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Thaddeus Mason Pope is an Associate Professor of Law and a member of the Health Law Institute at Widener University School of Law. Professor Pope received a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and a Ph.D. (in Philosophy) from Georgetown University. Following graduation from law school, Professor Pope clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He then worked for Arnold & Porter LLP in Los Angeles, and as an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Memphis. Professor Pope now teaches and writes in the areas of Health Law, Bioethics, Public Health, and Torts.

In 2008, Professor Pope testified before the President's Council on Bioethics. He has presented at academic and professional conferences in Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America, including the: American Public Health Association; American Society for Bioethics and Humanities; American Thoracic Society; International Association of Bioethics; and American Society for Law, Medicine, and Ethics.

Professor Pope has been deeply engaged with legal, policy, and ethical issues concerning public health law and ethics. He completed his doctoral dissertation under Larry Gostin. In his own widely-cited article, "Balancing Public Health against Individual Liberty," Pope examines and debunks alleged ethical and policy limits to a growing U.S. emphasis on prevention instead of treatment. He then wrote four more lengthy articles on public health paternalism. Pope is now completing a chapter for *Prevention vs. Treatment: Philosophical, Empirical and Cultural Reflections* (Halley S. Faust & Paul T. Menzel eds., forthcoming 2011).

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