

James Toomey

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Law, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (July 2022 – Present)

Climenko Fellow & Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School (September 2020 – Present)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2019)

Research: Student Fellow, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology & Bioethics (September 2018 – May 2019)

Research Assistant, Professor Francis X. Shen (Fall 2017 – May 2019)

Cravath International Travel Fellowship (January 2018)

Teaching: Teaching Fellow, Professor Michael J. Sandel, for the undergraduate course “Money, Markets and Morals.” Awarded Harvard Distinction in Teaching Award. (Fall 2018)

Journal: Executive Editor for Online, HARV. NAT. SEC. J. (Fall 2018 – May 2019)

Cornell University, B.A. in English, *summa cum laude*, and Government, *magna cum laude* (2016)

Theses: ‘All Made the One Way’: Nationalism, Purpose and Universal Human Nature in James Joyce’s *Ulysses*. (English). Awarded M.H. Abrams Prize for Best Thesis.

Imperium Legum Non Hominum: A Constitutional Theory of Democratic Peace. (Government). Awarded Kasdan-Montessori Peace Prize for Best Thesis on the Problems of Securing Peace in the World.

Activities: Phi Beta Kappa Society

President, Cornell Literary Society

PUBLICATIONS

Property’s Boundaries, 109 VA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2023) ([link](#))

The Age of Fraud, 60 HARV. J. LEG. (forthcoming 2023) ([link](#))

Narrative Capacity, 100 N.C. L. REV. 1073 (2022) ([link](#))

How to End Our Stories: A Study of the Perspectives of Seniors on Dementia and Decision-making, 29 ELDER L. J. 1 (2021) ([link](#))

Too Important for the Bureaucrats: Rethinking Risk and Regulatory Presumptions in Times of Crisis, 47 AM. J. L. & MED. 249 (peer-reviewed) (2021) ([link](#))

'As Long As I'm Me': From Personhood to Personal Identity in Dementia and Decision-making, 4 CANADIAN J. BIOETHICS 57 (2021) (peer-reviewed) ([link](#))

Constitutionalizing Nature's Law: Dignity and the Regulation of Biotechnology in Switzerland, 7 J. L. & BIOSCIENCES 1 (2020) (peer-reviewed) ([link](#))

Understanding the Perspectives of Seniors on Dementia and Decision-making, 12 AJOB EMPIRICAL BIOETHICS 101 (2020) (peer-reviewed) ([link](#))

SHORTER WORKS

Liberalism and Identity, 21 AM. J. BIOETHICS 59 (2021), Open Peer Commentary to *Neutrality and Perfectionism in Public Health*, by Hafez Ismaili M'Hamdi ([link](#))

Is Noninvasive Prenatal Genetic Testing Eugenic?, HASTINGS CEN. BIOETHICS F. (Dec. 13, 2017) ([link](#))

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Stanley Marcus, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2019 – 2020)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP—New York; London (summer 2018; summer 2019)
Summer Associate (offer extended)

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts (spring 2018, January 2019)
Legal Intern—Healthcare Fraud

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (summer 2017)
Legal Intern—International Narcotics and Money Laundering

Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) (summer 2016)
Intern—State Government Affairs; Senior Investor Protection Initiative

Cornell University Police Department (fall 2012 – spring 2016)
Police Auxiliary

SELECTED COMMENTARY

Equalizing the Genetic Lottery?, BILL OF HEALTH, Jan. 12, 2022 ([link](#))

There's More to Decision-Making Capacity than Cognitive Function, BILL OF HEALTH, Sept. 8, 2021 ([link](#))

Responsibly Developing Gene Drives: The GeneConvene Global Collaborative, BILL OF HEALTH, Jan. 13, 2021 ([link](#))

Book Review: Mary Ziegler's 'Abortion and the Law in America', BILL OF HEALTH, Dec. 2, 2020 ([link](#))

To Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic, the US Should Crowdsource Contact Tracing, BILL OF HEALTH, Nov. 4, 2020 ([link](#))

No One Is Sovereign Over Genetic Sequences, BILL OF HEALTH, Mar. 21, 2019 ([link](#))

Malaria Eradication: For Africa as America, BILL OF HEALTH, Mar. 7, 2019 ([link](#))

On Social Suicide Prevention, Don't Let the Perfect be the Enemy of the Good, BILL OF HEALTH, Feb. 20, 2019 ([link](#))

Towards Human Bioprogress, BILL OF HEALTH, Nov. 26, 2018 ([link](#))

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Guest lecturer, “Health Law and Policy,” taught by Aaron Kesselheim & Brendan Abel, Harvard Medical School. Taught “Introduction to the American Legal System” class to M.S. in Bioethics students. (2021 – 2022).

Peer Reviewer

Legal Theory, Cambridge University Press (2022)
Routledge. (2021).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Narrative Capacity, Health Law Policy, Bioethics, and Biotechnology Workshop, Harvard Law School (Sept. 8, 2021)

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2020)