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2022 Summer Research Assistants

The Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior regularly engages students in the Center's work. Below are profiles of our Summer 2022 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.



Priya Bajwa recently completed her first year at Duke University School of Law. She holds a BS in Neuroscience with a minor in Political Science from the University of Nevada, Reno. She has previously worked as a Congressional Intern and is interested in the ability of neuroscience to effect changes in law and policy. In her spare time, Priya enjoys traveling, watching sports, and playing tennis.



Naicha Christophe is a rising junior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst double majoring in Psychology and Public Health while perusing a certificate in Public Policy. On campus she works as an Undergraduate Admissions Representative, and sits on the executive board for the Students of Caribbean Ancestry. She is extremely passionate about combatting the racial injustice that occurs in this country to members of the black community from all angles; during her freshman year Naicha volunteered her time at a local climate action organization that focused on how the current climate crisis disproportionately affects communities of color. In her free time she enjoys cooking, reading and spending time with friends and family. This summer she is looking forward to working at CLBB and learning more about the important work that they do.



Victoria Hawekotte recently completed her first year at University of Pennsylvania Law School. She holds a B.A. from University of California, San Diego in Sociology with a concentration in Science and Medicine. Before law school, she served in the National Health Corps alongside medical case managers, managing a caseload of chronically ill, low income Philadelphians. She spent her last year before law school working on housing equity in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. She is interested in health policy and the intersection of bioethics and law. In her free time, Victoria likes to perform stand up comedy, listen to FBI podcasts, and is building a model ship.

Riley Hoffman is a rising senior at Harvard College studying Psychology on the Cognitive Neuroscience and Evolutionary



Psychology track. She is originally from Gaithersburg, Maryland and plans to pursue PhD studies after college. Riley has previously been a research assistant at McLean Hospital in the Center for Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Research. Outside of the classroom, she helps organize Harvard Model Congress and loves to read, knit, and spend time outside.



Adele Mah is a junior at Wellesley College majoring in Neuroscience. She is incredibly passionate about the implications of accurate neuroscience research and education to shape the legal system and advocate for a more just society. She desires to pursue a joint degree after graduation. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, editing videos, watching sunsets, and exploring new coffee shops.



Nika Rudenko is a sophomore 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 Business Conference committee for Women in Business, where she organizes various exploratory events to expose undergraduate women to real-life opportunities.



Emma Schultz is a rising second-year student at Boston College Law School. She has a BA in Chemistry and a minor in Science in Human Culture from Northwestern University. As an undergraduate, Emma worked in Professor Thomas V. O'Halloran's research lab, and she currently serves as a section representative for the Health Law Society. Emma is interested in using scientific research to promote justice and equity in the law. In her free time, Emma enjoys swimming, reading poetry and memoirs, and exploring Boston.



Caitlyn Tabor, JD is a Master of Bioethics candidate at Harvard Medical School. She holds a JD from Albany Law School. Caitlyn teaches courses on the intersection of law and bioethics to MD and MA students at the Renaissance School of Medicine at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Caitlyn's recent work in bioethics includes scholarship on access to care and considerations of justice in health care. She plans to expand her work into the realm of policy to achieve reform in the legal and medical spheres.

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