

CLBB News

A newsletter from the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior

September 23, 2019

CLBB Highlights



Improving Access to the Courts for Litigants With Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders

Judith Edersheim, MD, PhD | September 17, 2019

On September 17, CLBB Co-Director Dr. Judith Edersheim, MD, JD gave a presentation on "Improving Access to the Courts for Litigants With Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders" to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Working Group on Substance Use and Mental Health.

Evidence Informed Sentencing: A View from Neuroscience

CLBB | September 18, 2019

On September 18, CLBB Executive Director Francis Shen, JD, PhD gave a presentation on "Evidence Informed Sentencing: A View from Neuroscience" at the Annual Bench and Pretrial Services Luncheon for the United States District Court, District of Minnesota.

Lying (Past Event)

The Helix Center | New York, NY | September 21, 2019

On September 21st, the Helix Center hosted a roundtable on the topic of lying with [Attorney Martin Garbus](#) and CLBB Exec. Dir. Francis Shen participating. Panelists analyzed the many facets of what liars do when they lie. You can find a recording of the event [here](#).

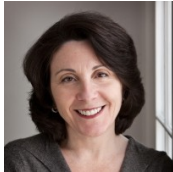
Upcoming Events

Elder Financial Fraud Roundtable

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission | Washington, DC | October 3, 2019

CLBB's Executive Director Francis Shen, JD, PhD will join other experts in government, law, and finance to "discuss contributing factors to elder exploitation, including cognitive decline, capacity issues, social isolation and institutional vulnerabilities that create entry points for fraudsters and other unscrupulous actors. The panelists will also discuss strategies for proactively providing investors with safeguards and educational tools from regulatory and industry standpoints."

Spotlight on Faculty Research



[Applying the Theory of Constructed Emotion to Police Decision-Making](#)

Lisa Feldman Barrett, PhD | *Frontiers in Psychology* | September 11, 2019

Highlight: "Law enforcement personnel commonly make decisions in stressful circumstances, where the costs associated with errors are high and sometimes fatal. In this paper, we apply a powerful theoretical approach, the theory of constructed emotion (TCE), to understand decision making under evocative circumstances."

[Viewpoints: Approaches to Defining and Investigating Fear](#)

Lisa Feldman Barrett, PhD | *Nature Neuroscience* | July 22, 2019

Highlight: "Some feel that my raising a red flag about how we talk about fear will have the effect of undermining animal research. I disagree. I think such discussions will clarify what we can and can't learn from animal research."

[People Teach With Rewards and Punishments as Communication, Not Reinforcements](#)

Fiery Cushman, PhD | *American Psychological Association* | 2019

Highlight: "We find that cognitive load produces a pattern of moral judgment strikingly similar to that observed in early childhood: People are more likely to judge accidental harms as morally wrong when under load. They are not, however, less likely to condemn attempted harms, nor are their judgments of deserved punishment affected by cognitive load."

In the News

General

[An Update on Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Decade of Development \(Future Event\)](#) | American Association for the Advancement of Science | 200 New York Ave, NW, Washington, DC | November 12, 2019

[Navajo Nation Students Awarded Rare Opportunity to Train in Neuroscience](#) | WBUR | September 19, 2019

[The Future of Mind Control](#) | Harvard University Dept. of Chemistry and Chemical Biology | September 4, 2019

[The Brain, the Criminal and the Courts](#) | Knowable Magazine | August 30, 2019

Trauma and Immigration Justice

[Announcing the Immigration Initiative at Harvard](#) | Harvard Graduate School of Education | September 18, 2019

[Lengthy Detention of Migrant Children May Create Lasting Trauma, Says Researchers](#) | National Public Radio | August 23, 2019

[Families Separated at the Border Sue US for Trauma and Abuse](#) | NBC4 Washington | August 18, 2019

Juvenile Justice

[U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reports Record Low of Juvenile Arrests](#) | Southern Maryland News Net | August 21, 2019

[What Juvenile Justice Needs: Care, Not Cages](#) | Governing | August 16, 2019

Elder Justice

[Tougher Penalties on Financial Abuse of Elderly](#) | 1340 WJOL | August 21, 2019

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