

SUMMARY OF EXPERTISE

Narrative: Jonathan Craig-Mendes is a fellowship-trained, full-time Clinical Ethics practitioner with experience drawn from his involvement in and leadership of over 1,000 individual bedside ethics consults. Part of an extremely small subset of Clinical Ethics Consultants having undertaken and graduated from formal fellowship training, Jonathan has the unique capability to opine on both broad-base bioethical theory as well as operational realities impacting the provision of “ethically ideal” clinical care. Jonathan is published in the Harvard Latin American Law Review, the Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion, as well as scientific and peer-reviewed journals accepting ethics-based articles.

Keywords: Clinical Ethics, Bioethics, Health Law, Disability Law, Legal Medicine, Elder Law, Goal-Concordant Care, Health Care/Medical Power of Attorney, Mental Healthcare Power of Attorney, Medical Ethics, Hospital Policy Development, Advance Care Planning, Living Wills, Mediation, Conflict, Dispute Resolution, Guardianship and Conservatorship

EDUCATION

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) University — School of Healthcare Business and Technology, Boston, MA;

Doctor of Medical Sciences (D.M.Sc.), Concentration in Healthcare Systems Leadership, August 2027 (Expected).

Emory University — School of Law, Atlanta, GA;

Doctor of Law (J.D.), Concentration in Law and Religion, Concentration in Criminal Litigation, May 2024.

Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results (TI:GER®) Certificate in Intellectual Property Law, May 2024.

JOURNAL: Journal of Law and Religion and Canopy Forum, Assistant Editor/Contributor, 2023-2024.

COMMENT: Violent Religious Extremism and its Chilling Effect on Religious Liberty: An International Criminal Law Perspective.

SPECIAL PROJECT: Exploring Costs and Challenges of Immigrant Detention and 287(g) Contracts, Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) (Experiential Learning Client), for LAW 690B-1: Human Rights Advocacy.

MEMBERSHIP: International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition (Researcher & Oralist, 2022-2023); Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Team Coach, 2023-2024).

LEADERSHIP: Emory Moot Court Society Executive Board (Director of Communications and Events); Health Law Society (Communications Committee Representative).

RECOGNITION: Dean’s Service Award; Law School Merit Scholarship Recipient; Akerman LLP Scholarship Recipient.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln — College of Business, Lincoln, NE;

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Specialization in Finance, Dec. 2022.

Graduate Certificate in Financial Communications, Dec. 2022.

Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit — Mary Pappert School of Music, Pittsburgh, PA;

Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.), *summa cum laude*, Instrumental Music Performance, May 2019.

LEADERSHIP: Master Calendar Reorganization Committee (Student Representative); Dean’s Evaluation Committee.

(Student Representative); Music Teacher’s National Association (Duquesne Chapter Founder and President);

Duquesne University Composer’s Society (Treasurer).

RECOGNITION: Matty & Eddie Shiner Endowed Fund for Brass; Marie W. & Richard H. Barry Endowed Scholarship; Pogue-Bearinger Memorial Endowed Scholarship; Frank J. Ippolito Endowed Scholarship; School of Music Dean’s List (all semesters); Mortar Board; Mu Phi Epsilon Professional Music Fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa.

ANCILLARY EDUCATION

Children's Mercy Kansas City Health System — Department of Bioethics, Kansas City, MO. (No Grading System.)
Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics, May 2027 (Expected).

Loyola University Chicago — Stritch School of Medicine, Maywood, IL;
Certificate in Bioethics and Health Policy, May 2027 (Expected).

University of Pittsburgh — School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA;
Certificate of Advanced Study in Healthcare Compliance Law, Dec. 2022.

Agnes Scott College — Department of Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Studies, Decatur, GA;
Post-Baccalaureate Program in Pre-Medical Sciences, May 2021.

LEADERSHIP: Agnes Scott College Graduate Student Government Association (Post-Baccalaureate Finance Chair).

RECOGNITION: President's Pre-Medical Grant.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Banner Health, Phoenix, AZ.

Clinical Ethicist, West Valley Hospitals, October 2025–Present.

- Partner with colleagues in Banner's Clinical Ethics Consultation Service to offer on-call coverage to the patients and staff of Banner Thunderbird Medical Center;
- In concert with Banner's Director of Ethics, I work to grow (and ensure reliable access to) the Ethics Consultation Service across the system's West-Valley-area inpatient treatment facilities (Banner Boswell, Del E. Webb, and Estrella hospitals);
- Assist in providing system-wide consult coverage to Banner's hospitals in U.S. states outside of Arizona, including Colorado, California, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Nevada;
- Participate in the management and resolution of a high-volume and fast-paced consult load (>1200 consults/annually, making Banner Health the 4th-largest consult service by-volume in the United States);
- Ancillary responsibilities include assisting with education initiatives, policy development, consult screening, collection and interpretation of rich data, and other duties as assigned.

Wellstar Health System Clinical Ethics Service, Marietta, GA.

Post-Doctoral Clinical Ethics Fellow (Graduated), July 2024–June 2025.

- Rotate on Wellstar's high-volume Ethics Consultation Service across eight hospitals and multiple outpatient facilities, with on-call duty for 28 weeks and 12 weekends out of the year;
- Participate as active member in a large amount of the over 1000 total clinical ethics consultation cases requested by Wellstar care teams during the fellowship year-to-date (July-June);
- Train under HEC-C certified attending ethicists, with gradually-expanding clinical responsibilities aimed at developing independent ethics practice by month 10 of the fellowship;
- Train to lead ethics consultations in on-the job training as well as through monthly case simulation exercises featuring professional actors as model patients and family members;
- Study negotiation, mediation, and conflict resolution techniques under ethics staff supervision;
- Support policy development and revision (in collaboration with Wellstar's Ethics Advisory Group initiative);
- Attend various committee meetings where ethical considerations are implicated;
- Develop an original quality improvement (QI) project regarding weekly service hand-off and case tracking;
- Teach on ethics topics to diverse practitioner and allied health professional audiences across Wellstar member/affiliated institutions.

Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE), New York, NY.

Law Fellow, May–June 2024.

- Fully funded law fellow participant in the 2024 FASPE law program.
- Participated in an intensive, two-week study program in professional ethics and ethical leadership.
- Travelled as a cohort to significant locations from the holocaust (including concentration camps in Germany and Poland) to examine the motivations and conduct of German lawyers and judges in designing, enabling, and executing Nazi policies.

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA.

Teaching Assistant, LAW 525: Criminal Law (John Witte, Jr.), January 2023–May 2024.

- Assisted Professor John Witte, Jr., in teaching LAW 525: Criminal Law, Emory University’s 1st-year introductory criminal law course. Held office hours and review sessions, and relayed student feedback to Professor Witte.

Research Assistant, Matthew Sag, September 2023.

- Contributed to a data-entry project aimed at empirically analyzing trends in full-time faculty hiring among U.S. law schools.

Research Assistant, Margo Bagley, May-July 2023.

- Conducted research on Moderna-NIH patent dispute over inventorship of the mRNA-1273 sequence utilized as the immunologically-active ingredient in the Moderna (Spikevax) SARS-CoV-2 vaccine. Project ended early (prior to final deliverable) for bereavement.

New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney’s Office, Investigations Division, Cybercrime and Identity Theft Bureau, New York, NY.

Law Fellow, Summer 2023.

- Participated in lectures, roundtable ethics discussions, and mock litigation exercises; helped prepare cases for grand jury presentations, hearings, and trials; research and draft appellate briefs and intra-office memoranda; and observed trials.
- Composed memoranda including Defendant’s right to counsel in CPL 440 motions, scope of jurisdiction in cross-jurisdictional conspiracy charges, and requirements for self-authentication of foreign DMV records.
- Coordinated transnational criminal law enforcement with INTERPOL on complex fraud case.

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia, Chambers of Presiding Judge Christopher J. McFadden, Atlanta, GA.

Legal Research Associate (Extern), Fall 2022.

- Assisted Judge McFadden and court staff attorneys in preparation for oral arguments before the Court of Appeals.
- Proofread judicial opinions, and assisted Judge McFadden in writing projects, in particular concerning Georgia civil procedure law and discretionary appeals.

Gwinnett Judicial Circuit Office of the District Attorney, Division 1, Lawrenceville, GA.

Law Intern, Summer 2022.

- Performed evidence analysis, including review of police officer body-worn camera footage and Medical Examiner reports.
- Engaged in the charging decision process through dialogue with supervisor regarding individual cases and defendants.
- Crafted charts and law summaries regarding various aspects of Georgia criminal procedure law, including charting the necessary steps for indictment vs. accusation (utilized in felony vs. misdemeanor procedure, respectively).

PUBLICATIONS

Jonathan D. Craig-Mendes, *Violent Religious Extremism and its Chilling Effect on Religious Liberty: An International Criminal Law Perspective*, 25 RUTGERS J. L. & RELIGION 1, Spring 2026.

Jonathan D. Craig-Mendes, *Exploring Costs and Challenges of Immigrant Detention and 287(g) Contracts in the Southeastern United States*, 28 HARV. LAT. AM. LAW REV. 1, Fall 2025.

Jonathan D. Craig-Mendes; Jason Lesandrini, *The Ethics of Offering Opiate Pain Medication to Critically-Ill Patients Suffering from Contrast-Induced Nephropathy (CIN)*, JOURNAL OF RADIOLOGY NURSING; Elsevier, December 2024.

INVITED TALKS AND EDUCATION SESSIONS

BEST [Banner Ethics Screening Tool] in Show: Advancing Preventive Ethics Models Through DRG Screening, for **International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation**, 12th June 2026. Co-presented with Alexandra “Lexi” White, JD, PhD, HEC-C, and Avi Rovinsky, PT, DPT, MBA, FACHE, CPHQ.

Exploring Narrative Practice in Advance Directive Drafting, for **Arizona Bioethics Network**, 18th March 2026.

Goals of Care Training Series, **Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center**, Spring 2026 (Weekly Recurring).

An Introduction to Jesse’s Law, **Banner Estrella Medical Center Ethics Committee**, 25th February 2026.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Bioethics and Clinical Ethics Consultation Continuing Education

- *40-Hour Mediation Training*, **Phoenix Dispute Solutions**, January–May 2026.
- *First Steps® Advanced Care Planning Facilitator*, **Respecting Choices®**, January 2025.
- *Motivational Interviewing - Brief Interventions in Health Care*, led by Steven Rollnick, **Psychwire**, December 2024.
- *Mastering Tough Conversations*, **VITALtalk**, November 2024.

Other Professional Development Activity

- *Connection: Accelerating Ideas Opinion Writing Intensive*, **The Op-Ed Project**, September 2026 (Anticipated). 90% “Pay with Words” Scholarship Recipient.
- *Write to Change the World (WTCTW) Opinion-Writing Intensive*, **The Op-Ed Project**, July 2025. 100% “Pay with Words” Scholarship Recipient.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Healthcare Ethics Consultant (HCEC) Certification Commission – American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), Chicago, IL.

Healthcare Ethics Consultant-Certified (HEC-C), May 2025–May 2030.

CREDENTIAL ID NUMBER: 00132828.

Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA) & Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE) – Compliance Certification Board (CCB), Eden Prairie, MN.

Certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC®), December 2023–December 2025 (Lapsed).

CREDENTIAL ID NUMBER: 130667.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- **American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine**, Affiliate Member, 2025–Present.
- **American Society of Bioethics and Humanities**, Full Member, 2024–Present.
- **American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics**, Student Member, 2024–Present.