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## EDUCATION

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

#### J.D.

May 2020

GPA: 3.96

- ♦ VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW: Senior Articles Editor (Executive Board position in charge of article selection)
- ♦ Order of the Coif
- ♦ 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

GPA: 3.97

- ♦ 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

GPA: 3.84

- ♦ 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

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**United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit**, Miami, FL, Judicial clerk to The Honorable Adalberto Jordan, August 2020 – August 2021

## TEACHING POSITIONS

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**University of Miami School of Law**, Miami, FL, Lecturer in Law, January 2022 – May 2022

- ♦ Law and Neuroscience Seminar

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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### *First Year Courses*

- ♦ Primary Interests: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure
- ♦ Secondary Interests: Torts, Contracts

### *Upper Curriculum Courses*

- ♦ Primary Interests: Evidence, Mental Health Law, Law and Neuroscience
- ♦ Secondary Interests: Intellectual Property, Legal Decision Making

## GRANTS

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**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

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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).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*The Neuroscience of Evidentiary Rules: The Case of the Present Sense Impression* (job talk paper) (under submission 2024) (on file with author).

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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

*Associate:* Litigating civil matters and criminal defense. Served on the defense team in a criminal jury trial for security and wire fraud involving cryptocurrencies, one of the first criminal prosecutions of its kind. Conducted the direct and cross examination of witnesses, made legal arguments to the judge, and drafted several key motions.

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

*Legal Aid:* Assisted in case preparation for pending appellate litigation.

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

*Research Assistant:* Worked with Professor Owen Jones to investigate topics related to the intersection of law and neuroscience and laid the foundation for future publications.

**Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Laboratorio de Cronobiología**, 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, 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.

**Western State Hospital, Forensics Ward,** Staunton, VA, January 2010

*Volunteer Intern:* Observed group and individual counseling sessions and psychological evaluations.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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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).

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**PERSONAL**

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Member of the Young Professionals Counsel for Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., which provides free civil legal services for the low-income communities of Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

Ironman 140.6 and 70.3 triathlete, former PADI scuba diving instructor, amateur wood worker, and collegiate varsity soccer goalkeeper. Conversationally fluent in Spanish.

## REFERENCES

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Owen Jones, Glenn M. Weaver, M.D. and Mary Ellen Weaver Chair in Law, Brain, and Behavior, Director of the Weaver Family Program in Law, Brain Sciences, and Behavior, Director of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Law and Neuroscience, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville TN, [owen.jones@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:owen.jones@vanderbilt.edu)

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Hon. Adalberto Jordan, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit, Miami FL, [ajordan@ca11.uscourts.gov](mailto:ajordan@ca11.uscourts.gov)

Jeffrey D. Schall, Canada Research Chair in Translating Neuroscience, Scientific Director of Visual Neurophysiology Centre, York University, Toronto ON, Canada, [schalljd@yorku.ca](mailto:schalljd@yorku.ca)

Geoffrey Woodman, E. Bronson Ingram Chair of Neuroscience, Director of the Vanderbilt Vision Research Center T32, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN, [Geoffrey.woodman@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Geoffrey.woodman@vanderbilt.edu)