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Toby Schonfeld, PhD, is the Human Subjects Research Review Official and the Director of the Program in Human Research Ethics at the EPA. She has over 15 years of experience in the application of ethical concepts and theories to the practice of healthcare, science, and technology, and has specialized in research ethics for over 12 years.

Dr. Schonfeld has served on several Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and formed the core of her professional scholarship from the interactions with other board members and scientific researchers. Dr. Schonfeld has over 50 articles, commentaries, and letters in peer-reviewed journals and has published 12 book chapters. With D. Micah Hester (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences), she is the editor of *Guidance for Healthcare Ethics Committees* (Cambridge, 2012). Her publications include work on recruiting human participants for studies, compensation for participants, contraception requirements for participants in clinical trials, and the risk/benefit analysis of research protocols. Dr. Schonfeld frequently presents her work at national meetings and has served on several grant review panels as the bioethics expert. She is currently a member of the National Cancer Institute's Adult Late-Phase Central IRB.

Prior to joining the EPA, Dr. Schonfeld was the Director of the Master of Arts in Bioethics Program at the Center for Ethics and Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine at Emory University. She also directed the Program for Scholarly Integrity (PSI) at the Laney Graduate School at Emory. The PSI ensures that all doctoral students at Emory have training in the responsible conduct of research, scholarship, and teaching. Dr. Schonfeld was a faculty member at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska from 2001-2010.

Dr. Schonfeld graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies in 1995. She earned her M.A. in Philosophy with a concentration in medical ethics from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK) in 1997, and her Ph.D. in the same area from UTK in 2001. Dr. Schonfeld lives in the greater D.C. area with her husband and one dog, who thinks she is the Queen of the Universe. And she is.