Two major federal laws apply to vertebrate animals used in laboratory research. The first of these two statutes, the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2016. The second statute, the Health Research Extension Act of 1985 (PHS Act), which is similar to the AWA, applies specifically to work funded by the US Public Health Service. Understanding laboratory animal law is necessary and fundamental for all researchers relying on results from animal research, laboratory animal veterinarians, institutional officials, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) members and veterinarians in training. They require familiarity with both the scope and particulars of these laws. Different parties interested in or impacted by laboratory animal laws can have significantly different perspectives about the scope or efficiency of the regulations or their implementation. Join us for a pre-workshop webcast and a workshop to discuss the future of federal laboratory animal law in the United States.

Register for the conference here!

This event is cosponsored by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School; and the Animal Law & Policy Program at Harvard Law School.

On Valentine's Day we celebrate love. But the criminal law often sees love and passion turned into violence. How does this happen? And how should law respond? Many doctrines, most notably the "heat of passion" defense - which historically has been used disproportionately to excuse the crimes of men against women - rely on a distinction between defendants who acted "emotionally" instead of "rationally." But modern neuroscience has debunked the idea that reason and emotion are two entirely different mental states. This panel will explore how law should respond to this neuroscientific challenge to long-held doctrine.

Part of the Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience, a collaboration between the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.
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Future Directions for Laboratory Animal Law in the United States

January 26, 2018
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East, Harvard Law School
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Register for the conference here!

This event is cosponsored by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School; and the Animal Law & Policy Program at Harvard Law School.

Crimes of Passion: New Neuroscience vs. Old Doctrine

February 14, 2018 12:00 PM
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein West (2019), Harvard Law School
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Part of the Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience, a collaboration between the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.
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Sponsored by the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School with support from the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund and Ropes & Gray LLP.

NEW EVENT: Diseases of Despair: The Role of Policy and Law
April 12-13, 2018
Northeastern University, Boston, MA

This event is sponsored by the Center for Health Policy and Law at the Northeastern University School of Law. Cosponsored by the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

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The Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics Workshop series has concluded for the 2017-2018 academic year. We look forward to resuming in Fall 2018.

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