Curriculum Vitae
Current as of: July 2025

Megan Zelinsky, MA, BS

Education

- **PhD, Clinical Translational Science**, expected 2027

  Dissertation in progress: "Bridging Translational Science and Empirical Neuroethics to Align Neurosurgical Metrics with Patient-Centered Outcomes"

  Research focus: Translational neuroethics and patient-centered outcome selection in neurosurgery

  Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

  2024 - Present

- **MA, Bioethics and Medical Humanities**

  Capstone: "High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound for Parkinson Disease: Ethical Considerations in an Evolving Treatment Landscape"

  Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

  2019 - 2020

- **BS, Biological Sciences**, *summa cum laude*

  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

  2015 - 2018

Employment

Research

- **Clinical Research Project Manager**

  Center for Neurological Restoration, Neurological Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

  2020 - Present

Teaching

- **Lecturer**

  Columbia University, New York, NY

  2020 - 2023

- **Adjunct Faculty**

  Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

  2022 - 2022

- **Adjunct Faculty**

  Capital University, Columbus, OH

  2020 - 2022

Animal Welfare

- **Executive Director**

  Cleveland Community Cat Project, Cleveland, OH

  2018 - Current

Professional Activities

Editorial Board

- **Journal of Disability and Health** *(2024 - Present)*

Ad Hoc Peer Review

- Journal of Disability and Health

- Journal of Bioethical Inquiry

Membership in Professional Societies

- International Neuroethics Society

- Society of Clinical Research Associates

- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

Research and Quality Improvement Activities

- **"Evaluating Multidisciplinary Impact on Epilepsy Surgical Recommendations: A Quality Improvement Initiative Using Pre/Post Polling at Patient Management Conferences [QA/QI]"**

  Role: Collaborator

  July 2025 - Present

- **"Center for Neurological Restoration Functional Neurological Disorder Clinical Database [QA/QI]"**

  Role: Database Manager

Funding: Philanthropy

Feb 2025 - Present

- **"Provider Perspectives on the Use of Genetic Profiling in Deep Brain Stimulation Evaluation for Parkinson's Disease"**

  Role: Co-investigator

  Funding: internal

  PI: Hubert Fernandez

  Jan 2025 - Present

- **"LGBTQ+ Inclusive Communication and Advance Care Planning"**

  Role: Data Analyst

  Funding: Advancing Interprofessional Learning Grant (EHEZ013)

  PI: Georgina Morley, PhD

  Jan 2024 - July 2025

- **"Novel Care Model for Treatment of Functional Movement Disorders: A Mixed-Methods Study Investigating the Role of Virtual Shared Medical Appointments"**

  Role: Co-investigator

  Funding: Cleveland Clinic Healthcare Delivery and Implementation Science Center

  PI: Xin Xin Yu, MD

  Dec 2023 – Present

- **"Building Consensus on Disclosure of Preclinical Data in Early Phase Exploratory Research Involving Human Neurotechnology"**

  Role: Project Manager

  Funding: National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, 3R01AT011905-02S1

  PI: Lauren Sankary, JD

  Aug 2023 – Present

- **"A Cognitive Risk Calculator and Screening Tool for Primary Care Settings"**

  Role: Project Manager

  Funding: National Institutes of Health, Mechanism R33 (4R33AG069729-03)

PI: Darlene Floden, PhD

Jun 2022 – Present

- **"Cognitive Outcomes of Magnetic Resonance-Guided Focused Ultrasound Neurosurgery"**
Role: Project Manager
Funding: Internal
PI: Darlene Floden, PhD
Feb 2022 – Present

- **"Center for Functional and Restorative Neuroscience Neuropsychology Registry"**
Role: Database Manager
Funding: Internal
PI: Darlene Floden, PhD
Oct 2021 – Present

- **"Optimizing Decision Support and Return of Results in Neurological Research"**
Role: Project Manager
Funding: Internal
PI: Lauren Sankary, JD
Oct 2021 – Present

- **"Optimizing Decision Support for Alzheimer's Disease Research Participants"**
Role: Project Manager
Funding: Alzheimer's Association Research Grant (AARG-22-974462)
PI: Lauren Sankary, JD
Jun 2021 – Present

- **"Neuroethics Database for Ethics Consultations Involving Elective Neurosurgical Candidates"**
Role: Database Manager
Funding: Parkinson Foundation
PI: Lauren Sankary, JD
Apr 2021 – Present

- **"Responding to Ethical Issues during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Operationalizing Nurses' Insights to Develop Ethical Resilience (RESPONDER Project)"**
  Role: Study Coordinator
  Funding: Pending
  PI: Georgina Morley, PhD
  Mar 2021 – Dec 2022

- **"A Statistical Scoring Tool to Optimize Preclinical Research"**
  Role: Study Coordinator
  Funding: Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institutes Innovation and Discovery (NIID) Award (2019-334)
  PI: Olivia Hogue, PhD, MPH
  Sep 2020 – Present

- **"COVID-19 Related Barriers to Informed Consent in Aging and Cognitively Vulnerable Patients"**
  Role: Study Coordinator
  Funding: National Institute on Aging (NIA), Mechanism P30 (P30AG062428-02S2)
  PI: Lauren Sankary, JD
  Aug 2020 – Jun 2022

- **"Overcoming Unanticipated Barriers to Informed Consent in Brain Research"**
  Role: Research Assistant
  Funding: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Mechanism UH3 (3UH3NS100543-03S1)
  PI: Lauren Sankary, JD
  Mar 2020 – Present

- **"Ethical Safeguards for Exit and Withdrawal from Implanted Neurotechnology Research"**
  Role: Research Assistant
  Funding: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Mechanism F32 (1F32MH115419-01)

PI: Lauren Sankary, JD

Mar 2020 – Jun 2021

Teaching Activities

- **Instructor**

  Neuroscience and Ethics (3-credit graduate course)

  Columbia University, New York, NY

  (Summer 2023)

- **Lecturer**

  Inclusivity & Accessibility of Neurotechnology (lecture in Foundations of Bioethics II, 6-credit graduate course)

  Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

  (Spring 2022)

- **Instructor**

  Theoretical Ethics and Ethical Argumentation (3-credit undergraduate course)

  Capital University, Columbus, OH

  (Spring 2022)

- **Lecturer**

  Unit in Neuroethics (3-credit graduate course)

  Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

  (Spring 2022)

- **Instructor**

  Theoretical Ethics and Ethical Argumentation (3-credit undergraduate course)

  Capital University, Columbus, OH

  (Fall 2021)

- **Teaching Associate**

  Neuroscience and Ethics (3-credit graduate course)

  Columbia University, New York, NY

  (Summer 2021)

- **Instructor**

  Theoretical Ethics and Ethical Argumentation (3-credit undergraduate course)

Capital University, Columbus, OH

(Spring 2021)

- **Instructor**

  Theoretical Ethics and Ethical Argumentation (3-credit undergraduate course)

  Capital University, Columbus, OH

  (Fall 2020)

- **Instructor**

  Introduction to Ethics (3-credit undergraduate course)

  Capital University, Columbus, OH

  (Fall 2020)

- **Teaching Associate**

  Neuroscience and Ethics (3-credit graduate course)

  Columbia University, New York, NY

  (Summer 2020)

- **Teaching Assistant**

  Biochemistry (3-credit undergraduate course)

  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

  (Fall 2017)

- **Teaching Assistant**

  Genetics (3-credit undergraduate course)

  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

  (Spring 2017)

- **Teaching Assistant**

  Organic Chemistry II (3-credit undergraduate laboratory course)

  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

  (Spring 2017)

- **Teaching Assistant**

  Organic Chemistry I (3-credit undergraduate laboratory course)

  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

  (Spring 2016)

- **Teaching Assistant**

  Biology II (3-credit undergraduate laboratory course)

  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

  (Fall 2015)

- **Teaching Assistant**

  Biology I (3-credit undergraduate laboratory course)

  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

  (Spring 2015)

Bibliography

For the most up-to-date information, visit my *ORCiD Profile* to see my full list of publications.

Abstracts and Posters

Zelinsky M, Anis S, Shuaib U, Hartwig E, Rush TE, Yu XX. Investigating the role of virtual shared medical appointments in functional movement disorder care: Survey study insights. Presented at: 30th World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders; May 7-10, 2025; New York, NY. Parkinsonism Relat Disord. 2025.

Sankary LR, Rico VR, **Zelinsky M**, Ford P. Capturing Embedded Ethics Contributions in Patient Selection: A Neurosurgical Ethics Database Project. Presented at: Sutter Health Clinical Ethics UnConference; Apr 23-25, San Francisco, California.

Sankary LR, **Zelinsky M**, Webster HS, Lerner AJ, Martinez K, Miller JB, Ford PJ, Leverenz JB. Alzheimer's Disease Research Participant Perspectives on the Return of Individual Research Results. Poster presented at: AAIC 2022, The Alzheimer's Association International Conference; 2022 Jul 31-Aug 4, San Diego, California.

Morley G, Copley D, Field R, **Zelinsky M**, Albert N. Responding to Ethical Issues and Operationalizing Nurses Insights to Develop Ethical Resilience. Poster presented at: AACN National Teaching Institute (NTI) & Critical Care Exposition; 2023 May 24, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Morley G, Copley D, Field R, **Zelinsky M**, Albert N. A Divided Community: A Descriptive Qualitative Study of the Impact of COVID-19 on Nurses and their Relationships. Poster

presented at: 18th Annual Cleveland Clinic Nursing Research Conference; 2023 Apr 24-25, Cleveland, Ohio.

Morley G, Copley D, Field R, **Zelinsky M**, Albert N. Responding to Ethical Issues during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Operationalizing Nurses Insights to Develop Ethical Resilience (RESPONDER): A Descriptive Qualitative Study. Poster presented at: 2023 ICU Operations Annual Summit; 2023 Mar 16, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sankary LR, **Zelinsky M**, Lindgren L, Ford PJ. Ethical Implications of Neurological Research Consent Adaptations Necessitated by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Abstract presented at: 2022 INS Annual Meeting, International Neuroethics Society: Bringing Neuroethics to Life Throughout Patient Care, Research, and Policy; 2022 Nov 2-4, Montreal, Canada.

Sankary LR, **Zelinsky M**, Knaggs C, Lerner AJ. Alzheimer's Disease Research Participant Perspectives on the Return of Individual Research Results. Poster presented at: AAIC 2022, The Alzheimer's Association International Conference; 2022 Jul 31-Aug 4, San Diego, California.

Morley G, Copley D, Field R, **Zelinsky M**, Albert N. Responding to Ethical Issues during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Operationalizing Nurses Insights to Develop Ethical Resilience (RESPONDER): A Descriptive Qualitative Study. Poster presented at: 17th Annual Cleveland Clinic Clinical Nursing Research Conference; 2022 Apr 25-26, Cleveland, Ohio.

Awards and Honors

- IAPRD Guided Poster Award: 2025
- AACN Research Poster Award: 2023
- 99th Percentile in Teaching Evaluations, Capital University: Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
- Dean's List, University of Pittsburgh: All semesters
- Best Undergraduate Capstone, University of Pittsburgh, 2017
- Student Leadership Award, University of Pittsburgh: 2017
- Student Research Day Best Abstract, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2016
- Student Research Day Best Poster Presentation, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2016, Spring 2017

- Distinguished Debate Performance, University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2017

Additional Work Experience

- **Customer Support Supervisor**
  Aerotek Recruiting and Staffing, Reading, PA
  Dec 2011 – Jul 2017

- **Customer Support Analyst**
  Aerotek Recruiting and Staffing, York, PA
  Jan 2011 – Dec 2011

- **Administrative Assistant**
  Aerotek Recruiting and Staffing, York, PA
  Nov 2010 – Jan 2011