Long-standing ethical principles for genetics research help respect and protect research participants, and they are especially important for preventing harm to marginalized or vulnerable populations. In a new AJHG Perspective out this month in The American Journal of Human Genetics, ASHG articulates expectations that scientists worldwide abide by universal ethical standards for biomedical research. ASHG recently updated our own policies and practices, including updating journal instructions to authors and expectations for content submitted to ASHG's Annual Meeting.

Trainee Advocates Share Their Perspectives on ASHG's Capitol Hill Day

The inaugural class of trainee advocates in the Advocacy Certificate for Human Genetics and Genomics Trainees (ACGT) program participated in ASHG’s Capitol Hill Day in May. Read their reflections of this experience. Participation in this event is a key feature of the ACGT program.
ASHG’s quarterly newsletter, *The Messenger*, was published last week. Read a summary of Capitol Hill Day and our interview with Geoffrey Ginsburg, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical and Scientific Officer at NIH’s *All of Us* Research Program, among other exciting articles!

### Congressional Champion for Biomedical Research Dies

Lawmakers of both parties are paying tribute to former Rep. John E. Porter, an Illinois Republican and Appropriations “cardinal” who died on June 3 at the age of 87. As chairman of the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Porter led a push to double funding for the NIH; his support for research paved the way for the mapping of the human genome. Research!America also paid tribute to Porter, who served as member and chair of their Board after leaving Congress. ASHG is a member of the Research!America advocacy alliance.

### In Other Policy & Advocacy News

- In the wake of the hate-fueled mass killing in Buffalo, NY last month, ASHG President, Charles Rotimi, PhD, released a statement condemning the warping of genetic knowledge to feed racist ideology.
- The Rally for Medical Research is back on in-person this year! Join other advocates on Sept. 13-14 as we continue to call on our nation’s policymakers to make NIH funding a national priority.
- ASHG has joined the Coalition for the Life Sciences! Our Board representatives are Nancy Cox, PhD and Anthony Wynshaw-Boris, MD, PhD.
- President Biden announced the nomination of Arati Prabhakar, PhD, a physicist and former head of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, as his science advisor and director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.
- HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra announced the formal establishment of the Advanced Research Project Agency for Health (ARPA-H) as an independent entity within the NIH, and the appointment of Adam H. Russell, D.Phil., as acting deputy director beginning this month.
NASEM held the third public online workshop on Use of Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry as Population Descriptors in Genomics Research on June 14. The recording and meeting details will be available here.

If you registered for the 5th ELSI Congress but missed a live session, recordings are now available.

The U.S. House of Representatives adopted a deeming resolution in early June, setting a $1.6 trillion discretionary spending cap for fiscal year 2023 appropriations. This clears the way for appropriators to start moving the spending bills through the House.

ASHG Calendar

- **ASHG Webinar** - June 28 at 1 PM ET. Explore high-level approaches to managing multiple projects, multiple roles, and dynamic biomedical science careers.
- **Journal Club** - July 13 at 12 PM ET. Maria A. Nieves-Colón, PhD, and Andrés Moreno-Estrada, PhD, discuss their recent AJHG paper on New Insights into Preeclampsia Genetic Risk Factors.
- ASHG’s **annual meeting** is October 25-29 in Los Angeles, CA. **Registration is open!**