

## President-Elect

### Joseph J Fins, MD FACP



This is a pivotal time for bioethics. We need to legitimate our field as an academic discipline and secure its future. But instead of justifying who we are we should be justly proud of what we have already accomplished.

ASBH can do more to champion the ongoing relevance of bioethics. The message: Our brand of cross-trained scholarship can constructively address complex real-world problems that require the interdisciplinary input of the sciences, social sciences and the humanities.

But to get the message out, ASBH needs to undertake a serious self-appraisal. How can we promote bioethics so that it both flourishes and contributes? Internally, we need to streamline our work products so they remain timely and relevant. Externally, we need to resolve the perennial question about ASBH and advocacy. Pro or con, clarifying this question will make us a healthier and more focused organization. I think we can contribute to society and maintain our reputation by speaking out responsibly and credibly in an evidence-based fashion.

In addition to my current responsibilities as Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics and Professor of Medicine and Public Health at Weill Cornell Medical College and Attending Physician and Director of Medical Ethics at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center, several extra-mural roles have prepared me for the challenges ahead. I am a Governor of the American College of Physicians, a Trustee of the American College of Physicians Foundation and a member of The New York State Task Force on Life and the Law. I have served on the Boards of Wesleyan University, the Fund for Modern Courts and ASBH and been Associate for Medicine at the Hastings Center. In addition, I am on the adjunct faculty of The Rockefeller University and a Senior Attending Physician at The Rockefeller University Hospital. I look forward to working with each of you. Thanks for your consideration.

### Stephen R Latham, JD PhD



I am an unrepentant interdisciplinarian: a former health-law professor who now happily teaches bioethics to undergraduates, does pediatric ethics consults and med-school rounding, and writes, variously, in comparative health law, philosophical bioethics and (lately) history. ASBH is my natural home—the only place, really, where I can meet and learn from the people who do all the things I love and want to do better.

An ASBH member since 1998, I have regularly presented papers or workshops at our annual meetings. Past ASBH service includes helping evaluate program submissions in history and law; coordinating ASBH's health-policy contributions to the [Hastings Center Report](#); and, most recently, revising "Publishing Without Perishing," our beginner's guide to academic publication. I am now serving on our new committee on Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs, and am finishing a three-year term on the ASBH Board.

Over the years, I have been an attorney, an AMA ethics staffer, a graduate fellow in ethics at Harvard, a philosophy lecturer, a humanities research fellow at Edinburgh University, and a law professor. I am now Deputy Director of Yale's bioethics center, and help coordinate its joint programs with the Hastings Center. I serve on Connecticut's stem-cell research funding committee. I have published extensively in peer-reviewed medical and bioethics journals, law reviews, and university-press books, and serve on the editorial boards of [AJOB](#), the [American Journal of Law and Medicine](#), and the [Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics](#).

As ASBH president, I would continue our efforts to create new resources and set professional standards for clinical ethics consultation. I would work to multiply opportunities for engagement and contribution, particularly from younger members. And I would like to see us making creative use of new technologies such as wikis and podcasts both to improve our teaching, and to educate others about what we do.

## Treasurer

### Felicia Cohn, PhD MA



I have had the privilege of serving ASBH in a number of capacities, on the program committee, on the Board, and most recently as Treasurer. In addition, I co-founded/chaired the Religion, Spirituality, and Bioethics Affinity Group; serve on committees and task forces, and wrote a column for our newsletter ("Policy News from Washington, DC"). In each role, my appreciation for the organization and its potential has grown. I would be honored to continue my service to ASBH, overseeing the financial health of our organization. Our budget is dependent on our membership and determines what we are able to do. We must set and achieve our goals for the future by carefully selecting the projects in which to invest. As a member of the Board's Executive Committee, I would maintain commitment to my goals: a more accessible and transparent ASBH; enhanced responsiveness to member needs; and a forum for addressing growing concerns about our public identity. I have begun work to expand opportunities for member involvement in ASBH and have reached out to other organizations with similar missions to expand our collaborative opportunities. ASBH must capitalize on the strengths and talents of the members and grow with our diverse needs and interests.

Currently, I am the Director of Medical Ethics at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, where I teach, develop curriculum, and provide ethics consultation. Ongoing projects include assessing the impact of reflective practice for ethics education and developing research ethics consultation for UCI's Institute for Clinical Translational Science. Previously I directed and published a study for the Institute of Medicine, on health professional training about family violence, and was a Senior Scientist with the Center to Improve Care of the Dying at The George Washington University. My PhD in Religious Ethics is from the University of Virginia.

### Toby Schonfeld, PhD



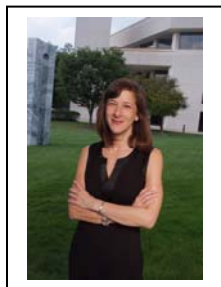
Toby Schonfeld, Ph.D., is Director of the Center for Humanities, Ethics and Society and Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics and Vice-Chair of the Department of Health Promotion, Social and Behavioral Health Department in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She teaches ethics, spirituality, and critical thinking to medical and allied health students, both in traditional and online classes. She has published work in research ethics, Jewish bioethics, ethics education, and women's issues in health care. Locally, Dr. Schonfeld is an ethics consultant and Vice-Chair of the Medical Ethics Committee and the IRB. Nationally, she was Secretary/Treasurer of the Society of Jewish Ethics before being elected Vice-President and then President for a 2-year term. She was a member of the Declaration of Helsinki Working Group for the International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics (FAB) and is a founding editorial board member of FAB's new peer-reviewed journal (IJFAB).

In ASBH, Dr. Schonfeld led the Philosophy Affinity Group from 2006-2008 and coordinated the Jewish Bioethics Affinity Group since 2008. She was a member of the Philosophy Annual Meeting Subcommittee in 2007, and has been a member of the Program Committee since 2007. With Anne Drapkin Lyerly, she is co-chairing the 2009 Annual Meeting Program Committee.

Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Schonfeld chaired the ASBH Salary Survey Task Force, which resulted in the first salary survey for ASBH in Spring 2008. As Treasurer, Dr. Schonfeld would continue refining this instrument to ensure the data it generates accurately reflect the diverse membership of ASBH.

## Director-at-Large

### Lisa A Eckenwiler, PhD



I'm an Associate Professor of Philosophy / Health Administration and Policy, and Director of Health Care Ethics at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. My interests are broad, but my work has focused primarily on research ethics, health worker migration and global health inequities, and ethical issues in public health. I co-edited *The Ethics of Bioethics: Mapping the Moral Landscape*, with

Felicia Cohn.

I've been involved with ASBH since its inception. I served on the Policy and Philosophy Subcommittees of the Program Committee (2001, 2002), and as Co-chair of the Research Ethics Subcommittee (2003). I served as Chair of the Pre-Conference Program (2004), and then as Co-chair of the annual meeting (2005). Finally, I was a member of the Nominating Committee (2007-2008).

From these experiences, I have come to know the organization and its members well. I'd like to serve on the board to make different kinds of contributions. Much of my research is on topics that are at the margins of bioethics, and this has led me to develop a set of colleagues in fields not well-represented in ASBH. I'd like to help enrich the diversity of bioethics and strengthen its capacity for transdisciplinary research by forging more ties with people in public health, health policy, and global health. I'd also like to explore ways of making more of our work compelling and accessible to policy makers at the local, state and federal level. This is part of a broader interest I have in identifying new opportunities for the field to make contributions outside of universities, health care institutions, and the private sector. Finally, I'm interested in working, through the Association of Bioethics Program Directors and others, on exploring what makes for thriving programs in bioethics and humanities and how we can build capacity in new and aspiring programs.

### Ellen Fox, MD



I would bring to the ASBH Board a passion for translating and applying health care ethics scholarship to the practical world of health care delivery.

As Chief Ethics in Health Care Officer for the nation's largest health care provider, I direct the National Center for Ethics in Health

Care of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), advise VA's Under Secretary for Health, and support ethics activities across VA's 1400+ sites of care delivery.

I am a board-certified internist with experience in varied organizational settings – academic, non-profit, private, and government. My degrees are from Yale College and Harvard Medical School. I trained in Yale's Internal Medicine Residency Program and in the University of Chicago's Fellowship Programs in Geriatrics and in Clinical Medical Ethics. I served as Director of End-of-Life Care for the Institute for Ethics (American Medical Association); Director of the EPEC Project; Director of the Program in Clinical Ethics (University of Illinois); and Faculty at the MacLean Center (University of Chicago) and at Yale.

My special interests include ethics consultation, preventive ethics, ethical leadership, end-of-life decision making, and evaluating the quality of all of the above. I am comfortable overseeing multi-million dollar budgets, planning and managing large-scale complex projects, and gaining input and consensus from diverse stakeholders.

So far I have served ASBH on four national task forces (Learners' Guide, Core Competencies, Outreach Education, and Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs) as well as on several review committees for conference abstracts and for the Student Paper Competition. It would be an honor to serve on the ASBH Board of Directors.

## Director-at-Large

### Elisa J Gordon, PhD MPH



I am quite honored to be nominated for the Board of Directors. As a member of the ASBH since its inception, I have been committed to the ASBH through service on the Nominating Committee (2003), the Professional Development Task Force (2006), and as Co-Chair for the ASBH Annual Meeting (2007-2008). I also published the ASBH membership survey in 2002, and refereed papers for annual meetings (2004-2006). Given our shared interdisciplinary orientation, ASBH has become my primary professional home.

I am currently Research Associate Professor in the Institute for Healthcare Studies and Department of Surgery, Division of Organ Transplantation at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University, and hold a secondary appointment in the Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program. I am a Medical Anthropologist, trained in Clinical Medical Ethics, and obtained my MPH in Community Health Sciences. My current research interests are: organ transplantation and donation, human subjects research ethics, social justice, health disparities, and mixed-methods research. I have been conducting empirical research *in* bioethics for over 13 years, supported by funding from the NIH and HCFA. I serve on the Ethics Committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing.

I think the best of ASBH has yet to come. We can become a stronger force for education, service and research in our institutions and society. But this depends on embracing a vision of inclusion of our pluralistic membership. Collaboration is the keystone to success; we must therefore work together to ensure that our members' voices are heard. Performing a needs assessment of the membership *and potential members* would inform ways to mobilize members towards active involvement in task forces, training programs, research, and policy forums. I would be delighted to further strengthen the ASBH through service on the ASBH Board.

### Timothy F Murphy, PhD



I am Professor of Philosophy in the Biomedical Sciences at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and I previously worked at Boston University. Over the years, I have chaired an IRB, served on hospital ethics committees, ad hoc medical policy committees, committees overseeing medical student progress, among others. I have also been a visiting scholar at the Institute for

Ethics of the American Medical Association. I have written or edited eight books, including *Justice and the Human Genome Project*; *Gay Science: The Ethics of Sexual Orientation Research*; and *Case Studies in Biomedical Research Ethics*. I have published in journals that we value: the *Hastings Center Report*, *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, and *Journal of Medical Ethics*, and *Reproductive Biomedicine Online*, among others. For many years, I have also edited a newsletter for the American Philosophical Association.

Mostly, ASBH members communicate through sponsored meetings, but those opportunities only capture a portion of the interactions that are useful to us, and – as we all know – many of our proposals fail to make it onto conference programs. What we really need are better ways to discuss issues, to get friendly reads of work-in-progress, to help jog our memories about events and citations, and to keep current with events of the day. We also want these opportunities in ways that are focused and easy-to-use. My sense is that our communication methods lag behind the available opportunities. I have some ideas on how to harness on-line communication in order to enhance our roles as scholars, teachers, and citizens in service to our institutions and communities. In addition to working on the important day-to-day business of ASBH, I pledge to work toward a better-connected ASBH if you will entrust me with that responsibility.

## Director-at-Large

### Kayhan P Parsi, JD PhD



The existence and flourishing of an organization such as ASBH exemplifies the high level of dedication and involvement of many professionals in the bioethics and medical humanities community in this country. I've been fortunate to call ASBH my professional home since its inception in 1998. I have attended nearly every annual meeting, presented at several, and have served in a variety of capacities (e.g. peer reviewer, chair of the nominating committee, chair of the education subcommittee). I understand the various requirements of being a board member (e.g. attending two meetings a year, being available for several conference calls a year, serving on a task force), and am happy to serve. As a board member, I would like to continue fostering a sense of collegiality and hospitality to existing members but especially toward new members. One way to do this is by assigning every new member a peer mentor. This peer mentor could introduce new members to other members, orient them to the annual meeting, and just be a friendly face. ASBH has been an excellent opportunity for our own online bioethics graduate students to meet face-to-face, cultivate new relationships and engage with some of the best scholars in the field. Two other things I would like for ASBH to focus on: 1) enhancing diversity in our field, and 2) collaborating with other professional organizations. Considering the great diversity of professionals working in US health care, bioethics and medical humanities should strive to reflect this diversity. We should be actively recruiting more underrepresented minorities into ASBH. ASBH should also consider more fruitful collaborations with professional organizations that may have an affinity for the kind of work we do. Moreover, considering the increasingly global focus of bioethics, ASBH should consider collaborations with organizations that have a similar focus.

### Kathleen E Powderly, PhD CNM

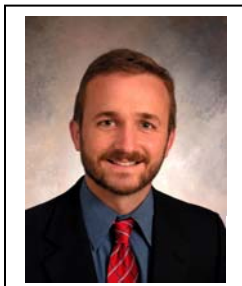


I am the Acting Director of the Division of Humanities in Medicine at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. I hold faculty appointments in the Colleges of Medicine (Ob/Gyn) and Nursing and also teach in the MPH program. I am a nurse-midwife by background with degrees from Niagara and Yale and hold a PhD from Columbia in Sociomedical Sciences with a focus on the history of medicine and public health. In addition to my teaching responsibilities, I am a clinical ethicist at University Hospital of Brooklyn/Kings County Hospital Center. I have served as Vice-Chair of the Council of Ethics Committee Chairs of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. I am currently working on an oral history project involving first responders to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, researching the early days of the field of bioethics via the Hastings Center Archives and preparing for Downstate's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I have been an Adjunct Associate at the Hastings Center and am a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

I have always been an active participant in professional organizations and have experience on a national level as Co-Chair of the Archives Committee for the American College of Nurse-Midwives and a member of their Ethics Committee. I have been an active participating member of ASBH since its inception. I appreciate the importance of a strong professional organization with strong leadership. I have served ASBH as an abstract reviewer, member of the Program Comm. and member of the Nominating Committee. I am interested in more involvement at the Board level. I feel my diverse background in nursing, nurse-midwifery, clinical ethics, history and public health are very appropriate for such an interdisciplinary organization and I hope you will consider my candidacy seriously.

## Nominating Committee

### Farr Curlin, MD



I am a palliatrician and internist and associate faculty in the MacLean Center of Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago, where I am founding director of the Program on Medicine and Religion. I have much enjoyed actively participating in ASBH, which has become over the past several years my primary professional community. At the 2008 national meeting, Tod Chambers

commented in one session that ASBH has largely lost the involvement of theological ethicists, clergy, and those who are other than politically liberal. This poses a problem to the extent ASBH seeks to be a society constituted around the questions of how we are to live and practice, rather than constituted by a particular set of answers to those questions. As a member of the nominating committee, I would hope to work constructively with other committee members to nominate colleagues that represent the best scholarship and leadership, with attention to all parts of our diverse community.

### Andrea L Kalfoglou, PhD



I am an Assistant Professor of Health Administration and Policy at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Previously, I was a Research Fellow in the Social and Behavioral Research Branch of the NHGRI, NIH; Research Coordinator at the Genetics and Public Policy Center; and Program Officer at the Institute of Medicine. I

also staffed the National Bioethics Advisory Board and National Advisory Board on Ethics in Reproduction. My doctorate is in Health Policy and Bioethics from the Berman Institute of Bioethics at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

I have been a member of ASBH since its founding. My prior service includes, recruiting the 2006 career development speaker, serving as an abstract reviewer, and a co-founding the mental health and reproductive affinity groups and being an active member of the research affinity group. Previously, I've sat on the Board of Directors for the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation, and I chaired the subcommittee on bioethics for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Advisory Committee on Science and Technology. My research focuses on ethical issues related to reproduction and ethical issues in mental health.

If elected, I will nominate individuals who have a vision to build the ASBH membership by creating a clear, compelling message about the benefits of being an ASBH member, and by reaching out to underrepresented groups. I will also nominate individuals who have as a goal supporting its younger members by ensuring that the career building resources are useful and of high quality and by making the annual meeting more financially accessible.

## Nominating Committee

### Paul A Lombardo, PhD JD



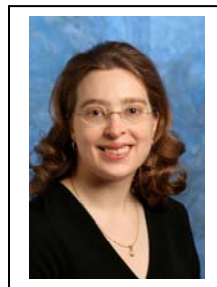
In search of a field that allowed for truly interdisciplinary study, I stumbled into bioethics almost 30 years ago and I have benefited from the opportunities the ASBH offers for working with like-minded people who straddle professional and academic boundaries since the Society's inception. I present regularly in both academic programs and practical workshops at the Annual Meeting of the ASBH and have served as a reviewer for session proposals at past meetings.

My qualifications to sit on the Nominating Committee include work as an historian and a teacher of bioethics and health law, with interests that span both bioethics and medical humanities. Among my publications are the recent *Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court and Buck v. Bell*, as well as a text I coedited with John Fletcher and others: *Fletcher's Clinical Ethics*, now in its 3rd edition.

From 1990 until 2006 I served on the faculties of the Schools of Law and Medicine at the University of Virginia, first as Director of Mental Health Law at the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy, then Director of the Program in Law and Medicine at the Center for Biomedical Ethics. I am currently a Professor of Law at the Center for Law, Health and Society at Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta.

I continue to work with people from a variety of professional groups and as a member of the nominating committee would hope to identify some of them for leadership positions within ASBH.

### Christy A Rentmeester, PhD



I'm a philosopher currently doing clinical ethics consultation and teaching health policy, ethics, and humanities to medical students at Creighton University. I've written in the professionalism literature, but focus my current research interests in public health and mental health ethics. A longtime ASBH member, I initiated and direct the Mental Health Ethics and Policy Affinity Group of ASBH, serve as a reviewer for the Programming Sub-committees when needed, contribute to *ASBH Exchange*, and continue as a devoted and active scholar and teacher in the international community of bioethicists.

I'm eager to sharing long-term active leadership in ASBH throughout my career and to assuming an official role in service to the Society on the Nominating Committee. Insofar as this committee shapes the future and growth of ASBH, I will collaborate to seek candidates for ASBH leadership who are strong advocates for innovative intersectoral work in our professions, supportive and skilled guides for junior faculty and graduate students in bioethics, and committed to motivating the capacity of bioethicists to productively facilitate public (not only academic) discourses about justice in healthcare policies and practices.