Center for Genetics and Society (CGS): Project Director on Assisted Reproductive Technologies

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Position: Project Director, Assisted Reproductive Technologies
Closing Date: April 1, 2014

The Center for Genetics and Society is a nonprofit information and public affairs organization working to encourage responsible uses and effective societal governance of human genetic and reproductive technologies and other emerging technologies. We work with a growing network of scientists, health professionals, civil society leaders, and others. CGS supports benign and beneficent medical applications of these technologies, and opposes those applications that objectify and commodify human life and threaten to divide human society.

The Project on Assisted Reproductive Technologies will expand CGS's longstanding work to bring a social and reproductive justice perspective to new and emerging assisted reproductive practices and technologies. The Project Director will report to the Executive Director, and will work closely with CGS staff, collaborating organizations and individuals, and other allies.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES
* Develop, monitor and analyze the impact of ART research and practices, specifically regarding concerns related to women's health, social justice and human rights
* Assume responsibility for building and strengthening relationships with social justice and public interest advocates, as well as scholars, scientists and medical professionals, to support responsible use of and public policies on ARTs, with a special focus on advocates of reproductive health, rights and justice
* Develop and implement a tracking mechanism for ART-related policy and media and organize multi-faceted responses with collaborative partners
* Research and prepare articles, commentaries and blog posts on ART-related topics
* Take a lead role in presenting on ART issues at briefings, conferences, and media venues
* Ensure CGS's Project on Assisted Reproductive Technologies takes place in the context of CGS's organizational needs, and its mission to build a new...
biopolitics grounded in social justice and the public interest
* Participate in fundraising initiatives, and take lead responsibility for elements of these as requested
* Participate in other CGS program and project work, including organizational strategic planning

Examples of activities may include:
> Organize public and invitational events, e.g., an upcoming forum on international surrogacy
> Lead CGS work coordinating the "Assisted Reproductive Technologies Working Group"
> Coordinate research on country-level policies on third-party reproduction for CGS's BiopolicyWiki
> Conduct and analyze qualitative interviews with people involved in third-party egg retrieval arrangements
> Supervise summer intern(s)

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS
* Three to five plus years experience developing and managing social-justice related programs
* Relationships with key women’s health and reproductive health, rights and justice organizations; and with other social justice constituencies (e.g., LGBTQ rights, racial justice, disability rights, human rights, environmental justice)
* Expertise monitoring, crafting and responding to policy (on state, federal, and international levels; and among professional organizations)
* Ability to work within a team and across organizations and to organize collaborative responses to complex issues
* Excellent research, writing, and editing skills
* Flair for public presentations and engaging in media work
* Some familiarity or at least strong interest in:
  > The politics and social implications of ARTs and other human biotechnologies
  > Domestic and/or international policy and legal frameworks on assisted reproductive technologies and practices
  > The basic science and technology of assisted reproduction
* Aptitude for
  > New political and intellectual challenge
  > Strategic thinking about translating new challenges into organizing activities and programs
  > Multi-tasking, program management and self-management
  > Working productively in a fast-paced and collaborative organization
* Willingness to do some state, national and international travel

This is an exempt position. CGS offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience and a comprehensive benefits program.
The Center for Genetics and Society, a project of Tides Center, is an 
³at-will² and equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage and seek 
applications from women, people of color, people with disabilities, and 
members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. 
Applicants shall not be discriminated against because of race, religion, 
sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability, political affiliation, 
sexual orientation, gender identity, color, marital status, or medical 
condition. Reasonable accommodation will be made so that qualified disabled 
applicants may participate in the application process. Please advise in 
writing of special needs at the time of application.

To apply, send cover letter and resume by COB April 1 to Emily Galpern at 
ARTposition@geneticsandsociety.org. Only candidates invited to interview 
will be contacted.