

# Curriculum Vitae

## Megan Zelinsky, MA, BS

Current as of: March 2024

### Education

- **PhD in Clinical and Translational Science** (*In Progress*)  
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH  
2024 - Present
- **Master of Arts, Bioethics and Medical Humanities**, *summa cum laude*  
Thesis: “High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound for Parkinson Disease: Ethical Considerations in an Evolving Treatment Landscape”  
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH  
2019 - 2020
- **Bachelor of Science in 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  
2019 – Present

### 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 Activities**

- **“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

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**

- AACN Research Poster Award: 2023
- 99th Percentile in Teaching Evaluations, Capital University: Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
- Award for Outstanding Mentorship, Capital University Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching: Fall 2021
- Dean's List, University of Pittsburgh: All semesters

### **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*