

Past Pellegrino Medal Awardees

2025

Laura DeNardis, PhD, 2025

Professor and Endowed Chair in Technology, Ethics, and Society at Georgetown University. Her book, *The Internet in Everything: Freedom and Security in a World with No Off Switch*, was named a *Financial Times* Top Technology Book of 2020.

2024

Cassandra Crifasi, PhD, MPH, 2024

Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and co-director of the Center for Gun Violence Solutions. Her research focuses on injury prevention, gun violence and public policy.

2023

Bruce Korf, MD, PhD, 2023

Wayne H. and Sara Crews Finley Endowed Chair in Medical Genetics, associate dean for Genomic Medicine and chief genomics officer at UAB. A nationally recognized leader in medical genetics and genomic medicine.

Jeffrey Kahn, PhD, 2023

Andreas C. Dracopoulos Director of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics and Levi Professor of Bioethics and Public Policy. His work focuses on research ethics, public health ethics and emerging biomedical technologies.

Farrell O. Mendelsohn, MD, 2023

Clinical and interventional cardiologist whose research has focused on device-based therapies for hypertension.

2022

Patrick T. Smith, PhD, 2022

Associate Research Professor of Theological Ethics and Bioethics and senior fellow at Duke University's Kenan Institute for Ethics. His research focuses on moral philosophy, bioethics, theological ethics and end-of-life care.

2019

Farr Curlin, MD, 2019

Duke University physician and ethicist whose scholarship examines the role of moral and religious commitments in clinical practice.

Scott Gottlieb, MD, 2019

Former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration whose leadership focused on medical innovation, public health and regulatory modernization.

2016**Patricia M. Danzon, PhD, 2016**

Celia Moh Professor at the Wharton School and internationally recognized expert in healthcare economics, pharmaceuticals and insurance.

Donald W. Light, PhD, 2016

Medical sociologist whose research addresses healthcare access, quality and pharmaceutical policy.

2015**H. Tristram Engelhardt Jr., PhD, MD, 2015**

Philosopher, physician and prolific scholar whose work helped shape the modern bioethics movement.

2014**Lisa M. Lee, PhD, MS, 2014**

Public health ethicist and epidemiologist who served as executive director of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

Bruce D. White, DO, JD, 2014

Founding director of the Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute and longtime leader in bioethics education.

2013**Carl Elliott, MD, PhD, 2013**

Bioethicist and author whose work explores corruption, enhancement technologies and the influence of market forces on medicine.

2012

David Brushwood, RPh, JD, 2012

Professor of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy whose work focuses on professional responsibility and pain management policy.

John D. Lantos, MD, 2012

Director of the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center and prolific author on pediatric and clinical ethics.

2011**Joseph O. Dean Jr., PhD, 2011**

Former dean of Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy who helped establish and fund the Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute.

David Satcher, MD, PhD, 2011

Former U.S. surgeon general and founder of The Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Robert M. Veatch, PhD, 2011

Pioneer of contemporary medical ethics whose work influenced bioethics policy and practice.

2010**DeWitt C. Baldwin Jr., MD, 2010**

Scholar-in-Residence at the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and a pioneer of interprofessional healthcare education.

Joseph L. Fink, BS, Pharm, JD, 2010

University of Kentucky pharmacy professor and leading authority on pharmacy and healthcare law.

Joy Hinson Penticuff, RN, PhD, 2010

Nursing educator and leader who served in national ethics leadership roles within the American Academy of Nursing.

2009**Karen Lebacqz, PhD, 2009**

Theological ethicist known for her scholarship in professional ethics, bioethics and public policy.

Daniel P. Sulmasy, OFM, MD, PhD, 2009

Physician, ethicist and Franciscan friar whose scholarship focuses on end-of-life care, ethics and spirituality in medicine.

2008

Stanley Hauerwas, PhD, 2008

Duke University theologian whose work helped restore the importance of character and virtue in Christian ethics.

Robert B. Helms, PhD, 2008

Resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and nationally recognized expert on health policy and economics.

Loretta M. Kopelman, PhD, 2008

Founding chair of Medical Humanities at the Brody School of Medicine and former president of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.

William F. May, PhD, 2008

Influential ethicist, author and former member of the President's Council on Bioethics.

2007

George Annas, JD, MPH, 2007

Boston University professor widely known as the "father of patient rights" and author of numerous books on health law and bioethics.

Amy Marie Haddad, PhD, MSN, 2007

Creighton University professor and author whose scholarship focuses on health policy, ethics and patient care.

Lawrence Schneiderman, MD, 2007

Expert on medical futility and author of more than 170 publications on ethics and preventive healthcare.

2006

Thomas E. Corts, PhD, 2006 (1941-2009)

Former president of Samford University whose leadership was instrumental in establishing the Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute.

Robert A. Buerki, PhD, RPh, 2006

Expert in pharmacy ethics and history and co-author of *Ethical Responsibility in Pharmacy Practice*.

Gregory E. Pence, PhD, 2006

University of Alabama at Birmingham philosopher and author of influential works on medical ethics.

Steven Miles, MD, 2006

Physician and bioethicist whose work has influenced end-of-life care, refugee health and prison medicine.

Louis D. Vottero, MS, RPh, 2006

Pharmacy educator and co-author of *Ethical Responsibility in Pharmacy Practice*.

2005

Sister Carol Taylor, CSFN, RN, PhD, 2005

Georgetown University scholar and author of leading textbooks in nursing ethics.

2004

Tom L. Beauchamp, PhD, 2004

Professor of Philosophy and Senior Research Scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics who helped write *The Belmont Report* and co-authored *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*.

James F. Childress, PhD, 2004

University Professor at the University of Virginia, co-author of *Principles of Biomedical Ethics* and former member of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

Ronald E. Cranford, MD, 2004 (1940-2006)

Brain injury expert who helped establish standards for determining deep coma and vegetative states and advised on landmark right-to-die cases.

Linda L. Emanuel, MD, PhD, 2004

Professor of Geriatric Medicine at Northwestern University and internationally recognized expert in palliative care.

Alan Meisel, JD, 2004

Leading scholar on informed consent and patient decision-making in healthcare.

2003

Virginia Trotter Betts, MSN, JD, FAAN, 2003

Healthcare policy leader who served in senior roles with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Sandra H. Johnson, JD, LLM, 2003

Professor Emerita at Saint Louis University School of Law and author of influential publications in health law and bioethics.

Mickey C. Smith, PhD, 2003

Internationally recognized expert in pharmaceutical marketing and founder of the *Journal of Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management*.

2002

Sister Virginia Delaney, DC, 2002

Healthcare ethics leader whose work helped establish ethics committees throughout Alabama.

Albert R. Jonsen, PhD, 2002

Bioethics pioneer who served on landmark national commissions and authored numerous influential works.

Mark Siegler, MD, 2002

University of Chicago physician and ethicist whose work helped shape modern shared decision-making in medicine.

William J. Winslade, PhD, JD, 2002

Professor of medical humanities and prolific author whose work has shaped medical ethics and brain injury policy.

2001

Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, MACP, 2001

Physician, philosopher and pioneer of American bioethics for whom the Pellegrino Medal is named.

John C. Fletcher, PhD, 2001 (1932-2004)

Pioneer of clinical bioethics and founding leader of bioethics programs at the NIH and the University of Virginia.

Marian Gray Secundy, PhD, 2001 (1938-2002)

Founding director of the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care.

R. Clayton McWhorter, 2001 (1933-2016)

Founder of HealthTrust Inc. and LifeTrust America whose philanthropy helped establish Samford's Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute.

Additional Honorees

Robert Record, MD

Family physician, CEO and medical director of Christ Health Center, and founder of The Birmingham Dream Center.

Christine Ritchie, MD, MSPH

Geriatrics and palliative care expert whose work has advanced care for seriously ill older adults through clinical care, research and program development.