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Professor Gostin has three honorary degrees. In 1994, the Chancellor of the State University of New York conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. In 2006, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Chancellor awarded Cardiff University’s (Wales) highest honor, an Honorary Fellow. In 2007, the Royal Institute of Public Health designated Professor Gostin as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Health (FRIPH).

Professor Gostin, an elected lifetime Member of the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences, serves on the Board on Health Sciences Policy and the Committee on Science, Technology, and Law. He currently chairs the IOM Committee on Health Informational Privacy, and has chaired Committees on genomics and on prisoner research. The IOM awarded Professor Gostin the Adam Yarmolinsky Medal for distinguished service to further its mission of science and health. He received the Public Health Law Association’s Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award “in recognition of a career devoted to using law to improve the public’s health” presented at the CDC. Internationally, Professor Gostin received the Rosemary Delbridge Memorial Award from the National Consumer Council (U.K.) for the person “who has most influenced Parliament and government to act for the welfare of society.” He also received the Key to Tohoko University (Japan) for distinguished contributions to human rights.

Professor Gostin has led major law reform initiatives in the U.S., including the drafting of the Model Emergency Health Powers Act (MEHPA) to combat bioterrorism and the “Turning Point” Model State Public Health Act. He is also leading a drafting team on developing a Model Public Health Law for the World Health Organization.

In the United Kingdom, Lawrence Gostin was the Legal Director of the National Association for Mental Health, Director of the National Council of Civil Liberties (the UK equivalent of the ACLU), and a Fellow at Oxford University. He helped draft the Mental Health Act (England and Wales) and brought several landmark cases before the European Commission and Court of Human Rights.

Professor Gostin’s latest books are: *Public Health Law: Power, Duty, Restraint* (University of California Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2008); *Biosecurity In The Global Age: Biological Weapons, Public Health, and the Rule of Law* (Stanford University Press, 2008); *Public Health Ethics: Theory, Policy and Practice* (Oxford University Press, 2007); *The AIDS Pandemic: Complacency, Injustice, and Unfulfilled Expectations* (University of North Carolina Press, 2004); *The Human Rights of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities: Different But Equal* (Oxford University Press, 2003); *Public Health Law and Ethics: A Reader* (University of California Press and Milbank Memorial Fund, 2002).