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. DRACOPOLLOS 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.
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.

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With no real roadmaps to follow, Faden sought out support wherever she could find it. Morris Offit, a former chair of the university’s Board of Trustees, introduced her to the adult children of a couple that had long served as leaders of the University—Robert Levi, a noted art collector and benefactor, and Rydia Hecht Levi, a noted psychologist and a clinical assistant professor at the Cornell University Medical College. The Levi family was looking to honor the memory of their father, who had died in the months before the Institute’s founding. Faden, new to fundraising, did her best to share with the family her idea for a symposium and leadership program based around bioethical issues.

Fortunately, she had the right audience. Listening, rapt, was a couple that would become Faden’s supporters for decades to come. They would help guide her as she grew the Institute into a global force on the ethics of biological science, clinical care, and public health. And they would become her dear friends—people she would turn to again and again for advice, encouragement, and ideas.

Alex and Vicki Levi aren’t Hopkins’ alumni, nor had they previously been supporters of the university. Nevertheless they—along with their siblings, Sandra Gerstung, Richard Levi, and Susan Perry—leapt at the chance to support the Robert Levi Ethics and Public Policy Symposium, allowing Hopkins to convene thought leaders in many fields from around the world every two years to advance challenges in bioethics and public policy.

“Ruth talked about how a leadership series in bioethics could have an impact nationally and internationally,” recalls Alex Levi. “I was immediately sold on it. Ruth was just a powerhouse in terms of her enthusiasm, her intelligence, and her vision.”

At the time, bioethics was taking off through a variety of disciplines, as concerns over the direction of stem-cell research, the treatment of human subjects in clinical trials, approaches toward Alzheimer’s patients, and justice in the distribution of health care were becoming regular discussion topics, not only in academic circles, but in the media and among the general public.

Its concern with ethics resonated with Alex, who is a clinical psychologist and a clinical assistant professor at the Cornell University Medical College.

“We also immediately thought this was something Dad [Robert Levi] would like,” adds Vicki Levi. “And it was clear Ruth was a terrific person and a great scholar.”

A donation was made, and a relationship hatched. 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. The contributions helped grow the Institute from an operation that included a handful of Hopkins faculty to more than 35 from around the university, including the schools of Arts and Sciences, Advanced International Studies, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health.

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.

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 wanted to have something to drink after Jeff told me. Then, Alex came in and we talked about it.”

“You can conservatively say that this gift will provide support for as many as 15 students and fellows every year, in perpetuity,” says Andrew Rentschler, Senior Director of External Affairs at the Berman Institute.

In addition to the financial support, the Ruth Faden Scholars will receive leadership development training and other special opportunities over the course of their participation in the program.

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The Levis have also provided a wellspring of ideas and critical thinking. "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. Alex's interest in helping the institute expand its research on global food ethics was also crucial, Faden adds.

Those Sunday morning dialogues continue as Kahn marshals the Institute. "Alex is a clinical psychologist by profession and his listening skills reflect that," says Kahn. "Sometimes, I think I should pay him for a therapy session!"

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 like 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 in perpetuity. Now, Alex and Vicki are looking to the next generation of leaders."
Leading Ethics’ Expanding Reach

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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 Greenberg, 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. In order to follow Asimov’s First Law, however, it is required that, in addition to accurately perceiving what is in its surroundings, the robot must be able to tell if something it is seeing is capable of being harmed.

The investigators thus are attempting to teach the robot to “see” which objects in its view have minds. Having a mind is a condition, they argue, of being capable of suffering, and therefore a prerequisite of being subject to harm.

From here, the investigators plan to develop 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 be I 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-lead 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.”

SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR EMERGING LEADERS

Generous financial support enables Berman Institute PhD students and Hecht-Levi Fellows to attend and present at national conferences, helping them emerge as new leaders in the field. Presentations made possible at this year’s annual American Society of Bioethics and Humanities national meeting included:

- Michael DiStefano, a third year PhD student in Bioethics and Health Policy at the Berman Institute, defies easy categorization. As a Princeton undergraduate, he was an aspiring philosopher who chose instead to major in religion. An emerging scholar, he finds teaching just as fulfilling as research. And when it comes time to discuss the publication that received the 2018 American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) Student Paper Award, he’d really rather change the topic.

- DiStefano’s paper, ‘Characterizing ‘civil unrest’ as a public health determinant: Implications for public health research and practice’ received not only ASBH’s top student paper award, but also the 2018 Marci Pine Award in Bioethics and Public Health from Johns Hopkins.

- While the recognition stamps him as an emerging future leader in bioethics scholarship, DiStefano humbly deflects accolades and prefers instead to focus on the developing proposal for his dissertation, which will seek to develop a new approach for establishing an ethical process for priority-setting in determining what merits universal coverage.

- Science Fiction, Gene Editing and the Future of Nature; Modified Mosquitoes in my Backyard? Historical Precedents and Contemporary Approaches to Public Engagement in the Release of GMOs for Public Health Purposes

- REBECCA WILBANKS (HECHT-LEVI FELLOW)

- Gain-of-Function Research and the 2018 Synthesis of Horsepox: Where Are We Now, and Where Are We Headed?

- ALEXANDRA RUTH (PHD STUDENT)

- Startup Companies and the Shifting Landscapes of the Global Pharmaceutical Industry

- ALEXIS WALKER (HECHT-LEVI FELLOW)

- Challenging Medicaid Work Requirements: A Disability Law Dilemma

- CHRISTIAN MORALES (PHD STUDENT)

- Reconfiguring “Civil Unrest” As a Public Health Determinant

- MICHAEL DISTEFANO (PHD STUDENT)
"If the case of Daraprim and Turing Pharmaceuticals is any guide, public shaming alone is not likely to end these anticompetitive practices. A world’s worth of public shame was not enough to encourage the company to bring the price back down.”

JEREMY GREENE, REACTING IN THE WASHINGTON POST TO THE FDA’S POLICY OF SHAMING DRUG COMPANIES INTO SHARING SAMPLES WITH GENERIC MANUFACTURERS

"Patients trust that their physicians will make objective and evidence-based decisions on their behalf, which reflect their interests and that these decisions will also limit harms. Gifts (payment) cloud our ability to remain objective and as such, negatively influence the patient-provider relationship, in particular trust that physicians will place patients’ needs primary.”

YORAM UNGURU, TO REUTERS

"What we’ve noticed is that nurses often lose track of their sense of purpose and meaning, and then discount the value of their contribution. We invite them to recognize the incredible value they bring to patients and families, and how to see themselves as effective moral agents that belong in these difficult conversations.”

CYNDA RUSHTON, TO NURSE.COM

"People will say, ‘Well, where’s the evidence this vaccine is safe in pregnancy?’ Well, how can we know if we’ve never tested it in pregnancy? ‘Well, we couldn’t test it in pregnancy because it’s not safe to test it in pregnancy.’ And if you can’t get off that spinning wheel, pregnant women and their babies are going to be left out indefinitely.”

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

"The bottom line is that in expansion states we’ve seen a big pickup in Medicaid paying for drug and alcohol treatment for people with substance abuse problems. In terms of getting people access to treatment and helping to put in place a new kind of financial model, Medicaid expansion has been hugely helpful.”

BRENDAN SALONER, IN HEALTHLINE

"What people’s diets are bad, health systems pay the price in the form of increased treatments for noncommunicable diseases. From 2010 to 2025, this economic burden is expected to add up to $7 trillion, with most of the money going to cardiovascular disease.”

JESS FANZO, IN BLOOMBERG OPINION

"It’s a call to action for us as a nation to think about the well-being of children everywhere. I hope that these reports help us to see ourselves not as 50 states but as a nation of children who deserve our focus and our attention and our support.”

MAGGIE MOON, TO CNN, REACTING TO PUBLICATION OF A REPORT ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF AMERICAN CHILDREN

"There is a competitive advantage that would be lost if we aren’t willing and able to use the technology. But maybe that’s just what we have to accept.”

JEFFREY KAHN, IN THE ATLANTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. RESEARCHERS BEING OUTPACED BY THOSE FROM COUNTRIES WITH LESS STRICT ETHICAL LIMITS.

"I am not against all direct-to-consumer genetic testing. But I want people to understand what they are paying for and also what’s happening to their data.”

DEBRA MATHEWS IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

"This record may be the only source of information a new clinician has about some patients. We have to question the assumption that the medical record always represents an objective space.”

MARY CATHERINE BEACH, TO SLATE.COM ABOUT A STUDY SHE DESIGNED TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER PHYSICIANS PERPETUATE BIAS AGAINST CERTAIN PATIENTS THROUGH LANGUAGE IN THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS
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DeCamp M. Ethics in a Changing Health Care Organization and Payment Landscape. Keynote Address. Hot Topics in Aging, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, TX. 2018 April 22-23.


Fodor R. Knowledge, vaccines, outcomes, and pregnancy. How vaccine development and deployment can better meet the needs of pregnant women and their offspring. World Vaccine Congress. Washington, DC. 2018 April 3.


Fodor R. Food, health and economics. Practical solutions of sustainable food systems. Critical approaches, agendas and challenges Workshop. IFES. University of Sussex, Sussex, UK.


Ferrar J. Obesity and food systems. 520 Conference. OECD, Paris, France. 2018 May.


Kuhn M, Bannarnus S, Sagarumar J. Advancing HIV Care and Transtional Care: Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues at the Center of HIV’s Solid Organ Transplants. 15th annual meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH). Kansas City, MO. 2017 October 21.


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PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)


Salerno R. Using Data Science to Identify Individuals at High Risk of Ospidal Overdoses. Center for Medicine and Medical Ethics Services Innovation Center, Baltimore, MD. 2017 August 2.


Samaniego J. Introduction to Societal Biomedical Ethics. Intersection of Law and Medicine Series. Well Cornell Medicine, DoHa, Qatar. 2018 February 24.


Samaniego J. The Ethics of Cardi Barking and Die. Osaka University Medical Center. Duxce, NC. 2016 February 2.


Taylor HA. The Ongoing Chemotherapy and Supportive Care Drug Shortages. Children’s Oncology Group Fall Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2017 September 21.

BERMAN INSTITUTE IN THE NEWS

Journalists around the world regularly seek out Berman Institute faculty to help explain contemporary bioethics issues to the public. A selection of the media outlets that quoted, published, or mentioned the Berman Institute and its faculty this year:

ABC News
ABRCentral
ABR Associated Press
The Atlantic
MD Magazine
Bloomberg View
Minneapolis Star-Tribune
Boston Globe
Minnesota Public Radio
Columbia University
National Geographic
New Scientist
The New York Times
Shenzhen Medical College
San Francisco Chronicle
All Children’s Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL. 2017 October 6.

You're to Tell or Not to Tell? Responding to Parental Request Not to Tell a Patient That She Has Cancer. Pediatric Grand Rounds. Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, MD. 2017 October 10.

Karen Berman 2019 Calendar

Monday, March 11
HORNET IN LAYS LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM
Contemporary: Exploring the History, Politics and Ethics of Influenza. Disease Response in a Post-Genomic World

Monday, March 25
SEMINAR SERIES
Engaging the Public in Setting Health Care Priorities by Mariann Barnett

Thursday, March 28
Writer Dinner

Monday, April 8
MULLER BRIEFS MEMORIAL LECTURE
‘Insights from Rabies: A Pediatrician and Bioethicist’s Reflections on Pediatric Palliative Care’ by Brian Carter

Friday-Saturday, April 12-13
THE CENTER OF WAR
End of Life: Life decisions and Readings using Ancient Greek Plays as Catalysts

Tuesday, April 16
APRIL 2019 CALENDAR
Shallaudbergs Lecture ‘Second-Charity-Chartered Communities’ by James Cortell

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, May 7

Tuesday, May 13
SEMINAR SERIES
‘Evaluating SRH Quality and Effectiveness’ by Holly Fernandez Lynch

Tuesday, May 21

Thursday, May 23

Ethics for Lunch

Commencement
Graduate and Professional Education for Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Deputy Director for Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Jessica Peretz, PhD, MPH
Professor, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Margaret Moon, MD, MPH
Core Faculty, Center for Public Health and Human Rights, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Jessica Raisanen
Research & Education Program Coordinator

Jennifer Cervantes-Corpuz, PhD
Research Scholar

Heidi Lui, PhD
Associate Director of Finance and Administration

Shannon Brodick, MS
Senior Development Coordinator

Claire Davis
Research Program Coordinator

Jenny Garcia-Abreu
Clinical Research Program Coordinator

Marielle Gross, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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Senior Administrative Coordinator

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Jamie Smith
Marketing and Communications Manager

Danilo DiGiovanni
Senior Development Coordinator

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Ariela Messing
Cristian Hernández
Suzanne Hukill
Alexandra Ruth

David Meyers
Resident Scholar

Emily Farmer
Senior Development Coordinator

Suzanne Richmond
Director of Finance and Administration

Rebecca Wilbanks, PhD
Director of Finance and Administration

Kate Neubauer, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Marielle Gross, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Joint appointment: Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Debra Mathews, PhD, MA
Associate Professor, Department of Health, Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Jessica Winer, PhD
Research Program Coordinator

Jeremy Sugarman, MD, MPH
Director, Center for Bioethics and Public Health, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Professor, Department of Health, Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Jenifer Alexander
Research Program Coordinator

Mark Hughes, MD, MA
Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine; Joint appointment: Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Michael Erdek, MD
Research Scholar

Ruth Faden, PhD, MPH, nhắc về Adam Vannemann, MD, MPH, a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and his contributions to the mission of the NAI.

Jesse Fair, PhD, was appointed Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer for the Food & Agriculture Organization. She will be coordinating and communicating with the members of the Nutrition Policy Group in the Nutrition and Food Systems Division of FAO.

Gail Geher, ScD, was named to the Planning Committee for a National Academy of Sciences workshop on exploring the worldwide problem of stunting in children and its relationship to the status of women in society.

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

Nancy K. Lee, ScD, was named Professor of Sociomedical Sciences and the Director of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Graduate and Professional Education for Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Deputy Director for Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Joseph D. Hottinger, MD, MPH, a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, was named Vice Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management.

Carlo Forcella, PhD, was appointed as the Dean of the Berman Institute of Bioethics.

Richard Adelman, MD
Professor, Department of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Joint appointment: Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Joseph Carrese, MD, MPH, was named Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer for the Food & Agriculture Organization. He was also named Research Editor in ELSI in Science and Technology.

Hilary Bok, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Cynda Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor of Law, University of Maryland School of Law; Director, Center for Bioethics and Public Health, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Joseph Carrese, MD, MPH
Research Scholar

Rachel F. Led, accepted her PhD and began her research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Joseph Carrese, MD, MPH, was named Research Scholar at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Mary Catton, MD, was appointed as a Top Doctor.

Jeremy Sugarman, MD, MPH, MA
Director, Center for Bioethics and Public Health, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Deputy Director for Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Debra Mathews, PhD, MA
Associate Director for Science Programs, Johns Hopkins Institute of Bioethics. She has been appointed as Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Associate Director of Bioethics and Health Policy, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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HONORS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

Jon As, MD, assumed the role of Co-Chair of the Ethics and Regulatory Group for the NAI VA DSRP Management Collaborative Coordination Center.

Silvana Barrett, MD, received the Louis Jeru Award from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Montreal, QC, Canada as an Assistant Professor in Pediatrics.

Mary Catherine Beach, MD, MPH, was named Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer for the Food & Agriculture Organization. She was also named Research Editor in ELSI in Science and Technology.

Michael Erdek, MD
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Casey Humbold, MD
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Ledja Meljetty Henry, PhD, MD, MSC
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Anna and George L. Burkett Professor of Clinical Ethics, Johns Hopkins Institute of Bioethics. Joseph Carrese, MD, MPH, was named Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer for the Food & Agriculture Organization. He was also named Research Editor in ELSI in Science and Technology.
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