

Biosketch

Joseph J. Fins, MD, MACP, FRCP is *The E. William Davis, Jr. M.D. Professor of Medical Ethics* and Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medical College where he is a Tenured Professor of Medicine, Professor of Medicine in Psychiatry, Professor of Medical Ethics in Neurology, Professor of Medical Ethics in Rehabilitation Medicine, and Professor of Health Care Policy and Research. He is the founding Chair of the Ethics Committee of New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center where he is an Attending Physician and Director of Medical Ethics. A member of the Adjunct Faculty of Rockefeller University and Senior Attending Physician at The Rockefeller University Hospital, he co-directs, the Consortium for the Advanced Study of Brain Injury (CASBI) at Weill Cornell Medicine and Rockefeller. In 2014, he served as the *Dwight H. Terry Visiting Scholar in Bioethics* and Visiting Professor in the History of Medicine at Yale. In 2015, he was appointed the *Solomon Center Distinguished Scholar in Medicine, Bioethics and the Law* at Yale Law School and directs CASBI@YLS. He is currently a Visiting Professor of Law at Yale Law School in addition to his appointment at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Dr. Fins is an elected Member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) of the National Academies of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and by Royal Appointment an *Academico de Honor* (Honored Academic) of the Real *Academia Nacional de Medicina de España* (the Royal National Academy of Medicine of Spain). In 2022, he was elected to the Association of American Physicians.

A recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research, Dr. Fins has also received a Soros Open Society Institute Project on Death in America Faculty Scholars Award, a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Visiting Fellowship and support from the Greenwall, Dana, Buster, and Katz Foundations as well as the National Institutes of Health, amongst others. He was appointed by President Clinton to *The White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy* and currently serves on *The New York State Task Force on Life and the Law* by gubernatorial appointment. In 2015, Dr. Fins received the *Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics* from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. He was the 2019 recipient of the *Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and the History of Medicine* of the American College of Physicians and served as the *David Barap Brin Visiting Professor* at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2020. In 2021, he completed service on the National Academies of Sciences “Standing Committee to Advise the Department of State on Unexplained Health Effects on U.S. Government Employees and their Families at Overseas Embassies.”

Dr. Fins was graduated from Wesleyan University (B.A. with Honors, The College of Letters, 1982) and Cornell University Medical College (M.D., 1986). He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in General Internal Medicine at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and has served as Associate for Medicine at The Hastings Center. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

The author of over 500 papers, chapters, essays, and books, his most recent volume is *Rights Come to Mind: Brain Injury, Ethics and The Struggle for Consciousness* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). Dr. Fins is also the author of *A Palliative Ethic of Care: Clinical Wisdom at Life's End* (Jones and Bartlett, 2006). Dr. Fins is a co-author of the 2007 *Nature* paper describing the first use of deep brain stimulation (DBS) in the minimally conscious state. He is currently a co-investigator on an NIH BRAIN Initiative grant studying DBS in severe to moderate traumatic brain injury and principal investigator on an NIH study entitled, "Cognitive Restoration: Neuroethics and Disability Rights."

A developer of clinical pragmatism as a method of moral problem solving for medicine, Professor Fins' current scholarly interests include: ethical and policy issues in brain injury and disorders of consciousness; civil and disability rights for individuals with severe brain injury; palliative care; research ethics in neurology and psychiatry; medical education; methods of ethics case consultation; the history of medicine; medical humanities; bioethics in the Spanish-speaking world; and more broadly fostering a productive dialogue between the sciences and the humanities.

Dr. Fins is an associate editor of the 4th Edition of the *Encyclopedia of Bioethics* and the *Journal of Clinical Ethics* and edits the Ethics Section of the *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. He sits on the editorial boards of: *The Hastings Center Report*; *Ethics and Human Research*; *The Pharos Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*; *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*; *BioMed Central Medical Ethics*; *Neuroethics*; *Neuromodulation*; *American Journal of Bioethics*; and *Neuromodulation* as well as the MIT Basic Bioethics Series and the Springer Press Neuroethics Book Series.

Professor Fins is President of the International Neuroethics Society, a Past President of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, and a member of Board of Trustees of The Hastings Center. He is the lone North American to serve on the *Comisión Académica of the Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset* of the *Fundación Ortega-Marañón*, Madrid, Spain.

A Master and past Governor of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Fins has been honored with the College's *Laureate Award* and served as a trustee of the American College of Physicians Foundation. He is a *Trustee Emeritus* of Wesleyan University, which has honored him with its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dr. Fins is a Fellow of The Royal College of Physicians (London), The Hastings Center, and The New York Academy of Medicine where he served as a Fellow Ambassador. He was appointed to the Council of the *Europäische Akademie* (Germany) and is an elected member of the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, the American Clinical and Climatological Association, and *Alpha Omega Alpha*.