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The summer 2011 issue of the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* features a symposium, "Caring for the Seriously Ill: Cost and Public Policy," edited by ASLME member Thaddeus Pope with co-editors Robert M. Arnold and Amber E. Barnato.

While the cost of end-of-life health care is currently the subject of enormous political, academic, and social debate; there remains a rather thin clinical, ethical, and policy framework for dealing with costs in end-of-life health care decision making. The eleven articles in the summer 2011 Symposium help to fill this void of standards and criteria for curbing the coverage of medical treatment for serious illness.

This is not the first time that Pope has published with *JLME*, having contributed an article just last year. Pope's other published work on end-of-life medicine has appeared in law reviews, bar journals, medical journals, nursing journals, and bioethics journals. And he regularly writes about relevant developments on his Medical Futility Blog.

But Pope's engagement with these issues goes beyond scholarship. He has participated as *amicus curiae* counsel and as expert witness in cutting-edge litigation. He has testified before the President's Council on Bioethics and the Texas House of Representatives. He has served as legal consultant to several Policy Statement groups of the American Thoracic Society. And Pope helped draft MOLST regulations for the Delaware where he serves on the ethics committee of the state's largest hospital.

Pope has been a loyal member of ASLME since first becoming a law professor in 2005. "I have attended every Health Law Professors Conference; it is the professional meeting that I look forward to the most," Pope enthusiastically commented. "Not only it is enjoyable but the annual HLPC is uniquely valuable for staying up-to-date and for discovering exciting collaboration opportunities."

Pope is Associate Professor of Law at Widener University School of Law where he teaches health law, bioethics, and torts. He is also an adjunct associate professor at Albany Medical College where he teaches a course on End-of-Life Law and Policy.

Prior to joining Widener University, Pope clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and worked as a litigation attorney for Arnold & Porter LLP in Los Angeles. He earned both his J.D. and his Ph.D. (in philosophy and bioethics) from Georgetown University. He was graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. (in philosophy) from the University of Pittsburgh.

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