

Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITION

- 2009 – Present** **Faculty**
NIH Department of Bioethics
Head, Section on Ethics of Genetics and Emerging Technologies
Clinical Center, NIH
Bethesda, MD
- 2009 – Present** **Associate Investigator**
Bioethics Core, Office of the Clinical Director
National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), NIH
Bethesda, MD

EDUCATION

- 2005** **JD**
University of Michigan School of Law
Ann Arbor, MI
- 2005** **MPH**
University of Michigan School of Public Health
Department of Health Policy and Management
Ann Arbor, MI
- 1999** **BA**
Harvard University
Department of History and Science
Cambridge, MA

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

- 2005 – 2006** **Fellowship**
Center for Law and the Public's Health
Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2007 – 2016** **Adjunct Professor**

Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC

- 2010 – 2011 Adjunct Professor**
University of Maryland School of Law
Baltimore, MD
- 2006 – 2009 Deputy Director**
O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law
Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC
- 2009 Consultant**
National Commission on Children and Disasters
Washington, DC
- 2007 Consultant**
Institute of Medicine
Report on Ethical Considerations for Research Involving Prisoners
Washington, DC

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Member, New York State Bar (inactive)

ACTIVE BOARDS AND OTHER POSITIONS (including Editorial)

- 2023 – Present Chair, NIH Intramural IRB**
- 2020 – 2023 Member, NIH Intramural IRB**
- 2018 – 2020 Member, General Medicine 1 IRB**
- 2016 – 2018 Vice Chair, NHGRI IRB**
- 2009 – Present Member, Responsible Conduct of Research Committee**
Office of the Director of Intramural Research, NIH
- 2009 – Present Attending Bioethicist**
Clinical Research Ethics Consultation Service
Department of Bioethics (Clinical Center), NIH
- 2009 – 2015 IRB Member**
NIAID Institutional Review Board, NIH

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022	NIH Clinical Center CEO Award Making an Impact: Bioethics Consultation Service Team
2021	NIH Clinical Center CEO Award Advanced Directive Policy Working Group
2019	NHGRI Group Recognition Award for the Bioethics Core
2018	OD Honor Award Pilot Institutional Review Board
2018	Genome Recognition of Employee Accomplishments and Talents Award Stepping In GREAT National Human Genome Research Institute
2016	NIH Director's Award NIH Clinical Center Genomics Opportunity (CCGO) Program Team
2011	NIH Director's Award Bioethics Next Generation Sequencing Advisory Group
2011	Genome Recognition of Employee Accomplishments and Talents Award Scientific/Medical Achievement National Human Genome Research Institute
2011	Special Act Award Division of Clinical Research National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
2010	Special Act Award Division of Clinical Research National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
2010	Individual Cash Award (Ratings Based)
2004	Award for Excellence in the Study of Health Law American Bar Association Health Law Section
1999	John Harvard Scholarship Harvard University
1999	Harvard College Scholarship Harvard University

COURSES TAUGHT

Research with Human Subjects: Law, Policy and Ethics.
Georgetown Law, 2010-2016 (annually)

Health and Science Policy Workshop: Regulation of Genomic Research.
Maryland Law, 2011

Health and Human Rights.
Georgetown Law, 2006-2009 (annually)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Danis M, Largent E, Wendler D, Hull SC, Shah S, Millum J, **Berkman BE**, Grady C. *Research Ethics Consultation: A Casebook*. Oxford University Press, 2012.

Book Chapters

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Sullivan HK and **Berkman BE**. Researcher Management of Unanticipated and Incidental Findings in Low Resource Settings. In *Viral Sovereignty, Technology Transfer, and the Global System for Sharing Pathogens for Public Health Research* (S. Halabi and R. Katz, eds.) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Berkman BE, Shapiro ZE, Eckstein L, Pike ER. The Ethics of Large-Scale Genomic Research. In *The Ethics of Big Data: Reasoning about Ethical Implications of Conducting Research with Big Data* (New York: Springer, 2016).

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Gostin LO and **Berkman BE**. Preparing for Pandemic Influenza: Legal and Ethical Challenges. In *Ethical and Legal Considerations in Mitigating Pandemic Disease* (Washington, DC: National Academies Press, 2007).

Journal Articles

Connor C, Karel D, and **Berkman BE**. Time to Break Tradition: Unbundling Psychedelics from Psychotherapy. *International Journal of Law, Ethics and Technology* (forthcoming).

Connor C, Sato T, Bianchi DW, Fenton K, Somani E, Turiff A, **Berkman BE**, Hendriks S. Comparing the Introduction and Implementation of Noninvasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) in Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States: An Integrative Review. *Prenatal Diagnosis* 45:1244-64 (2025).

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Mumford K, Hendriks S, Miner S, Huelsnitz CO, Wakim P, **Berkman BE**. Factors Affecting Couples’ Decision-Making About Expanded Prenatal Cell-Free DNA Screening. *Genetics in Medicine Open* 2 (2024).

Bonini KE, Smith HS, Bonkowski ES, **Berkman BE**, Jamal L. Modern Family: An Ethical Justification for System-Led Contact of Relatives Eligible for Cascade Screening in the United States. *Public Health Genomics* 28(1):19-33 (2025).

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Mandava A, Millum J, **Berkman BE**. When Should Genome Researchers Disclose Misattributed Parentage. *Hastings Center Report* 45: 1-9 (2015).

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Eckstein L, Garrett JR, **Berkman BE**. A Framework for Analyzing the Ethics of Disclosing Genetic Research Findings. *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics* 42(2): 190-207 (2014).

Berkman BE, Hull SC, Eckstein L. The Unintended Implication of Blurring the Line between Research and Clinical Care in a Genomic Age. *Personalized Medicine* 11(3): 285-295 (2014).

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