

Scott Recognized for Community Service with AALS Award

Charity Scott, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law and founding director of the Center for Law, Health & Society at Georgia State University College of Law, was named the winner of the American Association of Law School's Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care 2018 Health Law Community Service Award. The award recognized Scott's deep and sustained contributions to the development of the field of health law, to teachers of health law, and to the practice of health law.

"Scott is a passionate believer that academicians in health law should remain engaged with, and freely give back to, the legal profession through on-going pro bono service in its professional organizations," said Elizabeth Pendo, section chair.

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TOP 10

The health law program at Georgia State Law is ranked No. 3 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* for the 11th consecutive year.

Another Top Ten Recognition

Georgia State University College of Law has been recognized again as having one of the top health law programs in the country. Law Street Media ranked Georgia State Law as No. 6 in their 2017 "Top 10 Law Schools for Health Law" list.

The health law program at Georgia State has consistently received high rankings, including

being in the top 10 for *U.S. News and World Report* for over a decade. The Law Street Media ranking includes data on courses offered, graduate employment in health law and extracurricular opportunities.

"The Center for Law, Health & Society has so much to offer our students in terms of access

to exceptional faculty, a wide array of courses, opportunities for experiential learning in and out of the classroom and a strong alumni network in the vibrant city of Atlanta," said Leslie Wolf, center director and professor of law. "We are delighted to have our program recognized among Law Street's Top Law Schools for Health Law."

Director's Message

As this newsletter attests, much has happened over the last semester. We have a new dean, who happens to be a center faculty affiliate. The AALS Health Law Section recognized our founding director for her community service. We reunited with graduates and friends to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic. Students, graduates and faculty came together in a variety of ways to advance the mission of the center. I hope you enjoy reading our latest news!

Best wishes,

Director, Center for Law, Health & Society



Center Welcomes New Administrative Specialist

The Center for Law, Health & Society welcomes Angela O'Neal as the administrative specialist. O'Neal holds an M.B.A. in contract management and acquisition from Strayer University.

"Angelia brings extensive experience in the areas of finance, event planning, marketing and communications," said Leslie Wolf, center director. "Her management and administrative skills are an asset to our team."

Most recently O'Neal worked with the Office of Accounting Services at Georgia State University. From 2004-2016, O'Neal served as founder and executive director of M.E.N.S. Wear, Inc., a nonprofit workforce development agency that provides life skills training & career services to 1,500+ young adults throughout metro Atlanta. For her work with this organization, O'Neal was awarded the President George H.W. Bush National Points of Light Award.

O'Neal enjoys fashion and cooking and is passionate about personal health & wellness.

A portrait of Wendy F. Hensel, a woman with short brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue blazer over a black top and a necklace with a large oval pendant. The background is a blurred abstract painting with blue and white tones.

HENSEL

Named Dean of the College of Law

Georgia State University named Wendy F. Hensel, professor of law, dean of the College of Law, effective Nov. 15, after a nationwide dean search this fall. Hensel had been serving as interim dean since Steven J. Kaminshine, professor of law, stepped down last summer.

“President Becker and I are excited to have Wendy serve in this capacity and welcome her to our leadership team,” said Risa Palm, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, in making the announcement. “We have great confidence in her ability to lead the college through the coming years.”

Hensel has served in various academic roles at the college since 1999. In addition to her teaching and research duties, she was associate dean for research and faculty development from spring 2012 through summer 2017. A faculty affiliate of the Center for Law, Health & Society, her research interests include disability, education, employment and tort law.



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The award recognized Scott's pro bono efforts toward building professional organizations and bar associations that foster health law as a recognized field in its own right among practicing attorneys in government, private practice, legal aid societies and other nonprofit organizations over two decades.

In the 1990s, Scott worked with a small but dedicated group of practicing attorneys in Georgia to set up the Health Law Section of the State Bar. At the time, health law was just beginning to come into its own as a field. As Scott reflects, there had long been medical malpractice attorneys and hospital attorneys, but there was a burgeoning new group of attorneys (and professors) across the country who were developing expertise across a broader array of laws and regulations affecting the health care industry. Scott created the "Health Law Developments" newsletter for the new section and was its first editor for several years. She also became the section chair in 1997-1998.

Simultaneously, Scott was working at the national level with the American Bar Association's new Health Law Section. She served in numerous leadership capacities within this ABA section, including serving on the Section's Governing Council from 2009-2012. In 2012, she created its Task Force on ADR and Conflict Management in Health Care and served as its chair until August 2015. She also served as chair of the section's Medical-Legal Partnerships Committee from 2009-2013, while also serving on the Medical-Legal Partnership Working Group. From these positions (among the others she has held), Scott has been able to use her passion to garner professional support for such innovative new programs and approaches to issues at the intersection of health and law.

The legal academy's response to such professional engagement has changed over the course of Scott's career. She recalled that, when she was going up for promotion to professor in the mid-1990s, she was advised not to mention her work with the State Bar of Georgia because it was "too practice-oriented" to be counted toward promotion. Now, law schools seek to educate "practice-ready" law graduates, and active collaborations with the profession, like Scott's, are valued in themselves and for the opportunities they can present students.

Most recently, Scott's efforts have focused on the health and well-being of professionals. In this vein, two years ago, she developed and launched a mindfulness program for Georgia State Law students. Through this program, Scott hopes to give students tools for maintaining their well-being and becoming successful professionals. This spring, she is leading a complementary wellness program for students. Scott has extended these efforts to the bar. Fittingly, it was a commitment to lead a three and a half hour mindfulness training at the Georgia State Bar mid-year meeting that kept Scott from attending the award presentation in person.

Fortunately, Scott was able to join the award presentation through the aid of technology. In addition to expressing her appreciation for the recognition, Scott took the opportunity to encourage section members to engage with practitioners at every level.

"Based on my experience over the years, practicing attorneys love to engage with academics on an ongoing basis, and there are so many ways that you can serve your community in collaboration with them," Scott said. "Community involvement can immeasurably benefit your community, as well as yourself and your students."

"Charity Scott has an incredible record of community service. Her work at the state and national level in getting health law recognized as a field in its own right alone would merit this recognition, but her contributions are so much broader than that. The field is truly in her debt."

—Wendy F. Hensel, Dean and Professor of Law



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Wolf Speaks on Big Data and Bioethics in Seoul

Center director and professor Leslie Wolf presented “Risks and Legal Protections in the World of Big Data,” at the Data Driven Health Care conference held by the Ewha Institute for Biomedical Law & Ethics (EIBLE) at Ewha University, Seoul, South Korea in September.

The conference brought together legal experts from around the world to address the

promise big data has for health care, the challenges it presents and what laws may be necessary to reach it goals.

Wolf’s presentation drew on her work with associate professor Erin Fuse Brown and their research colleagues at Vanderbilt University on a grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute. They have been evaluating state and federal

laws that create a “web” of legal protections for genomic research.

In her presentation, Wolf discussed the types of approaches states have taken that may protect research participants to derive lessons for data driven health care. In doing so, Wolf noted that context matters – some protections adopted in the United States may not be necessary in a country like Korea, for example,

that offers universal health care.

“This is the second time I’ve had the privilege of participating in the EIBLE annual conference,” Wolf said. “It provides an exceptional opportunity to engage with and learn from legal experts from other countries on topics that I am working on.”

Wolf’s paper will be published in the *Asian Pacific Journal of Health Law, Policy & Ethics*.

Lombardo Appears with Prize Winning Poet



Paul Lombardo, Regents Professor and Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law at Georgia State Law, was not surprised that he was invited to speak at Hofstra University to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the sterilization of Carrie Buck. After all, the *New England Journal of Medicine* described his book, *Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court and Buck v. Bell*, as “the authoritative history of the Supreme Court’s infamous decision.”

What surprised Lombardo was that he would be appearing on a panel with Molly McCully Brown, author of *The Virginia State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-minded*, a new book of poems that captures the spirit of the institution where Carrie Buck, and thousands of others, endured eugenic sterilization surgery sanctioned by 20th Century eugenic laws.

“In the summer before I went to Hofstra, I heard Molly on NPR’s “Fresh Air” talking about her poetry. The *New York Times* had praised her book, likening it to James Agee’s classic *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. As a former English teacher myself, I was excited to meet a poet who had written so powerfully about a topic on which I spent large parts of my career,” he said.

Recently, Brown’s book was picked as a *New York Times* Critics’ Top Books of 2017, and in January she won the prestigious 2018 United States Artist Fellowship.

“This is a powerful literary voice of a new generation,” said Lombardo. “I’m really pleased I got to work with her.”

Using Law and Science in Regulatory Affairs

Before coming to law school, Len Lescosky (J.D. '09) worked in the pharmaceutical field, and he still does. But Lescosky credits his Georgia State Law experience and training for preparing him to take on his role as vice president of regulatory affairs, chemistry manufacturing and controls at the global research and development-based biopharmaceutical company, AbbVie, and enabling him to work successfully with government regulators on behalf of his company.

Lescosky, who has a M.S. in organic chemistry, spent eight years in a discovery chemistry lab before moving to regulatory affairs. After his Seattle company merged with a larger company, his wife suggested they return to Atlanta and for him to go to law school.

In 2011, while working in a law firm, Lescosky reached out to a former boss to congratulate him on his new job as head of AbbVie's regulatory affairs. The two reconnected after that call, and six months

later the former boss offered Lescosky what he describes as his dream job.

Lescosky leads a group of about 50 scientists and regulatory affairs professionals who are responsible for meeting the regulatory requirements for manufacturing and conducting clinical trials of products around the world. The people in his group, like Lescosky, have experience on a product development team.

"The key to the job is understanding the science and the law, so you can explain how the process or the product complies with the regulations," Lescosky said.

Although he no longer works directly on a product team, he influences the process through the policies he develops and the coaching he provides. As a result, Lescosky notes with pride that he and his team have brought six original products to market in the United States and worldwide. With each country having different requirements, that is no small feat.



"The one message I try to get across is that you need to work together to achieve the business objective. There could be a hundred different ways to achieve technical and regulatory success, but the collaborative ones are going to be the best."

—Len Lescosky (J.D. '09), Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Chemistry Manufacturing and Controls, AbbVie

Exploring Animal-Free Biomedical Research

Siobhan Gilchrist (J.D. '06) serves as district leader for Congressional District 5 for the Humane Society of the United States to advance animal welfare policies across Georgia and nationally. In October, she helped to develop a half-day symposium, Exploring New Technologies in Biomedical Research, sponsored by the Human Toxicology Project Consortium (HTPC) and Emory University School of Law.

The symposium was designed to raise awareness of innovative biomedical research alternatives to animal testing, such as stem cell and organ-on-chip technologies, and others mechanisms for developing predictive models of human diseases. The audience included scientists, lawyers, and faculty and students across the university. New approaches to drug development are needed because more than 90 percent of drugs fail in clinical trials. The failures largely occur because the drugs prove ineffective in humans or show toxicity in humans that was not predicted in animal trials.

Patti Zettler, Georgia State Law associate professor of law, and former legal counsel at the Food and Drug Administration, presented at the symposium on the drug and device approval process and the regulatory changes that might be necessary to bring these technologies into clinical trials. One challenge for implementing the use of new technologies for preclinical testing of



medical products, Zettler explained, is demonstrating to the FDA that the science supports using the technologies as a means of determining when a medical product is safe enough for research in humans.

"I hope this symposium can serve as a model to raise awareness about the inadequacy of animal testing and the benefits of alternative models of drug development," Gilchrist said. "Such education can help change the mindset of future researchers, regulators and attorneys in how we test new drugs."



Law and Policy at the Georgia Health Policy Center

During the fall semester, four graduate research assistants from the College of Law worked with the Georgia Health Policy Center on several initiatives related to health reform and children's behavioral health in Georgia. The law GRAs, Sophia Horn (J.D./M.S.H.A. '18), Edward Molinary (J.D./M.S.H.A. '19), Prathyusha Chenji (J.D. '19), and Yasmin Assar (J.D. '18), were supervised by friends of the Center for Law, Health & Society and senior research associates Melissa Haberlen (J.D. '11, M.P.H. '12) and Bill Rencher (M.P.H. '12), with Nathan Chong (J.D./M.S.H.A. '18) joining for spring semester.

"We are excited to continue and strengthen our relationship with the College of Law and look forward to hosting more law GRAs in the future."

—Bill Rencher (M.P.H. '12), Senior Research Associate, Georgia Health Policy Center

The Georgia Health Policy Center, housed at Georgia State's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, advances health and well-being through research, policy analysis, workforce development and technical assistance. With more than two decades of experience, the center's work addresses complex health issues, including access to care, health care financing and the social determinants of health.

Haberlen serves as the policy and finance lead for the Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health, created in partnership with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities' Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families. Her team provides assistance to child-serving state agencies and organizations through systems mapping and policy modeling; research on

innovative financing opportunities; research, analysis and mapping of children's behavioral health services, use and access; and policy reviews.

Rencher, who also has a J.D., is a member of Medicaid Policy and Business Team. Working under a contract with the Georgia Department of Community Health, the team supports DCH by conducting policy analyses and evaluations of Georgia Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance programs. Rencher's work focuses on federal health care laws and regulations and compliance reviews.

In addition, as core members of the GHPC's Health Reform Work Group, composed of faculty and staff from across the university, including associate professor of law Erin Fuse-Brown, both Haberlen and Rencher have researched and written numerous briefs on health reform topics over the past year.

Under the direction of Haberlen and Rencher, the students have worked on a variety of projects related to public health, behavioral health and law.

"Having GRAs from the College of Law assist with our work at GHPC has been a win-win," Haberlen said. "The GRAs get the chance to put their legal skills into practice analyzing real world health policy, as well as to learn other skills not typically taught in law school, such as policy research, analysis and presentation. GHPC benefits from having their assistance with work that closely involves the law, such as tracking legislation, researching regulations and assisting with compliance reviews."

Grads on the Move

- **Ryan Hood** (J.D. '06) joined WellStar Health System as assistant general counsel.
- **Sandra Johnson** (J.D. '99) joined Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt as the health group leader for the firm's Seattle office.
- **Ryan Kerr** (J.D./M.S.H.A. '15) joined the health care group at Arnall Golden Gregory LLP.
- **Brian McEvoy** (J.D. '97) was promoted to managing partner of Polsinelli's Atlanta office.
- **Shefa Saulat** (J.D./M.P.H. '16) joined the Georgia Department of Public Health as a contracts administrator.
- **Bethany Ensley Sherrer** (J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. '15) was promoted to legal counsel at the Medical Association of Georgia.

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Exhibit Illustrates Need for Interdisciplinary Work in Health Equity

"While health disparities are well documented, they are not well understood," said Leandris Liburd, associate director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during a discussion held by the Center for Law, Health & Society. The event was a collaboration among Georgia State Law, the School of Public Health and the University Library.

Liburd, along with panelist Louise E. Shaw, curator at the David J. Sencer CDC Museum, were key collaborators in the development and design of the original *Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America* exhibit at the CDC Museum. A modified version of the exhibit is on display at the College of Law.

Many people have the perception that health disparities, particularly racial and ethnic health disparities, are intractable or resistant to change, Liburd said. "But this view of the problem lacks an understanding of what contributes to the disparities, and what is needed to effectively reduce and eliminate those disparities that are largely

preventable," she said.

The exhibit was developed in part to answer the question of why health disparities continue to exist, Liburd said. "Part of the answer to that is that the social conditions have not changed, and so we cannot realistically expect significant changes in our health outcomes."

Displaying the exhibit as a partnership between many departments at Georgia State exemplifies the goal of creating a space that encourages interdisciplinary collaboration in finding solutions to health disparities.

"Many disciplines are on parallel tracks, trying to address health disparities, but they are not connecting," Liburd said. "We need to bring these different perspectives together and really problem solve collectively so we can set a new trajectory."

The themes in the exhibit are broad, said Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), associate director of the Center for Law, Health & Society at the College of Law, who helped install the exhibit.

"Professors will find pieces in the

exhibit that resonate with their research and teaching, including race, poverty, labor and employment, immigration and relocation, education, the environment, and more," she said. "I can imagine many different classroom conversations arising from the pieces in the exhibit as students relate historical challenges to those faced today."

Kim Ramsey White, director of undergraduate programs at the School of Public Health, who was integral in bringing the exhibit to Georgia State, said the exhibit is a powerful way to show students across the university how they, in whatever profession they choose, will have an impact on health.

"As universities, it's a big part of our responsibility to educate our citizenry in ways that push the envelope a little and help us to deal with some of the difficult conversations that need to be had," she said. "This exhibit is a great way to be able to do that."

The exhibit was generously provided by the David J. Sencer CDC Museum, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



View the Exhibit Online or In Person

Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America is open to the public at Georgia State Law. Visit publichealth.gsu.edu/health-exhibit for details.

To extend learning beyond the physical location, visit an interactive, online version of the exhibit with additional materials, which the university will continue to build upon at library.gsu.edu/healthexhibit.

Georgia State Welcomes APHA to Atlanta



The American Public Health Association hosted their Annual Meeting and Expo in Atlanta this November.

Demonstrating panther spirit, Georgia State University welcomed the more than 12,000 attendees. Led by the School of Public Health, several colleges and departments across Georgia State University including the Center for Law, Health & Society at College of Law, the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions, and the Institute for Biomedical Sciences hosted a booth in the exhibit hall to recruit law and graduate students, announce open faculty positions and share research.



College of Law graduates Thomas Griner (J.D. '96), a solo practitioner and public health doctoral student, and Rachel Hulkower (J.D. '13), a contractor with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, presented on a panel on legal interventions to reduce opioid overdoses. Patti Zettler, associate professor, presented on regulation of synthetic nicotine.

The center co-sponsored a reception at the College of Law with the APHA Law Section, the Network for Public Health Law, and ChangeLab Solutions. At the reception, which included practicing attorneys, researchers and academics, Marice Ashe, founder and chief executive officer of ChangeLab Solutions, and Montrece Ransom, senior public health analyst with the CDC's Public Health Law Program rolled out the new Public Health Law Academy, a free, online series of courses on the role of law in public health as well as current legal issues.



Also at this event, the APHA Law Section honored Ransom with the 2017 Jennifer Robbins Award for Public Health Practice in recognition of her leadership in the field and dedication to workforce development. Ransom has been guest speaker at the law school on various occasions and has served as site supervisor and mentor for many Georgia State Law graduate fellows and student externs, several of whom were present to celebrate.

"We were honored to be able to host public health law colleagues from across the country," said Stacie Kershner (J.D. '08), associate director of the center. "It has been over two decades since the conference was held in Atlanta, so we were happy to showcase our city, our university and the work of our faculty and graduates."



Several other conference-related events and meetings were held at the College of Law, and the *Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America* exhibit was held open extra hours to accommodate event attendees and other conference visitors.

10th Anniversary of the Health Law Partnership

“Participation in the HeLP Legal Services Clinic provides law and graduate students the opportunity to develop collaboration, communication and problem-solving skills. Working together as a team also encourages and nurtures respect for each profession while helping students to establish their professional identity.”

—Lisa Radtke Bliss, Clinical Professor, Associate Dean of Experiential Education and Co-Director of HeLP Legal Services Clinic



HeLP Legal Services Clinic Celebrates 10 Years with

Alumni, faculty and friends celebrated the 10th anniversary of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic with a reception at Georgia State Law on Thursday, Sept. 14. In its 10 years, more than 270 students from multiple professions have worked together in the clinic to address the social determinants of health for low-income families, recovering more than \$1.2 million in benefits for clients.

Elinor Hitt (J.D. '07) was a student in the first HeLP Clinic class in 2007. “I had done externships, but the first time I was actually someone’s lawyer was in clinic. It was daunting, but it was a great experience to realize even on a small scale that I can do this,” she said.

The clinic not only boosted her confidence in her lawyering skills, working on a case for a child who had an illness was a meaningful

experience, she said. “I felt like, I’m giving this mom and this child support... I’m doing something to help these people, I’m making a difference in someone’s life.” Hitt, a partner at Warner Bates, said her firm looks for that kind of experience when hiring recent graduates.

“Despite their relative inexperience, the student interns in the HeLP Clinic work on fast-paced, high-stakes cases, the results of which can have life-changing impacts on the clients and families they represent,” said James Mitchell, clinical supervising attorney.

Danny Vincent (J.D. '12), a litigator at Bondurant Mixson & Elmore, participated in the clinic in her third year.

“Law is so intimidating, even to people who are affluent and

The Health Law Partnership (HeLP) is a medical-legal partnership among Georgia State University College of Law, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Through this community collaboration, health care providers and lawyers address the multiple social and economic conditions that affect the health of low-income children. One of HeLP's core components is interdisciplinary education of graduate professional students through the HeLP Legal Services Clinic at Georgia State Law.

ary Celebration

(HeLP) Legal Services Clinic



HeLP Legal Services Clinic By the Numbers

10 years of assisting low-income families with health related legal issues

250 cases

199 clients

25 Georgia counties

\$975K+ in Social Security and Medicaid benefits

\$100K+ in housing

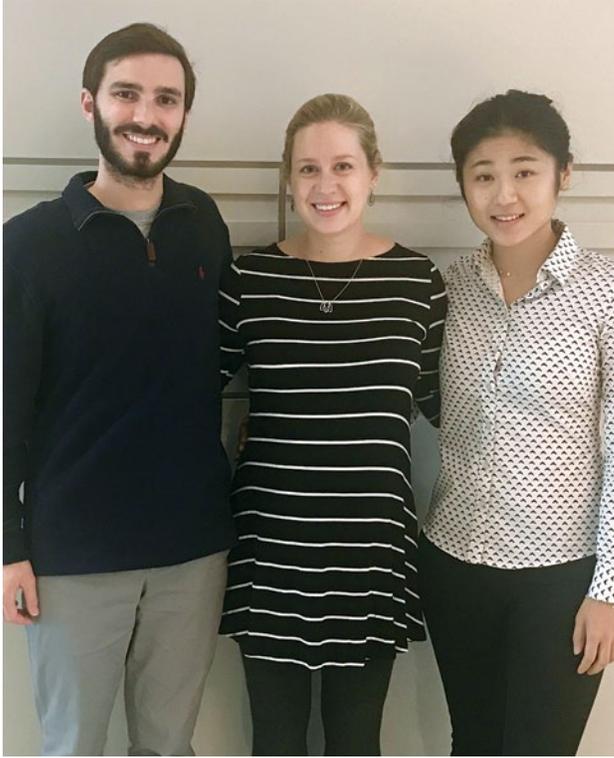
\$17,000 in educational services

Reception at College of Law

educated. So for people who are poor and already over-burdened and may not have the best education—to be their advocate and level the playing the field essentially, because often the people they are going up against are out-resourced... that's part of our professional responsibility as lawyers," said Vincent, who was encouraged to do pro bono volunteer work based on her experience with the clinic.

The event featured a video with comments from representatives of each of HeLP's partners, including Steve Gottlieb, executive director of Atlanta Legal Aid Society; Dr. Robert Pettignano, HeLP's medical director; Sylvia Caley (J.D. '89) and Lisa Radtke Bliss, co-directors of the clinic; Charity Scott, founding director; Leslie Wolf, director of the Center for Law, Health & Society; and Steven J. Kaminshine, former dean and professor of law. Former clinic students Andy Navratil (J.D. '18), Min Ji Kim (J.D. '18) and Blinn Combs (J.D. '17) discussed their experiences in the clinic on the video.

Record Number of Medical Students Participating in HeLP Clinic



One of the unique things about the HeLP Legal Services Clinic is the collaboration among law students and medical students working to solve issues that impede the health of children treated at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The clinic brings together law students, medical students from Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine, and graduate students of public health, social work and bioethics from Georgia State and other universities.

More and more medical students are interested in joining the clinic. Medical students Amy Hung from Tufts University, Rachel McDiehl from Emory University and Kevin Isaak from Morehouse School of Medicine, are among 14 medical students who have participated in the clinic since August.

The HeLP Clinic holds joint classes at Morehouse School of Medicine, so the third-year medical students learn

about the clinic and work on case studies with the clinic, said Lisa Radtke Bliss, associate dean for experiential education, clinical professor of law and co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic. In their fourth year, medical students may sign up for the HeLP Clinic as one of their electives.

The medical students are not only able to learn from the clinic, "they also enhance the clinic because they are part of the holistic interdisciplinary problem-solving approach," Bliss said. "They work side by side with law students to develop arguments for disability cases, and help law students identify specific medical issues that they would not necessarily see by reviewing medical records on their own. They also help us do specific research in medical journals for cases involving particular, and sometimes rare, diseases that may be causing a child's disability."

A Little "HeLP" for Our Friends: Graduate Trains Doctors and Medical Students



Georgia State Law graduate Laurice Rutledge Lambert (J.D. '10) initially considered medical school.

Realizing she didn't like the sight of blood, she pursued health care law instead. An associate at BakerHostetler (formerly McKenna Long & Aldridge), she advises health care providers on regulatory and compliance matters and structuring of complex transactions.

"Health care law keeps you on your toes," Lambert said. "It is always changing, highly regulated and hard to understand – which also results in good job security!"

While a student, Lambert participated in the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, the

educational arm of the Health Law Partnership, a medical-legal partnership among Georgia State Law, Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Lambert now serves on the HeLP Advisory Council. As a way to give back to Children's and to the medical schools at Emory and Morehouse, she proposed a training for physicians, residents and fellows.

The training focuses on physician employment contracts, something that every doctor will encounter though it is not taught in medical school. Rutledge and other volunteer attorneys discuss key provisions of the contracts, laws governing the arrangements, how the compensation model works and questions to ask in contract negotiations. "At the training, we also provide

information to help them recognize when they might want to obtain the services of a lawyer," Lambert said.

Another benefit of the training is the opportunity to promote HeLP. "For many doctors and medical students, this may be the first introduction to how lawyers can assist their clients and improve health outcomes."

In addition to offering this training, Rutledge also provides pro bono legal services for HeLP as a volunteer. Along with her BakerHostetler colleague Jennifer Whitton (J.D. '12), Lambert was awarded the 2017 Atlanta Legal Aid Services Pro Bono Services Award, in recognition of their efforts on a special education case that resulted in their client receiving much needed education services.

Caley Delivers Keynote in Australia

Sylvia Caley, clinical professor, director of the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) and co-director of the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, delivered the keynote address for the first national conference presented by Health Justice in Australia, focusing on their approach to the development and sustainability of medical-legal partnerships. Caley's experience in developing HeLP, an internationally recognized medical-legal partnership, served as a successful illustration to frame the discussions throughout the conference. Australians brand their collaborations as health justice partnerships.

Caley's presentation highlighted the opportunities and the challenges of launching a medical-legal partnership. Her key messages were that development of relationships are critical to establishing a medical-legal partnership and that it requires patience. As she noted, the launch of HeLP was a 13-year odyssey. A significant obstacle was hospital administrator fears about liability – that partnering with lawyers would result in medical malpractice cases against the hospital. HeLP came into being when administrators recognized how

lawyers working with doctors could improve patient health and well-being – a proposition HeLP documents through its research mission.

In addition to her keynote presentation, Caley spoke about how HeLP evaluates its

including the Departments of Justice and Regulation, Treasury and Finance, and Health and Human Services to talk about medical-legal partnerships. She was once again asked to share the HeLP experience.

The organizers of the meetings hoped a successful example would inspire creative thinking on ways to sustain health justice within the Australian system.

Caley's trip ended in Sydney. There she met with community organizations about how medical-legal partnerships can benefit patients. During this meeting, Caley shared information about HeLP and the growth of medical-legal partnerships in the United States, as well as statistics about the

number of patients who have received services. She finished with a meeting at the University of Technology Sydney with members of the faculties of law and health and the Center for Health Services Management where she again shared information about HeLP's experience with evaluation, including its efforts through an American Association of Medical Colleges grant to develop metrics.



impact on its clients and its students during a workshop on evaluation. Caley and her colleagues recognized the importance of evaluation from the beginning and, thus, have more than 10 years of data that have formed the basis of multiple publications.

After the conference's conclusion, Caley met the Integrated Services Roundtable comprised of representatives from several departments in Victoria state government,

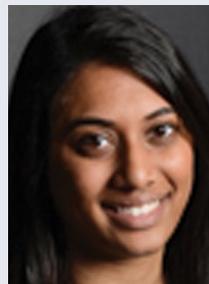
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The Center for Clinical Programs at Georgia State Law provides an opportunity for students to reflect on and share what they have learned in the HeLP Legal Services Clinic, Investor Advocacy Clinic and Philip C. Cook Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. Here are excerpts from two recent blog posts. To read more, follow the blog at investoradvocacyclinic.wordpress.com.



Getting the Whole Story Sophia Horn (J.D./M.S.H.A. '18)

"Many of our clients present with one legal issue, but upon further examination, really have anywhere from two to five. When I meet with my clients to get the facts of their, it is essential for me to ask open-ended questions and to get a full picture of their situation. Just like a doctor performs a basic check-up (eyes, nose, throat, ears, etc.), I need to go through it all: home, health, environment, school, work, etc. I have to perform a full legal check-up."



"Come Again?" Translating Legalese Roma Amin (J.D. '18)

"While explaining her options, a client stopped me mid-sentence and said 'You choose. You know best.' Later, I wondered whether I had done a good job translating the legalese into plain language so she could understand and digest her options. What I was saying was getting lost in translation. Preparation, using analogies and presenting material in multiple ways are ways to bridge the gap between legalese and plain language to improve communication with our clients."



Externships Promote Lawyering Skills and Professional Identity Formation

While a law student, Bethany Ensley Sherrer (J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. '15) participated in an externship with the Georgia Hospital Association. "This externship was invaluable to me," said Sherrer, legal counsel for the Medical Association of Georgia. "In addition to legal skills, the externship taught professional skills, such as how to manage several projects at once."

Georgia State Law offers a variety of experiential learning opportunities for students. Externships are one way for students to fulfill the health law certificate's lawyering skills requirement.

Kendall Kerew, assistant clinical professor, directs the externship program. "Participating in an externship offers law students the opportunity to get into the trenches. Site supervisors teach what can't be taught in class—the real life practice of law with real clients who have real problems," Kerew said. "Externships take place in real work environments. Students need to leave the comfort of the law school building to see what legal practice on a day-to-day basis is really like."

The program has grown to more than 90 Atlanta-area legal placements, including government agencies, nonprofit organizations

and judge's offices, students are able to explore different subject areas of the law and different work environments. There are many health law-specific externship sites including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US. Department of Veterans' Affairs,

"The ultimate goal of the externship program is meaningful legal employment. With lawyering skills they have honed and with a clearer understanding of their professional identity, students leave law school better prepared for practice."

—Kendall Kerew, Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of the Externship Program

Georgia Hospital Association, Health Law Unit of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, and Georgia Advocacy Office. However, health law students are not limited to positions in health law as the skills developed in externships are transferrable to other areas of law, said Kerew.

"The focus of my externship with the Public Health Law Program at the CDC was

on research and policy, rather than litigation or transactional work. This office provides technical assistance to state and local health departments, which offered me a different experience than client representation," said Robert Yates (J.D. '19).

"Students may find their placement is a great fit... or not," said Kerew. "It is an equal success when a student finds out what they want to do as when they rule out something. The experience contributes to an informed decision."

In addition to learning practice skills, externships are integral to professional identity formation. Two years ago Kerew launched a one-credit seminar course for students participating in externships. Students in the course use their externship experience, as well as case studies and exercises, as a springboard for discussion and reflection of where they are now and where they want to be as attorneys. Topics include identifying core values, communication, networking and business development, teamwork, problem solving and cultural awareness. Kerew, who was awarded the College of Law's 2017 David J. Maleski Award for Teaching Excellence, has presented nationally on this innovative course.

Keeping Kids in School

“Not just where you work and where you live, but whether you are employed, have a home and the level of education you completed are all predictors of your health status,” said assistant professor Courtney Anderson, who teaches Law and Health Equity at Georgia State Law. “These social determinants of health affect your ability to take preventative measures and to seek access to health care.”

As moderator of an Oct. 10 panel sponsored by Georgia State Law’s Centers for Access to Justice, the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth and Law, Health & Society, Anderson described how poor housing conditions and housing instability contribute to poor health, frequent absenteeism and changing schools, leading to lower academic achievement and educational attainment.

To address the housing needs of students, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, in collaboration with Project Built Schools and Atlanta Public Schools, launched “Standing with Our Neighbors,” an innovative initiative to improve living conditions in low-income neighborhoods. AVLF panelists executive director Michael Lucas, staff attorney Ayana Jones-Lightsy and community advocate Christal Reynolds presented on this project and how place-based lawyering can have positive impact on housing, health and education.

“These families have many problems with accessing traditional legal services, such as transportation, time off of work, childcare and cost,” Jones-Lightsy said. “With place-based lawyering, literally, they just have to walk across the street.”

In addition to providing legal services, attorneys and volunteers have taught self-advocacy skills to residents, helped them to organize a tenant committee and drafted a document on tenants’ rights.

Families in need of non-legal services are referred to other community resources. “Working with professionals in other disciplines helps each of us to better understand the client’s situation and to think about the families’ needs holistically,” said Reynolds.

The project is already seeing success and there are plans to expand to more schools. “Before the partnership Thomasville Heights had a turnover rate of 40 percent. After only a year of legal work focused on reducing evictions and improving housing conditions, this rate has decreased by 14 percent,” Lucas said.

Students interested in volunteering with AVLF’s “Standing with Our Neighbors” were invited to apply to the alternative spring break program through the Center for Access to Justice.



From Coverage to Care

Health literacy refers to how patients or caregivers receive, understand, and use health information, and how health care providers, including medical professionals, health educators and others, provide information. Therefore, health literacy can be a significant determinant of health outcomes.

Last year, the Center for Law Health & Society hosted a presentation on health literacy. Based on the overwhelmingly positive response of attendees, Iris Feinberg (Ph.D. '15), assistant director of the Adult Literacy Research Center at Georgia State University College of Education and Human Development, returned to present “From Coverage to Care – A Roadmap to Better Care for Adults with Low Health Literacy,” a training for law and graduate students to recognize signs and address low literacy of future clients or patients.

“If you don’t understand what your doctor is telling you, you can’t make an informed decision about your health care,” Feinberg said. Adults with low health literacy are less likely to understand information from their health care providers, adhere to medication instructions, seek preventive care, or even keep scheduled appointments. Further, adults with low health literacy are more likely to have poor health status, to have unnecessary emergency department use and to face higher mortality rates.

To assist clients or patients with low literacy, Feinberg shared a resource titled “From Coverage to Care – A Roadmap to Better Care and a Healthier You,” developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Affordable Care Act rollout. The guide contains steps to increase general health literacy, and provides definitions for terms as well as questions to ask at the doctor’s office. The Roadmap can be found at go.cms.gov/c2c.



Legal, Business and Policy Perspectives on Health Care Reform

On Sept. 20, the Center for Law, Health & Society at Georgia State Law held what has become an annual update on issues in health care access and cost in the United States. The presentation, "Health Reform Update: Taking Stock of Efforts to Repeal and Replace the Affordable Care Act," focused on the landscape of health reform efforts and what might lay ahead, as well as the potential implication of these efforts on Georgia's Medicaid program, health insurance markets and health care providers.

The speakers, representing legal, business and policy perspectives across Georgia State University, included Erin Fuse Brown, associate professor of law; William Custer, associate professor and director of the Center for Health Services Research at Robinson College of Business's Institute of Health Administration;

and Melissa Haberlen (J.D. '11, M.P.H. '12), senior research associate with the Georgia Health Policy Center at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

"Even if the audience members are not all experts on health law, everyone is a health care consumer. So everyone can relate to the issues, sometimes passionately so."

—Erin Fuse Brown, Associate Professor of Law

Describing the impact of the ACA and Republican efforts to repeal it, Fuse Brown said, "The number of people who are uninsured has dropped to a historic low of about 10 percent since passage of the ACA

in 2010. Congressional bills to repeal the ACA could have reduced health insurance coverage by over 20 million people."

Haberlen explained that, independent of Congress, the Trump Administration has begun to implement regulatory and administrative actions that negatively impact the ACA. "For example, the IRS issued a letter stating now it will process returns, even if the tax payer did not state whether they had health insurance," she said.

Custer explained that states have been seeking Medicaid waivers. These waivers modify key provisions in the ACA and allow for state innovation, but states must still ensure that their citizens have access to comprehensive affordable care. "If the ACA is not repealed, it is likely that Georgia will expand and seek waivers as well," Custer said.



Fuse Brown Speaks on Health Reform

In October, Erin Fuse Brown, associate professor of law, travelled to Seton Hall University School of Law as its Distinguished Visiting Health Law Scholar. Fuse Brown's public presentation focused on consumer financial protection in health care, based on her recent *Washington University Law Review* article.

"The experience of being a health care consumer can be terrible. Not only are prices completely opaque, patients can be charged out-of-network medical bill and facility fees that were totally unanticipated and unavoidable, and then they can be sued for not paying the full bill," Fuse Brown said. "My

recent work focuses on legal and policy solutions to protect health care consumers from these unfair billing practices."

Fuse Brown also gave a presentation to the Seton Hall faculty on the problems the preemptive effects of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) pose for state efforts at health reforms.

"With all the paralysis at the federal level, states have been leading the way in health care reform efforts, ranging from prescription drug pricing legislation, surprise medical billing laws, and even plans for single payer or other major reforms," she said. "Unfortunately, ERISA preemption has grown so

broad that these state efforts are thwarted for many consumers who get their coverage from employer-based health plans."

Immediately following her visit at Seton Hall, Fuse Brown presented on ERISA at the Next Steps in Health Reform conference hosted by American University's Washington College of Law and the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics. This conference brought together leading health law, policy and economics experts to discuss the recent developments in health care, including public and private insurance and pharmaceutical implications.

Fuse Brown also published an article this January on ERISA preemption of state efforts in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.



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Jones Examines Role of Neuroscience in Legal System at Miller Lecture

Many questions that courts confront—such as ‘Is this person responsible for his behavior? What was this person’s mental state at the time of criminal activity? How accurate is this person’s memory?’ – have a basis in neuroscience, said Owen D. Jones, the New York Alumni Chancellor’s Chair in Law and Professor of Biological Sciences at Vanderbilt University. In the past decade, as neurolaw increasingly is used in courtrooms, there has been an increased demand for neurolaw education and growth in neurolaw scholarship. It has also garnered public attention to its societal implications.

Jones gave the 60th Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series on Oct. 10 at Georgia State Law. The founder and director of the national MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Law and Neuroscience, Jones said an understanding of neuroscience and behavior is important in the legal system. His research uses methods from brain-imaging (fMRI), evolutionary biology, and behavioral economics to learn more about how the brain’s operations affect behaviors relevant to law.

Neuroscience can offer aid to the

legal system in many ways, including providing evidence to support a conclusion, the possibility of getting better at targeting therapies for people who have addictions or have trouble controlling themselves, explaining behaviors and creating a fairer system of predicting dangerousness in the future or recidivism, and detecting whether someone is lying or whether or not they are feeling pain.

Having a transdisciplinary approach to complicated legal issues is important, Jones said. Historically law’s models of human behavior have been populated almost exclusively from social sciences. In addition to cognitive neuroscience, bringing evolutionary biology and behavioral genetics and other fields of behavioral biology to the table are also important in understanding behavior in a sophisticated way that is also accurate, he said.

The Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series is supported by the Charles Loridans Foundation Inc. and named for Henry J. Miller, a partner in the law firm of Alston & Bird for more than 50 years.

Deluxe Jim Crow

In November, the Centers for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth and Law, Health & Society, together with the School of Public Health and Georgia Health Policy Center, hosted Karen Kruse Thomas, staff historian for the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, for a lecture and book signing event. Thomas presented “Deluxe Jim Crow Health Policy in Atlanta and Baltimore.”

The author of *Deluxe Jim Crow: Civil Rights and American Health Policy, 1935-1954* (University of Georgia Press, 2011), Thomas discussed the complex and sometimes contradictory history of health care and both the impact on and role of African Americans. She described the policies that allowed segregation in health care to continue throughout the beginning of the 20th century.

“In the 1938 case of *Gaines v. Missouri*, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that the government had to show that separate systems were demonstrably equal or they could not be separate,” Thomas said. “In health care, how this played out is that rather than save money by integrating systems, southern states infused money into black hospitals. Thus ‘Deluxe Jim Crow’ took hold.”

The Hill-Burton Act of 1946, which provided funding to build additional hospitals, further entrenched the Deluxe Jim Crow concept by prohibiting discrimination in services provided by the facilities but allowing ‘separate but equal’ facilities to meet this requirement.

Initially some African-Americans were supportive of these policies which increased resources and access and thus improved care, despite continuing segregation. “You can’t imagine two more different groups than Southern Segregationists and African American Civil Rights leaders coming together on any other topic, but they were able to get a consensus on health care,” Thomas said. “There were different groups advocating for the same policies for very different reasons.”

Eventually, however, younger African-American physicians, many of whom were middle class and in solo practices where they did not have to fear being fired, argued for integration, seeing segregation in health care, as in education and all other arenas, as never being truly equal.



Center Highlights



Courtney L. Anderson

Anderson was invited to present a paper on affordable housing and climate change in University of Houston Law Center's Joint Symposium, Is Climate Change Making Us Sick? She spoke on a webinar panel for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on health impacts of housing instability. Anderson will present a paper comparing the race-based response to the rise of the crack epidemic to the opioid crisis.



Sylvia B. Caley (M.B.A. '86; J.D. '89)

Caley delivered the keynote address on medical-legal partnerships at the Health Justice conference in Australia and spoke to representatives of government and community organizations across the continent. She consulted domestically with programs establishing MLPs in their communities, including representatives from medical and law schools, health systems, private physician practices, civil legal services providers and law firms in Florida and Texas. She continues to develop metrics for assessing the impact of MLPs through an American Association of Medical Colleges grant.



Erin C. Fuse Brown

Fuse Brown published "Consumer Financial Protection in Health Care" in the *Washington University Law Review* and "The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017" in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (with Jonathan Darrow and Aaron Kesselheim). She was the Distinguished Visiting Health Law Scholar at Seton Hall Law School and presented at conferences on Next Steps in Health Reform at American University and Deregulatory Frontiers at UC Hastings College of the Law.



Wendy F. Hensel

Hensel was appointed dean of the College of Law. She presented her scholarship, "People with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Workplace: An Expanding Legal Frontier," at the Society of Human Resources Diversity and Inclusion Conference in San Francisco in October.



Lisa R. Bliss

Bliss was elected to a second term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Global Alliance for Justice Education. Bliss presented at the 9th GAJE Conference in Puebla, Mexico, on "Using the Principles of 'Giving Voice to Values' to Help Students Promote Social Justice," in December. Bliss also co-chaired and presented on collaboration at the GAJE Training of Trainers Workshop in Tlaxcala, Mexico.



Jessica Gabel Cino

Cino continued her work on forensic science reform. She is working with the American Academy of Forensic Science, the Department of Defense and the International Association of Identification on various research initiatives and the legal implications of them. She currently is writing an article on new advances in technology that employ the use of algorithms in criminal investigations.



Yaniv Heled

Heled presented his work at the First Wiet Life Science Conference at Loyola Chicago School of Law. He is working on two projects: one exploring requiring health care corporations to incorporate as public benefit corporations and another commenting on Professor Michael Carrier and Carl Minniti's forthcoming article, "Biologics: The New Antitrust Frontier."



Stacie P. Kershner (J.D. '08)

Kershner continues to oversee the *Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America* exhibit, drawing in attendees from meetings and conferences, as well as courses across campus. She coordinated the Law Section Reception for the American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting, co-sponsored by the Center for Law, Health & Society, the APHA Law Section, ChangeLab Solutions and the Network for Public Health Law.



Paul A. Lombardo

Lombardo presented the Michael Filosa Memorial Bioethics Lecture at St. Peter's University in Jersey City, spoke at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities in Kansas City, and lectured at Hofstra University, Hempstead, Long Island. He published "Sincerely Yours, Carrie Buck," in *UnDark* and "A Child's Right to be Well Born: Venereal Disease and the Eugenic Marriage Laws," in *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*.



James E. Mitchell

Mitchell presented "How Law Students and Medical Students Can Work Together for Social Justice" at the 2017 Southern Clinical Conference at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He is working on a related project further exploring how interdisciplinary legal clinics at law schools, where law students can collaborate with professional students from other disciplines, are uniquely well-positioned to serve the legal needs of low-income clients.



Lauren MacIvor Thompson

Lauren MacIvor Thompson presented her recent research for her book, "Battle for Birth Control: Mary Dennett, Margaret Sanger, and the Rivalry that Shaped a Movement," and also traveled to Las Vegas to workshop the larger project at the American Society for Legal History annual meeting in October.



Leslie E. Wolf

Wolf gave presentations regarding her National Institute of Health-funded grant, "Beyond Data Security: Promoting Confidentiality and Advancing Science," in multiple venues. She also participated in panels on the changes to Certificates of Confidentiality at the Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research conference. She presented the paper "A Concentrated Certificate Program Incorporating Experiential Education: Helping Students Prepare for a Career in the Dynamic Area of Health Law," co-written with Lisa Bliss and Stacie Kershner, at the *International Journal of Clinical Legal Education* conference at Northumbria University, Newcastle, England.



Timothy D. Lytton

Lytton was quoted in news stories on mass shootings and the opioid crisis in the *New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, *Reuters*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Huffington Post*, *Business Insider*, the *ABA Journal*, and was interviewed by National Public Radio and Radio Sputnik (Moscow).



Charity Scott

Scott has been granted formal approval as a mediation trainer by the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. She gave presentations on conflict resolution to health care providers and to graduate and professional students at Emory University, Morehouse College and Georgia State. She spoke on lawyer well-being and mindfulness to a national conference of defense attorneys and on the role of mindfulness training in law schools at the annual SEALS conference.



Jonathan Todres

Todres published a book chapter, "Confronting Child Exploitation: The Optional Protocols and the Role of Children's Rights Law" in *Violence Against Children: Making Human Rights Real*, and he coauthored "Adolescents' Right to Participate: Opportunities and Challenges for Health Care Professionals" in the *Annals of Global Health*. He presented his work at Clark University and the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.



Patricia J. Zettler

Zettler published an article on FDA and state drug regulation in the *Indiana Law Journal*. She presented at the *Food and Drug Law Journal* Annual Symposium and at the Stem Cell Network in Ottawa, Canada. She also moderated a panel on human mechanistic biological models at Emory Law and guest-lectured in Georgia State University's Master of Interdisciplinary Studies in Biomedical Enterprise program. She was quoted in numerous media stories, including in *Politico*, *Buzzfeed*, *Scientific American*, and *STAT News*.

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