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MEGHAN HOLOHAN ["Lean on Me"], *Pitt Med*'s assistant contributing editor, will follow a story almost anywhere. Most recently she has been reporting on doctors working in homeless camps and clinics in Pittsburgh and Boston; she's on the street even when the mercury dips below freezing. We figured she had the constitution to deliver on her next assignment: the making of this year's Scope and Scalpel, which she says promises to be as satirical and tacky as its predecessors.

After some 15 years of creating professional illustrations for clients that include *The Atlantic Monthly* and *The New York Times*, **DAVID POHL** [cover, "Lessons from a Dark Winter"] had a mid-life artistic crisis. For several months last fall, he stopped taking commercial assignments so he could focus on reinventing his work. This issue's cover is the first time that he's used his new illustrative style for a commissioned piece.

COVER

About the cover: If you're going to be ready for a bioweapons attack, the first thing to do is imagine it actually happening. (© David Pohl.)



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