS Annual Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, 2019

*Equality of Autonomy? Supported Decision Making and Physician Aid in Dying*

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, 2020 (blind, peer-reviewed selection process)
- Pitt Law Faculty Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA, 2020
- Law, Medicine, & Health Care Section's Work in Progress, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2020 (selected from open call)
- Bioethics Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2019

*Dementia, Autonomy, and Supported Healthcare Decision Making*

- Research Faculty Meeting, Penn State College of Nursing, University Park, PA, 2019
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL, 2019
- Bioethics Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2018
- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics and Center for Health Law Studies at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, 2018 (blind selection process)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, Kansas City, MO, 2017 (blind, peer-reviewed selection process)

*Relationality and Methadone Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence*, with Peter Im, Erin Davidowicz, and Cheryl Dellasega

- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, 2019 (blind, peer-reviewed selection process)

*A Randomized Experiment of Race, Class, and Blinding Thereof on Prosecutors' Charging Decisions*, with Christopher T. Robertson and Shima Baradaran Baughman, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, 2018

- Peer-reviewed selection process

*End of Life and Autonomy: The Case for Relational Nudges in End-of-Life Decision-Making Law and Policy*

- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 2017
- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2016 (blind, peer-reviewed selection process)

*Brain Injury and Voting Rights: Ethics, Law, and Inclusion*, with Joseph J. Fins, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting, Kansas City, MO, 2017

- Blind, peer-reviewed selection process

*Installment Housing Contracts: Presumptively Unconscionable*, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2015

*Mock Jurors' Assessments of Blind Experts in Criminal Trials*, with Samantha Kluth and Dana Dobbins, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, 2013

- Recipient of Poster Award
- Peer-reviewed selection process

*The Effects of Blinded Experts on Civil and Criminal Juries: An Incentive for Blinding?*, with Christopher T. Robertson and David V. Yokum, *Blinding as a Solution to Institutional Corruption: When Does Less Information Result in Better Decisions?* Edmond J. Safra Center for Bioethics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2013

*Men on Methadone: Opiate Addiction, Treatment, and Fatherhood*, 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, 2013

- Selected from open call

## **SELECT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Professor*, Penn State Dickinson Law, 2025-present

- Torts

*Professor*, Penn State Law, 2023-2025

- Torts
- Health Law

*Visiting Lecturer in Law*, Yale Law School, 2023-2024

- Brain Injury, Medical Ethics, and Disability Rights

*Assistant and Associate Professor*, Penn State Law, 2018-2023

- Health Law
- Bioethics and Law
- Public Health Law

*Teaching Assistant*, Professor Stephen Latham, Yale University

- Bioethics and Law, 2013-2016

*Adjunct Professor*, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona

- Sex, Race, and Power in the Supreme Court, 2013

*Instructor*, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2006-2012

- Men and Masculinities
- Sociology of Gender
- Sociology of the Body
- Gender and Contemporary Society
- Sociology of Sexuality
- Juvenile Delinquency

#### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- Proficient with qualitative and quantitative data management and analysis software: Atlas.ti, SPSS, and Stata
- Proficient with survey software: Qualtrics

#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

*Organizer* (with Doron Dorfman and Matthew Lawrence), Virtual Health Law Workshop, 2023

- Co-organized with Doron Dorfman and Myrisha Lewis, 2021-2023
- Co-founded and organized with Nina Varsava, 2020-2021

*Discussant*, Junior Works in Progress Session, AALS Section on Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2024

*Member*, AALS Section on Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies Executive Committee, 2023

*Moderator*, Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies Section “Requesting Accommodations as a Law School Employee,” AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2023

*Chair*, AALS Section on Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies, 2022

- Chair-Elect, 2021

*Discussant*, Virtual Health Law Workshop, 2022

*Commentator*, Wiet Life Science Law Scholars Workshop, Loyola University Chicago School of Law and the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, 2021

*Commentator*, Law and Social Science Section’s Empirical Research in Business Law Works in Progress, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2020

*Volunteer*, Prospective Law Teachers’ Workshop, SEALS Conference, Boca Raton, FL, 2019

*Member*, Committee on Teaching, Pacific Sociological Association, 2010-2013

*Member*, Committee on Status of Women, Pacific Sociological Association, 2010-2013

Reviewer: *American Journal of Law & Medicine*; *AJOB Neuroscience*; Annual American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting; Aspen Publishing; *Bioethics*; Cambridge University Press; *Disability Studies Quarterly*; *Gender & Society*; *Health Care Analysis*; Israel Science Foundation; *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*; *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics*; *Journal of Philosophy of Disability*; *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*; *Law and Politics Book Review*; National Science Foundation Law and Social Science Dissertation Grant Program; *Neuroethics*; *University of Oxford Human Rights Hub Journal*; *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics*; *Yale Law Journal*

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

*Member*, Rock Ethics Institute Faculty Review Committee, 2022

*Member*, Rock Ethics Institute Advisory Board, Pennsylvania State University, 2019-present

*Member*, Search Committee for Assistant Director of Bioethics Program, Pennsylvania State University, 2019

*Member*, Bioethics Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania State University, 2018-present

*Member*, New York Presbyterian-Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center Ethics Committee, 2016-18

*Organizer* (with Cindy Cain, Sondra Barringer, and Eric Schoon), Publish or Perish Workshop, University of Arizona, 2012

- Graduate and Professional Student Council Professional Opportunities Development Fund Grant (\$1,500)
- Student-Faculty Interaction Grant (\$276)

*Organizer* (with Cindy Cain and Sarah Strand, on behalf of SWS Tucson), “Bringing the Body Back In: Toward a Corporeal Social Science,” University of Arizona, 2009

- Unit Research Activities Fund Grant (\$5,000)
- Graduate and Professional Student Council Professional Opportunities Development Fund Grant (\$1,336)

*Co-founding Member*, Sociologists for Women in Society-Tucson (SWS Tucson), 2008-2012

#### **DEPARTMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

*Member*, Appointments Committee, Penn State Law, Spring 2025

*Member*, Diversity Committee, Penn State Law, 2021-2025

*Mentor*, Minority Mentorship Program, Penn State Law, 2019-2025

*Member*, Faculty Works in Progress Committee, Penn State Law, 2018-2024

- Co-Chair 2019-2020

*Penn State Law Representative* (Alternate), AALS House of Representatives, 2020, 2022, 2023

*Member*, Search Committee for DEIB Associate Dean, Penn State Law, 2023

*Member*, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Humanities, Penn State College of Medicine, 2022-2023

*Member*, Search Committee for HR Strategic Partner, Penn State Law, 2022

*Moderator and Discussant*, “Whose Choice Is It, Anyway? An In-Depth Conversation about the Practical and Legal Implications of Non-Uniform State Abortion Laws,” Penn State Law’s Women Law Caucus Fall Event, November 1, 2018

*Member*, The Trans at YLS Guide Committee, Yale Law School, 2015-2016

- Produced “Trans at YLS: A Guide for Trans Students and Allies.”

*Research and Writing Chair*, Yale Law Women, Yale Law School, 2014-2015

*Gender Equity and Diversity Chair*, Outlaws, Yale Law School, 2014-2015

*Lead Staff Editor*, YALE JOURNAL OF HEALTH POLICY, LAW, AND ETHICS, 2013

*Diversity Committee Co-Chair*, Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, 2006-2009

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

*Moderator*, Southern Illinois University/Penn State Law, Medicine, and Bioethics Death Over Dinner, 2021, 2022

*Advance Care Planning Medical Legal Partnership Co-Founder*, Penn State Law, 2019

*Presenter*, Mt. Nittany Residences Resource Fair, State College, PA, 2019

*Volunteer*, Haven Medical-Legal Partnership, New Haven, CT, 2013

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, 2015-2024

American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 2017-present

American Sociological Society, 2006-2024

- Sections on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs; Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity; Disability and Society; Medical Sociology; Sex and Gender; Sociology of Law

Eastern Sociological Society, 2013

International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence, 2019

Law and Society Association, 2014-2023

Pacific Sociological Association, 2006-2013

Society for Empirical Legal Studies, 2013, 2016

Sociologists for Women in Society, 2007-2020