As I look back at all the Berman Institute accomplished during the 2017-18 academic year, the unquestioned central theme of the year is that of leadership. It was the year in which we cemented our status as one of the world’s unquestioned leaders in the field of bioethics—in education, scholarship, research, and service—today and for the foreseeable future.

In June of 2018 the Berman Institute concluded the most successful fundraising campaign in our history, securing over $51 million in new commitments that will keep us at the forefront of our field. We surpassed that milestone thanks to the visionary support of our longtime Advisory Board Chair and his wife, Alex and Vicki Levi. As this report’s cover story outlines, their landmark gift to the Berman Institute will honor Ruth Faden’s legacy of leadership and enable the Institute to produce future leaders in bioethics for generations to come.

This year showed us that bioethics continues to be an ever more vital field of study. The fastest growing sectors of our nation’s economy, primarily healthcare, science and technology, pose enormous ethical questions not only for today, but for the future. Across the country and around the world, Berman Institute faculty are recognized as uniquely qualified to provide the analysis, insights, and approaches to help shape the responses to these questions in ways that promote responsible policies and practices that will benefit humanity.

Our work is made possible only through the visionary support of our many donors, as well as through the volunteer efforts of members of our Advisory Board, who recognize the importance of what the Berman Institute stands for and the work it carries out. The lives that are improved, the laws and policies that are enacted, are a result of their belief in us coupled with unwavering generosity. On behalf of all the Berman Institute’s faculty, staff, students, and trainees, I express my heartfelt gratitude for the role our supporters play in our success.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY P. KAHN, PhD, MPH
ANDREAS C. DRACOPOLIOS DIRECTOR
ROBERT HENRY LEVI AND RYDA HECHT LEVI PROFESSOR OF BIOETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY
In the eyes of Berman Institute Advisory Board Chair Alex Levi, and his wife Vicki, Ruth Faden has always been a leader. A leader not only in establishing and expanding the Berman Institute, but also in advancing the field of bioethics to achieve more ethical practices and policies relevant to the health of people around the world.

To honor that leadership, and to ensure her legacy, the Levis in 2018 made an unparalleled commitment to the Institute, the largest ever made to a bioethics institute. The Levis’ $15 million gift, which has established The Ruth R. Faden Endowment for Education in Bioethics, will fully fund several programs that will allow the Institute to create the next generation of leaders in bioethics education and research.

This legacy gift will be used to expand the Hecht-Levi postdoctoral fellowship program and support four to six post-doctoral fellows per year. It will also create the Faden Endowment, funding four to eight Masters of Bioethics scholarship students, and launch the Faden Scholars program. The latter initiative will provide advanced leadership training for one Hecht-Levi fellow per year. The gift will also help pay research and travel costs for Institute PhD candidates.

“The gift is unprecedented in the field of bioethics,” says Jeffrey Kahn, the Andreas C. Dracopoulos Director of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Ethics, and Faden’s successor. “There are no other bioethics institutes with endowed resources designed to grow new leaders. It’s groundbreaking. What I hear from leaders at other institutes is, ‘Oh my, you’re really making it hard on the rest of us.’”

Through their generosity, the Levis also have reconfirmed themselves as leaders in support of the Berman Institute’s mission. Their gift is a fitting capstone to a quarter-century of support that predates the institute’s formal establishment.
HIGHLIGHTS

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LAYING THE FOUNDATION

In 1995, Ruth Faden was a scholar trying to inspire interest at Hopkins in an academic field that was coming into its own: bioethics. Already, her profile was rising. A professor at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins, she had recently been named the Philip Franklin Wagley Professor of Biomedical Ethics at the university’s School of Medicine. Faden had also earned national recognition as chair of a commission formed by President Bill Clinton to investigate ethical shortcomings in human radiation experiments.

Later that year, she would be tasked by Johns Hopkins leadership with a daunting assignment: creating a new, freestanding entity, an Institute, for the entirety of the University that would study the ethics of every dimension of health and biomedical science.

The question was how.

“Just explaining what we were about could be a challenge,” says Faden.

With no real roadmaps to follow, Faden sought out support wherever she could find it. Morris Offit, a former chair of the Bloomberg School of Public Health, introduced her to the Levi family and their generosity would go on to become a renewable resource for the Institute, with more than $5 million supporting a fellows program, an endowed professor’s chair, and a contribution toward the renovation of Deering Hall.

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News of the gift, delivered last summer during a board retreat at an Institute board member’s home, had an immediate impact on Faden. “I had to sit in a room alone to absorb it—I was worried about the enormity of it,” she says with a laugh. “I tweeted to have something to drink after Jeff told me. Then, Alex came in and we talked about it.”

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CEMENTING A LEGACY

As the Levis contemplated a capstone gift in their support of the Berman Institute, Berman leadership shared the pressing need for student financial support. An endowment for scholarship assistance would ensure Berman’s capacity to attract the most promising bioethics scholars. Honoring Ruth’s legacy of leadership by ensuring the field’s future stars would be able to follow the trail she blazed resonated with Alex and Vicki. And so they stepped forward with the largest gift in Berman history.

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A LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP

At the beginning, Alex and Vicki Levi say they understood little about bioethics. What they came to learn, they say, has been due to lengthy and intensive conversations fueled by Faden’s deep knowledge and intense passion for the subject. Soon after joining the Institute’s national advisory board in 1995, Alex became the board’s chair, eventually shepherding its members through twice-yearly meetings.

Each year, after one of those meetings, Vicki Levi hosts a dinner at the Lotus Club in New York for board members and whoever is around that is interested in the Institute, she says. She handles the atmosphere, menu, and seating. Vicki, an author, expert on Cuban culture, and a photo professional who has made the history of Atlantic City, her hometown, a personal crusade, has served as a consultant to the HBO series, Boardwalk Empire.

“Alex and I both share an intense interest in bioethics and the Berman Institute,” she says. “We’re always happy to travel to Johns Hopkins. I’m really glad to be a part of it.”

The Levis live in Manhattan, where Alex maintains his practice and Vicki pursues arts projects and research in Cuba, Florida and New Jersey.

Though Alex had been recruited to Johns Hopkins as a student and lacrosse player, he opted to leave town to make his mark elsewhere. He attended Trinity and Adahohi, which also benefit from his generosity.

While raising money from the board became an important part of his role at the Institute, Alex said he also worked hard to engage board members in the its projects, which have ranged from the ethics of conducting medical investigations in developing countries to stem-cell research to practicing ethics in clinical settings. “It’s been my job to keep the board interested,” says Alex. “If there’s an area they’ve expressed some curiosity in, I’ll link them with faculty who are experts in it.”

He largely keeps in touch with the Institute by frequent phone calls. Back at the beginning, Alex and Ruth decided to set aside 10 a.m. every other Sunday to talk about Institute matters. The two-hour confabs covered everything from budget to faculty matters, to what’s happening in Baltimore and at Hopkins, to world events.

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“Alex is always scanning the horizon,” Faden adds. “Is there something in the New York Times that Berman should be interested in?” Alex and Vicki are thoughtful people who brought me ideas and challenged me all the time.”

Ruth reports that Alex played a central role in the acquisition of a former police station building that in 2011 would become Deering Hall, the building on Hopkins’ East Baltimore campus that houses the Berman Institute. Some of the Hecht-Levi family’s art collection graces the halls and walls there.

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The psychologist’s characteristic openness to discovery has served him well regarding the Institute’s work, Alex admits: “The way I work clinically, I don’t use a model to treat patients. I have to always create the context that allows for surprises because I’m dealing with the human mind. It’s comparable to the study of bioethics. There’s something new in that field all the time, like the claimed birth of gene-edited twins in China.”

These days, those talks will cover what the Institute is working on, including Kahn’s recent trip to the Hong Kong conference on human gene editing where the controversy over purported creation of gene-edited twins was first reported. But they will also touch on movies, politics, theater, and world events.

“He has a gentle, yet direct way about him,” Kahn says. “Before I became the Institute’s director, I would watch how he dealt with things. It was clear that he was a leader. He’s always prepared and uses that as an example to others on our board. When it comes to philanthropy, he leads by example as well.”

Now, Alex is looking to the next generation of leaders. “I’ve been involved with the Berman Institute for a long time, and I feel it’s given back more to me than I could ever give to it,” says Alex. “I’ve made so many friends there. It has enriched my life. I consider it priceless. But it’s time to think about what the board will look like without me. This is about creating a legacy, though the real reason we’re doing this is to celebrate Ruth’s amazing work here.”

Because of the Faden Endowment, the Levis’ involvement with the Institute will have no ending, but will continue in perpetuity.

“The world will get more and more complicated,” Alex notes. “My hope is that the gift will help the Institute grow and prosper so it can deal with the issues the world will continue to face.”
Leading Ethics’ Expanding Reach

For almost a quarter-century, the Berman Institute has been at the forefront of national and international efforts to make sense of and find answers to new ethical issues arising from rapid gains in health care, public health, and the biomedical sciences. But advances in science and technology increasingly touch impact aspects of our lives that go far beyond bioethics’ traditional purview. In response, Berman Institute scholars and their colleagues across Johns Hopkins University have begun exploring contemporary ethical issues that cross academic disciplinary lines and take place in a wide range of real-world circumstances. To support these efforts, Johns Hopkins created the Exploration of Practical Ethics program, which provides grants for faculty to undertake research in interdisciplinary fields of ethics.

The program awarded nine grants in 2016 to projects examining issues relating to criminal justice, higher education, economics, and environmentalism, among others. Last year, the program held another competitive call for applications and disbursed $350,000 to seven new cross-disciplinary projects:

- Ethical Robotics: Implementing Value-Driven Behavior in Autonomous Systems
- Are We Asking the Right Questions about the Ethics of Autonomous Vehicle Testing?
- Housing Our Story: Towards Archival Justice for Black Baltimore
- The Ethics of Preparedness in Humanitarian Disasters
- Determining the Number of Refugees to be Resettled in the United States: An Ethical and Human Rights Analysis
- Conducting Research on Commercially-Owned Online Spaces

There were many more outstanding proposals than we were able to fund,” said program director Maria Merritt of the Berman Institute. “The intense interest demonstrates how important contemporary, real-world ethical issues are to faculty from across the university.”

Current grant recipients presented their work at a university-wide symposium last fall. Merritt said that based on the continuing level of interest, and innovative research arising from the first two rounds of projects, the hope is that the Exploration of Practical Ethics will continue with another round of grants in the coming years.

ETHICAL ROBOTICS: IMPLEMENTING VALUES-DRIVEN BEHAVIOR IN AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

In 1942, Isaac Asimov stipulated his Three Laws of Robotics to govern robot behavior. Implementing such laws requires an actionable value system that can be analyzed, judged, and modified by humans, especially because robots will likely soon pervade our daily lives as surrogates, assistants, and companions.

As robots are granted greater autonomy, it’s imperative that they are endowed with ethical reasoning commensurate with their ability to both benefit and harm humanity. The project, led by ethics and robotics experts from the Berman Institute and the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, aims to develop an ethical framework for robots, implement the framework by extending existing robot capabilities, and assess the framework’s impact on robot behavior. To begin their work, investigators David Handelman, Ariel Greenbaum, Bruce Swett, and Julie Marble of APL, along with Berman ethicists Travis Bieder and Debra Mathews, are focusing on the first clause of Asimov’s First Law: A robot must not harm a human.

The team’s first step towards embedding a moral code into a semi-autonomous system is to ensure that the robot can perceive the moral salience of features in its surroundings. Many robots can “see” and categorize things in their surroundings, usually by analyzing pixels from a camera, or using motion or heat sensors. Systems can be trained to distinguish between living and non-living things, can identify and open doors, and can perform intricate tasks like surgery or bomb disposal with the aid of humans. From here, the investigators then put forth a framework that distinguishes different types of injury that a robot might cause. This is just a first step. The second step of creating a more ethical robot is to then, of course, program into the robot what philosophers sometimes call “deontic constraints,” which would limit the actions it is permitted to do by virtue of the possible harms it could cause.
throughput pressures, there is also distress about whether we are actually benefiting our patients, and potentially harming them, because we’re not able to provide safe, quality care. Clinicians end up feeling their integrity is compromised. How can I be a good doctor, or nurse, if I can’t practice in a way that reflects the values that are central to my profession?”

To help provide a pathway to transform the effects of moral suffering in healthcare, Rushton spearheaded publication this year of Moral Resilience: Transforming Moral Suffering in Healthcare (Oxford University Press 2018), serving as its editor and author of several chapters. In the book, she and her colleagues offer new approaches to addressing moral suffering, devising strategies for individuals and systems alike that leverage practical skills and tools to support health care professionals in practicing with integrity, competence, and wholeheartedness.

Rushton, a faculty member of the Berman Institute since its founding, is particularly well-qualified to provide such guidance for ethical clinical practice. An international leader in nursing ethics, she co-chairs the Johns Hopkins Hospital’s Ethics Consultation Service. In 2014, she co-led the first National Nursing Ethics Summit, convened by the Berman Institute and the School of Nursing, and her seminal work on nurse suffering and moral distress was selected for inclusion in the U.S. Nursing Ethics History project. Subsequently, she coauthored the report from the National State of the Science Symposium focusing on Transforming Moral Distress into Moral Resilience and the American Nurses Association panel that developed a Call to Action to explore the role of moral resilience in cultivating a culture of ethical practice.

“It’s important to document the existence of moral distress and the excellent scholarship that has informed our understanding of the experience, contributing factors and consequences. But it’s also true that we need to move toward solutions. One of the distinctions of the book is that we’re shifting from focusing exclusively on the distress to the possibility we might be able to restore integrity in the midst of moral adversity,” says Rushton. “We offer clinicians a vision of hope, rather than reinforce the sense of victimization and powerlessness that is prevalent in our healthcare environment right now.”

Rushton’s book is the first to explore moral resilience from a variety of perspectives, including not only bioethics and nursing, but also philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, and contemplative practice. It offers tangible solutions for individuals and systems alike to reduce the ever-increasing prevalence of moral suffering.

“One very important way for clinicians to cultivate their own moral resilience is reorienting themselves to why they’re doing the work in the first place, and their core values. We often lose track of that in the midst of all the complexity and pressure that clinicians experience,” says Rushton. This orientation, coupled with skills in self-awareness, self-regulation, ethical competence and self-stewardship, offer promising ways to confront the realities of moral adversity in healthcare.

But individual strategies are not enough. “If organizations are really committed to an environment for clinicians to thrive in, there has to be concurrent attention to how do we create a culture that helps them focus on our core mission, our patients and their families. Otherwise, it’s putting a band-aid on a gaping wound. And that has not worked.”
More and more, priority-setting involves assessments that need to consider moral relevance beyond mere efficiency,” he says. “In addition to cost-effectiveness, there’s a role for ethics to define and describe morally what factors should influence the priority-setting process.”

DiStefano came to Berman from the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a Master of Bioethics degree in 2014. His graduate thesis explored the ethics of using mobile health technologies to enhance TB treatment adherence. Prior to coming to Hopkins, he interned at the World Medical Association and taught in the Biomedical Ethics department at Dong-A University in Busan, South Korea.

DiStefano recognizes the Berman Institute as an ideal environment for work that combines empirical research about health care systems with philosophical consideration of what those systems’ priorities should be. He also values the Institute’s focus on practical implementation of ethical frameworks, and the opportunities it provides for global work. Late in 2018, he traveled to South Africa to work with faculty members Ruth Faden, Maria Merritt, and Carleigh Krubiner to research the development of a systematic ethical framework for healthcare priority setting in that nation.

“Michael is exactly the kind of student we want to have at the Berman Institute,” Faden says. “In addition to his outstanding research capabilities, he is committed to utilizing those abilities to make a real difference in the lives of people around the world.”
BERMAN INSTITUTE FACULTY ARE REGULARLY SOUGHT TO OFFER BIOETHICS INSIGHT AND ANALYSIS TO JOURNALISTS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF MEDIA OUTLETS (SEE THE FULL LIST ON PAGE 27). HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THEIR COMMENTARY FROM 2017-18.

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  **CYNDA RUSHTON TO NURSE.COM**

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  **RUTH FADEN TO STAT NEWS ABOUT THE NEED TO INCLUDE PREGNANT WOMEN IN VACCINE DEVELOPMENT**

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HONORS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

Joe AU, JD, assumed the role of Co-Chair of the Ethics and Regulatory Policy Group for the NHLBI DOD Pain Management Collaborative Coordinating Center.

Silvana Benito, MD, received the Louise Hill Fellowship from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Montreal in Quebec. Canada as an Assistant Professor in Pediatrics.

Mary Catherine Beach, MPH, MPH, was elected the George Engel Award from the Academy of Communication in Healthcare for her "revolutionary research and mentoring on respect, communication, and relationship-centered care.”

Joseph Carrera, MD, MPH, FACP, was elected as a Fellow at The Hastings Center.

Megan Collins, MD, received the IAAC Catalysis Award to examine barriers in utilization of school-based vision programs. Dr. Collins also received the Alhambra Award from the Bloomberg School of Public Health for her work on the Vision for Baltimore Program.

Matthew DeCarr, MD, MPH, received the Scholarly Concentrations Excellence in Mentoring Award from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Rachel Falb received the PhD and was a faculty position at the SULU Upstate Medical University at the Center for Bioethics and Humanities. She was also selected as a Career Champion by the Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus Center.

Ruth Faden, PhD, MPH, received the Adam Huxley Medal as a Commemoration on Monday, October 15, during the annual meeting of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). The Adam Huxley Medal honors distinguished service and contributions to the mission of the NAM.

Jess Fanzo, PhD, was appointed Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer for the FAO and Agricultural Organization. She will also be coordinating and overseeing the activities of the Nutrition Policy Group in the Nutrition and Food Systems Division of FAO.

Gail Geiser, ScD, MHS, was named to the Planning Committee for a National Academies of Science workshop on exploring the relationship of Gene-Environment-Disorders in Health to Advances in Population Health.

Jeffrey Kahn, PhD, MPH, was formally inducted into the National Academy of Medicine.

Nancy Kass, ScD, was named Vice-Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Professors at Johns Hopkins University. She will continue as Phoebe R. Berman Professor of Bioethics and Public Health at the Berman Institute and Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Carleigh Krizancic, PhD, accepted a position as a Global-salud Policy Fellow at the Center for Global Development in Washington, DC.

Elena Mathis, Ph.D, M.A., was elected Vice-Chair of the Maryland State Cell Research Commission. She was also named Review Editor in Elife and Science and Genomics for Frontiers Journal, Frontiers in Genetics, Pharmacology, Bioinformatics and Biotechnology, and Sociology.

NSIS student Eric Calma McCull killed awar one of two competitively-accred contests to present at the International Neuropsychology Society conference.

Marina Merkel, PhD, was recognized for her excellence in teaching at the Bloomberg School of Public Health for her course, “Ethics of Public Health Practices in Developing Countries.”

Travis Reider, MD, co-authored a report from the National Academy of Medicine titled “Do No Harm: Mitigating Opioid Overdose to Counter the Opioid Epidemic.” He was also recognized for excellence in teaching at the Bloomberg School of Public Health for his course, “The Ethics of Making Babies.”

Leonard Rubenstein, JD, served on a Commission on Ethics Practices for the American Psychological Association. He was also recognized for excellence in teaching at the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Cyrus Rustandi, PhD, RN, FAAN, serves on the editorial board of a new Pediatric Echocardiography - The Journal of Pediatric Bioethics.

Rebecca Seltzer, MD, MHS, was inducted into the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Jeremy Sumgur, MD, MPH, MPA, gave the commendation speech for New York Medical College and received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa.

For the second year in a row, Veran Ungur, MD, MA, was honored at the Baltimore Indians Opening Day as a Birdland Community Hero. In addition, Baltimore Magazine selected him as a Top Doctor. He serves on the editorial board of a new journal Pediatric Echocardiography - The Journal of Pediatric Bioethics.

Research Program Coordinator Peter Young, MBE, accepted an offer to complete a DMH at the University of Oxford’s Qatar Centre.

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