

*2022 Annual Health Law Conference*  
**Climate Change: The Challenges for Health, Equity and the Law**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Climate change and global warming are already having a significant impact on public health and health care systems across the globe. Lack of infrastructure and preparedness result in systems that are ill-equipped to handle the challenges of increases in climate change-related deaths, acute and chronic illnesses, and resource strain. These issues disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) and populations already experiencing significant disparities in care and access. Law and policy will be instrumental in determining the response to ongoing climate change issues, and will most certainly influence how healthcare and public health systems develop strategies for resilience and change.

As part of its annual health law conference, the Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern University School of Law seeks abstracts for papers that address the connection between climate change and health. We are especially interested in papers that put health equity central to their analysis.

Potential topics include, but certainly are not limited to:

- › The impact and legal response(s) to health disparities brought on and exacerbated by climate change.
- › The development of legal and policy structures and strategies to address climate change.
- › Global perspectives on the intersection of climate change and health, and the role of global governance in addressing these challenges.
- › The responsibility of health care systems in responding to and addressing climate change and other related environmental issues.
- › Distinctive bioethical challenges presented by climate change.

**The authors of the selected abstracts will present their papers at the conference on Thursday, April 14, 2022.** Authors will also be invited to contribute their papers to an issue of the *Northeastern University Law Review* (NULR) (15,000 words, including footnotes and bibliography). **Final papers will be due to NULR in late May 2022.**

**Abstracts (maximum 250 words) will be accepted until November 8, 2021.** Please send to [lawhealth@northeastern.edu](mailto:lawhealth@northeastern.edu) with “2022 Call for Papers” in the subject line. Decisions are anticipated in December 2021.

Early expressions of interest and/or full paper submissions are welcome.

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