3rd Annual Health Law and Anti-Racism Graduate Student Writing Competition

The American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics (ASLME) is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual Health Law and Anti-Racism Graduate Student Writing Competition with the goal of encouraging students to develop scholarly papers focused on issues at the intersection of race, law, and health. A non-exhaustive list of potential paper topics might include:

- Law as a social determinant of health and health disparities
- Racism as a public health law concern
- Law, disability, and race
- Regulating science and medicine through an anti-racist lens
- Medico-legal partnerships to combat the health effects of racism
- Legal responses to racism in the health care system, experienced by both patients and providers
- Policing and mental health law
- Law, medical research, and racial bias
- Environmental racism, health, and law
- Anti-racist approaches to teaching and learning health law and related topics
- The limits of health law in responding to racism and its impacts
- Historical perspectives on health law and race
- International perspectives on health law and race

Note that a wide variety of topics will be viewed as in scope, but papers must focus specifically on health law in the context of anti-racism. If you have questions about the suitability of your topic, please ask.

Current graduate students in any field are invited to participate, including those graduating in Spring 2023, even if graduation occurs before the submission deadline. ASLME membership is not required. Co-authored submissions are welcome (up to 3 co-authors), provided all co-authors are individually eligible.

Papers should be between 15-20 double-spaced pages, including references (endnotes, not footnotes), and should include an abstract of no more than 250 words. Submissions may be adapted from papers submitted for course credit and will be judged on the basis of their originality, relevance, nexus to both health law and anti-racism, clarity, and potential for scholarly impact.

The winning paper(s) may be invited for publication in the Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics, if not already slated for publication elsewhere. Papers may be required to undertake edits prior to publication. The 1st Prize winner(s) will also be provided with a 1-year ASLME membership and a prize of $500.

To participate: Please submit your paper and abstract (in one file), as well as a resume/CV for all authors, by July 15, 2023 to Holly Fernandez Lynch at lynchhf@pennmedicine.upenn.edu with the subject line reading “ASLME Writing Competition.”