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CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

August 9, 2021

CLBB Highlights



[CLBB Signs Onto Advocacy Supporting the Establishment of a Neuroscience Center of Excellence at the Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#)

CLBB recently signed onto an American Brain Coalition proposal to establish a Neuroscience Center of Excellence at the FDA. As the number of Americans diagnosed with chronic brain disorders continues to grow, the creation and funding of this initiative would spur critical biomedical research and innovation needed to advance treatment and cures for brain diseases.



[CLBB Signs Onto Federal Initiative for Children and Youth](#)

CLBB signed onto an advocacy letter calling the Biden-Harris Administration to increase support for federal policies that focus on security and equity for children and youth. Included in the sign-on letter are recommendations for establishing a leadership structure within the White House that is dedicated to ensuring that the unique needs of children and youth are a major consideration throughout the development of new policies and legislation.

For more information on this initiative, see [here](#).

Faculty and Board Member News



[Massachusetts Judge Laments Recent Supreme Court Ruling That Juveniles Can Be Sentenced To Life Without Parole](#)

WBUR NEWS | May 3, 2021

CLBB Faculty Member Judge Jay Blitzman (Ret.) was featured on WBUR where he discusses the possible ramifications of the recent *Jones v. Mississippi* decision that gives judges discretion to sentence juveniles to life without parole (LWOP).

Highlight: "The lack of more guidance is concerning because otherwise, we live in a world of justice by geography. And why should where you live affect such a consequential determination?...[The ruling] says we'll leave it to each of the states to do what they think is appropriate. And I think it

is a derogation of responsibility. . . . Discretionary sentencing without guidelines will fuel greater racial and ethnic disparity."

See [here](#) to listen to the full segment.



[Left Behind: 1.5 million Kids May Have Lost Parent, Caregiver to COVID-19](#)

University of Minnesota | July 21, 2021

In this article, **CLBB Faculty Member Charles A. Nelson** comments on the impact that COVID-19 has had on children who have lost a parent or caregiver to COVID-19.

Highlight: "In a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) news release, co-senior author Charles Nelson, III, PhD, of Boston Children's Hospital, said that caregiver loss can upend children's lives and affect their development. 'If we take into consideration variants of concern or possible severity of illness among youth, we must not forget that the pandemic continues to pose a threat to parents and caregivers—and their children,' he said."



[McLean Hospital and GrayMatters Health Awarded a BIRD Foundation Grant to Develop a Digital Therapy for Major Depression Disorder with Anhedonia Symptoms](#)

PR Newswire | July 29, 2021

CLBB Faculty Member Kerry Ressler will be co-leading a new research initiative to develop a novel solution for the therapy of Major Depression Disorder (MDD) at McLean Hospital. The initiative will be funded by the BIRD Israel-U.S. Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation and provide treatment to individuals with MDD who do not have the ability to feel pleasure in order to teach them how to control and modulate their reward system.


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Past Events

DEPARTMENT OF
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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Duane A. Sewell, M.D., Annual Lectureship
on Humanism & Professionalism



Judith G. Edersheim, JD, MD
Founding Co-Director
IGH Center for Law, Brain & Behavior
Assistant Professor in Psychiatry
Harvard Medical School

**"Neuroscience for Justice:
Notes from the Field"**

Thursday July 22, 2021
5:00 pm
Via Zoom

<https://umaryland.zoom.us/j/91824282596?pwd=SFVlODVva1I4dktHbXoTJmNjNzNjZDZ09>

[Annual Sewell Lectureship](#)

University of Maryland | July 22, 2021

On July 22, **CLBB co-founder and co-director Judith Edersheim, JD, MD** was the lecturer during the Annual Sewell Lectureship. The virtual event was hosted by the University of Maryland and honored the late Duane Sewell M.D., a surgeon-scientist who stood for everything good about Medicine. He was also a phenomenal educator, father, scientist and role model.

In the News

General

[Snapchat Can Be Sued Over Role In Fatal Car Crash, Court Rules](#)

GPB News | May 5, 2021

[Harvard Law School Launches First-Ever Research Initiative on Psychedelics and the Law](#)

The Crimson | July 2, 2021

[Biden Says 'Long Covid' Could Qualify as a Disability Under Federal Law](#)

NBC News | July 26, 2021

[What Pandemic Nostalgia Tells Us About How Memory Works](#)

Freethink | July 28, 2021

[Activists: Reducing Parole Violations Will Better Life After Prison and Cut Prison Costs](#)

Amsterdam News | July 29, 2021

Juvenile Justice

[Investigate the Prevalence of Food Insecurity and Insufficiency Among Emerging Adults](#)

News Medical | June 26, 2021

[New Bill Would Update Decades-Old Law Governing Children's Privacy Online, Add Protection for Teens](#)

Washington Post | July 29, 2021

[Troubling Treatment: Efforts Are Underway to Reform Teen Behavioral Programs](#)

ABA Journal | August 1, 2021

Elder Justice

[Collins, Gillibrand Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Protect Seniors and Caregivers Against Financial Fraud](#)

Senator Susan Collins Press Release | July 7, 2021

[AAN Position Statement 'Timely and Welcome' Update on Ethical Considerations in Dementia](#)

Healio | July 12, 2021

[How Deceptive Campaign Fund-Raising Ensnarers Older People](#)

New York Times | July 19, 2021

[Elder Justice Hotline Launched in Connecticut](#)

CTBY | July 29, 2021

Trauma and Immigration Justice

['Traumatizing and Abusive': Immigrants Reveal Personal Toll of Ankle Monitors](#)

The Guardian | July 12, 2021

[Years Ago, the World Made a Pact to Protect Refugees. Too Many of Our Leaders Are Failing to Uphold That Promise](#)

Time | July 26, 2021

[ICE Violated Its Own Healthcare Standards](#)

VeryWell Health | July 27, 2021

[Physicians Group Documents 'Severe' Health and Human Rights Impacts of US Expulsion Policy](#)

Common Dreams | July 28, 2021

[#Welcomewithdignity: Expedited Removal Is a Fast Track To Danger](#)

Amnesty USA | July 28, 2021

[Children in U.S. Tent Camp Faced Depression and Filthy Conditions, Whistleblowers Say](#)

CBS | July 28, 2021

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