

# Jonathan Moreno

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## Biography

Jonathan D. Moreno is one of fourteen Penn Integrates Knowledge university professors at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is also Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, of History and Sociology of Science, and of Philosophy. In 2008-09 he served as a member of President Barack Obama's transition team. His book, *The Body Politic: The Battle Over Science in America*, was named a Best Book of 2011 by Kirkus Reviews. Among his other books are *Mind Wars: Brain Research and the Military in the 21st Century*, and *Undue Risk: Secret State Experiments on Humans*. He was an Andrew W. Mellon post-doctoral fellow, holds an honorary doctorate from Hofstra University, and is a recipient of the Benjamin Rush Medal from the College of William and Mary Law School and the Dr. Jean Mayer Award for Global Citizenship from Tufts University. Moreno is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and is a National Associate of the National Research Council. He is a member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee and has served as a senior staff member for three presidential advisory commissions. Moreno is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC, where he edits the magazine *Science Progress* ([www.scienceprogress.org](http://www.scienceprogress.org)). He has served as an adviser to many governmental and non-governmental organizations, including the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Moreno has published 15 books and more than 500 papers, book chapters, reviews and op eds. He is a frequent contributor to the *Huffington Post*, *Psychology Today*, and other major media.

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## Availability

Keynote, Panelist, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

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## Industry Expertise

Biotechnology, Education/Learning, Research

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## Areas of Expertise

Bioethics, Biopolitics, National Security  
Policy

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## Affiliations

University of Pennsylvania, Center for American Progress

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## Sample Talks

### **The Body Politic: The Battle Over Science in America**

We have entered what is called the "biological century" and a new biopolitics has emerged to address the implications for America's collective value system, our well-being, and ultimately, our future. In this talk I assess this new force in our political landscape—one that fuels today's culture wars and has motivated politicians of all stripes to reexamine their platforms.

### **Mind Wars: Brain Research and the Military in the 21st Century**

Mind Wars covers the ethical dilemmas and bizarre history of cutting-edge technology and neuroscience developed for military applications. I discuss the work of the innovative Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the role of the intelligence community and countless university science departments in preparing the military and intelligence services for the twenty-first century.

### **Neuroethics: The New Brain Science and What it Means**

Neuroethics studies the way that the brain influences our moral choices and the ways that neurotechnologies will shape the human future. Is there a self? Do we have free will? Can drugs and devices improve our minds or do they present too many risks? In this talk I explore these and other challenges and possibilities of the new brain science.

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## **Education**

**Washington University in St. Louis**  
PhD

**Hofstra University**  
BA Philosophy, Psychology

**Washington University**  
PhD Philosophy

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## **Accomplishments**

**Andrew W. Mellon Fellow**  
Post-doctoral fellowship

**Honorary Doctorate, Hofstra University**  
Honorary degree.

**Benjamin Rush Medal**  
College of William & Mary School of Law

**Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2011 List, "The Body Politic"**  
Kirkus Reviews

**Dr. Jean Mayer Award for Global Citizenship**  
Tufts University

**Member, Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences**  
The National Academies

**Transition Team, President-Elect Barack Obama**  
Team Lead for Bioethics, Department of Health and Human Services

**International Bioethics Commission**  
UNESCO

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