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CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

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Announcing 2021 New Faculty

In 2021, five highly additionally qualified members joined CLBB's Affiliated Faculty, adding to our substantive expertise and expanding our geographic, racial and professional diversity. CLBB's faculty of psychologists, psychiatrists, legal scholars, and scientists, each thought leaders in their fields, form the backbone of the center's expertise.

New Faculty Profiles: 2021



[Jonathan Jackson, PhD](#)

Jonathan Jackson, PhD, is the Executive Director of the Community Access, Recruitment, and Engagement (CARE) Research Center at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. CARE investigates the impact of diversity and inclusion on the quality of human subjects research and leverages deep community entrenchment to build trust and overcome barriers to clinical trial participation. His research focuses on midlife and late-life health disparities in clinical settings that affect underserved populations. Dr. Jackson also works as a cognitive neuroscientist, investigating the early detection of Alzheimer's disease, particularly in the absence of overt memory problems. He has become a well-known representative to underserved communities and dozens of affiliated organizations, particularly regarding participation in clinical research. Dr. Jackson serves on the leadership team of several organizations focused on community health, and has written guidance for local, statewide, and national groups on research access, engagement, and recruitment.



[Morgan Medlock, MD, MDiv, MPH](#)

Morgan Medlock, MD, MDiv, MPH has most recently completed her residency in adult psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)/McLean Hospital, in Boston, MA. As the inaugural director of the Spirituality and Mental Health consultation service at McLean Hospital, she developed a model for spiritual assessment and integration into mental health treatment. She was also a co-founder and chair of the MGH/McLean Resident Advocacy Committee (RAC), the residency's first trainee-led advocacy group. In this role, Dr. Medlock was instrumental in developing mission and vision statements, a strategic plan, an online presence, and a path for partnership with the hospital and community leaders to engage at-risk individuals in preventative health practices and education. Her

goal is to contribute to policymaking that increases wellness for the most vulnerable individuals, to introduce treatment and community re-entry programs that affect the decriminalization of individuals with substance use disorders, and to work in collaboration with faith leaders and churches on developing centers for healing mind, body, and spirit, especially in inner-city communities. Dr. Medlock received her medical degree from Mayo Medical School, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, in 2013 and her Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI in 2011.



Alisha Moreland-Capuia, MD

Dr. Alisha Moreland-Capuia (Dr. AMC) graduated from Stanford University and an M.D. from George Washington University. After medical school, Dr. AMC completed four years of training in psychiatry and a fellowship in addiction medicine, both at Oregon Health & Science University. She is an expert in trauma-informed systems change, and specifically has interacted with numerous and varied aspects of the criminal justice system. She has served on the Portland Community Oversight Advisory Board, charged with monitoring the implementation of the City of Portland's settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice to enact reform to Portland Police Bureau (PPB) policies and training. She has partnered with the Federal Judicial Center and the National Judicial College to provide training for Federal Judges and Probation Officers and State Supreme Court Judges, respectively.

Dr. AMC has trained U.S. Senators and staffers in applying a trauma-informed lens to policies and legislation. She is training various U.S. Probation and Pretrial Service District Offices to facilitate trauma-informed change in U.S. presentencing and sentencing guidelines and post-prison supervision. While in residency training, Dr. AMC built Healing Hurt People-Portland (HHP), a trauma-informed, hospital-based, community-focused youth violence prevention program.

Dr. AMC's trauma-informed efforts are global as she works in Angola, Africa at their family clinic Centro Medico Bom Samaritano and is the co-founder of The Capuia Foundation.

She is the founder and director of McLean Hospital's Institute for Trauma-Informed Systems Change, Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and sole author of *Training for Change: Transforming Systems to be Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive, and Neuroscientifically Focused* (2019) and *The Trauma of Racism: Exploring the People and Systems Fear Built* (2021).

She lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts with her husband and children.



Olivia Okereke, MD, SM

Olivia Okereke, MD, SM is a Board-certified geriatric psychiatrist and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Epidemiology at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health. She is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale University School of Medicine, and completed a general psychiatry residency at the MGH/ McLean program and a fellowship in geriatric psychiatry at McLean Hospital. She also completed a Master of Science in Epidemiology degree at HSPH as an NIH Kirschstein-National Research Service Award recipient. At Brigham and Women's Hospital, she has appointments as an Associate Psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry and Associate Epidemiologist in the Department of Medicine. She is a staff neuropsychiatrist in the BWH Division of Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience and a clinical affiliate psychiatrist in the MGH Gerontology Research Unit and Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

Dr. Okereke's research goals are to employ epidemiologic research methods to identify modifiable risk factors involved in mental aging and to translate and apply knowledge gained into effective

strategies for large-scale prevention of major adverse mental aging outcomes – specifically, late-life depression and cognitive decline.



[Altaf Saadi, MD, MSc](#)

Altaf Saadi, MD, MSc, completed her undergraduate studies at Yale College and earned her medical degree from Harvard Medical School, where she graduated cum laude and received the Dean's Community Service Award. She then completed her residency in neurology at the Harvard Mass General Brigham MGH-BWH Residency program, also serving as Chief Resident.

Her research training includes a fellowship with the National Clinician Scholars Program at UCLA– where she conducted several health services research projects and received a master's degree in Health Policy and Management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Dr. Saadi's research focuses on neurologic health disparities and social and structural determinants of health among racial/ethnic minorities, immigrants, and refugees. She is committed to action-oriented, community-engaged and policy-relevant research that will improve the health outcomes for marginalized populations.

Entire List of Core & Affiliated Faculty

Justin T. Baker, MD, PhD

Dir, Laboratory for Functional Neuroimaging & Bioinformatics; Scientific Director, Institute for Technology in Psychiatry, McLean Hospital; Asst. Professor of Psychiatry, HMS

Eugene V. Beresin, MA, MD

Executive Director, MGH Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds; Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residency Training Program, MGH and McLean Hospitals; Professor of Psychiatry, HMS

Jay D. Blitzman, JD

First Justice-Massachusetts Juvenile Court, Middlesex Division, Ret.

David Borsook, MD

Director, Pain and Analgesia Imaging Neuroscience; (P.A.I.N) Group, Children's Hospital Boston, MGH, and McLean Hospital; Professor of Anaesthesia, Children's Hospital Boston

Joshua W. Buckholtz, PhD

Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard University; Director, Systems Neuroscience of Psychopathology lab; Assistant in Research, Department of Psychiatry, MGH

Randy L. Buckner, PhD

Professor of Psychology and of Neuroscience, Harvard University; Neuroscientist in Psychiatry and Radiology, MGH; Director, Psychiatric Neuroimaging Research Program, MGH

Fiery Cushman, PhD

Professor of Psychology, Harvard University; Director, Moral Psychology Research Laboratory

Brad Dickerson, MD

Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School; Tommy Rickles Chair in Progressive Aphasia Research Director, Frontotemporal Disorders Unit and Laboratory of Neuroimaging, MGH

Joshua Greene, PhD

Professor of Psychology, Harvard University; Member, Center for Brain Science faculty, Harvard University

Edward Hundert, MD

Dean for Medical Education, Harvard Medical School; Daniel D. Federman, MD Professor in Residence of Global Health and Social Medicine and Medical Education, HMS

Steven E. Hyman, MA, MD

Director, Stanley Center for Psychiatric Research, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard; Distinguished Service Professor of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, Harvard University

Jonathan Jackson, PhD

Executive Director, Community Access, Recruitment, and Engagement (CARE) Research Center, MGH and HMS
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Chief Medical Officer and Director of Crisis and Emergency Services, DC Department of Behavioral Health; Adjunct
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Howard University Hospital, Washington, DC

Alisha Moreland-Capuia, MD

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Program; Affiliate Clinical Associate Professor, OHSU School of Medicine; Assistant Professor, HMS

Charles A. Nelson, PhD

Professor of Pediatrics and Neuroscience and Professor of Psychology, HMS; Professor of Education, Harvard
Graduate School of Education; Richard David Scott Chair in Pediatric Developmental Medicine Research, Boston
Children's Hospital; Director of Research, Division of Developmental Medicine

Olivia Okereke, MD, MS

Board-Certified Geriatric Psychiatrist and Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Associate Professor of
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Director of the Program on Pain, CLBB; 2014-2015 Senior Fellow in Law & Applied Neuroscience, CLBB and the
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Kerry Ressler, MD, PhD

Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Chief Scientific Officer, McLean Hospital; Director, Grady Trauma
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Altaf Saadi, MD, MSc

General Academic Neurologist, MGH; Instructor of Neurology, HMS; Associate Director, MGH Asylum Clinic

Daniel L. Schacter, PhD

William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Psychology, Harvard University; Director, Memory Lab, Harvard University

Francis Shen, JD, PhD

Professor, University of Minnesota Law School; Executive Director of Education and Outreach, MacArthur
Foundation Research Network on Law and Neuroscience

Margaret Sheridan, PhD

Associate Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina; Director, Child Imaging Research on Cognition and
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Jordan W. Smoller, MD, ScD

Director, Psychiatric and Neurodevelopmental Genetics Unit, MGH; Associate Chief for Research and Director of
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Faculty, Center for Brain Science

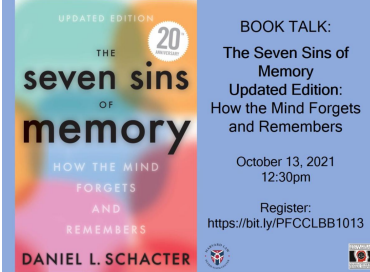
Jeffrey Rosen, JD, Esq

President and CEO, National Constitution Center; Professor of Law, George Washington University; Senior Fellow,
The Brookings Institution, Project on Technology and the Constitution

Gina Vincent, PhD

Associate Professor of Psychiatry, UMass Medical School; Director, Translational Law & Psychiatry Research,
UMass Medical School

Upcoming Events



[Book Talk: The Seven Sins of Memory Updated Edition: How the Mind Forgets and Remembers](#)

Harvard Law School | October 13, 2021, 12:30 - 1:30 PM ET

Join us on October 13th for a discussion of the updated edition of *The Seven Sins of Memory: How the Mind Forgets and Remembers* with author and William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Psychology, **Daniel Schacter**. This updated edition revisits Professor Schacter's groundbreaking research with the twenty-first century's cultural trends and scientific discoveries. This event will feature a book talk and a moderated Q&A. See more details [here](#).

To ensure that you will receive access to the livestream and be kept up to date on any changes to the event, [register now](#). We will send out a link to the livestream of the event to all registrants the day before and day of the event. Last registration is 11:30am on the day of the event.

This event is a part of the [Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience](#), a collaboration between the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

Opportunities

CLBB Hiring Announcement

[Paid academic year positions in law and neuroscience](#)

The MGH Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior (CLBB) seeks to hire a law student research assistant to support CLBB's work on an online case update series tracking the latest developments in law and neuroscience cases. To see previous posts about recent cases, see the full case archive on the CLBB Medium page. This project is made possible through the support of the Dana Foundation. The project helps attorneys, judges, litigants and legal scholars stay up to date on the legal implications of advances in neuroscience for doctrine and practice in areas such juvenile and emerging adult justice, criminal sentencing, brain injury litigation, elder justice, evidence law, disability law, and much more. To be eligible to apply, you must currently be enrolled as a law student in the United States. Exact start/end dates are flexible, though this position is expected to run for the full 2020-21 academic year. Expected hours per week is 8-10. All work will be completed remotely, with regular virtual meetings. The RA will report directly to CLBB Faculty Member Dr. Francis Shen, JD, PhD. **Applications will be accepted online at <https://clbb.mgh.harvard.edu/applylaw/>.**

All inquiries should be sent to CLBB Program Manager Emily Rehmet at erehmet@mgh.harvard.edu. **Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis**, so applicants are encouraged to submit their applications online as soon as possible. Successful applicants will have excellent time management and communication skills; be focused; and have the ability to work independently.

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