

**Call for Papers**  
**AALS Section on Law, Medicine and Health Care**

**“The End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:  
Lessons Learned and the Future of Pandemic Law & Policy”**

**AALS Annual Meeting 2024**  
**Washington, DC**

The AALS Section on Law, Medicine and Health Care is pleased to announce a Call for Papers for its panel, “The End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned and the Future of Pandemic Law & Policy,” which will take place at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

The panel is co-sponsored by the Sections on Aging & the Law, Disability Law, and Poverty Law.

The panel will address critical topics arising from the aftermath of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, which ended on May 11, 2023. These topics may include but are not limited to:

- Access to health insurance and health care
- Payment and coverage flexibilities in health insurance, including telehealth
- Liability immunity for health care providers
- FDA emergency use authorization for medical countermeasures
- Doctrinal and legislative developments in emergency powers laws
- Impact on communities disproportionately affected by health disparities
- Readiness for future pandemics and other public health emergencies
- Global public health security
- Developments in other areas of law—e.g., immigration law, international trade law, labor and employment law, and others—related to the end of the PHE

Panelists are also encouraged to address whether legal and policy changes made during the PHE have or have not continued beyond the PHE, and what this says about the future of pandemic law and policy.

**Form of Submission**

To be considered as a speaker, please submit an abstract of no more than 400 words and a CV or résumé to the program organizers by June 30, 2023, by emailing Chair-Elect Medha D. Makhoul at [mmakhoul@psu.edu](mailto:mmakhoul@psu.edu).

Members of the Section on Law, Medicine and Health Care may submit to this panel and separately to the Section’s Works-in-Progress Program (“New Voices in Law, Medicine and Health Care”) but can only be selected for one of the two.

## **Selection & Notification**

Speakers will be selected by members of the Section's Executive Committee and will be notified by September 22, 2023. Speakers will be listed by name and paper title in the official program.

Please note that the selected speakers will be responsible for paying their conference registration fee and any hotel or travel expenses.

Please forward this Call for Papers to any faculty who may be interested.

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