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EDUCATION

- 2001 – 2005 Ph.D. Health Policy & Administration (Epidemiology minor), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health
- 1994 – 1995 M.P.H. Health Law Concentration, Boston University School of Public Health
- 1980 – 1985 B.S. Food & Nutrition (Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics), Iowa State University

EXPERIENCE

Professional

- 2007 – Assistant Research Professor, Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy
- Other appointments:*
- Faculty Associate, Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities & History of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center
 - Faculty Category B, Duke Clinical Research Institute
 - Faculty Associate, Center for Genomics & Society (a Center of Excellence in ELSI Research), UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2006 Senior Research Scholar, Center for Genome Ethics, Law & Policy, Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy
- 1999 – 2001 Career Development Awardee (through the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine), Office of Genetics and Disease Prevention, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- 1996 – 1998 Associate Director and Coordinator, Program in Genomics, Ethics & Society, Stanford University Center for Biomedical Ethics

Graduate Student

- 2002 – 2003 Teaching Assistant for courses on “Ethical Issues in Health Policy and Administration” and “Health Law,” Dean Harris, JD, Instructor, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health
- 2002 – 2003 Research Assistant, North Carolina Center for Genomics & Public Health, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health
- 1995 Research Assistant, National Technology Assessment Program, Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of Research & Development, Boston, MA
- 1995 Research Assistant for George Annas, JD, MPH and Leonard Glantz, JD, Health Law Department, Boston University School of Public Health

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Beskow LM**, Grady C, Iltis AS, Sadler JZ, Wilfond BS. Points to consider: the relationship between research ethics consultation and institutional review boards. *IRB: Ethics & Human Research*; in press.
- Beskow LM**, Smolek SJ. Prospective biorepository participants’ perspectives on access to research results. *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics* 2009; 4(3): 99-111 [PMCID: in process].
- Beskow LM**, Dame L, Costello EJ. Certificates should be retired, Certificates should be strengthened: Author reply. *Science* 2009; 323(5919): 1288-90.
- Beskow LM**, Dame L, Costello EJ. Certificates of Confidentiality and compelled disclosure of data. *Science* 2008; 322(5904): 1054-5 [PMC2694567].
- Carpenter WR, **Beskow LM**, Blocker DE, Forlenza MJ, Kim AE, Pevzner ES, Rose JM, Tran AN, Webber KH, Knight K, and O’Malley MS. Towards a more comprehensive understanding of cancer burden in North Carolina: Priorities for intervention. *North Carolina Medical Journal* 2008; 69(4): 275-82 [PMC2743945].
- Beskow LM**, Dean E. Informed consent for biorepositories: assessing prospective participants’ understanding and opinions. *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention* 2008; 17(6): 1440-51.
- Haga SG, **Beskow LM**. Ethical, legal, and social implications of biobanks for genetics research. *Advances in Genetics* 2008; 60: 505-44.
- Glickman SW, Anstrom KJ, Lin L, Chandra A, Laskowitz DT, Woods CW, Freeman DH, Kraft M, **Beskow LM**, Weinfurt K, Schulman KA, Cairns CB. Challenges in enrollment of minority, pediatric, and geriatric patients in emergency and acute care clinical research. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 2008; 51(6): 775-80.
- Bailey DB Jr, **Beskow LM**, Davis AM, Skinner D. Changing perspectives on the benefits of newborn screening. *Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Research Reviews* 2006; 12(4): 270-9.
- Beskow LM**. Considering the nature of individual research results (invited commentary). *American Journal of Bioethics* 2006; 6(6): 38-40.

Beskow LM, Sandler RS, Weinberger M. Research recruitment through U.S. central cancer registries: balancing privacy and scientific issues. *American Journal of Public Health* 2006; 96(11): 1920-6 [PMC1751818].

Beskow LM, Millikan RC, Sandler RS, Godley PA, Weiner BJ, Weinberger M. The effect of physician permission versus notification on research recruitment through cancer registries. *Cancer Causes & Control* 2006; 17(3): 315-23.

Stitzenberg KB, Thomas NE, **Beskow LM**, Ollila DW. Population-based analysis of lymphatic mapping and sentinel lymphadenectomy utilization for intermediate thickness melanoma. *Journal of Surgical Oncology* 2006; 93(2): 100-7.

Beskow LM, Sandler RS, Millikan RC, Weinberger M. Patient perspectives on research recruitment through cancer registries. *Cancer Causes & Control* 2005; 16(10): 1171-5.

Beskow LM, Botkin JR, Daly M, Juengst ET, Lehmann LS, Merz JF, Pentz R, Press NA, Ross LF, Sugarman J, Susswein LR, Terry SF, Austin MA, Burke W. Ethical issues in identifying and recruiting participants for familial genetic research. *American Journal of Medical Genetics* 2004; 130A: 424-31.

Beskow LM, Burke W, Merz JF, Barr PA, Terry, S, Penchaszadeh VB, Gostin LO, Gwinn M, Khoury MJ. Informed consent for population-based research involving genetics. *JAMA* 2001; 286(18): 2315-21.

Khoury MJ, **Beskow LM**, Gwinn M. Translation of genomic research into health care [letter]. *JAMA* 2001; 285(19): 2447.

Beskow LM, Khoury MJ, Baker TG, Thrasher JF. The integration of genomics into public health research, policy, and practice. *Community Genetics* 2001; 4(1): 2-11.

McConnell LM, Koenig BA, Greely HT, Raffin TA. (guest editors) Genetic Testing and Alzheimer Disease. *Genetic Testing* (special issue) 1999; 3(1).

McConnell LM, Koenig BA, Greely HT, Raffin TA. Genetic testing and Alzheimer disease: recommendations of the Stanford Program in Genomics, Ethics, and Society. *Genetic Testing* 1999; 3(1): 3-12.

McConnell LM. Understanding genetic testing for Alzheimer disease: medical and epidemiological background. *Genetic Testing* 1999; 3(1): 21-7.

Tobin SL, Chun N, Powell TM, **McConnell LM**. The genetics of Alzheimer disease and the application of molecular tests. *Genetic Testing* 1999; 3(1): 37-45.

McConnell LM, Sanders G, Owens DK. Evaluation of genetic tests: APOE genotyping for the diagnosis of Alzheimer disease. *Genetic Testing* 1999; 3(1): 47-53.

McConnell LM, Goldstein MK. The application of medical decision analysis to genetic testing: an introduction. *Genetic Testing* 1999; 3(1): 65-70.

McConnell LM. Who should take the Alzheimer's test? *Stanford Medicine* Winter 1998/99: 13.

McConnell LM, Koenig BA, Greely HT, Raffin TA. Genetic testing and Alzheimer disease: has the time come? *Nature Medicine* 1998; 4(7): 757-9.

Koenig BA, Greely HT, **McConnell LM**, Silverberg HL, Raffin TA. Genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2: recommendations of the Stanford Program in Genomics, Ethics, and Society. *Journal of Women's Health* 1998; 7(5): 531-45.

In process:

Beskow LM, Friedman J, Hardy C, Lin L, Weinfurt KP. Simplifying informed consent for biorepositories: What do prospective participants most want to know?; submitted.

McGuire AL, **Beskow LM**. Informed consent in genomics and genetic research (invited). *Annual Review of Genomics and Human Genetics* 2010; in process.

Clayton EW, Smith M, Fullerton SM, Burke W, McCarty CA, Koenig BA, Malin B, McGuire AL, **Beskow LM**, Rodriguez LL, Ramos E. The Electronic Medical Records and Genomics (eMERGE) Network Consent & Community Consultation Workgroup; in process.

Beskow LM, Friedman J, Hardy C, Lin L, Weinfurt KP. Simplifying informed consent for biorepositories: stakeholder perspectives; in process.

Book Chapters

Beskow LM, Burke W. Ethical issues in genetic epidemiology and population genetics. In SS Coughlin, TL Beauchamp, DL Weed (eds), *Ethics and Epidemiology, Second Edition*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2009.

Haga S, **Beskow LM**. Ethical, legal, and social implications of biobanks for genetics research. In DC Rao (ed), *Genetic Dissection of Complex Traits, Second Edition*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press, 2008.

Beskow LM. Ethical, legal, and social issues in the design and conduct of human genome epidemiologic studies. In MJ Khoury, J Little, W Burke (eds), *Human Genome Epidemiology: A Scientific Foundation for Using Genetic Information to Improve Health and Prevent Disease*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Beskow LM, Gwinn M, Rothstein MA. Integrating genetics into public health policy and practice. In RA Goodman, RE Hoffman, W Lopez, GW Matthews, MA Rothstein (eds), *Law in Public Health Practice*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Simplifying Informed Consent: Stakeholder Perspectives at the 59th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, Honolulu, HI, October 2009.

Certificates of Confidentiality and the Compelled Disclosure of Research Data at National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Seminar, Research Triangle Park, NC, April 2009.

CEER-CTSA Synergies at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Centers of Excellence in ELSI Research, Stanford, CA, March 2009.

Informed Consent Disclosures and Options Concerning Genetic Research Results at "Ethical and Practical Guidelines for Reporting Genetic Research Results to Study Participants," National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute Workshop, Bethesda, MD, January 2009.

Research Participants' Reactions to Biorepository Consent Language at Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research's 2008 Advancing Ethical Research Conference, Orlando, FL, November 2008.

Ethical and Policy Issues in Large-Scale Research Repositories and Data Sharing at "Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) Resource," National Institutes of Health Workshop, Bethesda, MD, June 2008.

Informed Consent for Biobanks: Research to Translate Policy into Practice at "Translating 'ELSI': Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Genomic Research," Cleveland, OH, May 2008.

Research Ethics Consultation in the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Consortium at "Research Ethics Consultation," Stanford University Center for Integration of Research on Genetics & Ethics Workshop, Stanford, CA, May 2007.

Access to Potential Subjects in Epidemiological and Health Services Research: Considerations for IRBs (plenary panel) at Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research's 2006 Annual Human Research Protection Programs Conference, Washington, DC, November 2006.

NIH's Proposal for Data Sharing in Genomic Studies: Exploring the Implications for Participants, Investigators, and IRBs at Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research's 2006 Annual Human Research Protection Programs Conference, Washington, DC, November 2006.

Patient Contact Studies: Results from a National Survey at "From Registration to Research," Maryland Cancer Registry 2005 Educational Conference, Baltimore, MD, December 2005.

Protecting Participants in Population-Based Research Involving Genetics at "Ethics, Law and Policy," 5th World Congress of Bioethics, London, England, September 2000.

The Role of Genetics in Public Health Prevention Programs at "Genetics in Public Health: Connecting Research, Education, Practice and Community," 3rd National Conference on Genetics and Disease Prevention, Ann Arbor, MI, September 2000.

Translating Advances in Human Genetics into Public Health Action at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Public Health Association, Auburn, AL, April 2000.

Genetic Research: Guidance from the National Bioethics Advisory Commission at "Prevention 2000," 17th Annual National Preventive Medicine Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2000.

Integrating Genetics into Public Health Research: Developing Guidelines for Informed Consent for the Excellence in Science Committee, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, November 1999.

APOE Genotyping for the Diagnosis of Alzheimer Disease at the Kaiser Regional Ethics Symposium on Genetics, Berkeley, CA, March 1999.

Evaluating the Safety and Effectiveness of Genetic Tests for the Office of Genetics and Disease Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, January 1999.

Targeted Prevention: A New Paradigm in Public Health Practice at "Individual Genetic Variation: Implications of the Coming Transformation of Medicine," Stanford Program in Genomics, Ethics, and Society, Stanford, CA, October 1998.

Genetic Testing and Alzheimer Disease: Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Clinical Testing Programs at “Advances in the Practice of Clinical Genetics,” 5th Annual Meeting of the American College of Medical Genetics, Los Angeles, CA, March 1998.

Genetic Testing and Alzheimer Disease at “Genetic Information: Acquisition, Access, and Control,” University of Central Lancashire for the International Association of Bioethics and Euroscreen, Preston, England, December 1997.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Co-instructor of 5-week course, *Responsible Conduct of Research for NIH Trainees*, Duke University, Durham, NC, September 2009. My lecture: “Responsible Authorship and Peer Review.”

Co-instructor of 5-week course, *Responsible Conduct of Research for NIH Trainees*, Duke University, Durham, NC, March 2009. My lecture: “Study Design and Ethical Research with Humans.”

Academic and Community-Based Lectures

Simplifying Informed Consent for Biospecimen Research for the UNC-Chapel Hill Center Genomics & Society interdisciplinary seminar series, Chapel Hill, NC, December 2009.

Informed Consent for Biospecimen Research for the Duke University Health System Institutional Review Board, Durham, NC, December 2009.

Genetic Databases and Privacy Concerns (with Lauren Dame) for the Responsible Conduct of Research Forum, Duke University Graduate School, Durham, NC, February 2009.

Researchers’ Obligations to Disclose Genetic Research Results to Research Participants: What Do You Think? for the Genomic Medicine Forum, Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy, Durham, NC, December 2008.

Returning Research Results to Research Participants for the Duke University Genome Revolution Focus Program, Durham, NC, September 2008.

Gene Expression to Stratify Cancer Patients and Predict Clinical Outcome: Scientific and ELSI Issues in the Cancer Genome Atlas Project (panel) for the UNC-Chapel Hill Center Genomics & Society interdisciplinary seminar series, Chapel Hill, NC, April 2008.

Simplifying Informed Consent for Biorepositories for the Genomic Medicine Forum, Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy, Durham, NC, February 2008.

Large-Scale Genomic Databases: Practical and Policy Considerations for Use for Genomes@4 series, Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy, Durham, NC, May 2007.

Large-Scale Research Involving Genomics for the Clinical Research Training Program’s Responsible Conduct of Research Course, Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC, April 2007.

Ethical & Policy Issues in Research Involving Human Biospecimens for the Genome Academy, Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy, Durham, NC, November 2006.

NIH's Proposed Data Sharing Policy for Genome-Wide Association Studies for the Cardiovascular Genomic Forum, Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy, Durham, NC, October 2006.

Recruiting Research Participants through Cancer Registries - Stakeholder Perspectives: Dissertation presentations for Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy, September 2006; RTI International, April 2006; UNC Center for Excellence in Ethical, Legal & Social Implications Research, April 2006; Indiana University Center for Health Services and Outcomes Research, August 2005; Policy Seminar in Health Policy and Administration (HPAA 360), UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health, April 2004.

Ethical and Policy Issues in Genomics and Public Health: Guest lectures for “Ethical Issues in Health Policy and Administration” (HPAA 185), UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health, February 2002, February 2003, February 2004.

Assessing Health Care Technologies: Using Genetic Information to Improve Health & Prevent Disease for “Evolution, Organization, and Financing of Health Services in the United States” (HPAA 220), UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health, November 2000.

Implications of Advances in Molecular Genetics (with Sara Tobin) for Earthwatch Student Challenge Program, Stanford Human Genome Center, Palo Alto, CA, August 1998.

Ethical Implications of Advances in Human Genetics for the Center for Advancement and Renewal of Educators, San Francisco, CA, March 1998.

Ethical Issues in Genetic Testing for Alzheimer Disease for Alzheimer's Association Support Group, San Francisco, CA, March 1998.

Ethics and Alzheimer Genetics (with Sara Tobin) for the Bay Area Alzheimer's Consortium, San Mateo, CA, October 1997.

Ethical Issues in Molecular Genetics (with Sara Tobin and Timothy Caulfield) for Earthwatch Student Challenge Program, Stanford Human Genome Center, Palo Alto, CA, July 1997.

Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer Susceptibility (with Sara Tobin) at “Molecular Genetic Methods,” Cold Spring Harbor-sponsored workshop at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills, CA, April 1997.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Active

Title: *Ethical Issues in Genotype-Driven Recontact for Research Recruitment*
Role: Principal Investigator
Source: NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research (1RC1-HG-005787)
Dates: 2009-2011

Title: *Programs in Clinical Effectiveness of Cancer Pharmacogenomics*
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Geoffrey S. Ginsburg, Duke University)
Source: Recovery Act Limited Competition for NIH Grants: Research and Research Infrastructure “Grand Opportunities” (1RC2-CA-148041)
Dates: 2009-2011

Title: *An Open Source Research Permissions Management System for South Carolina*
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Jay Moskowitz, Health Sciences South Carolina)
Source: Recovery Act Limited Competition for NIH Grants: Research and Research Infrastructure “Grand Opportunities” (award no. forthcoming)
Dates: 2009-2011

Title: *Simplifying Informed Consent for Biorepositories*
Role: Principal Investigator (with Kevin P. Weinfurt, Co-PI)
Source: David H. Murdock Foundation (private gift to Duke University to establish the MURDOCK Study)
Dates: 2008-2010

Title: *Center for Public Genomics (a Center of Excellence in ELSI Research (CEER))*
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Robert M. Cook-Deegan, Duke University)
Source: National Human Genome Research Institute (5P50-HG-003391)
Dates: 2006-2010

Title: *Clinical and Translational Research Ethics, Law & Policy Core*
Role: Associate Director
Source: National Center for Research Resources (to establish the Duke Translational Medicine Institute (DTMI) (5UL1-RR-024128))
Dates: 2006-2011

Pending

Title: *Assessing the Use and Understanding of Certificates of Confidentiality*
Role: Principal Investigator
Source: NIH R01 (resubmitted July 2009)
Dates: 2010-2012 (projected)

Title: *Advancing Collaborative Genetic Research: Ethical and Policy Challenges*
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Leona Cuttler, Case Western Reserve University)
Source: NIH R01 (submitted June 2009)
Dates: 2010-2013 (projected)

Title: *Center for Public Genomics (renewal)*
Role: Principal Investigator of ‘Translational Medicine, Repository & Inter-CEER Activities’ core (overall PI: Robert M. Cook-Deegan, Duke University)
Source: National Human Genome Research Institute (submitted May 2009)
Dates: 2010-2015 (projected)

Completed

Title: *CTSA National Resource Database for Translational (T1) Research*
Role: Co-Investigator (Co-PIs: Geoffrey S. Ginsburg, Duke University and Alice Tarantal, UC Davis)
Source: National Center for Research Resources (Supplement to DTMI 1U54-RR-023469-01)
Dates: 2008-2009

Title: *Assessment of the Utility and Efficacy of Using Genomic Profiles of Chemosensitivity to Individualize Care for Patients with Metastatic Cancer*
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Philip Febbo, Duke University)
Source: Duke University Health System (internal funding)
Dates: 2008

Title: *Improving Informed Consent for Biorepositories*
Role: Principal Investigator
Source: Duke Translational Medicine Institute (DTMI) (SUL1-RR-024128)
Dates: 2007

Title: *Chernobyl Research and Service Project*
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Geoffrey S. Ginsburg, Duke University)
Source: Department of Energy (Research Triangle Institute Subcontract #2-312-0)
Dates: 2006-2008

Title: *Recruiting Research Participants through Cancer Registries: Stakeholder Perspectives*
Role: Principal Investigator (dissertation research)
Source: National Cancer Institute (R25-CA57726) for the UNC-Chapel Hill Lineberger Cancer Control Education Program (pre-doctoral fellowship)
Dates: 2003-2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Committees, Advisory Boards, Working Groups – Leadership Roles

Co-Chair (with Ross McKinney), Research on Research Ethics Workgroup, Clinical Research Ethics Key Function Committee, Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Consortium, 2009-present.

Team Lead, Informed Consent Task Force, Consent and Community Consultation Workgroup, Electronic Medical Records and Genomics (eMERGE) Network, 2008-present.

Chair, Research Ethics Consultation Workgroup, Clinical Research Ethics Key Function Committee, CTSA Consortium, 2007-2009.

National Committees, Advisory Boards, Working Groups – Membership Roles

Clinical Research Ethics Key Function Committee, CTSA Consortium, 2007-present.

Operations Workgroup, Clinical Research Ethics Key Function Committee, CTSA Consortium, 2007-present.

Consent and Community Consultation Workgroup, eMERGE Network, 2007-present.

Informed Consent Working Group, Association of American Medical Colleges, 2007-2008.

Advisory Board, “The Ethics of Consent for the Public Release of Potentially Identifiable DNA Data,” an NHGRI-sponsored study (PI: Amy L. McGuire, Baylor College of Medicine), 2007-present.

Advisory Board, “Ethics and Practice of Stored Tissue Genetic Research,” an NCI-sponsored study (PI: Leslie E. Wolf, Georgia State University), 2007.

Committee on Privacy, Blue Ribbon Panel on Human Genetic Technologies, National Conference of State Legislatures; contributing author on “Genetics Policy Report: Privacy,” 2002.

Ethics Working Group, National Children’s Study, 2000-2002.

Local Committees, Advisory Boards, Working Groups – Leadership Roles

Team Lead, Regulatory and Compliance Working Group, Duke Biobank Task Force, 2007-2008.

Associate Director, Clinical and Translational Research Ethics, Law & Policy Core, Duke Translational Medicine Institute, 2006-present.

Chair, Offering Individual and Aggregate Research Results Subcommittee, Ad Hoc Committee on Tissue Banks and DNA Repositories, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2005-2008.

Local Committees, Advisory Boards, Working Groups – Membership Roles

Community Engagement Committee, Measurement to Understand Reclassification of Disease of Cabarrus/Kannapolis (MURDOCK) Study, Duke University, 2008-present.

Oversight Committee, MURDOCK Study, Duke University, 2007-present.

Ad Hoc Committee on Tissue Banks and DNA Repositories, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2005-2008.

Planning Committee, “Large-Scale Genomic Discovery and Translation,” an NHGRI-funded exploratory grant for the development of a Center of Excellence in ELSI Research (CEER), UNC-Chapel Hill, 2005-2006.

Research Committee, Department of Health Policy & Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health, 2003-2005.

Medical Scientific Advisory Council, Alzheimer’s Association of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, 1998.

Conferences and Meetings Organized

Organizer and Moderator, “The National Bioethics Advisory Commission’s Report on Research Using Human Biological Materials: Implications for Public Health,” CDC Office of Genetics and Disease Prevention, Atlanta, GA, March 2000.

Organizer and Speaker, “Individual Genetic Variation: Implications of the Coming Transformation of Medicine,” Stanford Program in Genomics, Ethics, and Society, Stanford, CA, October 1998.

Organizer and Chair, “Regulating Genetic Counseling Activities in the State of California: A Policy Forum,” Stanford Program in Genomics, Ethics, and Society, Stanford, CA, January 1998.

Organizer, “Genetic Testing and Alzheimer Disease: Has the Time Come?” Stanford Program in Genomics, Ethics, and Society, Stanford, CA, October 1997.

Organizer, “Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer Susceptibility: The Science, The Ethics, The Future,” Stanford Program in Genomics, Ethics, and Society, in conjunction with the 3rd World Congress of Bioethics, San Francisco, CA, November 1996.

Organizer, “Comprehensive Care of the Terminally Ill: A Northern California Consensus Development Conference for Guidelines on Aid-in-Dying,” Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Palo Alto, CA, September 1996.

Journal Referee

American Journal of Bioethics; American Journal of Epidemiology; American Journal of Managed Care; American Journal of Pharmacogenomics; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; American Journal of Public Health; Annals of Behavioral Medicine; BMC Health Services Research; Community Genetics; Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology; Canadian Medical Association Journal; Genetics in Medicine; Genome Research; Health Education & Behavior; IRB: Ethics & Human Research; Nature Biotechnology; Neuroepidemiology; Optometry & Vision Science

Other Professional Activities

Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2009/10 ZRG1 HDM-P (58) S for RFA-OD-09-003, “NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research (RC1),” National Institutes of Health, June 2009.

Special Emphasis Panel for RFA-HG-09-004, “Follow-up Consultation to Inform the Design of a Possible Longitudinal Cohort Study of the Role of Genes and Environment in Health and Disease,” National Human Genome Research Institute, March 2009.

Invited Participant, “Ethical and Practical Guidelines for Reporting Genetic Research Results to Study Participants” workshop, National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute, Bethesda, MD, January 2009.

Special Emphasis Panel for RFA GD08-801, “Genomic Applications in Practice and Prevention: Translation Programs in Education, Surveillance, and Policy,” Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, July 2008.

Invited Participant, “Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) Resource” workshop, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, June 2008.

Key Informant Interview, “Ethics and Safeguards for Psychiatric Genetic Research,” an NIMH-sponsored study (PI: Laura W. Roberts, Medical College of Wisconsin), April 2008.

Member, Advisory Committee on “Whole Genome Sequencing Research – IRB Considerations,” Duke University, Durham, NC, October 2007.

Invited Participant, “Research Ethics Consultation” workshop, Stanford University Center for Integration of Research on Genetics & Ethics, Stanford, CA, May 2007.

Invited Participant, “Reporting Results of Genetic Research” workshop, Stanford University Center for Integration of Research on Genetics and Ethics, Stanford, CA, July 2005.

Consultant, University of Washington Center for Genomics and Public Health, “Asthma Genomics: Implications for Public Health,” a report commissioned by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2004.

Reviewer, “Pharmacogenetics: Ethical and Regulatory Issues in Research and Clinical Practice,” a report of the Consortium on Pharmacogenetics, 2002.

Invited Participant, “Day of Dialog” Workshop for the development of the National Health Museum, San Francisco, CA, October 1998.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Cancer Prevention and Control, Cancer Control and Education Program, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

Recipient, Graduate School Merit Assistantship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2001-2002.

Recipient, Career Development Award, "Integration of Human Genetics into Public Health Education and Training," Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine, 1999-2001.

Elected Member, Delta Omega (graduate honor society, Boston University and University of North Carolina chapters), Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron (undergraduate honor societies).

Recipient, Wyeth-Ayerst Scholarship for Women in Graduate Medical and Health Business Programs, 1994-1995 and 1995-1996.

Recipient, Public Health Traineeship Grant, 1994-1995; Recipient, Boston University School of Public Health Scholarship, 1995-1996.

Registered Dietician and Member, American Dietetic Association, 1985-2000.