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THE GLOBALIZATION OF HEALTH CARE: LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES. Edited by I. Glenn Cohen. New York, N.Y.: Oxford University Press. 2013. Pp. xxiv, 454. \$95.00. Medical tourism has become big business for foreign health care providers and a major part of the American health care system. In this collection of essays, Professor I. Glenn Cohen and his coauthors situate the now-familiar trend of medical tourism within a larger set of international health care exchanges: the migration of health care professionals to developed countries, the globalization of health care research and design, and the increased outsourcing of medical records management and analysis. This volume brings together perspectives from American, Canadian, and European academics across disciplines including law, medicine, bioethics, public health, and business. The authors are alive to the opportunities for health care consumers as well as the ethical challenges posed by transborder health care exchanges. The essays thoughtfully consider legal problems such as jurisdiction for malpractice suits, corporate responsibility and liability for nonconsensual human-subject drug testing, and the status of medical tourists seeking assisted-suicide services. Cohen also provides a framing grounded in globalization theory that gives the essays purchase beyond their subject matter. The diversity of views, disciplines, and issues within this volume makes it valuable for academics as well as policymakers and health care professionals.

SIMPLER: THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT. By Cass R. Sunstein. New York, N.Y.: Simon & Schuster. 2013. Pp. x, 260. \$26.00. In 2009, Professor Cass Sunstein became the Administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). In *Simpler*, Sunstein thoughtfully examines the theoretical underpinnings and recent applications of regulatory “nudges” through an engaging personal account of his tenure as OIRA Administrator. Sunstein carefully walks the reader through multiple critical decisions affecting the regulatory state from 2009 to 2012, such as the “highly controversial but unquestionably correct” (p. 7) decision to oppose finalization of EPA ozone regulations. He describes how disclosure requirements and other creative efforts can enable people to make better choices. Sunstein does not call for a smaller government, but rather a government that does certain things — makes people’s lives healthier, wealthier, and happier — with careful attention to simplification. *Simpler* manages to cover many topics that have captured the country’s political imagination in the past four years, yet simultaneously eschews politicization. Unapologetic in the face of criticism from both sides of the aisle, Sunstein combines academic precision with humor as he explains the regulatory philosophy that motivated President Obama’s first term.