

# CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

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## CLBB Highlights



### [Memory, Trauma, and Asylum Law: A Role for Neuroscience?](#)

Petrie-Flom Center | December 10, 2019

CLBB Executive Director Francis Shen provided an update on the Center's [emerging work around immigration, neuroscience, and trauma](#) at the Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center's Year in P/Review symposium. The Center is actively exploring the potential of applied neuroscience to advance immigration justice, identifying trauma and memory as two areas into which neuroscience might provide value to courts, attorneys, and litigants. The update follows the Center's earlier 2019 program on [Trauma at the Border](#). The work is part of the [Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience](#), a collaboration between CLBB and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.



### [Dr. Judith Edersheim Featured at MGH Psychiatry Program](#)

December 3, 2019

CLBB Co-Director [Dr. Judith Edersheim](#) was interviewed by [Dr. Jerrold Rosenbaum](#), CLBB Advisory Board Member and Psychiatrist-in-Chief emeritus of the MGH Department of Psychiatry, as part of a program for MGH Psychiatry residents and interns. Dr. Edersheim answered questions about her work and career trajectory at the intersection of psychiatry and law. The MGH Department of Psychiatry is the #1 ranked Psychiatry department in the United States.

## Spotlight on Faculty Research



### [The AURORA Study: A Longitudinal, Multimodal Library of Brain Biology and Function after Traumatic Stress Exposure](#)

Molecular Psychiatry | November 19, 2019

CLBB affiliated faculty member Dr. Kerry Ressler is leading efforts to uncover the molecular mechanisms of trauma and its effects on the brain. His newest study, which follows 5000 individuals for a year following a traumatic experience, has great implications for precision medicine and law alike.

### [Longitudinal EEG Power in the First Postnatal Year Differentiates Autism Outcomes](#)

Charles A. Nelson | Nature Communications | September 2019

*Highlight:* "Longitudinal EEG power measurements from 3 to 36 months...reveal the importance of developmental timing and trajectory



in understanding pathophysiology and classifying Autism Spectrum Disorder outcomes."

## In the News

### *General*

[Informing The Courts: 10 Influential APA Amicus Briefs](#) | American Psychological Association | December 1, 2019

[Half of Homeless People Have Experienced Traumatic Brain Injuries, New UBC Study Finds](#) | CBC News | December 3, 2019

[New Studies Show What Sleep Loss Does to the Brain and Cognition](#) | Forbes | November 29, 2019

### *Aging Brains*

[Financial Abuse of the Elderly: The Role of Psychiatrists](#) | The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry | March 2019

[Why the Holidays Are a Prime Time for Elder Abuse, And What You Can Do to Thwart It](#) | The Conversation | December 9, 2019

[Elder Financial Abuse Training Rises to 90% of Banks, Up From 71% in 2 Years](#) | Forbes | November 19, 2019

### *Trauma and Immigration Justice*

[Medical Screenings Are the Latest U.S. Tactic to Discourage Asylum Seekers, Advocates Say](#) | Los Angeles Times | December 10, 2019

[Despite Warnings, Trump Moves to Expand Migrant Family Detention](#) | The New York Times | December 10, 2019

[Asylum Cases Outstrip Attorney's Ability to Help](#) | Minnesota Lawyer | December 12, 2019

### *Juvenile Justice*

[What Have We Learned Since the Central Park Jogger Case?](#) | The Marshall Project | December 13, 2019

[An Unlikely Group Wants to Raise California's Juvenile Justice Age to 20](#) | Chronicle of Social Change | December 12, 2019

[Unique Needs of the Adolescent](#) | Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics | December 2019

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