

CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

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Meet the New Researcher Assistants for Spring 2020!

The MGH Center for Law, Brain & Behavior regularly engages students in the Center's work related to trauma, aging brains, criminal sentencing, and juvenile justice. Students at the Center come from diverse backgrounds and include undergraduates, law students, medical students, and post-docs. For more information about our spring 2020 research associates and research assistants, as well as some of our past student researchers, take a look at their [impressive bios](#).

If you or a student you know is interested in this work, we are currently hiring for summer 2020 student research assistant positions, [Apply here!](#)



Julia Hall is an undergraduate senior at the College of the Holy Cross, where she is majoring in Biology and minoring in Neuroscience. She began working with CLBB as a summer 2019 RA and has continued working for the Center as a Project Manager. Aside from CLBB, Julia works as a researcher in a Holy Cross cognitive neuroscience lab, which utilizes eye-tracking to explore how unconscious neural activity influences human behavior. Additionally, she is an avid gym-goer, the lead singer of a band, and a three-time orientation leader.



Sarah Lagan graduated from Harvard College in 2019 with a degree in Neurobiology and minor in History. She has worked in both child development and mental health research and is passionate about promoting youth and adolescent well-being through clinical research. Sarah is very interested in the potential of neuroscience to effect changes in law and policy and is thrilled to participate in this work with CLBB. In her free time, she loves to run, bake, and cheer on Boston sports teams.



Stacy Livingston is a first-year at Harvard Law School. She graduated from Dartmouth College in 2016 with majors in English and psychology, and is interested in finding ways to make the law more responsive to, and informed by, the realities of human behavior. Outside of class, Stacy also researches for the Access to Justice Lab at HLS, writes for the Journal of Law and Technology's Digest section, solves crossword puzzles, and is (slowly) learning to play squash.



Fenella McLuskie is a first-year student at Harvard Law School. She has a BA in Philosophy and Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge and a Graduate Diploma in Law from City, University of London. While in London, she taught debate in prisons and represented children who had been permanently excluded from school. She is interested in criminal justice reform, especially in alternative sentencing. A former college rower, Fenella spends much of her free time at the gym. She also loves languages and is currently learning Mandarin Chinese.

Aldis Petriceks is an MD student at Harvard Medical School, where he is currently



a Klingenstein Fellow in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Prior to Harvard he worked as a research and teaching assistant at Stanford University, where he taught anatomy and conducted research in medical education. He graduated from Kenyon College in 2017 with a BA in biology and a minor in Chinese, and is currently interested in psychiatry, health policy, and the integration of the two towards a more equitable and mentally healthy population.



Sina Sadeghzadeh is an undergraduate junior at Harvard College studying Neuroscience and Government. Sina has previously worked as an undergraduate research assistant at the Bellen lab in Houston, TX and as a legal intern at Cunningham Levy Muse LLP in Washington, DC. Outside of class, he rides with Harvard's cycling team and is involved in cultural and community service organizations on campus.



Erin Shortell is a second-year student in Harvard's JD/MPH program and a graduate of Harvard College, where she studied History and minored in Italian. Before law school, Erin worked as a paralegal at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and as a research assistant at the Harvard Department of Psychology, volunteering in her spare time at a Boston suicide helpline. Outside of school, she likes to practice Brazilian jiu jitsu, learn foreign languages, and read fiction.



Oliver Sussman is a junior at Harvard College currently taking a gap semester, during which he will be traveling and researching for CLBB. Oliver is pursuing a joint concentration in neuroscience and linguistics, and is fascinated by how advances in neuroscience can reshape our understandings and theories of human behaviors, be they individual (like language) or societal (like law). Outside of class, Oliver volunteers through Harvard's Peer Health Exchange, coaches high school debate, and loves to run. After Harvard, Oliver hopes to pursue an MD-JD program and work to further cross-talk between the medical and legal disciplines.



Justin Wong is a sophomore at Harvard College joint concentrating in philosophy and neuroscience. At school, he is interested in how neuroscience and philosophical or societal concepts contribute to our understanding about the brain and ourselves. Justin is the research director for the Harvard Review of Philosophy and a board member for the Harvard Society for Mind, Brain, and Behavior and enjoys playing intramural sports for Dunster House.



Lois Yoo is currently a law student at Harvard Law School. She graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Science in Honours Neuroscience. Her undergraduate research examined the role of a circadian clock gene in the regulation of brain processes. After her first year of law school, she worked as a law clerk at the LA District Attorney's Office in the cyber crime division. She is particularly interested in the legal and ethical issues arising from advances in neuroscience and other scientific disciplines. She also feels passionate about mindfulness meditation.

CLBB is Hiring!

Project Manager

The Project Manager / Research Coordinator will play a critical role in facilitating the success of CLBB projects by providing substantive and administrative assistance to the Center's Directors in all CLBB-related endeavors. Primary research responsibilities include scientific literature reviews, original writing in law and neuroscience, and support in developing Center-related materials, such as briefs and scholarly articles. Key administrative functions involve web content management, grant proposal preparation, and

conference and event coordination, among a wide and varied range of duties that support the needs of the Center.

The start date for this position is June 1, 2020, and compensation will be based on experience.

Qualified applicants must have a Bachelor's degree, with coursework or formal training in neuroscience, as well as expert administrative skills. Strong organizational and interpersonal skills are essential.

CLBB works at the vanguard of applied neuroscience, making neuroscience actionable for the legal community in order to ensure just and positive outcomes for all those affected by the law. The research coordinator will be joining the Center at an exciting time in the Center's strategic growth. The Center has strong core programs in elder justice, criminal sentencing, and juvenile justice, and is pursuing exciting new work at the intersection of trauma, memory, and immigration law.

More details about the position and directions for applying can be found on the MGH website posting by clicking below. Inquiries about this position can be directed to mghclbb@gmail.com.

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Summer Research Assistants

As the intersection of law and neuroscience rapidly evolves, the Harvard MGH Center for Law, Brain & Behavior seeks to hire full-time, paid Research Associates and Undergraduate Research Assistants for the summer 2020 academic term (June - August 2020). Research Associates and Research Assistants will play an integral role in exciting Center initiatives concerning the developing brain, the aging brain, and many additional topics. Research Associates may be hired at the post-bac, graduate, or post-doc levels. Current undergraduates are eligible for the Research Assistant positions. Compensation will be based on experience, and start/end dates are flexible. Research Associates and Research Assistants will report to Dr. Shen; will work with CLBB Co-Directors Dr. Judith Edersheim and Dr. Bruce Price, as well as with CLBB affiliated faculty in both law and neuroscience; and will support research in the [Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience](#), a joint program with the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School. Summer RAs must be available for at least 10 weeks of the summer to be eligible.

All inquiries should be sent to mghclbb@gmail.com. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so applicants are encouraged to submit their applications online as soon as possible.

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