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Bio Sketch

Robert Klitzman is the Co-Founder of the Columbia University Center for Bioethics, an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the School of Public Health, and Co-Chair of the Ethics in Genetics Research Conference. He is the Director of the Ethics, Policy, and Human Rights Core of the HIV Center at Columbia and the New York State Psychiatric Institute; and has written widely about ethical issues concerning genetics, HIV, and other areas in academic journals, as well as the *New York Times* and other publications. He is currently completing work on an R01 award from the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) Program of the National Human Genome Research Institute to study "Views of Privacy of Genetic Information." His books include *Mortal Secrets: Truth and Lies in the Age of AIDS*, *Being Positive: The Lives of Men and Women with HIV*, and *The Trembling Mountain: A Personal Account of Kuru, Cannibals, and Mad Cow Disease*. His books, *A Year-long Night: Tales of A Medical Internship* and *In a House of Dreams and Glass: Becoming a Psychiatrist* explore ethical and other issues in medical and psychiatric training, respectively. He has received several awards for his work, including a Burroughs-Wellcome Fellowship from the American Psychiatric Association (for future leaders in psychiatry), a Picker-Commonwealth Scholar Award, and fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Aaron Diamond Foundation, the MacDowell Colony, and Yaddo, and he has been a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation.