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](https://orcid.org/0000-0001-6964-8794) 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*