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Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine (CBSSM) Newsletter

Message From the Co-Directors



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the CBSSM Connector, the renewed newsletter for the University of Michigan Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine.

The last few years have been full of change, including many transitions among both CBSSM's leadership and CBSSM staff as well as shifts in work and meetings from in-person to remote to now hybrid. Yet, despite these challenges, CBSSM continues to be successful both professionally (grants! awards! publications!) and in our members' personal lives (babies!!!).

We hope you can take a moment to catch up on our activities and accomplishments. Equally importantly, please DO take a moment let us know what you've been up to. We'd love to hear from all CBSSM members and colleagues and to ensure that a core part of CBSSM's identity is its ability to build connections!

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Research Updates

Contraceptive Decisions Grant



Justine Wu, MD, MPH

Justine was awarded an NIH R01 to determine the impact of a contraceptive decision tool designed for people with chronic conditions in a cluster randomized controlled trial.

[Click here for the full story.](#)

Ethics of Posthumous Reproduction Publication



Adam Marks, MD, HEC-C

Recently published an article on the ethics of posthumous reproduction: Pollens-Voigt J, Taylor L, Marks A. Ethical and Practical Considerations of Perimortem Gamete Procurement for Palliative Care Providers.

J Pain Symptom Manage. 2023 Sep 4:S0885-3924(23)00664-4.

Health Information Policy Statement

Kayte Spector-Bagdady, JD, MBioethics

Prof. Kayte Spector-Bagdady was the Chair and lead author of the newly released “Principles for Health Information Collection, Sharing, and Use: A Policy Statement From the American Heart Association” in Circulation.

“These new principles regarding health information collection, sharing and use will inform the Association's public policy work and commitment to life-saving research, and underscore the need for transparency, privacy, education and a commitment to health equity across the data sharing spectrum.”



[Click here to read the full article](#)

Accolades and Awards



Lisa Harris, MD, Ph.D.
University of Michigan

Recipient of the
2023 Bernard Lo, MD award in
Bioethics

Presented for
Forging connections across
division through bioethics



APHA Disability Health Section Margaret “Peg” Nosek Award

Justine Wu, MD, MPH

Dr. Wu was awarded the Margaret “Peg” Nosek Award from the American Public Health Association, Disability Health Section: Awarded for significant contribution in research for and with women with disabilities or other underrepresented populations and strong mentorship for scholars in the public health and disability field. (Award Summer 2023)

State and National Contributions

Ethics of Drug Shortage Resource Allocation Policy Advocacy

Andrew Shuman, MD, FACS, HEC-C

Dr. Shuman continues to lead at the state and national level on the ethics of scarce resource allocation specific to drug shortages. At Michigan Medicine,

Dr. Shuman leads the Ethics in Medication Use Committee and co-leads the Scarce Resource Allocation Committee. With the United States Congress, his work has contributed to:



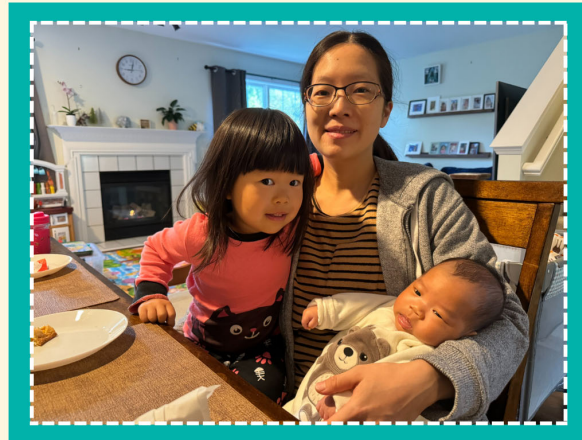
- Pharmaceutical Accountability, Responsibility, & Transparency (PART) Act
- Help Onshore Manufacturing Efficiencies for Drugs & Devices (HOME) Act proposals; S.3780-1 116th Congress
- Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Risk Assessment Act (S. 1961), which would require HHS, DOD, and DHS to create a critical drug products list, conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of the pharmaceutical supply chain for critical drugs, and report to Congress on plans to mitigate supply chain vulnerabilities
- Ensuring Access to Lifesaving Drugs Act, which would empower FDA to require drug manufacturers to label drugs with the longest scientifically supported expiration date, expanding supply of usable drugs

New Arrivals

Sydney Madanay

Born 9-24-23 to Farrah
Madanay, CBSSM
Postdoctoral Research
Fellow

Pictured at 3 weeks
attempting tummy time.

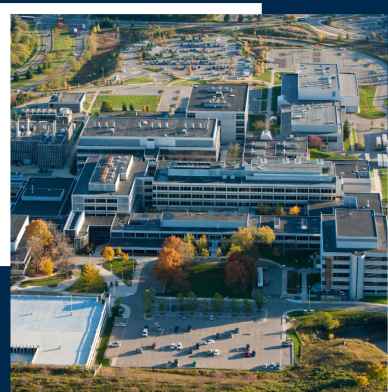


Damian Lin

Born 9-3-23 to Ying-Jen Lin, CBSSM
Research Associate

Pictured at 6 weeks with Ying-Jen and
big sister Ava.

Announcements



CBSSM is recruiting a Post Doctoral Research Fellow

We are accepting applications for postdoctoral research fellows in the areas of Bioethics, and Decision Sciences. Evaluation of candidates will begin on December 11, 2023 and will be evaluated on a rolling basis through January 10, 2024.

[Apply Here!](#)

Save the Date



2024 Bishop Lecturer

**PATRICK
SMITH**
Duke University

CBSSM RESEARCH
COLLOQUIUM
& BISHOP LECTURE IN
BIOETHICS

**MAY 23
2024**

**CBSSM LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
JOIN US FOR LUNCH FEB 8, 2024!
11:00-1:00, NCRC G065**

Our Mission

The mission of the Center for Bioethics & Social Science in Medicine (CBSSM) is to improve the practice of medicine by supporting a vibrant interdisciplinary community that provides clinical ethics, research ethics, and ethics education services and creates leading empirical bioethics, decision science, and health communications research.

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