January 1, 2020

Happy New Year from CLBB!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of CLBB co-directors and co-founders Dr. Judith Edersheim and Dr. Bruce Price, thank you for your continued support as the Center works to make neuroscience actionable for the legal community.

Better decisions, aligned with science, will produce better outcomes, aligned with justice.

2019 was a banner year for the Center. We strengthened our core programs in elder justice, criminal sentencing, and juvenile justice, and started exciting new work at the intersection of trauma, memory, and immigration law. We expanded and diversified our Advisory Board, and cultivated many strategic partnerships. We hosted standing-room only events, initiated a new student research assistant internship program, and rejuvenated our communications work. And when it comes to neuroscience in the courtroom, CLBB is leading the way through its amicus briefs and judicial education.

Building on this foundation, 2020 will bring even more success. Stay tuned as we unveil new partnerships, original research, and innovative events and resources.

With your **support**, we can continue to transform the legal system.

In gratitude,

Francis X. Shen
CLBB Executive Director

2019: Year in Review

In 2019, with partnership and support from so many of you, CLBB hosted events that promoted the sound translation of neuroscience into the legal arena.

*These events are part of the **Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience**, a collaboration between the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.*
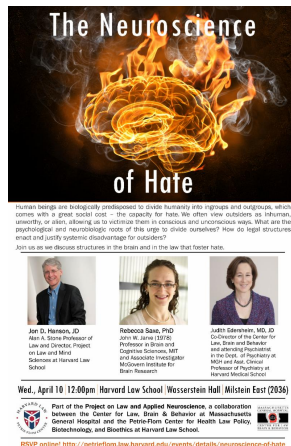
Trauma at the Border
March 4, 2019

At the center of contemporary political debate are the record numbers of migrant families and children at the U.S.-Mexico border. As these parents and children flee the trauma of
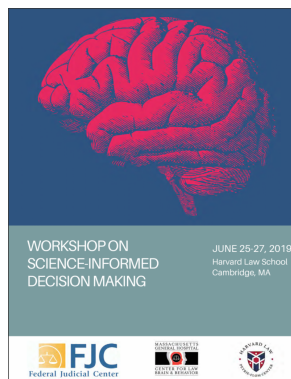
violence in their native countries, they are now experiencing the trauma of navigating an increasingly hostile immigration system. In this panel session, scientists and lawyers started a dialogue on neuroscience, trauma, and justice.

Neuroscience of Hate
April 10, 2019

Human beings are biologically predisposed to divide humanity into ingroups and outgroups, and this comes with a great social cost - the capacity for hate. While we may view ourselves and our communities as benevolent and egalitarian, we often view outsiders as inhuman, unworthy, or alien, allowing us to victimize them in conscious and unconscious ways. What are the psychological and neurobiologic roots of this urge to divide ourselves? How do legal structures enact and justify systemic disadvantage for outsiders? Panelists at this event discussed structures in the brain and in the law that foster hate.

Harvard-FJC Workshop on Science-Informed Decision Making
June 25, 2019

CLBB partnered with the **Federal Judicial Center** to produce our 4th consecutive workshop on Evidence-Based Decision Making at Harvard Law School. The Workshop is designed to build skills and knowledge related to the following Competencies for Experienced U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers: Confidence in Decision Making, Proactive Planning, Supervision for Success, and Team Orientation.

Computational Justice: How Artificial Intelligence and Digital Phenotyping Can Advance Social Good
October 23, 2019

In this event, leading experts in artificial intelligence, computational psychiatry, and the law discussed questions regarding the computational future of law and neuroscience by exploring how AI and digital technologies can advance social good through improved social, psychiatric, and legal interventions. Presentation slides and media coverage of the event are available **here**.

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