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Bio Sketch

Kathy Hudson is director of the Genetics and Public Policy Center and Associate Professor in the Berman Bioethics Institute, Institute of Genetic Medicine, and the Department of Pediatrics at The Johns Hopkins University. Hudson founded the Center in 2002 with support from The Pew Charitable Trusts to fill an important niche in the science policy landscape by focusing exclusively on issues raised by advances in human genetics.

Hudson leads the Center's efforts to monitor and improve the quality of genetic testing, evaluate the legal and regulatory landscape, educate and engage the public and policymakers, and assess the public's attitudes.

To inform genetic policy decisions, the Center has published a series of analytical reports on the scientific, legal, ethical, and policy issues raised by human genetic technologies. The Center also conducts extensive research on public attitudes about emerging genetic technologies and sponsors an array of activities and events to facilitate ongoing discussions about these topics.

Hudson serves on the boards of the Health Privacy Project, the Guttmacher Institute, the Personalized Medicine Coalition, and PXE International. She is a member of the International Task Force on Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research Guidelines of the International Society for Stem Cell Research and Chair of the Social Issues Committee for the American Society of Human Genetics.

Before founding the Center, Hudson was the Assistant Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) where she directed policy and public affairs for the Human Genome Project. Previously, Hudson served in the Department of Health and Human Services and on Capitol Hill. She holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of California at Berkeley, an M.S. in Microbiology from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in Biology from Carleton College.