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## Featured Headlines



### [Watch "Dementia and Democracy: America's Aging Judges and Politicians"](#)

Our judiciary and our elected officials are getting old. Five of the nine Supreme Court Justices are 67 or older, with two over age 80. The President is 71, the Senate Majority Leader is 75, and the House Minority Leader is 77. Does the public have a right to know whether these officials have been screened for dementia? If the individuals don't self-report their dementia status, should experts continue to adhere to the "Goldwater Rule" and refrain from offering an armchair diagnosis? As the nation reflects on its midterm elections, and prepares for the 2020 election cycle, these questions are timely and challenging. Panelists: Bruce H. Price, MD; Judith G. Edersheim, JD, MD; Rebecca Brendel, JD, MD; Francis Shen, PhD, JD.

### [Watch "New Technologies, New Dilemmas"](#)

New technologies with implications for human health and enhancement are developing at breakneck speed, with fundamental changes in genomic medicine, reproductive technology, neuroscience, and even how we die. Each of these technologies raises important questions at the intersection of ethics, law, and politics. What role should the government have in regulating scientific innovation? How should we weigh potential risks and benefits, to individuals, vulnerable populations, and even the environment? Can these technologies be used to promote justice, or do they risk entrenching existing disparities? Judith Edersheim '85, co-founder and co-director, Center for Law, Brain and Behavior, Harvard Medical School; Glenn Cohen '03, faculty director, Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School; Atul Gawande, executive director of Ariadne Labs; and Eric Lander, president and founding director of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, discussed these pressing questions, and more, from their perspectives as lawyers, scientists, and clinicians. Carmel Shachar '10 hosted the panel.

This talk was part of the [HLS in the World: Harvard Law Bicentennial Summit](#).



### [Watch "Neurolaw Revolution"](#)

Rapid advances in the brain sciences offer both promise and peril for the law. In light of these developments, Dr. Francis Shen explores how neuroscientific analysis of law may revolutionize legal doctrine and practice. Dr. Shen is the third Senior Fellow in Law and Neuroscience in 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.

## Other News

### GENERAL NEWS

[Suspect Evidence Informed a Momentous Supreme Court Decision on Criminal Sentencing](#) | ProPublica | December 11, 2017

[Patients Call Plymouth Addiction Center a Mere Jail](#) | Boston Globe | December 2, 2017

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE

[What Are We Going To Do About Tyler?](#) | ProPublica | December 28, 2017

[Brain Scans Reveal Why Rewards and Punishments Don't Seem to Work on Teenagers](#) | Scientific American | November 30, 2017

[Why Does Maryland Try So Many Juvenile Offenders As Adults?](#) | Baltimore Sun | November 27, 2017

[Arrest of 12-Year-Old on Manslaughter Charges Highlights Challenges in Cases of Kids](#) | Florida Times-Union | October 28, 2017

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## ELDERS

[Harvard Forum: Should Older Politicians And Judges Be Tested For Mental Decline?](#) | WBUR | November 17, 2017

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## CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

[How Criminal Courts Are Putting Brains-Not People-on Trial](#) | Wired | December 4, 2017

[Psychiatrists: Mental Illness Rarely Linked to Violent Acts](#) | The Boston Herald | November 28, 2017

[Why Is Mental Illness So Often Blamed For US Shootings?](#) | The Guardian | November 28, 2017

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## PAIN & SUFFERING

[The U.S. Military is Testing Mood-Altering, AI-Controlled Brain Implants In Humans](#) | Futurism | November 28, 2017

[Epigenetic Profiles of Infants Influenced by Degree of Caretaker Contact](#) | Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News | November 27, 2017

## Faculty & Advisory Board Highlights

**Lisa Feldman Barrett's** newest book, *How Emotions Are Made*, was chosen by Kirkus Reviews as one of the best nonfiction books of 2017 ([>>](#)).

**Bruce H. Price** was named a top doctor in Massachusetts by Boston Magazine ([>>](#)).

**Ophelia Dahl** was featured in The New Yorker's "Ophelia Dahl's National Health Service" ([>>>](#)).

**Amanda Pustilnik** was published in *Nature Reviews Neurology* ([>>](#)); the idea for this consensus statement on chronic pain was a product of the 2015 Pain Symposium held by CLBB and Petrie-Flom at Harvard Law School, "Visible Solutions: How Neuroimaging Helps Law Re-envision Pain".

**Fiery Cushman** was published in *the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* ([>>](#)).

**Leah Somerville** and **Katie Insel** were published in *Nature* ([>>](#)).

**Jeffrey Rosen** was interviewed by WNYC to discuss the Supreme Court taking up search warrants in the digital age ([>>](#)).

**Bruce H. Price** and **Brad Dickerson** were published in the *Journal of Neurology, Neuroscience, and Psychiatry* ([>>](#)).

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