CURRICULUM VITAE

**AMBER ROSE COMER, Ph.D., J.D.**

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**EDUCATION**

*Institution Degree Date Awarded*

**GRADUATE**

Indiana University Fairbanks School of Public Health PhD 2015

Indiana University McKinney School of Law JD 2011

**UNDERGRADAUTE**

Indiana University BA 2006

**FELLOWSHIP**

Indiana University Health Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics Fellowship 2014-2015

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ACADEMIC**

*Institution Credential Inclusive Dates*

Indiana University School of Health

and Human Sciences Assistant Professor 2015 – Present

Indiana University School of Medicine Adjunct Assistant Professor 2016 – Present

Indiana University McKinney School of LawAdjunct Professor of Law: 2016 – Present

Regenstrief InstituteAffiliate Research Scientist 2015 – Present

IUPUI Center for Translating Research into PracticeTranslational Scholar 2016 – Present

Research in Palliative and End-of-Life Communication

and Training (RESPECT) Center Faculty Member 2018 – Present

**NON-ACADEMIC**

*Institution Credential Inclusive Dates*

Eskenazi Health HospitalEthics Committee Member 2015 – Present

**LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, SPECIALTY BOARD STATUS**

*Credential Number Inclusive Dates*

Indiana State Bar 30381-49 2012 – Present

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

*Organization Inclusive Dates*

American Heart/ American Stroke Association 2014 – Present

Indiana State Bar Association 2012 – Present

American Public Health Association 2012 – Present

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine 2017 – Present

Palliative Care Research Center (PCRC) 2018 – Present

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS**

*Award Name Granted By Date Awarded*

**TEACHING**

Favorite Professor by IUPUI Athletics IUPUI Awarded 2019

Favorite Professor by IUPUI Athletics IUPUI Awarded 2018

Favorite Professor by IUPUI Athletics IUPUI Awarded 2016

Emerging Teaching Award IU-SHRS Awarded 2016

**RESEARCH**

Bantz-Petronio Translating Research into Practice IUPUI Nominated 2017 Research Scholar American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Awarded 2018

**SERVICE**

Emerging Services Award IU-SHRS Awarded 2016

**OVERALL/OTHER**

Early Career Achievement Award Indiana University McKinney School of Law Awarded 2017

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Course/Workshop Title Provider Date*

Professional Development Group IU School of Medicine

Center for Aging Research Aug. 2013 – Oct. 2016

EMPOWER Workshops IU Office for Research Development Aug. 2015 – July 2016

Research Works in Progress (attended) IU Regenstrief Institute 2015 – Present

Research Works in Progress (presented) IU Center for Aging Research August 2016

Research Works in Progress (presented) Veterans Affairs Health Services Research February 2016

**TEACHING**

**UNDERGRADUATE**

*Course# Short Title Format Role Term Enrollment*

H120 Introduction to Health Policy In-Person Instructor of Record SP 12 49

SU 12 7

FA 12 36

SP 12 51

SU 13 14

FA 13 50

SP 14 49

SU 14 6

FA 14 49

SP 15 40

SU 15 6

W211 Intro to Health Sciences In-Person Instructor of Record FA 15 40

W363 Medical Ethics In-Person Instructor of Record FA 15 39

FA 16 44

FA 17 48

SP 18 32

FA 18 33

SP 19 36

FA19 11

*Course# Short Title Format Role Term Enrollment*

W361 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention In-Person Instructor of Record SP 16 33

SP 17 57

SP 18 47

Online Instructor of Record FA 16 50\*

FA 17 49

FA 18 50\*

W250 Global Health Systems In-Person Instructor of Record SP 16 51

W480 Independent Study In-Person Instructor of Record SP 17 1

*Course# Shore Title Format Role*

H364 Legal and Regulatory Aspects of Online Instructor of Record FA19 51\*

Health Care Delivery

\*Denotes the course was taught online

**GRADUATE**

*Course# Short Title Format Role Term Enrollment*

H682 Global Health In-Person Instructor of Record SP 15 9

L500 Disability Law In-Person Instructor of Record SU 16 21

MED C601Foundations of Clinical Practice In-Person Instructor of Record FA 16 10

SP 17 10

W680 Independent Study In-Person Instructor of Record SU 17 2

W661 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention In-Person Instructor of Record SP 17 5

W690 Independent Study In-Person Instructor of Record SP 18 2

W661 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention In-Person Instructor of Record SP 19 3

L763 Health Law: Legal Epidemiology In-Person Instructor of Record SU 19 9

**MENTORING**

**GRADUATE**

*Individual Role Inclusive Dates*

Stephanie Bartlet Faculty Advisor - Research August 2017 – Present

Lynn D’Cruz Faculty Advisor - Research August 2017 – Present

Khalid Binshaiq Doctoral Dissertation – Committee Member March 2017 – Present

Amy Johnson Faculty Advisor - Research January 2017 – Present

Abdul Almojaibel Doctoral Dissertation – Committee Member Sept. 2016 – Present

Mohammed Al Qahtani Doctoral Dissertation – Committee Member Aug. 2015 – Present

Allision Dethoff Masters Thesis – Faculty Advisor July 2015 – Present

Seth Robins Faculty Advisor – Research Aug. 2015 – Present

Sarah Tackas Faculty Advisor – Research Aug. 2018 – Present

Alisa Blumenthal Faculty Advisor – Research Aug. 2018 – Present

Lucille Schaeffer Faculty Preceptor – Research July 2019 – Present

**UNDERGRADUATE**

*Individual Role Inclusive Dates*

Brooklyn Richardson Faculty Advisor – Research\* August 2019 – Present

Cassidy Butler Faculty Advisor – Research\* August 2019 – Present

Elise A’Hearn Faculty Advisor – Research August 2019 – Present

Carly Waite Faculty Advisor – Research\* May 2019 – Present

McKenzi Marchand Faculty Advisor – Research\*^ August 2018 – Present

Isabel Zepeda Faculty Advisor – Research \*^ August 2018 – Present

Katelyn Endris Faculty Advisor – Research \*^ August 2018 – Present

Nina Ustymchuk Faculty Advisor - Research June 2017 – Present

Makalya Lake Faculty Advisor - Research\* August 2017 – Present

Amy Truong Faculty Advisor - Research\* August 2017 – Present

Kylie Coduti Faculty Advisor - Research Sept.2016 – Present

Makalya Culbertson Faculty Advisor - Research October 2016 – Present

Brittany Rollin Faculty Advisor - Research\* Aug. 2016 – May 2017

\* Funded through Life Health Sciences Internship Program Grant

^Funded through grant for undergraduate research

**GRANTS IN TEACHING**

*Title Granting Agency Role Amount Dates*

Assessing the effect of an IUPUI Office of Senior Advisor PI $2500 May 2016 –

undergraduate ethics course April 2017

on student’s moral judgement

Sam H. Jones Service Learning IU Center for Service & Learning PI $5000 Aug. 2017 –

Assistant Scholarship May 2017

IU Bicentennial Course IU Office of the Bicentennial PI $3000 Aug. 2019-

Development Grant

July 2020

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS – TEACHING**

**LOCAL**

*Title Organization #of Students Date*

The Impact of Unethical Indiana University School of Health and

Research on Clinical Practice Human Sciences – Physician Assistant Program 45 7/2019

Law and Ethics in Medicine Indiana University School of Health and 25 11/2018

Human Sciences

Law and Ethics in Medicine Indiana University School of Health and 22 11/2018

Human Sciences

The Impact of Unethical Indiana University School of Health and

Research on Clinical Practice Human Sciences – Physician Assistant Program 44 5/2018

Health Care Consent in Indiana University School of Medicine 25 2/2018

Clinical Practice

Medical Ethical Dilemmas Indiana University School of Medicine 100 9/2017

SHRS Convocation Ethics in Clinical Practice 100 9/2017

Introduction to Bioethics IU SHRS W250 Course 30 8/2017

Introduction to Bioethics Indiana University School of Medicine & 100 5/2016

School of Dentistry

Health Care Consent Laws Indiana University McKinney School of Law 30 2/2016

Physician Aid-In Dying Indiana University School of Medicine, 25 2/2016

Medical Ethics Course

Introduction to Medical Ethics Indiana University School of Medicine 100 12/2015 Introduction to Medical Ethics Indiana University School of Medicine & 100 8/2015

School of Dentistry

Electronic Medical Records Indiana University School of Medicine 15 8/2015

and Social Media: Neurology Morning Report

Mistakes and Malpractice

Surrogate Decision Making Indiana University School of Medicine 15 8/2015

Laws, Ethics, and Practice Neurology Morning Report

Surrogate Decision Making Indiana University School of Medicine 18 2/2015

Laws and Ethics Medical Ethics Course

Advance Directives in the ICU: Indiana University School of Medicine 50 2/2013

Ethics, Laws, and Practice

Bioethics and the Law Indiana University School of Medicine 30 2/2013

**RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

**GRANTS – RESEARCH**

**PENDING RESEARCH GRANTS**

*Title Granting Agency Role Amount Date*

**ACTIVE RESEARCH GRANTS**

*Title Granting Agency Role Amount Date*

Treatment Decisions and Outcomes

After Stroke: A Retrospective Study National Palliative Care PI $175,000 2019

Research Center

Examining the Effects of Changing IUPUI Office of the Vice PI $28,644 2019

Indiana’s Health Care Consent Law Chancellor for Research

on Physician Practice and Patient Care

in Indiana Hospitals

The Effect of a Change in IU School of Health and PI $10,000 2018

Indiana’s Health Care Consent Law Human Sciences

Reflecting on 75 Years since the Executive Committee of the

Liberation of Auschwitz: The lasting Consortium for the Study of Co-PI $5,000 2018

Impact of the Nazi Regime on Medical Religion, Ethics, and Society

Research

HIP 2.0: Health Equity, Responsibility, Executive Committee of the

and Community Consortium for the Study of Co-PI $5,000 2018

Religion, Ethics, and Society

**COMPLETED RESEARCH GRANTS**

*Title Granting Agency Role Amount Date*

The quest to diminish suffering: IUPUI Vice Chancellor for

Identifying ethical issues in stroke Research PI $13,589 2016

Treatment that affect how patients die

Using text messages to increase IU Vice President for

empathy in medical students and Research Speed Networking Co-PI $2,500 2016

physicians Seed Funding

Seminar in Religion and Medical Ethics Executive Committee of the

Consortium for the Study of Co-PI $2,000 2016

Religion, Ethics, and Society

Enhanced Mentoring Program with Indiana University Office PI $5,000 2015

Opportunities for Ways to Excel in of the Vice Chancellor for

Research Research

Promoting External Applications Indiana University SHRS PI $10,000 2015

for Research

**SUBMITTED BUT NOT FUNDED GRANTS**

*Title Granting Agency Role Amount Date*

Developing an intervention to improve National Institutes of Health PI $648,634 2018

communication and medical decision

making for older adults with severe stroke

Treatment Decisions and Outcomes National Palliative PI $150,000 2018

after Stroke: A Retrospective Study Care Research Center

Developing an intervention to improve National Institutes of Health PI $648,634 2017

communication and medical decision

making for older adults with severe stroke

Implementing a Stroke Support Group IU Chancellor Bantz PI $60,000 2017

at Eskenazi Hospital Fellowship Grant

Identifying Ethical Issues in Stroke Indiana University Office PI $13,489 2016

Treatment and Care that Affect of Vice Chancellor for

Clinical Care and Patient Outcomes Research

The Effect of Air Quality Control on IU CTSI PI $13,849 2016

Stroke and Cardiovascular Incidents

The Long-term Effect of State Stroke American Heart/ Stroke PI $150,000 2016

Legislation on Patient Health Outcomes Association

**PRESENTATIONS – RESEARCH**

**LOCAL**

*Title Organization Date*

Physician Aid-in-Dying: Concerns for Pshyciatry Indiana University School of Medicine 9/2019

Psychiatry and Physiatrist Grand Rounds

Indiana’s Health Care Consent Law Indian University School of Medicine 2/2019

Changing Indiana’s Health Care Consent Law Indiana University

Translating Research into Practice 11/2018

Changing Indiana’s Health Care Consent Law Indiana University Health Fairbanks 09/2018

Center for Medical Ethics

The Role of Informed Consent for Thrombolysis Indiana University School of Medicine 9/2018

in Acute Ischemic Stroke Neurology and Neurosurgery Grand Rounds

Religion and Bioethics in Clinical Practice Indiana University School of Medicine 8/2018

Psychiatry and Physiatrist Grand Rounds

Surrogate Decision Making under Indiana University School of Medicine

Health Care Consent Law School of Medicine 8/2018

in Acute Ischemic Stroke Neurology and Neurosurgery Grand Rounds

Determining Palliative Care Treatment After Stroke

Indiana Medical Resident’s Knowledge of Surrogate IUPUI Life-Health Sciences Research 4/2018

Laws Symposium

Indiana Medical Resident’s Knowledge of Advanced IUPUI Life-Health Sciences Research 4/2018

Directives Symposium

Determining Medical Decision Making Capacity Eskenazi Hospital 11/2017

Assessing the Effects of an Ethics Course on Life Health Sciences Internship 5/2017

Undergraduate Students’ Ethical Judgment Program Research Symposium

Death for Dying: A Panel of Experts Indiana University School of Medicine 1/2017 Neurology and Neurosurgery Grand Rounds

To Consent or Not Consent, tPA is the Question Indiana University School of Medicine 5/2016

Neurology and Neurosurgery Grand Rounds

Ethical Considerations in Indiana’s Surrogate Decision Indiana University school of Medicine 8/2015

Making Law Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

Fifty Shades of Grey: Cases in Neurology Practice Indiana University School of Medicine 8/2015

Where the Law & Ethics Collide Neurology Grand Rounds

Surrogate Decision Making Laws, Ethics, and Practice Indiana University School of Medicine 3/2015

Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

Surrogate Decision Making Laws, Ethics, and Practice Indiana University School of Medicine 9/2015

Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

A Student Collaboration to Promote Transit Legislation IUPUI Urban Health Conference 4/2014

Improving Public Health Action in Transit Legislation Robert G. Bringle Civic and Community Engagement Showcase and Symposium 4/2014

Advance Directives in the ICU: Indiana University McKinney School 3/2013

Ethics, Laws, and Practice of Law, Health Law Week Lecture Series

**REGIONAL**

*Title Organization Date*

Indiana’s Healthcare Consent Law Indiana Osteopathic Association 4/2019

122nd Annual Conference

HIP 2.0 – Opioids and Access Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 3/2019

HIP 2.0 – How it’s working Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 1/2019

Resident Physician Understanding of Statutes and RESPECT Conference on Palliative 2/2018

Regulations that Dictate Surrogate Decision Making Care

Perspectives of Specific Religions Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 1/2018

Clinicians and Religion: The Ethics of Physician Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 11/2017

Healthcare Organizations and Religion Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 6/2017

The Place of Religion and Spirituality in Healthcare Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 5/2017

Patients, Families, and Medical Decision Making Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 4/2017

Paging God: religion in the Halls of Medicine Seminar, Religion and Medical Ethics 3/2017

Ethics Grand Rounds: Clinical implications of Marion University School of 11/2016

Surrogate decision making Osteopathic Medicine

Key Issues with Indiana’s Healthcare Consent Statute Before I Die Festival 5/2016

Understanding Indiana’s Health Care Consent Law Indiana State Bar Association Annual 10/2016 Conference

Religion, Death, and End-of-Life Decisions Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation 8/2016

Surrogate Decision Making Laws in Indiana Hospitals Indiana State Bar Association 12/2015

The Legal and Ethical Implications of Indiana’s Indiana University Health Fairbanks 10/2015

Surrogate Decision Making Act on Patient Care Center for Medical Ethics

Indiana Hospitals Conference

The Affordable Care Act and Its Impact on College Delta Sigma Theta, Key Note Speaker 2/2013

Students

**NATIONAL – *Peer Reviewed Presentations – First Author***

*Title Organization Date*

Physician Reports of Empathic Communication in American Academy of Hospice and 3/2019

Clinical Practice Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)

Neurologists versus Hospitalists: The Effect of American Heart/ Stroke Association 4/2018

Physician Specialty on Stroke Care and Outcomes Quality of Care and Outcomes Research

After Ischemic Stroke and TIA In Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke

Differential Ischemic Stroke Risk Among American Heart/ Stroke Association 4/2018

Women Veterans Across Age Strata Quality of Care and Outcomes Research

In Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke

Resident Physician Understanding of Statutes and RESPECT Palliative Care Conference 2/2018

Regulations that Dictate Surrogate Decision Making

Coming to a Hospital Near You: The Future of American Public Health Association 11/2017

Physician Aid in Dying in the United States Annual Conference

Choosing Death over Suffering: Informing Patients American Public Health Association 11/2017

About the Possibility of Physician Aid in Dying as an Annual Conference

End-of-Life Option

Legal and Ethical Pitfalls of Electronic Medical Records American Medical Association 9/2016

What do you mean I cannot consent for my American Public Health Association 10/2015

Grandmother’s medical procedure?: Key issues with Annual Conference

state default surrogate decision making laws

Advanced Directives in the ICU: Ethics, Law and American Public Health Association 11/2013

Practice

An Ethical Analysis of Conscientious Objection Bioethics Association Meeting 5/2013

in the Healing Professions

***Co-Authorship***

*Title Organization Date*

Oncology Fellow’s Current Practice Regarding Palliative and Supportive Care in 11/2018

Concurrent Outpatient Oncology and Palliative Care Oncology Symposium

**SERVICE**

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**DEPARTMENT**

*Activity Role Inclusive Dates*

Dept. of Health Sciences Mission Statement Committee Member 8/2017 – 2/2018

Committee

Karen Gable Scholarship Award Committee Committee Member 1/2018 – 2/2018

Faculty Search Committee Committee Member 8/2017 – 12/2017

Faculty Search Committee Committee Member 8/2018 – Present

**SCHOOL**

*Activity Role Inclusive Dates*

SHRS Governance Committee Committee Chair 8/2016 – Present

SHRS Academic Affairs Committee Committee Member 8/2016 – Present

SHHS By-Laws Restructuring Committee Committee Member 12/2017 – Present

SHRS Commencement Name Reader 5/2018

SHHS Dean Search Committee Committee Member 8/2018 – Present

**UNIVERSITY**

*Activity Role Inclusive Dates*

Faculty Council At-Large Representative 8/2016 – Present

University College Faculty SHRS Representative 8/2016 – 8/2018

Institutional Review Board – Decisionally Committee Member 8/2016 – 8/2017

Impaired Subjects Policy Working Group

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**LOCAL**

*Activity Role Inclusive Dates*

Eskenazi Hospital Medical Ethics Committee Committee Member 8/2015 – Present

Eskenazi Hospital Medical Ethics Committee Ethics Consultant 8/2015 – Present

**NATIONAL**

*Activity Role Inclusive Dates*

Medical Care Manuscript Reviewer 11/2018

Chronicles of Health Impact Assessment Journal Editorial Board 8/2015 – Present

Member

J. Empirical Bioethics Manuscript Reviewer 2/2018 – Present

Annals of Internal Medicine Manuscript Reviewer 8/2015 – Present

Chronicles of Health Impact Assessment Manuscript Reviewer 8/2015 – Present

J. of New Gen. Studies Manuscript Reviewer 7/2016

J. of American Geriatrics Society Manuscript Reviewer 9/2015

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS - SERVICE**

*Title Organization Date*

Testimony Committee on Public Health Indiana Senate 1/2018

Indiana’s Health Care Consent Act

Testimony Committee on Public Health Indiana House of Representatives 1/2018

Indiana’s Health Care Consent Act

Testimony Committee on Public Health Indiana’s Indiana House of Representatives 5/2017

Health Care Consent Act

Presidential Election for Kids Indiana Secretary of State 11/2016

**PUBLICATIONS**

**TEACHING**

*Refereed*

**Comer AR**, The Syllabus as a Contract. The Chronicle of Higher Education; 2016: July 26. Retrieved from http://chronicle.com/article/The-Syllabus-as-a-Contract/237251.

**RESEARCH**

*Refereed*

**First Author Peer Reviewed Publications**

1. **Comer AR.** Choosing Death over Suffering: Determining a Standard for Informing Patients about the Possibility of Physician-Aid-in- Dying as an End-of-Life Option. Harvard Medical School Bioethics Journal. 2019. <https://bioethicsjournal.hms.harvard.edu/magazine-issue/summer-2019>.
2. **Comer AR,** Slaven JE, Montz A, Burke E, Inger I, Torkie A. Non-traditional Surrogate Decision Makers for Hospitalized Older Adults. Medical Care. 2018;56(4):337-340.
3. **Comer AR,** Gaffney M, Stone, C, Torke A. The effect of a state health care consent law on patient care in hospitals: A survey of physicians. Journal of Hospital Administration. 2018;7(2):31-35.
4. **Comer AR**, Gaffney M, Stone C, Torke AM. “What do you mean I cannot consent for my grandmother’s medical procedure?”: Key issues with state default surrogate decision making laws. Indiana Health Law Review. 2016;14(2):2-28.
5. **Comer AR**, Gaffney M, Stone C, Torke AM. Physician Understanding and Application of Surrogate Decision Making Laws in Clinical Practice. AJOB Empirical Bioethics. 2016;8(3):198-204.
6. **Comer AR**. In the Wake of Wakefield: Establishing Consequences for Journal Failure to Recognize Retracted Research Articles. International Journal of Medical Research Professionals 2015;1(3):1-4.

**Other Peer Reviewed Publications**

1. Livorsi D, **Comer AR**, Matthias M, Perencevich E, Bair M. Barriers to guidelines-concordant antibiotic use among inptaient physicians: a case vignette qualitative study. Journal of Hospital Medicine 2016; 11(3):174-180.
2. Livorsi D, **Comer AR**, Matthias M, Perencevich E, Bair M. Factors Influencing Antibiotic-Prescribing Decisions Among Inpatient Physicians: Qualitative Investigation. Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology 2015;36(9):1065-1072.
3. Mac Kinnon J, **Comer AR**. Book Chapter: The Influence of Culture, Values, and Faith on End-of-Life Decisions. In: Healthcare Ethics for Healthcare Practitioners. 2016.
4. Almojaibel AA, Munk N, Goodfellow LT, Fisher TF, Miller KK, **Comer AR**, Bakas T, Justiss MD. Development and Validation of the Tele-Pulmonary Rehabilitation Acceptance Scale. Respiratory Care. 2019; 64(3).

**Published Abstracts**

1. **Comer AR**, Ustymchuk N, D’Cruz L, Bartlett S, Fettig L. Physician Use of Empathy During Clinical Practice. Journal of Pain and Symptom Management. 2019; 57(2):487-488.
2. **Comer AR**, Comer, AD, Dethoff A, Templeton EJ, Slaven JJ. Neurologist versus Hospitalists: The Effect of Physician Specialty on Stroke Care and Outcomes after Ischemic Stroke and TIA. Circulation. 2018;11:A109.
3. **Comer AR**, Sico J, Haggstrom D. Differential Ischemic Stroke Risk Among Women Veterns Across Age Strata. Circulation. 2018;11:A107.
4. **Comer AR.** What do you mean I cannot consent for my grandmother’s medical procedure?: Key issues with state default surrogate decision making laws. American Public Health Association. 2015. <https://apha.confex.com/apha/143am/webprogram/Paper336442.html>
5. **Comer AR**. Choosing Death over Suffering: Informing Patients about the Possibility of Physician Aid-in Dying as an end-of-life option. American Public Health Association. 2017. <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2017/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/380875>