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# CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

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## Where Are They Now?

Updates on Former CLBB Senior Fellows, Research Assistants and Staff

In this issue of our newsletter, we bring you updates on former CLBB leadership, research assistants and staff. Since 2013, the Center has supported six senior fellows, along with 33 undergraduate and graduate student research assistants.

These individuals continue to substantively contribute to the fields of law and neuroscience through influence in private, academic, and non-profit spheres.

## Former Senior Fellows



### **Amanda Pustilnik, 2014-2015 Senior Fellow in Law & Applied Neuroscience**

**Amanda Pustilnik** is currently a professor of law at the University of Maryland School of Law and the Director of the Program on Pain at the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital. She currently focuses on law and neurotechnology, including issues of equity of access, privacy, and surveillance, and serves as an adviser to several neurotechnology- focused think tanks and private-sector companies. Her collaborations with scientists on brain imaging of pain and addiction led to her recent work on opioids on behalf of the Aspen Institute and the National Academies of Science, and in 2015 she served as Harvard Law School's first Senior Fellow on Law & Applied Neuroscience. Prior to entering the academy, she clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and worked as a litigator and a management consultant at Sullivan & Cromwell and McKinsey & Co. She attended Yale Law School, the University of Cambridge, and Harvard College, where she concentrated in history and philosophy of science. Her work has been published in numerous law reviews and peer-reviewed scientific journals, as well as popular media outlets.

### **Ekaterina Pivovarova, 2013-2014 Forensic Psychology Research Fellow**

**Dr. Ekaterina Pivovarova** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School. Dr. Pivovarova's primary research focus is on developing and improving access to and retention in addiction



treatment for individuals with legal involvement. She is the recipient of the National Institute of Drug Abuse K23 Career Development Award to examine an intervention that increases collaboration between drug treatment courts and community-based providers of medications for opioid use disorders (MOUD). She also serves as a co-investigator on a large federally funded study that evaluates the implementation of MOUD in Massachusetts jails and is faculty on a state-wide Medicaid-funded initiative to provide supports for legally involved individuals with addiction and behavioral health needs. Dr. Pivovarova has presented her research at a wide-array of international and national conferences and published in peer-reviewed journals. She advises local and nationally based organizations around addiction and re-entry needs of individuals with legal involvements. Dr. Pivovarova is also a licensed clinical forensic psychologist who conducts state and federal evaluations around issues of competence, criminal responsibility, risk assessment, and mitigation.

## Former Staff and Research Assistants: Highlights



### Olamide Abiose, Former Project Coordinator

**Olamide** is a current JD/PhD candidate in Neuroscience at Stanford University, studying under Dr. Elizabeth Mormino and Dr. Leanne Williams. She focuses on the neurobiological impacts of chronic and severe psychological stress, particularly in Alzheimer's disease, through use of cerebrospinal fluid-based proteomic analyses and multimodal neuroimaging techniques. At Stanford Law, she has participated in the Community Law Clinic, and has served as a co-President of the Black Law Students Association, as well as an Articles Editor for the Stanford Law Review. Her summers have been devoted to human and civil rights litigation, specifically at the ACLU of Northern California, as well as a Nigerian human rights NGO advocating on behalf of forcibly-evicted informal settlement residents. She received her bachelor's degree in Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master's in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is passionate about social justice issues and hopes to better understand how certain legal designs contribute to stress and negatively impact health.



### Julia Hall, Former Project Manager

After working as project manager for CLBB from the fall of 2019 through the spring of 2020, **Julia** went on to her current job as a research assistant in the Holsen Lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Her research involves using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to explore the relationship between the brain, appetite, hormones, and stress in people with mood disorders. Additionally, Julia is passionate about preventative medicine and how lifestyle impacts brain health and mood. She plans on applying to medical school so that she can combine her interests with a career in medicine.



### Sina Sadeghzadeh, Former Research Assistant

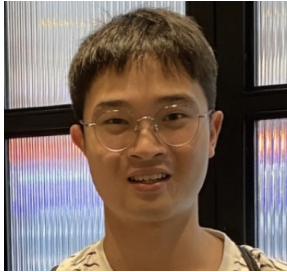
**Sina** is now starting his first year at Stanford Medical School, after graduating Harvard College where he studied Neuroscience and Government. Sina has previously worked as an undergraduate research assistant at the Bellen lab in Houston, TX and as a legal intern at Cunningham Levy Muse LLP in Washington, DC. Additionally, he was a member of Harvard's cycling team and was involved in cultural and community service organizations as an undergraduate.

### Erin Shortell, Former Research Assistant

**Erin** completed her JD/MPH from Harvard Law School and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health remotely from the



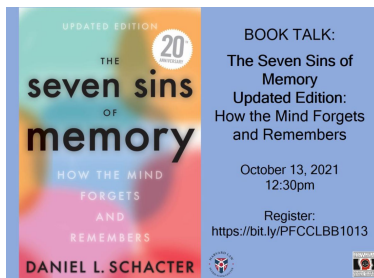
Netherlands in May 2021. After taking the MA bar exam in July and a short trip home to New York in August, Erin recently moved to London to start a job as an associate at Latham & Watkins.



### Justin Wong, Former Research Assistant

Currently, **Justin** is a second-semester junior at Harvard College, having taken a semester off to work for the Hong Kong University Centre for Medical Ethics and Law. He is now working on his senior thesis, which combines the neuroscience and philosophy of perception and cognition, and will be applying to law school next year, with plans to do legal research on science policy and regulations.

## 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](mailto: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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