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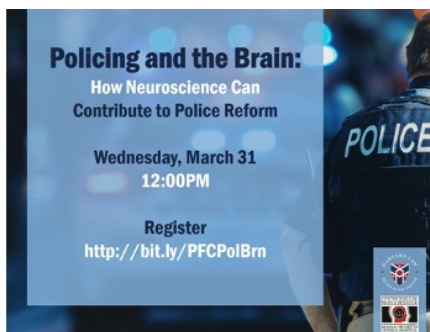
A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

March 31, 2021

## Online Event TODAY!

### [Policing and the Brain: How Neuroscience Can Contribute to Police Reform](#)

Registration is free, but required at this [link](#).



**March 31, 2021, 12:00pm-1:00pm ET**  
**The Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School**

*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.***

The language of medical science has been used by law enforcement to justify police brutality. For example, a police officer present at the killing of George Floyd suggested that Floyd might have been experiencing "excited delirium," a term that, while not recognized by major medical associations, is sometimes used by law enforcement to describe aggression resulting from illicit substance use. Though there is potential for problematic and biased use of medical science by law enforcement, could neuroscience hold promise for shaping evidence-based reforms?

Join us on March 31st as we explore this question through a discussion of recent neuroscience research into emotions and the brain, and the significance of this research for police reform efforts.

Panelists include **Carmel Shachar**, Executive Director, The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School, **CLBB Chief Scientific Officer Dr. Lisa Feldman Barrett**, PhD, University Distinguished Professor, Northeastern University, **CLBB Advisory Board Member Judge (Ret.) Andre M. Davis**, JD, Circuit Judge (ret.), the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; and City Solicitor (ret.), Baltimore City Department of Law, **Dr. Altaf Saadi**, MD, MSc, Neurologist, Massachusetts General Hospital and Instructor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, and **Elyssa Spitzer**, JD, Senior Fellow in Law and Applied Neuroscience, CLBB and the Petrie-Flom Center.

This event is part of the [Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience](#), a collaboration between the [Center for Law, Brain & Behavior](#) at

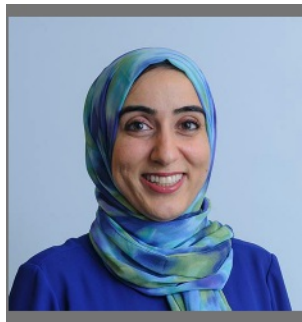
**Panelists:**



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