NeuroLaw Network News

New Publications

• Jones, Schall, Shen, *Law and Neuroscience: Aspen Casebook* (Walters Kluwer Law & Business 2014)

A new textbook/practitioner's guide, this book starts with an introduction before moving on to consider more detailed issues, including cognitive enhancement, brain-machine interfaces, and artificial intelligence in the final section of the book. The book website can be found <u>here</u>, with a sample chapter and table of contents <u>here</u>. You can purchase it <u>here</u>.

Article series on regulation of enhancement

A recent article by Kuersten and Hamilton responds to the paper by Maslen et al which called for regulation of cognitive enhancement devices. It argues that the recommendations in that paper were unnecessary, and that the current legislative agenda is sufficient. On the other hand, this Johnson et al paper cites the proposed framework with approval. Hannah is to be congratulated on having stimulated such a lively debate, and if you would like to continue the discussion or contribute some thoughts, please make use of Sharepoint.

 The MacArthur Foundation YouTube channel is now up and running with videos from their events, including two years' worth of videos from their Colloquiums on Law, Neuroscience and Criminal Justice (2013, 2014), and a discussion on the future of Law and Neuroscience.

NeuroLaw News Items

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The BBC has recently published a <u>news</u> <u>article</u> warning of the risks associated with electrical brain stimulation, with discussions with more than one member of the NeuroLaw Network.

The comments section on the article reveals some interesting opinions from the general public on TDCS: commenters were often sceptical as to the benefits of the technology, or did not feel it was necessary regardless. Fewer were concerned about the medical risks of the devices. At the Oxford conference, the issue of connecting with the public, and of the difference between 'enhancement' in the lab versus enhancement in the general public at home were discussed: the comments here suggest that more work is needed in this area. If you have ideas, please use the discussion board.

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