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## CURRENT POSITIONS

**Santa Clara University School of Law**, Santa Clara, CA  
*Assistant Professor*, August 2022 – present

**O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law**, Georgetown University Law Center,  
Washington, DC  
*Scholar*, July 2022 – present  
*Senior Associate*, September 2017 – June 2022  
*Associate*, October 2015 – August 2017

## EDUCATION

**Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, DC  
*Juris Doctor*, May 2013

- Semester Abroad, Center for Transnational Legal Studies, London, United Kingdom
- Director’s List, Center for Transnational Legal Studies, London, United Kingdom (Awarded to the top 15% of students based on cumulative grade point average for the semester)
- Law Fellow (Competitively selected from 200 applications to help teach a year-long Legal Research and Writing Course to first-year law students)
- Black Law Students Association, Executive Board Member (Member-at-Large)
- Outlaw (LGBTQ Law Students Association)

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT  
*Bachelor of Arts*, with majors in Psychology and German Studies, May 2008

- Magna Cum Laude
- Distinction in Majors
- Recipient of the Saybrook College Master’s Prize

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Primary Interests:** Health Law; Contracts; Torts; Race and the Law; Gender, Sexuality, and the Law

**Additional Interests:** Civil Rights; Constitutional Law; Criminal Law; International Law; Corporations

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Santa Clara University School of Law**

Contracts I	Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024
Contracts II	Spring 2023, Spring 2024
Health Law Seminar: Public Health Law and Ethics	Spring 2023, Spring 2024

## **PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

### **Health Law**

Sean E. Bland, *A Health Justice Approach to Sex Work* (work in progress for law review submission).

Sean E. Bland, [\*Decriminalizing Disease: A Health Justice Approach to Infectious Diseases and Criminal Law\*](#), ARKANSAS LAW REVIEW (forthcoming).

Sean Bland and Benjamin Brooks, [\*Improving Laws and Policies to Protect Sex Workers and Promote Health and Wellbeing: A Report on Criminalization of Sex Work in the District of Columbia\*](#), WHITMAN-WALKER INSTITUTE, O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW, AND HIPS (2020).

Media Coverage: [U.S. News and World Report](#), [WTOP](#)

Sean E. Bland, Jeffrey S. Crowley, and Lawrence O. Gostin, [\*Strategies for Health System Innovation After Gobeille v Liberty Mutual Insurance Company\*](#), 306 JAMA 581-582 (2016).

### **Health Policy**

Jeffrey S. Crowley, Sean E. Bland, and Anna Reed, [\*Big Ideas: Improving the Quality of Life of People Living with HIV Must Guide the Implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2022).

Sean E. Bland, Landon Myers, and Jeffrey S. Crowley, [\*Big Ideas: Supporting Young Black and Latinx Gay and Bisexual Men Is Critical to HIV and STI Prevention\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2021).

Sean E. Bland and Jeffrey S. Crowley, [\*Meeting the Needs of People Aging with HIV on the Path to Ending the HIV Epidemic\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2021).

Carlos E. Rodriguez-Diaz, Omar Martinez, Sean Bland, Jeffrey S. Crowley, [\*Ending the HIV Epidemic in US Latinx Sexual and Gender Minorities\*](#), 397 LANCET 1043-1045 (2021).

Jeffrey S. Crowley, Sean E. Bland, and Landon Myers, [\*Big Ideas: Urgent Action Is Needed in 2021 to End HIV in the United States\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2021).

Jeffrey S. Crowley, Sean E. Bland, and Landon Myers, [\*Big Ideas: Improving the Health of People Who Use Drugs and People in Recovery Is Essential for Ending the HIV Epidemic\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2021).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: Supporting HIV Programs Through COVID-19 and Beyond Is Critical to Improving Health Equity\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2020).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: Integrating Telehealth into HIV Services Systems Can Help to Sustain Improved Outcomes\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2020).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Quick Take: HIV Lessons for COVID-19 Contact Tracing\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2020).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: Better Meeting the Needs of People Living with HIV Is How to End the HIV Epidemic\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2020).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Quick Take: The USPSTF PrEP Recommendation\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2020).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: HIV Prevention and Care Systems Have Critical Roles in Addressing Sexually Transmitted Infections\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2019).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: Achieving Sufficient Scale of PrEP Use Is Critical to Ending the HIV Epidemic\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2019).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: Policy Action Can Increase Community Support for HIV Cluster Detection\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2019).

Sean E. Bland, [\*Expanding Access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis \(PrEP\) for Adolescents and Young Adults: Models for Addressing Consent, Confidentiality, and Payment Barriers\*](#), AMFAR (2019).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Bolstering Latinx Gay and Bisexual Men to Promote Health and Reduce HIV Transmission\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2019).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: State and Local 'End the Epidemic' Plans Can Drive HIV Progress\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2018).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Big Ideas: Leveraging the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program to Make Rapid State of HIV Antiretroviral Therapy Standard Practice\*](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2018).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Long-Acting HIV Treatment and Prevention Are Coming: Preparing for Potential Game Changers. Overview\*](#), AMFAR (2018).

Sean E. Bland and Jeffrey S. Crowley, [\*Long-Acting HIV Treatment and Prevention Are Coming: Preparing for Potential Game Changers. From Laboratory to Marketplace\*](#), AMFAR (2018).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [\*Long-Acting HIV Treatment and Prevention Are Coming: Preparing for Potential Game Changers. Assessing the Payer Landscape\*](#), AMFAR (2018).

Sean E. Bland and Jeffrey S. Crowley, [\*Long-Acting HIV Treatment and Prevention Are Coming: Preparing for Potential Game Changers. Defining the Intended Market for New Products\*](#), AMFAR (2018).

Sean E. Bland and Jeffrey S. Crowley, [Expanding Access to Biomedical HIV Prevention: Tailoring Approaches for Effectively Serving Communities of Color](#), NMAC (2018).

Jeffrey S. Crowley and Sean E. Bland, [HIV Prevention in the United States: Federal Investments Are Saving Lives and Strengthening Communities](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2018).

Jeffrey S. Crowley, Sean E. Bland, and Connie Garner, [The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: Protecting and Advancing Public Health Gains During Health System Reform](#), O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (2017).

Sean E. Bland and Jeffrey S. Crowley, [Blueprint for HIV Biomedical Prevention: State of the State Report](#), NMAC (2016).

### **HIV Social and Behavioral Research**

Sean E. Bland, Matthew J. Mimiaga, Sari L. Reisner, Jaclyn M. White, Maura A. Driscoll, Deborah Isenberg, Kevin Cranston, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Sentencing Risk: History of Incarceration and HIV/STD Transmission Risk Behaviours Among Black Men Who Have Sex with Men in Massachusetts](#). 2012 CULTURE, HEALTH, AND SEXUALITY 329-345.

Sari Reisner, Matthew Mimiaga, Sean E. Bland, Maura A. Driscoll, Kevin Cranston, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Pathways to Embodiment of HIV Risk: Black men Who Have Sex with Transgender Partners, Boston, Massachusetts](#). 2012 AIDS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION 15-26.

Matthew J. Mimiaga, Sari L. Reisner, Sean E. Bland, Maura A. Driscoll, Kevin Cranston, Deborah Isenberg, Rodney VanDerwarker, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Sex Parties Among Urban MSM: An Emerging Culture and HIV Risk Environment](#). 2011 AIDS AND BEHAVIOR 305-318.

Matthew J. Mimiaga, Sari L. Reisner, Sean Bland, Kevin Cranston, Deborah Isenberg, Maura A. Driscoll MA, Rodney VanDerwarker, and Kenneth H. Mayer. ["It's a Quick Way to Get What You Want": A Formative Exploration of HIV Risk Among Urban Massachusetts Men Who Have Sex with Men Who Attend Sex Parties](#). 2010 AIDS PATIENT CARE AND STDS 659-674.

Sari L. Reisner, Matthew J. Mimiaga, Sean Bland, Margie Skeer, Kevin Cranston, Deborah Isenberg, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Problematic Alcohol Use and HIV Risk Among Black Men Who Have Sex with Men in Massachusetts](#). 2010 AIDS CARE 577-587.

Matthew J Mimiaga, Sari L. Reisner, Yves-Michel Fontaine, Sean E. Bland, Maura A Driscoll, Deborah Isenberg, Kevin Cranston, Margie R. Skeer, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Walking the Line: Stimulant Use During Sex and HIV Risk Behavior Among Black Urban MSM](#). 2010 DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE 30-37.

Sari L Reisner, Matthew J Mimiaga, Carey V. Johnson, Sean Bland, Patricia Case, Steven A. Safren, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [What Makes a Respondent-Driven Sampling "Seed" Productive? Examples of Finding At-Risk Massachusetts Men Who Have Sex with Men](#). 2010 JOURNAL OF URBAN HEALTH 467-479.

Matthew J. Mimiaga, Sari L. Reisner, Sean Bland, Margie Skeer, Kevin Cranston, Deborah Isenberg, Benny A. Vega, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Health System and Personal Barriers Resulting in Decreased](#)

[Utilization of HIV and STD Testing Services Among at Risk Black Men Who Have Sex with Men in Massachusetts](#). 2009 AIDS PATIENT CARE AND STDs 825-835.

Sari L. Reisner, Matthew J. Mimiaga, Sean Bland, Kenneth H. Mayer, Brandon Perkovich, and Steven A. Safren. [HIV Risk and Social Networks Among Male-to-Female Transgender Sex Workers in Boston, Massachusetts](#). 2009 JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NURSES IN AIDS CARE 373-386.

Sari L. Reisner, Matthew J. Mimiaga, Margie Skeer, Donna Bright, Kevin Cranston, Deborah Isenberg, Sean Bland, Thomas A. Barker, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Clinically Significant Depressive Symptoms as a Risk Factor for HIV Infection Among Black MSM in Massachusetts](#). 2009 AIDS AND BEHAVIOR 798-810.

Matthew J. Mimiaga, Sari L. Reisner, Kevin Cranston, Deborah Isenberg, Donna Bright, Gary Daffin, Sean Bland, Maura A. Driscoll, Rodney VanDerwarker, Benny Vega, and Kenneth H. Mayer. [Sexual Mixing Patterns and Partner Characteristics of Black MSM in Massachusetts at Increased Risk for HIV Infection and Transmission](#). 2009 JOURNAL OF URBAN HEALTH 602-623.

### **Public Comments and Other Writing**

Sean E. Bland and Jeffrey S. Crowley, [Public comment on the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Proposed Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support, and Remove Barriers to, Coordinated Care and Individual Engagement](#), May 6, 2021.

Kenneth H. Mayer, Patrick Sullivan, Colleen Kelley, Jeffrey Crowley, Sean Bland, and Sean Cahill, [Public comment on the United States Preventive Services Task Force's draft research plan for prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus \(HIV\) infection: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis](#), March 22, 2017.

Sean E. Bland, *Legal Considerations for Leveraging Health Informatics to Improve HIV Outcomes: An Analysis of Privacy and Confidentiality Laws*, April 1, 2016. (unpublished manuscript – 41 pages)

Authored over 50 [expert columns](#) on HIV and health policy for the O'Neill Institute Blog. Expert columns are sent to more than 5000 people on the O'Neill Institute listserv, and more than 25,000 visitors access expert columns on the O'Neill Institute Blog in a year.

### **SELECTED WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Legal Academic Paper Workshops (Invited)**

*Decriminalizing Diseases: A Health Justice Approach to Infectious Diseases and Criminal Law*  
Loyola Law School, Faculty Workshop, February 15, 2024

*A Public Health and Community Centered Approach to the Criminalization of Infectious Diseases*  
University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, Faculty Workshop, March 28, 2023  
Stanford Law School, Law and the Biosciences Workshop, March 7, 2023

#### **Legal Academic Conference Presentations**

*Health Information Privacy Risks for Vulnerable Populations*  
American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics (ASMLE), Health Law Professors Conference,  
June 7, 2024

*Decriminalization, Decarceration, Deinstitutionalization, Harm Reduction, and Legal Protections* (panel with Nathan Cisneros, Sharon Dolovich, Jasmine Harris, and Zita Lazzarini)

The Future of Human Rights and Justice-Centered Ethics in Epidemic Response: From HIV to Covid and Beyond, UCLA School of Law, November 3, 2023

*Decriminalizing Disease*

CrimFest (Criminal Law Scholars Conference), Brooklyn Law School, July 17, 2023

John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop, CUNY Law School, June 29, 2023

*Discrimination and Equity in Reproductive and Sexual Health* (panel with Valerie Blake, Cathren Cohen, Wendy Parmet, and Ruqaiyah Yearby)

Mainstreaming Reproductive Health in Health Law, Policy, and Ethics, UCLA School of Law, February 10, 2023

*Sexual and Reproductive Health Exceptionalism: Regulation, Surveillance, and Criminalization* (panel with Brietta Clark and Nadia Sawicki)

American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics (ASMLE), Health Law Professors Conference, June 9, 2023

*Developing a Public Health and Rights-Based Approach to Sex Work*

Law and Society Association (LSA), Annual Meeting on Law and Society, June 1, 2023

*A Public Health and Community Centered Approach to the Criminalization of Infectious Diseases*

BioLawlapalooza, Stanford Law School, May 19, 2023

American Bar Association/Academy for Justice Criminal Justice Roundtables, December 2, 2022

Law and Society Association (LSA), Global Meeting on Law and Society, July 13, 2022

American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics (ASMLE), Health Law Professors Conference, June 3, 2022

### **Other Conference Presentations**

*Centering the Margins: Expanding Rights for Criminalized LGBTQ+ Sex Workers* (panel with Benjamin Brooks, Chibundo Egwuatu, and Valentine)

The LGBTQ+ Bar Lavender Law Conference, August 9, 2024

*LGBTQ Sex Workers and the Law* (panel with Kara Ingelhart, Elizabeth Ricks, and Valentine)

National LGBT Bar Association Lavender Law Conference, July 25, 2023

*World AIDS Day Panel on HIV Policy*

State of Black Health Regional Forum, Center for Black Health and Equity, December 1, 2022

*Federal HIV Policy: Recent Developments, Current Challenges, and Future Directions* (panel with Benjamin Brooks and Rupa Patel)

Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Conference, October 22, 2022

*LGBTQ Sex Workers and the Law* (panel with Benjamin Brooks, Jessica Parral, and Maria Roman-Taylorson)

National LGBT Bar Association Lavender Law Conference, July 27, 2022

*Federal HIV Policy: Recent Developments, Current Challenges, and Future Directions* (panel with Benjamin Brooks, Sasha Buchert, and Eric Paulk)

National LGBT Bar Association Lavender Law Conference, July 27, 2022

*Protecting LGBTQ+ Sex Workers Through Decriminalization and Intersectional Policy Approaches* (panel with Benjamin Brooks, Kara Ingelhart, and Tamika Spellman)

National LGBT Bar Association Lavender Law Conference, July 28-30, 2021

*Sex Work Decriminalization Is Critical for Ending the HIV Epidemic* (panel with Benjamin Brooks and Tamika Spellman)

Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Conference, September 24, 2021

Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit, March 30, 2021

*Using Research Evidence to Inform Policy*

National Science Policy Network (NSPN) Eastern Hub Retreat, May 30, 2020

*Legal Considerations of U=U*

Webinar for the Clinician Consultation Center at the University of California San Francisco, August 15, 2019.

Webinar for the HIV Learning Network, June 13, 2019

*Federal HIV Policy: Contradictions, Opportunities and Challenges* (panel with Ronda Goldfein, William McColl, and Sable Nelson)

National LGBT Bar Association Lavender Law Conference, August 8, 2019

*PrEP, TelePrEP, and Long-Acting PrEP: Legal and Policy Issues in the Current and Future HIV Landscape* (panel with Daniel Bruner and Benjamin Klein)

National LGBT Bar Association Lavender Law Conference, August 7, 2019

*Youth, PrEP, Consent* (panel with Daniel Bruner and Abigail English)

HIV Law & Practice Conference, February 23, 2018

### **SELECTED MEDIA**

Ken Duffy, [Report Renews Call for Decriminalizing Sex Work in DC](#), WTOP, Dec. 17, 2020. (interview)

Karen Iris Tucker, [How Trump's Policies Could Imperil LGBTQ Youth of Color Living with HIV](#), SLATE, Jan. 23, 2018. (interview)

### **SERVICE**

#### **Santa Clara University School of Law**

##### *Committee Work*

Faculty Pedagogy and Inclusive Teaching Committee, 2023-present

Equity, Justice, and Engagement Committee, 2022-2023

##### *Panels and Presentations*

Panel Moderator, *Santa Clara High Technology Law Journal* Symposium, March 31, 2023

Presenter, Equality at Santa Clara Law (EQSCU) Event on LGBTQ+ Rights, February 6, 2023

### **Referee for Peer-Reviewed Journals**

*Public Health Ethics* (2023); *Criminal Justice Review* (2020); *Culture, Health, and Sexuality* (2018-2019)

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York Bar, admitted 2014

District of Columbia Bar, admitted 2015

### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, & Jacobson LLP**, New York, NY and Washington, DC

*Associate*, October 2013 – September 2015

Practice focused on a broad range of general commercial litigation matters and involved drafting briefs, complaints, memoranda, and discovery requests and responses. Member of trial team defending investment bank charged with aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty in Delaware Chancery Court. Drafted motions for contempt and to compel discovery in a pro bono divorce case.

**United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,**

**Office of Disability Policy**, Washington, DC

*Law Clerk*, January – April 2013

Drafted memoranda on meetings, bills, and issues of interest including the Affordable Care Act, disability employment, captioning in movie theaters, and restraints and seclusion techniques in schools.

**American Psychological Association, Office of General Counsel**, Washington, DC

*Law Clerk*, January – April 2012

Researched the new DC Nonprofit Corporation Act and developed presentation for Board of Directors. Wrote memorandum on psychologists serving as expert witnesses in brain injury cases, examined legal risks associated with the APA Ethics Code, and assisted with Supreme Court amicus brief on affirmative action.

**Lambda Legal**, New York, NY

*Tyron Garner Memorial Fellow for African American LGBT Civil Rights*, May – August 2011

Researched case law, news articles, and academic literature and drafted text for advocacy letter challenging the treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender inmates in immigration detention. Assisted in drafting amicus brief to Board of Immigration Appeals arguing that immigration officials inappropriately relied on Ninth Circuit case law to deny relief to a same-sex couple. Drafted factsheet explaining how same-sex marriage in New York affects public benefits and immigration status. Investigated the experiences of LGBT youth and adults in criminal justice systems for an amicus brief.

**The Fenway Institute, Fenway Health**, Boston, MA

*Research Associate*, September 2008 – August 2010

Coordinated research projects focused on disparities in HIV/AIDS among sexual and racial minorities.