

CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

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Meet the Summer 2020 Research Assistants!

The MGH Center for Law, Brain & Behavior regularly engages students in the Center's work related to criminal justice, trauma and asylum law, and aging brains. Students at the Center come from diverse backgrounds and include undergraduates, law students, medical students, and post-docs.

We are excited to announce the student interns for this summer. We had over 120 applications (our most ever), and the students are already hard at work on many Center projects. For more information about our summer 2020 research assistants, as well as some of our past student researchers, take a look at their [impressive bios](#).



Elizabeth Escalante is a rising senior at Tufts University majoring in Cognitive Brain Science with a minor in Computer Science. She has previously interned with the Department of Justice and worked with the Human Interaction lab at Tufts University, where she was part of an interdisciplinary project studying multitasking and driving. She loves to travel, and has studied in Talloires, France and Copenhagen, Denmark. At school, she is a director of the Junior Jumbos program, where she organizes a mentorship program between undergraduate students and preschoolers. She enjoys baking, reading, and drawing in her free time.



Ian Hayes is a third-year student at Harvard College where he studies Sociology and Global Health. Passionate about impacting underserved populations in both the fields of medicine and law, Ian plans to pursue a joint degree after graduation. Outside of the classroom, Ian interns at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau at HLS, is a leader for the SoulFood Christian fellowship, and is involved with various other community service and cultural organizations. In his spare time, Ian enjoys singing, backpacking, and reading novels.



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.

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 expelled 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.



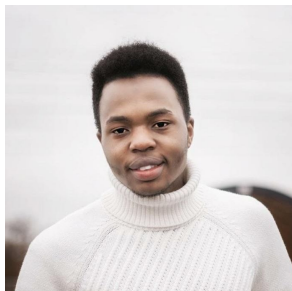
Madeleine Muller is a rising senior at Northwestern University majoring in Psychology and minoring in Legal Studies. She is particularly interested in the ways that neuroscience and psychology research can improve our legal system, especially to better serve and represent vulnerable populations. Prior to CLBB, Madeleine interned at De Novo Center for Justice and Healing where she worked to provide legal services to refugees seeking asylum in the United States. Outside of class, Madeleine mentors Chicago high schoolers through the college process and also enjoys playing on her intramural soccer team. Madeleine aspires to attend law school after graduation.



Jennifer Near is a rising junior at Harvard College concentrating in Neuroscience with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. She loves to learn about the intersection of cognitive science and public policy. She aspires to utilize her passion for scientific and psychological research to increase equity within the healthcare field, ultimately working to equalize the social determinants of health. On campus, Jennifer serves as the Co-President of Women in Science at Harvard-Radcliffe (WISHR), which aims to support diverse populations of undergraduates pursuing science degrees at Harvard. She is also the Secretary of Harvard's chapter of the Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC), through which she raises money to support health clinics throughout Central and South America. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys dancing with Expressions Dance Company at Harvard and discovering new books to read. She hopes to attend medical school after graduating from college.



Kailey Nicholson is an undergraduate junior at Harvard College studying Neuroscience. Kailey works as an undergraduate research assistant at the Bilbo lab at MGH, which explores the role of neuroimmune systems in developmental disorders. Outside of the classroom, Kailey is an avid dancer, as well as a freshman mentor and peer counselor.



Job Okeri is an undergraduate senior at the University of Minnesota, where he is majoring in Global Studies and minoring in Business Law. When he is not at the Twin Cities campus, you can find him at the Minnesota Department of Transportation building, where he works as an intern for their legal unit. Job is fascinated by the workings of the brain and is interested in the legal breakthroughs that may result from a better understanding of neuroscience. Outside the classroom, he enjoys reading, writing poetry and playing basketball.

Ifeoma Okoli is a senior at Harvard University studying Psychology with a secondary in African American studies. Ifeoma is interested in the ways in which psychology (and adjacent fields, such as neurobiology) can be used to influence and create positive policy change for racial and social justice. On campus, she is involved with various cultural organizations including the Harvard Black Students Association and the Harvard Nigerian Students Association.



Thank You to our Outgoing CLBB Research Assistants!



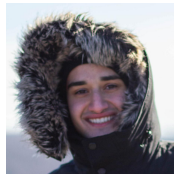
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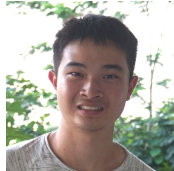
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