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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Tennessee Winston College of Law, Knoxville, TN

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2025 – present

Courses: Evidence, Criminal Law and Procedure, Law and Neuroscience seminar.

Joint Faculty Research Assistant Professor in Psychology & Neuroscience, August 2025 – present

Research Assistant Professor, June 2025 – August 2025

University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL, January 2022 – May 2022

Lecturer in Law: Law and Neuroscience seminar.

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Integrated Law and Neuroscience J.D./Ph.D. Dual Degree Program

J.D.

May 2020

- ◆ Order of the Coif
- ◆ VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW: Executive Board - Senior Articles Editor
- ◆ John W. Wade Scholar (full-tuition merit scholarship)
- ◆ Vanderbilt Legal Academy Scholars Program
- ◆ Lightfoot, Franklin & White Best Oralist Award (moot court)
- ◆ Vanderbilt Scholastic Excellence Awards (Contracts, Patents, Law & Neuroscience)

Ph.D. in Neuroscience

May 2020

- ◆ National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellow
- ◆ Dissertation: *Does Lying Require More or Less Working Memory and What Does it Mean for the Legal System?*
Used brain scan technology (electroencephalography) to test the validity of the psychological assumptions underlying Federal Rule of Evidence 803(1).

Oberlin College, College of Arts and Sciences, B.A.

May 2012

- ◆ High Honors for Alzheimer's Disease Research
- ◆ John F. Oberlin Scholar
- ◆ Goldwater Fellow Nominee
- ◆ Sigma XI National Research Honor Society
- ◆ Nu Rho Psi National Neuroscience Honor Society

CLERKSHIP

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, Miami, FL, August 2020 – August 2021

Judicial clerk to the Honorable Adalberto Jordan.

GRANTS

National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellow in STEM, August 2017 – August 2020
Competitive grant awarded to fund EEG and behavioral research on the validity of the psychological assumptions underlying Federal Rule of evidence 803(1).

PUBLICATIONS

Christopher S. Sundby, [*The Neuroscience of Evidentiary Rules: The Case of the Present Sense Impression*](#), 78 SMU. L. REV. __ (2025) (forthcoming).

Featured in: Excited Utterance Podcast (September 2, 2024).

Presented at: 2024 Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS) (November 8-9, 2024)

Christopher S. Sundby, [*The Right to Personality: Navigating the Brave New World of Personality-Altering Interventions*](#), 55 CONN. L. REV. 564 (2023).

Featured in: Neuroethics & Law Blog; CrimProf Blog.

Christopher Sundby & Suzanna Sherry, [*Term Limits and Turmoil: Roe v. Wade's Whiplash*](#), 98 TEX. L. REV 121 (2019).

Featured in: SCOTUS Blog; Courts Law Essay; Prawfsblog; Religion Clause; GQ.

Cited in: Presidential Comm'n on the Sup. Ct. of the United States, *Final Report*, WHITE HOUSE (Dec. 2021), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/SCOTUS-Report-Final.pdf> [<https://perma.cc/58K5-HKQ5>].

Christopher S. Sundby, Geoffrey F. Woodman & Keisuke Fukuda, [*Electrophysiological and Behavioral Evidence for Attentional Up-Regulation, but Not Down-Regulation, When Encoding Pictures into Long-Term Memory*](#), 47 MEMORY & COGNITION 351 (2019).

Veronica Burnham, Christopher S. Sundby, Abigail Laman-Maharg & Janice Thornton, [*Luteinizing hormone acts at the hippocampus to dampen spatial memory*](#), 89 HORMONES AND BEHAVIOR 55 (2017).

Owen Jones & Christopher S. Sundby, [*Neuroscience in the Law*](#), 11(2) THE SCITECH LAWYER 4 (2015).

PRESENTATIONS

Christopher S. Sundby, *The Neuroscience of Evidentiary Rules: The Case of the Present Sense Impression*, Accepted for Presentation at the 2024 Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS) (November 8-9, 2024).

Christopher S. Sundby, *The Neuroscience of Legal Evidentiary Rules*, Panelist on Psychology & the Law Symposium for the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference (2022).

Christopher S. Sundby & Geoffrey Woodman, *The Neuroscience of Legal Evidentiary rules: Using Electroencephalography to Test Whether Contemporaneity Is a Safeguard Against Deceit*, Poster presented at the Vision Sciences Society (2019).

Christopher S. Sundby & Geoffrey Woodman, *The Neuroscience of Legal Evidentiary rules: Using Electroencephalography to Test Whether Contemporaneity Is a Safeguard Against Deceit*, Poster presented at the Society for Neuroscience (2018).

Christopher S. Sundby, Guest lecturer for Vanderbilt University Introduction to Psychology class (2018).

Christopher S. Sundby, Guest lecture for Vanderbilt Law School Law and Neuroscience class (2018).

Christopher S. Sundby, Geoffrey Woodman & Keisuke Fukuda, The Cost and Benefit of Top-down Control on Visual Long-term Memory Encoding, Poster presented at the Vision Sciences Society (2017).

Keisuke Fukuda, Christopher S. Sundby & Geoffrey Woodman, The Cost and Benefit of Top-down Control on Visual Long-term Memory Encoding, Poster presented at the Vision Sciences Society (2017).

Christopher S. Sundby, Guest lecture for Vanderbilt Law School Law and Neuroscience class (2016).

Christopher S. Sundby, Abigail Laman-Maharg, Kristen Witcher, B. Stewart, & Jan E. Thornton, Administration of a Luteinizing Hormone Homologue to the Ventricles, the Prefrontal Cortex or the Dorsal Hippocampus Impairs Spatial Memory in Ovariectomized Estradiol-treated Rats, Poster presented at the Society for Neuroscience in (2012).

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Gelber Schachter & Greenberg, P.A., Miami, FL, September 2021 – present

Associate: Litigating civil matters and criminal defense. Served on defense team in a criminal jury trial for security and wire fraud involving cryptocurrencies, one of the first criminal prosecutions of its kind.

Appellate Legal Clinic, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, May 2015 – August 2015

MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Law and Neuroscience, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, May 2014 – August 2015

Investigated topics related to the intersection of law and neuroscience and laid the foundation for future publications.

Laboratorio de Cronobiologia, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Buenos Aires, Argentina, August – December 2012

Research Assistant: Facilitated projects investigating the physiological effects of chronic jet lag in a murine model.

Hormones, Memory, and Alzheimer's Research, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, August 2011 – May 2012

Honor's Candidate and Researcher: Designed and led a research project investigating the site of action of Luteinizing Hormone and its effects on working spatial memory in rats.

The Public Defender's Service, Washington, DC, Summer 2010

Intern Investigator: Interviewed clients and witnesses and aided in case preparation. The position involved frequent visits to prison to interview clients and learning to approach and develop repertoires with witnesses and take their statements. I also sat in on and participated in conferences developing defense strategies.

WEBSITE

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