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— HIPPOCRATES
At Northeastern University School of Law, our CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY AND LAW brings together leading scholars who produce pathbreaking research with the power to create practical change. We collaborate across disciplines and continents, applying our legal expertise to a wide range of the most critical health issues, from global health disparities to healthcare financing and public health crises.

AMONG OUR MANY ACTIVITIES:

We explore the use of legal tools to reduce tobacco use and reverse the obesity epidemic.

We research the impact of law enforcement and legal policies on the opioid epidemic, and develop policy recommendations to stem abuse.

We study the regulation of sex workers, and report on how regulations that are meant to help them can have the opposite effect.

We delve into the many thorny legal issues relating to firearms, vaccinations, quarantines and more.

We grapple with the complexities of healthcare quality reporting and the role of government in our private decisions around health.

We make a difference, in these areas and many others, by asking tough questions, producing high-quality, timely research and by offering solutions that have the power to improve health across the globe.

Matthews Distinguished University Professor Wendy Parmet, an internationally recognized expert on health law, heads the School of Law’s Center for Health Policy and Law and serves as associate dean for interdisciplinary education and research support. In 2016, Professor Parmet received the Jay Healey Teaching Award from the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics at its annual conference. The eponymous award honors the memory of Jay Healey, a beloved teacher of health law at the University of Connecticut Schools of Law and Medicine and a leader among the nation’s health law teachers.
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DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

JD/MPH in Urban Health with Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences

This program recognizes the growing need for professionals trained to respond to unique public health challenges and opportunities facing urban populations. The JD/MPH program brings together interdisciplinary faculty — from the School of Law, D’Amore-McKim School of Business, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Computer and Information Science and the Bouvé College of Health Sciences — with expertise in collaborating with diverse urban populations to provide students with the practice-based knowledge, skills and experience needed to address urban public health problems.

JD/MA in Sustainable International Development with Brandeis University

The JD/MA in Sustainable International Development (SID) with Brandeis University’s Heller School for Social Policy and Management is a multidisciplinary program that prepares students to become development professionals meeting the needs of poor communities throughout the world. Students combine the skills and knowledge acquired in the JD program with a sound theoretical foundation for understanding different approaches to development, as well as a broad vision of how these approaches function in diverse societies. Students also acquire practical skills that will enable them to work directly with governments, nonprofits and other organizations to alleviate poverty; provide health, education and sanitation services; mitigate the effects of climate change; and create more effective paths toward sustainable development.

JD/MPH in Public Health with Tufts University School of Medicine

Both the School of Law and Tufts University School of Medicine have long traditions of emphasizing the relationship between public policy and public health. Our two schools’ shared global perspective and commitment to active citizenship and interdisciplinary scholarship translate into a rich intellectual milieu in which to engage in critical thinking and focus on complex, population-based approaches to health.

JD/MA in Public Health with Tufts University School of Medicine

CONCENTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

JD with Concentration in Health Policy and Law

The JD with a concentration in health policy and law is designed for students who wish to practice in the fast-growing field of health law or enhance their knowledge of health policy. This in-depth program helps prepare lawyers who aim to work with healthcare providers and insurers, government regulatory agencies, firms handling pharmaceutical products liability and toxic tort cases and NGOs and community-based organizations.

LLM with Concentration in Health Policy and Law

For those particularly interested in health law, Northeastern offers a concentration in health policy and law, which is open to international students and US lawyers who wish to practice in the fast-growing field of health law or enhance their knowledge of health policy.

MLS with Concentration in Health Law

For non-lawyer professionals who work regularly with lawyers and legal issues, the Master of Legal Studies with a concentration in health law provides the practical knowledge needed to more effectively address legal issues in health-related industries and organizations.

Health Law Certificate

The Health Law Certificate is designed specifically to provide professionals with the skills necessary to understand, navigate and leverage the legal issues that arise within the healthcare field and to work effectively with counsel when a lawyer’s involvement is necessary. Students can apply their credits from this program to the Master of Legal Studies later on, if desired.
SELECTED HEALTH LAW-RELATED COURSES

- Advanced Legal and Interdisciplinary Research
- Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- Bioproperty
- Current Issues in Health Law and Policy
- Disability Law
- Drug Law and Policy
- Elder Law
- Environmental Law
- Global AIDS Seminar
- Health Law
- Health Law Fraud and Abuse
- Human Behavior, Legal Doctrine and Regulatory Theory
- Human Rights in the Global Economy
- Intellectual Property
- International Health Law
- Patent Law
- Private Litigation for Social Justice
- Problems in Public Health Law
- Reproductive Rights and the Law
- Social Welfare Law
- Healthcare Compliance and Regulation (MLS)
- Patient Records, Privacy and Security (MLS)
Domestic Violence Clinic

Students in the Domestic Violence Clinic assist in the representation of victims of domestic violence in restraining order cases (209A) as well as victims of sexual assault in Harassment Prevention Orders (258E). Restraining orders in Massachusetts include a broad range of relief (including no abuse, stay away conditions, no contact conditions, home surrenders, child custody and child support), designed to help stop the violence or threats of future violence in a family or substantive dating relationships. The clinic — part of the law school’s Domestic Violence Institute — also assists community-based domestic violence organizations in longer-term projects related to policy, programming and outreach.

Public Health Advocacy Clinic

Students in the Public Health Advocacy Clinic work with the law school’s Public Health Advocacy Institute and its Center for Public Health Litigation on legal approaches (including litigation) to improve public health as well as developing sound public health research methodology. Class time is devoted to gaining a basic understanding of the relevant legal foundations of public health advocacy; effectively communicating to a target audience; and discussing the balance between government intervention to set public health policy and individual responsibility in a variety of contexts, such as food, tobacco, alcohol policy and others.

“Through the co-op program, I found out what type of work settings suit me. I thought I would want to work in a small nonprofit organization, but found that I really enjoyed having a larger group of people with whom I could bounce off ideas. My plan is to work in-house for a nonprofit healthcare organization. Ideally, I would love to work for reproductive justice and women’s health.”

CLAIRE FREDERICK JD/MPH ’17
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FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING

CALIFORNIA
AIDS Legal Referral Panel
(San Francisco)
US Department of Health and Human Services, Region IX General Counsel
(San Francisco)
Drug Policy Alliance,
Office of Legal Affairs (Oakland)
Worksafe (Oakland)
National Health Law Program
(Los Angeles)
Rady Children’s Hospital and Health Center (San Diego)

LOUISIANA
Health Law Advocates of Louisiana
(New Orleans)

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL CO-OPS
Human Rights Law Network, India
La Isla Foundation, Nicaragua
Sergio Arouca National School of Public Health, Brazil
UNAIDS, Switzerland
Northeastern University School of Law’s signature Cooperative Legal Education Program guarantees all students almost a full year of full-time work experience.

As the unparalleled leader in providing students with practical experience, Northeastern offers co-ops all over the world for JD students who are interested in pursuing health law-related careers. By integrating four co-ops into the law school experience, Northeastern enables students to graduate with polished legal skills, valuable connections in the health field and the confidence and resume of a legal professional.

IN HEALTH LAW FIELDS

WASHINGTON, DC
- O'Donnell, Schwartz and Anderson
- Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Department of Public Policy Litigation and Law
- US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
- Center for HIV Law and Policy
- Center for Reproductive Rights, Domestic Legal Program
- Community Service Society of New York, Health Initiatives Department
- New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation

GEORGIA
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Atlanta)

MASSACHUSETTS
- Children’s Hospital Corporation, Office of General Counsel (Boston)
- Community Catalyst (Boston)
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Boston)
- Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights (Boston)
- Health Law Advocates (Boston)
- Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, Health Care Division (Boston)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Boston)
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Boston)
- Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (Boston)
- NaviNet, Inc. (Boston)
- Partners HealthCare, Office of General Counsel (Boston)
- Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services, Elder Law and Mental Health Rights (Cambridge)
- Fresenius Medical Care North America, General Counsel (Waltham)
The Center for Health Policy and Law is guided by internationally recognized faculty with diverse areas of expertise. Their research interests and participation in practical-oriented applications include:

- **BIOETHICS**
- **DRUG LAW**
- **HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
- **HEALTH GOVERNANCE**
- **HEALTH REFORM**
- **HEALTHCARE DELIVERY LAW**
- **HEALTHCARE FINANCING**
- **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- **PUBLIC HEALTH LAW**
- **REGULATION OF OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**
CORE FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS

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SELECTED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

PROFESSOR AZIZA AHMED

- “Adjudicating Risk: AIDS, Crime and Culpability”
  3 Wisconsin Law Review 627 (2016)

- “Criminal Laws on Sex Work and HIV: A Mapping”

- “Trafficked? AIDS, Criminal Law and the Politics of Measurement”
  70 University of Miami Law Review 96 (2015)

- “Exploitation Creep’ and Development: A Response to Janie Chuang”
  American Journal of International Law Unbound (June 11, 2015)

- “Informed Decision Making and Abortion: Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Informed Consent and the First Amendment”
  43 The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics 51 (2015)

PROFESSOR BROOK BAKER

- “ISDS, Intellectual Property Rights and Public Health”
  in Rethinking Bilateral Investment Treaties: Critical Issues and Policy Choices, eds. K. Singh and B. Ilge
  (Both ENDS, 2016) (co-author)

  PLoS Medicine (March 2016)

  60 New York Law School Review 297 (2015-2016)

- “Debunking IP-for-Development: Africa Needs IP Space Not IP Shackles”
  in International Economic Law and African Development, eds. L. Boulle, E. Laryea and F. Sucker (Siber Ink, 2014)

PROFESSOR LEO BELETSKY

- “Police Encounters Among Needle Exchange Clients in Baltimore: Drug Law Enforcement as a Structural Determinant of Health”

- “Fatal Re-Entry: Legal and Programmatic Opportunities to Curb Opioid Overdose Among Individuals Newly Released from Incarceration”

- “Engaging Law Enforcement in Overdose Reversal Initiatives: Authorization and Liability for Naloxone Administration”

- “The Benefits and Potential Drawbacks in the Approval of EVZIO for Lay Reversal of Opioid Overdose”
PROFESSOR RICHARD DAYNARD

• “Commentary: Enough is Enough”

• “Tobacco Industry Use of Personal Responsibility Rhetoric in Public Relations and Litigation: Disguising Freedom to Blame as Freedom of Choice”

• “Attitudes Towards Electronic Cigarettes Regulation in Indoor Workplaces and Selected Public and Private Places: A Population-Based Cross-Sectional Study”
  PLoS One (December 3, 2014) (co-author)

PROFESSOR KRISTIN MADISON

• “The ACA, the ADA and Wellness Program Incentives”
  Health Affairs Blog (May 13, 2015)

• “Using Reporting Requirements to Improve Employer Wellness Incentives and Their Regulation”

• “Health Regulators as Data Stewards”

• “Building a Better Laboratory: The Federal Role in Promoting Health System Experimentation”
  41 Pepperdine Law Review 765 (2014)

PROFESSOR KARA SWANSON

• Banking on the Body: The Market in Blood, Milk and Sperm in Modern America
  (Harvard University Press, 2014)

• “Intellectual Property and Public Health – A White Paper”

PROFESSOR WENDY PARMET

• “Paternalism, Self-Governance and Public Health: The Case of E-Cigarettes”
  70 University of Miami Law Review 879 (2016)

• “Wollschlaeger v. Governor of Florida — The First Amendment, Physician Speech and Firearm Safety”
  374 The New England Journal of Medicine 2304 (June 16, 2016) (co-author)

• “A Panic Foretold: Ebola in the United States”
  Critical Public Health (March 17, 2016) (co-author)

• “Shifting Vaccination Politics — The End of Personal-Belief Exemptions in California”

• “Adventures in Nannydom: Reclaiming Collective Action for the Public’s Health”
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Health Law Student Association is a student group committed to raising the visibility of health law at Northeastern and our broader community, with a particular emphasis on traditional public health concerns. We invite practitioners and academics to present on current health topics; build relationships between healthcare students and law students; provide resources to law students interested in learning more about health law topics; support law students enrolled or interested in the JD/MPH programs; sponsor student participation in health law moot court competitions; and attend health-related conferences.

EVENTS

In addition to offering a broad curriculum in health and public health law, the Center for Health Policy and Law sponsors conferences, lectures, colloquia, a health law moot court team, the Health Law Student Association and workshops that introduce students to career opportunities in the growing field of health law and policy.

Health Law Roundtables

Each year, the Center for Health Policy and Law invites leading academics to present their research and engage in constructive conversations. The annual list of roundtables is posted on the center’s website at northeastern.edu/law/health.

Recent Roundtables

Employer Wellness Incentives, Disability and Coerced Disclosure
Kristin Madison, Professor of Law and Health Sciences, Northeastern University School of Law

Utilizing an Urban Health Framework to Guide Policy Development
Shan Mohammed, Associate Clinical Professor, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University

The Impact of Damages Caps on Medical Malpractice Insurance Premiums
Kathryn Zeller, Professor of Law, Georgetown Law

Paying for Population Health: Possibilities and Perils in Healthcare Industry Investments
Jean McGuire, Professor of Practice, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University

Making People Healthier by Suing Corporate Miscreants
Richard Daynard, University Distinguished Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law

A Trojan Horse? How an Expanding First Amendment Threatens the Entire FDA and Much of the Modern Regulatory State
Christopher Robertson, Professor of Law, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona

Annual Health Law Conference

Check our website for information about the Center for Health Policy and Law’s annual health law conference, typically held each spring.
For more information about the Center for Health Policy and Law, visit northeastern.edu/law/health or contact Professor Wendy Parmet at w.parmet@northeastern.edu.

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