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2023 Summer Research Assistants

The Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior regularly engages students in the Center's work. Below are profiles of our Summer 2023 Research Assistants. Past students at CLBB have come to us from a wide variety of programs and diverse backgrounds, including undergraduates, law students, medical students, and post-docs.



Grace Gorman is studying psychology as a rising junior at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Grace has always had an interest in the mental health field and strives to apply her education to improve the lives of others. Grace is a member of her school's chapter of Psi Chi, a psychology honor society. Outside of academics, she enjoys fitness, reading, and relaxing on the beach! Grace has held multiple positions in social media and public relations. She is honored to have the opportunity of being a research assistant with a focus on the marketing aspects of the program.



Eric Little is a rising junior at Harvard University majoring in Psychology with a minor in Economics. He is originally from Atlanta, Georgia and is interested in the intersection between psychology and law. He is also a member of the Harvard Football Team. In his free time, he likes to watch sports and anime with friends, find new places to eat, and workout.



Najet Miah graduated from Queens College with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and she is now a first year law student at Albany Law School. This summer, Ms. Miah will begin her second year as a research assistant at CLBB. Previously, she was a public health fellow for the Bard Prison Initiative. There, she focused on the legal implications of New York's Raise the Age legislation for violent adolescents in light of recent adolescent brain research. As a formerly incarcerated individual, she is passionate about reforming our criminal justice system to reflect the incredible human capacity for change, and she believes that exploring the intersection of law and neuroscience is critical to achieving this reform.

Awa-Victoria Morel is a rising senior at Middlebury College studying Psychology and Global Health. She is originally from New York City and has spent a semester studying Forensic Psychology in Stockholm, Sweden. Moreover, at her university, Awa serves as a representative of the Middlebury College Psychology Student



Advisory Council. Besides her passion for psychology, she is also an avid women's rights activist and lover of music. Thus, she splits her time between her research assistant position, where she surveys changes in abortion access across the US, and her supervisory role at the Mahaney Arts Center box office. Awa is passionate about justice system reform and the intersections of psychology, law, and forensic studies.



Elliot Ping is a first year J.D. candidate at Yale Law School. She holds a B.S. from The Ohio State University in Neuroscience, with a minor in the History of Environment, Health, Science, and Technology. Prior to law school, she worked in neuroscience research studying human information processing and decision-making, environmental history research on massive agribusiness complexes, and in public libraries. Outside of school, Elliot likes to self-study languages, play the guitar, and invent intricate inner lives for her dog (Dave) and cat (Smudge).



Nika Rudenko is a junior at Harvard College concentrating in Integrative Biology and receiving her secondary in Psychology. She is passionate about exploring the intersection of law and medicine. On-campus, Nika is a facilitator for Life Sciences courses, which entails supporting fellow students in understanding and learning challenging scientific concepts. She is also a research assistant for the Radcliffe Institute program that focuses on ensuring justice and equity in clinical settings as psychiatry embraces data and artificial intelligence to treat mental illnesses. Outside of the classroom, she is a co-chair of the Intercollegiate Bussiness Conference committee for Women in Business, where she organizes various exploratory events to expose undergraduate women to real-life opportunities.



Rohan Kandeshwarath recently completed his first year at the University of Michigan Law School. He is a graduate of the George Washington University and holds a B.A. in International Affairs with a concentration in International Economics. Rohan previously worked as a Congressional Intern on Capitol Hill and is interested in the intersection of health, technology, and the law. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, gardening, and visiting National Parks.

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