**Nia M. Johnson**

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**Education**

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Doctor of Philosophy Student, Health Policy, May 2024

**Boston University School of Law**, Boston, MA

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2019

Honors: Editor-in-Chief, *American of Journal of Law and Medicine*

Activities: Black Law Student’s Association

Vice President of Boston University Health Law Association, 2017-2018

**Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania** , Philadelphia, PA

Masters of Bioethics, August 2016

Activities: Masters of Bioethics Social Chair, 2016

Penn Alumni Interview Program Member

Capstone: *Urban Bioethics: A Call for the Prestige*

**Oakwood University**, Huntsville, AL

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude,* in International Studies, Minor Political Science, May 2015

Honors: Dean’s List (All four years)

Activities: Miss Oakwood University, 2014 – 2015 (selected as an Ebony Magazine Campus Queen, 2015)

Member of Oakwood University Aeolians, 2012-2015

Logistics Committee Member – Oakwood University Aeolians, 2013-2014

Oakwood University Supreme Court Justice, 2013-2014

Vice President of Oakwood University’s Pre-Law Society, 2012-2013

**Publications**

**Black Americans’ Views on Health Policy: Implications for the 2020 Election.** *JAMA Health Forum* (Forthcoming, 2020).

**When Blackness Doesn’t Fade After A Pandemic: An Appeal to Acknowledge the Unequal Burden of Social Isolation.** *Journal of Urban Health* (June 2020).

**Urban Bioethics: A Call for the Prestige.** *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* (Summer 2019).

**Legal and Bioethical Implications of a Misdiagnosed Brain Death.** *The American Journal of Law and Medicine* (Spring 2018).

**Scholarly Reports**

**Who is Dying and Why?** *Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics COVID-19 Response* (May 2020).

**Works in Progress**

**#CRT: How Critical Race Theory and Technology Enabled Today’s Social Movement for**

**Racial Equality.** (With Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Abstract Under Review, Wisconsin Law Review, 2020)

**Black Americans’ Preferences for Law Enforcement Reform.** (With Robert Blendon and Mary Gorski, In Progress, 2020)

**A Call for Medical Reparations.** (With Nneka Sederstrom, In Progress, 2020)

**Sickness from the State: Why the Flint Water Crisis’ Relationship with COVID-19 Requires a Reparatory Model of Justice.** (In Progress, 2021)

**What Patient’s Families Say, What Doctors Need to Hear: De-trivializing Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress Claims for Black American Families Who Remained Unheard in Crisis** (In Progress, 2021)

**Awards**

***Boston University School of Law Melville M. Bigelow Scholarship Award*** – Awarded to students that demonstrate great promise as scholars and teachers in the law.

**Presentations**

**Summer Faculty,** *Yale University - Sherwin B. Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics*, New Haven, CT (July 2020).

**Commentator, Racial Bias, Disparities and Oppression in the 1L Curriculum: A Critical Approach to the Canonical First Year Law School Subjects,** *Boston University School of Law,* Boston, MA(February 2020, Forthcoming).

**Acera 2019 Innovators Symposium, Reconciling Mistrust in Medicine with the Law and American Culture,** *Acera School*,Winchester, MA (September 2019).

**Guest Lecturer, The Economics of Body Modification, Medical Decision Making Under the Male Gaze, and Bioethics,** *Yale University - Sherwin B. Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics*, New Haven, CT (July 2019).

**2019 Junior Scholars Workshop Participant,** *Law and Society Association’s Junior Scholars Workshop* Washington, D.C. (May 2019).

**Tufts Institutional Review Board – Economically Underprivileged Research Subjects,** *Institutional Review Board Ethics Education,* Boston, MA (April 2019).

**Urban Bioethics: Informal Legal Authority and Healthcare,** *Wiggin and Dana, LLC*. New Haven, Connecticut (Connecticut CLE Credit, July 2018).

**Urban Bioethics: A Call for the Prestige,** *International Bioethics Retreat,* Paris, France. (June 2018).

**Leadership and Research Experience**

**Harvard Public Opinion Research Program,** Cambridge, MA

*Research Assistant – Robert Blendon*, May 2020 - present

* Analyzed data on Covid-19 and its impact on Black American communities
* Developed survey question for outgoing surveys on race and public health
* Wrote 3 publishable works on race, health, and public opinion

**Massachusetts Health Policy Commission**, Boston, MA

*Fellow*, June 2019- August 2019

* Assessed the Health Care Innovation Investment (HCII) Program’s investments in social determinants of health
* Examined the relationship between universal screening, equality in healthcare, and cost savings opportunities for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
* Evaluated the importance of health-related social needs

**American Journal of Law and Medicine**, Boston, MA

*Editor-in-Chief*, February 2018 – August 2019

* Developing the creative direction of the American Journal of Law and Medicine
* Developing the creative direction of the American Journal of Law and Medicine Annual Symposium
* Selecting articles for various publications
* Building relationships with scholars in the areas of public health, bioethics, and health law
* Managing a team of editors and staff members

**Boston University School of Public Health**, Boston, MA

*Research Assistant – Michael Ulrich, JD, MPH*, January 2018- June 2018

* Assessed the implications of gun violence on public health
* Examined the correlation between stalking and gun violence
* Kept abreast of current events regarding gun violence and public health

**Boston University School of Public Health**, Boston, MA

*Teaching Assistant – George Annas, JD, MPH*, September 2017-December 2018

* Assisted in teaching students the legal aspects of healthcare and bioethics
* Provided tutoring services to students

**Board Memberships**

**Tufts Health Sciences Institutional Review Board– Red,** Boston, MA

*Community Member*, September 2017 – September 2019

**Other Experiences**

**Wiggin and Dana, LLP,** New Haven, CT

*Summer Associate,* June 2018-August 2018

* Wrote litigation materials for medical malpractice cases
* Analyzed legal theory research questions
* Independently prepared and delivered research presentation on informal legal authority’s intersection with urban bioethics

**Massachusetts State Legislature**, Boston, MA

*Extern*, January 2018- May 2018

* Performed legal research regarding Medicare and Medicaid, general health regulations, MassHealth, and bioethics
  + Prepared preliminary policies for underserved populations
  + Studied the workings of the Massachusetts State Legislature
  + Assisted the Committee for Health Care Financing with bill development and bill organization

**Adventist Health Systems**, Winter Park, FL

*Law Clerk*, June 2017- August 2017

* Reviewed and edited physicians’ employment contracts and other agreements
* Performed legal research regarding Medicare and Medicaid, general health regulations, and bioethics
  + Prepared preliminary policies for underserved populations

**University of Maryland Medical System**, Baltimore, MD

*Law Clerk*, May 2016-August 2016

* Reviewed and edited physicians’ employment contracts and other agreements
* Performed legal research regarding employment law, health regulations, and bioethics
* Independently prepared and delivered informational presentation to the legal department on bioethics and presentation to the ethics committee on Clinical Ethics Mediation

**Interests:**

Mentoring female students, Bouldering, Baking, Blogging at www.neighborhoodethicist.com